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# Shabbat Information for the Month of Sept. 2018

Shabbat Nitzavim	Shabbat - Sukkot Observed				
September 7 28 Elul 5778 Community Dinner 6:15 PM Short 'N Sweet 7:15 PM	September 21 13 Tishri 5779 Community Dinner – Pizza in the Hut 6:30 PM Shabbat – Sukkot Very Short 'N Sweet 7:15 PM				
Shabbat Vayelech-Shuva September 14 6 Tishri 5779 Shabbat at Home	Shabbat – Simchat Torah Observed September 28 20 Tishri 5779 Community Dinner 6:30 PM Shabbat – Simchat Torah Service 7:15 PM Cantorial Soloist, Elizabeth Baseman				

#### Descriptions of Emeth Services

All evening services begin at 7:15 PM. All morning services begin at 10:30 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.
- \*Sunset Shabbat: During summer, we often have an informal service, either outdoors in our beautiful Sukkah/Patio area, or in-the-round in the back of the Sanctuary.





Debbie Israel Rabbi

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Dear Member of Congregation Emeth:

With great anticipation of a spiritually meaningful High Holiday season, we are pleased to send you this letter with information regarding High Holy Days at Emeth. We have included the High Holy Day Schedule and the Registration form for the special program serving children age four years through third grade.

- Once services have begun, kindly use the side entrance (office door) of our Temple.
- The exception is those requiring the use of the handicap ramp, which is located in front of the building. Please tell an usher if you need the door opened.
- Please fill in all seats, including the middle seats in a row. And seating can usually be found in the front rows!
- A limited number of tallitot (plural of tallit, prayer shawl) can be found in the back of the sanctuary. Please bring your own if you have one. The tallit is worn Rosh Hashanah day (it is not worn Rosh Hashanah in the evening), Yom Kippur evening (Kol Nidre), and Yom Kippur day. Remind your teens to bring the beautiful tallit they received at their bar/bat mitzvah!
- Please return your Membership Renewal forms as quickly as possible after you receive them within the next two weeks. High Holiday tickets are a benefit of membership. If you are bringing guests with you to services, be aware that the cost of tickets for non-members for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services is \$300 for a family, \$150 for an individual and \$100 for a senior over 62 years of age. There is no charge for military, college students, or members of other congregations who have a verifying letter from their congregation. These tickets entitle your guests to attend all of our High Holy Day services. (Should your guests decide to join Congregation Emeth before December 31, 2018, we will apply any payment for tickets toward their membership fees.) To purchase tickets, please send the appropriate amount to Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterey Street, Morgan Hill, CA 95037.

May you be blessed in the coming year with good health, peace of mind and spirit, and contentment.

L'Shanah Tovah – to a good year!

Rabbi Debbie Israel
Peter Mandel, President
The Officers and Board of Directors of Congregation Emeth

#### Come Home for the High Holy Days... Come Home to Congregation Emeth



Schedule of Services

Our High Holiday Services will be led by Rabbi Israel with Cantorial Soloist Jonathan Marx, visiting from Las Vegas, on Rosh Hashanah and Cantor Edward Robin, visiting from Los Angeles, on Yom Kippur

#### Sunday, Sept. 9 at 7:30 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah service and Oneg (reception) hosted by Sisterhood Monday, Sept. 10 at 9:30 a.m.

Rosh Hashanah service. Children's programs are available beginning at 10:00 a.m. for those who pre-register by submitting a registration form.

#### Tuesday, Sept. 18 at 7:30 p.m.

Erev Yom Kippur service (Kol Nidre)

#### Wednesday, Sept. 19 at 9:30 a.m.

Yom Kippur service. Children's programs are available beginning at 10:00 a.m. for those who pre-register by submitting a registration form.

3:30 p.m. Study Session - The book of Jonah

**4:30 p.m.** Mincha (Afternoon), (Yizkor Memorial and

Neilah Services)



Children's High Holidays Program Registration							
Congregation Emeth provides an education grade. While there is no separate fee for the parents who do not pre-register their child.	is service f	for those who are pre					
The program will start at 10:00 am on bot program will include stories, songs, cracheck with our administrator if you plan to	afts, and	snacks (donations v	welcome—please				
This year, Rabbi Israel will invite all childre be blessed for the New Year.	n to the b	imah (stage) on Rosh	- n Hashanah to				
Please provide the information below for e	ach child:						
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Parent's names (Who will be in the sanctua	rv?)						
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Rosh Hashanah:							
Yom Kippur:							
Any allergies to snack foods:							
Additional information: Mail to: Children	n's HHD Pr	ogram					

**Congregation Emeth** 

17835 Monterey St., Morgan Hill, CA 95037

If you have questions, please call

408-778-8200 or email admin@emeth.net



#### HIGH HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Throughout our High Holiday prayers, we repeat the importance of *t'fila* (prayer), *teshuvah* (repentance), and *tzedakah* (charity, justice, righteousness). These three words capture the essence of the Holy Days.

Customarily, *tzedakah* is given during the Holy Day season to the temple, as a remembrance of those who have died. Our tradition teaches that by giving of *tzedakah* in their name, our loved ones live on through our deeds.

We encourage you to fulfill this mitzvah. Donations received by Sept. 4th will be listed in the Rosh Hashanah *HaShavua* (program booklet). Donations received between September 5-12 will be listed in the Yom Kippur *HaShavua*. Donations received after September 12 will be listed in the November monthly donation flyer.

Send your gift of love to Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterey St., Morgan Hill 95037 or make your donation online through our website. Donations of \$10-\$18 per name are suggested however any amount is appreciated and fulfills the mitzvah.

Your Name(s) as you would like listed:						
Donations in memory of:						

<sup>&</sup>quot;Tzedakah and acts of kindness are the equivalent of all the mitzvot (commandments) of the Torah" – Jerusalem Talmud, Pe'ah 1:1.



## Emet Dor Kef ("The Fun Generation")

is once again coordinating our annual High Holy Days food drive

Please bring your filled bag back on Yom Kippur or bring it on Tues. or Wed., September 19th





# Remember your loved one in perpetuity Dedicate a plaque on the Congregation Emeth Memorial Board on the wall of our sanctuary



#### The price of each plaque is \$360

When inscribing a name you may either inscribe an English name, a Hebrew name or both. If you need help with the Hebrew spelling, please contact Rabbi Debbie Israel.

The inscription will also include both the Hebrew date of the Yahrzeit and the Gregorian date. The Rabbi can help with this as well.

Each memorial plaque will be lit for the entire Hebrew month in commemoration of the Yahrzeit.

Order Form - Must be received by August 31 to be installed by Holy Days.  Please use one form for each memorial plaque							
Name of Deceas	ed (English)						
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	(Hebrew female)	Bat					
Date of Death	(Gregorian)						
	(Hebrew)						
Remembered by							
Please enclose	a check for \$360 for each	plaque ordered and send to:					
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# YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON STUDY SESSION WITH RABBI ISRAEL



THE STORY OF JONAH

Every year we hear a dramatic reenactment of the story of the Prophet Jonah. It's an amusing tale on one level and simply unbelievable on the other. In the entire Book of Prophets, Jonah is the ONLY SUCCESSFUL PROPHET! He is the only prophet whose message is heard and the people correct their evil ways.

But there are subplots and hidden meanings in this story. Instead of reading this message from the Prophets, the afternoon Haftarah, during services, we will read the story and discuss it in our annual afternoon study session.



# September 2018 Children Education Programs

## HEBREW SCHOOL

September 25

4:30 -6:00 PM

Classroom time

### CHAI SCHOOL

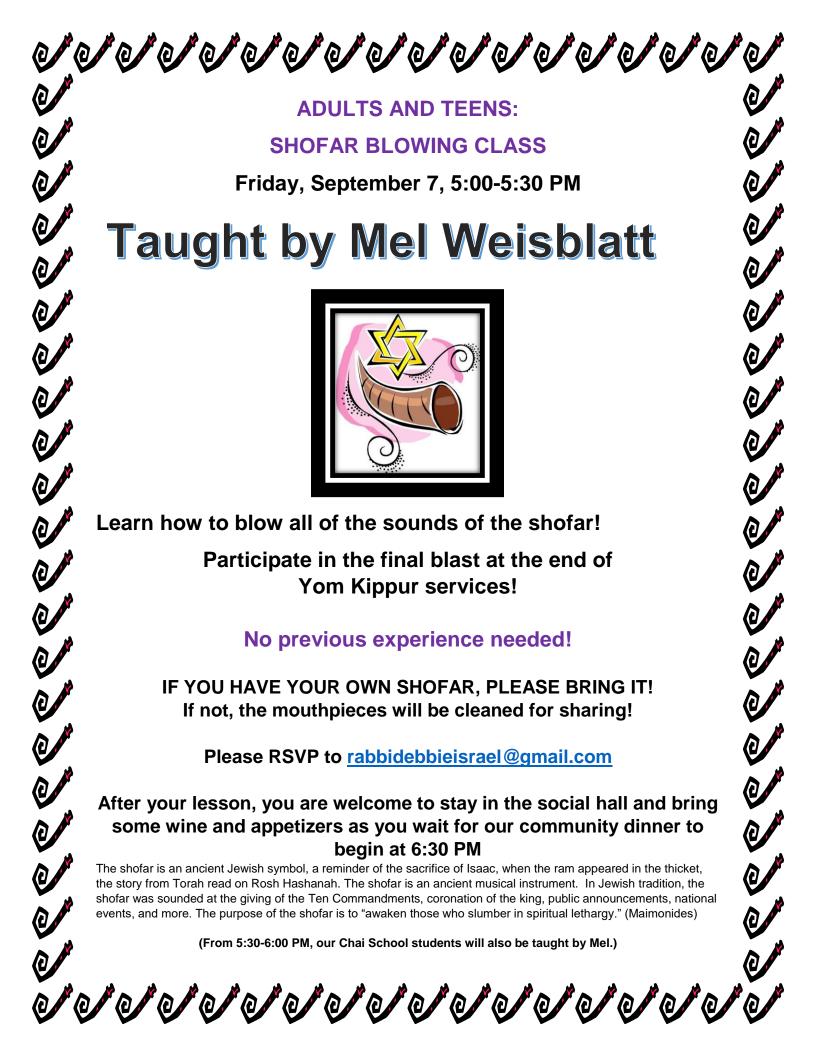
September 7, 14, 21, 28

4:30-6:30 PM

Classroom time



For education program information, please contact:education@emeth.net





# Clean up Before High Holidays

September 16<sup>th</sup> 3:00-5:00pm

# GENERAL SPRUCING BEFORE HIGH HOLY DAYS

ADD NEW
EQUIPMENT FOR
PLAYGROUND

**CLEAN CLASSROOMS** 

**COMPLETE SUKKAH** 

**DECORATE SUKKAH** 

MISCELLANEOUS CLEAN-UP

NO EXPERIENCE NEEDED

R.S.V.P BY: 9/14 EDUCATION@EMETH.NET





Congregation Emeth is committed to helping feed the needy on the third Thursday of each month from 4:00-7:00 PM



Lord's Table
St. Mary Catholic Parish
11 First Street, Gilroy



Our next date: September 20th

Children accompanied by parents are welcome!

For more information, contact Sandra Jackson at sosialaction@emeth.net



# OT SHABBAT IN THE SUKKAH

SEPT. 21, 2018

5:30 - 6:30 PM

All pre-schoolers are welcome!!! Young Children and grandchildren!





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**HOSTED BY:** 

**MARILYN FREUND** 

AND

LORI

**GOLDSMITH** 

# SISTERHOOD DIVAS WHO DINE

MONDAY, SEPT. 24TH
6:00 PM

## IN THE SUKKAH



CONGREGATION EMETH

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EVITE WILL BE EMAILED IN SEPTEMBER



#### **Dilemmas of Faith**

#### The Propst-Reidel Memorial Adult Education Series

A program of the Shalom Hartman Institute
Presented in loving memory of
Emma Sohn Reidel, Irving H. Reidel, Harry Deaver Propst, Emma
Arbes Propst, and Peter Morrison Propst

Start Date: October 9, 2018
Registration deadline: October 1, 2018

Fee: No charge for Members, \$20 for source materials\*; non-members \$60.00 for 10 sessions or \$10 for an individual class plus \$20 for source materials

## SCHEDULE AND THEMES Classes are held Tuesday evenings and repeated Thursday mornings

October 9 – 7-8:30 PM and October 11 – 11 AM -12:30 PM
What does it mean to believe? The Challenge of the Rational and the Reasonable

October 23 – 7-8:30 PM and October 25 – 11 AM -12:30 PM Dilemma of Biblical Theology: What is the Redeeming idea of Monotheism?

**November 6 – 7-8:30 PM and November 8 – 11 AM -12:30 PM** Dilemma of Theodicy: Where is God in the Midst of Suffering?

**December 11 – 7-8:30 PM and December 13 – 11 AM -12:30 PM**Dilemma of History: God, Evil and the Book of Job

**December 18 – 7-8:30 PM and December 20 – 11 AM -12:30 PM**Dilemma of God's Absence: Grappling with God's Departure from History

January 8 - 7-8:30 PM and January 10 - 11 AM -12:30 PM

Dilemma of Human Responsibility: What Does it Mean to Live a Life of Faith in an Age of Divine 21Hiddenness?

January 22 – 7-8:30 PM and January 24 – 11 AM -12:30 PM
Dilemma of Spiritual Role Models: A Biblical View of Redeeming Personalities

**February 26 – 7-8:30 PM and February 28 – 11 AM -12:30 PM** Dilemma of Faith and Politics: The Role of Ambivalence in Faith

March 5 26 - 7-8:30 PM and March 7 - 11 AM -12:30 PM Dilemma of Practice: What is the Faith Experience

#### **FINAL CLASS:**

March 19 - 7-8:30 PM and March 21 - 11 AM -12:30 PM

Dilemma of Conviction: Do I Have to Believe in God to be a Good Jew?

#### **Dilemmas of Faith**

#### **Continued**

Shalom Hartman Institute is a Jewish research and education institute based in Jerusalem, Israel, that offers pluralistic Jewish thought and education to scholars, rabbis, educators, and Jewish community leaders in Israel and North America. Rabbi Israel studied at the Hartman Institute Rabbinic Seminar in Jerusalem in July 2018, and many of the DILEMMAS OF FAITH instructors were her instructors in Israel! She highly recommends this course and the Rabbis who will be your teachers!

In an age of radical polarization in modern society, with a rise in religious fundamentalism on the one hand and a rise of atheism on the other, how does Jewish tradition approach dilemmas of faith?

In "Dilemmas of Faith," Hartman Institute scholars explore the foundational issue of faith, engaging in broad and deep analysis of some of the many dilemmas that faith in the modern world raises. Based on classical Jewish tradition and contemporary Jewish thought and life, Dilemmas of Faith addresses the big questions raised by the intersection of faith and reason, faith and history, faith and politics, and the faith experience.

**To Register:** email <u>adulted@emeth.net</u> by October 1, 2018. Please send \$20 for source materials to Congregation Emeth, 17835 Monterrey St, Morgan Hill 95037, attention Adult Ed.

\*If you are need assistance to purchase the source material, please let Rabbi Israel know in confidence, <a href="mailto:rabbieisrael@gmail.com">rabbidebbieisrael@gmail.com</a>, and the material will be purchased for you.

YOU ARE INVITED TO CONGREGATION EMETH MEMBERS' ONLY ANNUAL



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 20 AT 5:00 PM

PLEASE RSVP TO THE COENCAS' AT 408-425-2255 OR KACOENCAS@COENCAS.COM

#### **THANK YOU TO OUR DONORS July 2018**

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: <a href="http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation\_form.pdf">http://www.emeth.net/images/PDFs/forms/donation\_form.pdf</a>

#### **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 Allen Wisotsky
  - o in honor of the Birth of Rowan Alana Donovan Wisotsky, son of Zev and Virginia Wisotsky
- Marilyn and Barry Freund,
  - o in memory of Barbara Yazman
  - o in honor of Tracy Valentine's speedy recovery
  - o In memory of David Simon and Daniel Steinway
  - o In honor of the Birth of Chloe Rae Simon

#### **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.

- Patty and Jim Baggese,
  - o in memory of Betty Meyer and Beth Baggese
  - o in memory of Barbara Yazman
- Susan Meyers and Michael Oshan, in memory of Dorothy Meyers
- Marilyn and Barry Freund, in memory of Harry Simon

#### **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>.

- Karen and Doug Perry
- Nancy Fishman and Marcia Fishman, in memory of Cindy Fishman

#### **GARLIC FESTIVAL**

Cathy and Pi Silverstein

#### **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.

- Aileen Teren-Foster and Dale Foster, in memory of Barbara Yazman
- Susan Meyers and Michael Oshan, in memory of Barbara Yazman

#### 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.

Liza Sinizer and Rick Hopkins, in memory of Barbara Yazman

#### **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.

Kathy and Rick Coencas

#### 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.

#### **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.

#### **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

#### **HIGH HOLIDAY**

#### **MACHZOR LIBRARY FUND**

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

#### KARI MUNOWITCH MEMORIAL

#### 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.

#### **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