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SURVIVING—AND THRIVING—IN RABBI ISRAEL'S ABSENCE

Peter Mandel, President



Peter Mandel

We are all familiar with the phrase “above and beyond the call of duty”, though it is rare to see it in action. Yet we have all had the honor of witnessing many members of our congregation go “above and beyond” in the past few months as they stepped in to handle Rabbi Israel’s many responsibilities while she took her well deserved—and long delayed—

sabbatical. We should all be proud that the operation of the synagogue proceeded beautifully.

A critical role to be filled was lay leadership for services. **Susan Meyers, Julie O'Neill, Hana Cidon, Sharon Genkin, Mel Weisblatt, Art Reidel, Meghan Lee, and Michael Oshan** all stepped up and provided our congregation with thoughtful, meaningful, and enjoyable services. We owe them all our thanks.

I’m sure you enjoy the weekly messages from the Rabbi that we receive in HaMadrish. In the Rabbi’s absence, several board members provided their insights via their weekly messages. We were enriched by the words of **Marcia Fishman, Art Reidel, Elizabeth Mandel, Eric Killough, Becky Neto, Michael Heil, and Marilyn Freund**. Thank you all for your thoughtful essays.

Our educational programs also benefit from Rabbi Israel’s leadership and participation. In her absence, our Religious School, our EDK program, and our Adult Education classes all proceeded smoothly through the extra efforts of the **Education Committee, Daria Ogden and Rena Dubin** (teens), **Hana Cidon** (adult b’nai mitzvah class), and the adult education class members: **Susan Braun, Susan Meyers, Art Reidel, Sandy Reidel, and Marcia Fishman**.

Rabbi Israel is also recognized through the community as a leader of the South County Interfaith Clergy Alliance. In her absence two of South County’s annual interfaith events took place, Thanksgiving Services and MLK Services. **Susan Meyers** covered these beautifully in Rabbi Israel’s absence. And **Rick Coencas** stood in for the Rabbi at an additional Interfaith Service at the United Methodist Church.

Finally, we typically don’t notice the administrative team of the temple when it’s working well. During this period the many necessary tasks that keep things humming along continued unabated due to the extra efforts of **Susan Braun, Marcia Fishman, and Marilyn Freund** working with **Charlene Rose** to take care of our administrative needs.

To all of these people I have mentioned, and many who have helped in other ways big and small, THANK YOU for all you’ve done to continue to have Congregation Emeth meet the needs of our members during our Rabbi’s sabbatical. And, now we can all take a deep cleansing breath as Rabbi Israel has returned and we can return to our usual roles. You have all gone “above and beyond”.



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TU B'SHEVAT & MARTIN LUTHER KING, JR. DAY CREEK CLEANUP AT LLAGAS CREEK

Tamara Goldie; Photos by MariaElana Jarson & Emily Shem-Tov



Emeth Beit Sefer students and their families gathered for a Tikkun Olam Service Project on Tu B'Shevat and Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Volunteers **Ethan & Max Brown, Tamara Goldie, Jodi & Lucie Hall, Miriam & Emily Shem-Tov, and the Jarson family: Aaron, MariaElena, Raquel, Isaac & Ari** cleaned Llagas Creek from West Edmundson Avenue to La Crosse Drive.

The families collected about 10 bags of trash and various metal objects such as a rusty motor, jumper cables and more. The kids were excited to see the difference their hard work made to the creek!

Kudos to the families!



BUILDING IMPROVEMENT PLANS

Peter Mandel, President

Recently the Emeth Board offered to match any increase offered over prior years' membership payments. The generosity of our congregation was on full display as we raised over \$5000 additional dollars this year. So most importantly, thank you for responding to our request!

Our first goal for this funding was to continue a focus on the security of our temple. *We now have a comprehensive video surveillance system* (which the Morgan Hill Police Department described as one of the best they've seen in a facility such as ours) *and have enhanced the alarm systems of the building.*

The next incremental security step that we are investigating is to further harden the entrance doors. While it might be enjoyable to spend the matching contribution dollars on more visible projects, the Board believes that a focus on temple security is a prudent use of our funds.

This winter, you may have stumbled over buckets catching rainwater as the drips fell from our old, dysfunctional roof. That's our next, necessary, target for spending. Repairing the roof (using funds raised through our recent capital campaign) is not a simple thing, because the root cause of the leaks is actually a failing heating/air conditioning (HVAC)



Collecting drips!

unit on the roof. *We are planning a project to replace the old, inefficient, HVAC unit entirely and get it off the roof where it causes these leaks.* We are exploring how to fund this: HVAC systems are very expensive and the matching contribution program will help but not totally cover these costs. Once we settle on a financial approach for this project, you'll see work over the next few months to put in a much, much more efficient unit (which will save on our gas and electric bills as well as improve the comfort of the building), and, when that unit is off the roof, we'll be able to properly fix the roof and no longer have our annual battle of getting the drop cloths and buckets in the right places to catch the rain falling inside the building.

Security systems, doors, roofs, air conditioners... none of these are glamorous projects. But they need to proceed and, with your generosity, we are making progress. Once in place, they ideally will never even be noticed. Meanwhile, be assured that other investments do continue, and hopefully, you see the wide variety of activities of our temple and appreciate the richness of our religious services, education programs, and more.

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EMAIL PROCESS CHANGES

*Elizabeth Mandel,
Communications Director*

I am working with our administrator to standardize our communication processes. Some goals I am working toward include:

- A single email communication list (the one now used for our weekly HaMadrich news). This email list will also be used to provide links to monthly flyers, the membership directory, and Kol Emeth (all of which will no longer be emailed as attachments).
- Use of Signup Genius for event invitations, phasing out use of evites.
- No paper mailing of Kol Emeth except for members specifically requesting it. It will be available to view/print from our website and linked from HaMadrich.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATIONS

LATKES - LIGHTS - LAUGHTER

Photos by Elizabeth Mandel

Our annual Chanukah celebration is always a magical—if hectic—event, anticipated and attended by congregants of all ages. It would not be possible without the leadership of our members. Special thanks to **Susan Latin** and **Maria Walters** (community dinner), **Grant Gordon** (setup), **Mel Weisblatt** (lay leader), **Mark Levy** (cantorial soloist), and **Charlene Rose** (decorations).



WHY DO WE COME?

Marcia Fishman



Our Sisterhood celebrated Chanukah with its annual holiday dinner and gift exchange on Monday, December 10. More than a quarter of our congregant households were represented at that dinner with over 30 in attendance. It was my first Sisterhood Chanukah dinner since I moved to Morgan Hill a year ago, and I couldn't help asking myself—"Why is this night different from all other nights?" Perhaps I am not so humorous using one holiday reference for another, but the question is still an important one for me, i.e. why such a large population of our household for this dinner?

The event was unquestionably lovely. A delicious Israeli dinner catered by **Chef Manny**, a beautifully decorated social hall by **Charlene Rose**, "feel good" sentiments with the help of **Cathy Silverstein** and her collection of donations for the "Lord's Table" for December 25, and the warmth of the Sisterhood leaders of **Marilyn Freund** and **Patty Baggese**—all contributed to a fun and festive atmosphere. And the piece de resistance was the gift exchange via the game of picking and stealing.

So back to my wonder of why so many people attend this event—the answer is obvious. It's lots of fun. But we have other fun and/or stimulating events that don't attract so many people. Anyone on the board would love to hear why the Chanukah dinner is more attractive than other events. What are we doing right? What are we missing? There are a number of people who would like to act on your opinions. Please make them known. As Hillel said, "If not now, when?"

CHANUKAH (CONT'D)

EDK PARTY



The Emet Dor Kef (teen) Chanukah party included a lesson and discussion with Rena Dubin followed by a latke & chicken dinner.

COMMUNITY CANDLE LIGHTING



Emeth participated again in Morgan Hill's Holiday Lights festivities, following the parade with the lighting of our large Chanukah on Third Street. Thank you to Becky and Andre Neto for handling the logistics once again!

TOT SHABBAT

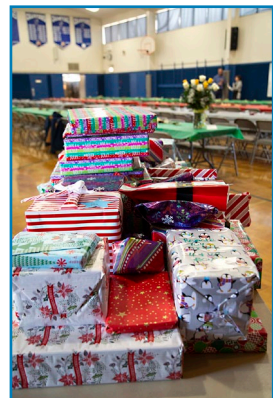


Tot Shabbat included Shabbat rituals, Chanukah lighting, bean mosaic art, and singing and dancing with Hana Cidon. Thank you to Lori Goldsmith and Marilyn Freund!

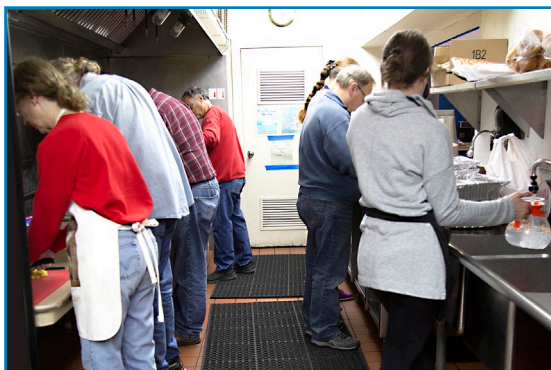
SERVING AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Curt Palm, Committee Chair; Photos by Elizabeth Mandel

Thank you to our wonderful volunteers and supporters who worked to provide a delicious hot Christmas dinner to over 160 guests at the Lord's Table. In addition to a meal, children received age appropriate gifts. Warm clothing and backpacks loaded with useful items were also distributed.



A project of this scale couldn't be successful without the help of many people working together. Special thanks to **Cathy Silverstein** for again spearheading donations, to **MariaElena Jarson's class** for wrapping gifts, and to **Michael Oshan** and **Susan Meyers** for bringing Santa to life for the children.



Editor's Note: In addition to Sisterhood and Emeth members and friends, the following individuals and organizations donated to the event: Laurie Tendal and Carl Anderson's meditation group, Harriet Warner, Johnson Lumber, and other local businesses (Josephine's Bakery, Grief Brothers, Costco, Trader Joe's, Starbucks, Safeway, Nob Hill, Peet's Coffee, Grocery Outlet, Home Depot & Lowe's).



Rabbi Israel

WHERE CAN GOD BE FOUND?

Rabbi Debbie Israel

“I experience God most when I...” Fill in the blank.

When I ask this question, the answer usually concerns nature – “I experience God when I see a beautiful sunrise...a rainbow after a storm ...looking at the ocean...being with my dog/cat/horse...”

For me, I experience the Holy One most intensely when I am in the sanctuary, when I’ve been successful in clearing my mind from distractions, and am present to the prayers in my heart without the background noise of my mind’s chatter.

Recently, I had the mystical opportunity to experience God’s presence both in the sanctuary and in nature, an unforgettable moment I’d like to share with you.

In January, my husband, Jerry, and I took a cruise around New Zealand—it’s summer there, so it was a perfect time and place. It was a long cruise—14 days—and included two Shabbats. On most cruise ships, a room for a Friday evening service is provided, along with Manischewitz wine, prayer books, and challot. This cruise was no exception.

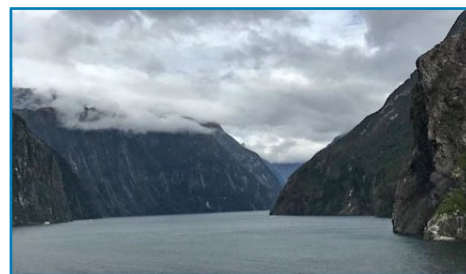
The first Friday night, around 35 people attended. We all sat in our seats, chatting and getting to know one another, while we waited for a volunteer to lead services. My father, of blessed memory, took many cruises and always led the services with great pride. I assumed this would be as meaningful to another traveler as it was with him so I encouraged people to lead. When it became obvious no one would, I stood up and began, not identifying myself as a Rabbi. When I threw in a d’var Torah, some people figured it out. When they saw me on board in the following days, always wearing a kippah, they wondered. To those with whom I chatted and became friendly in subsequent days, I “confessed.”



The second Friday was a special day on the cruise. We would be cruising into three fjords. (A fjord is “a long, narrow, deep inlet of the sea between high cliffs, typically formed by submergence of a glaciated valley.”) In New Zealand, there are three fjords. The excitement and beauty builds with each fjord, the third being the largest and most majestic. We were scheduled to enter the last one at 4 pm and complete the adventure at 6 pm. Friday evening services were scheduled to begin at 5. I was certain no one but Jerry and I would be there. Everyone would be strategically located elsewhere on the ship to see the massive view.

In fact, I grudgingly pulled myself away around 4:45, going to my room to change for Shabbat and arriving a few minutes after 5; I was late. Imagine my surprise to find the room overflowing with “congregants”! Jerry and I were the last to arrive! Everyone sat politely in their seats, waiting for services to begin.

So I stood in front of the congregation, told them who I was, and began the service. Now on one side of the room was a massive picture window and that was the side of the fjord where the largest waterfall was visible. The Torah reading that week included the giving of the Torah on Mt Sinai. I asked them to experience the power and awe of standing in front of the Mountain, seeing the fire and smoke on top as described in Torah. They looked out the window, to the high cliff alongside us, to the low-lying clouds covering the top and appearing like smoke, and we realized we didn’t have to use our imagination. The powerful scene provided the visuals.



And that’s the moment I experienced God’s presence, both in the ship’s temporary sanctuary and in nature. The response of my fellow travelers reminded me of the awesome responsibility of my work, to bring God into the room, into your lives. That moment filled me with such joy and at the same time I recognized that I was ready to return to you, to continue fulfilling my calling as spiritual leader. May it always be so.

STUDENTS LEARN FROM THEIR EMETH COMMUNITY

MariaElena Jarson

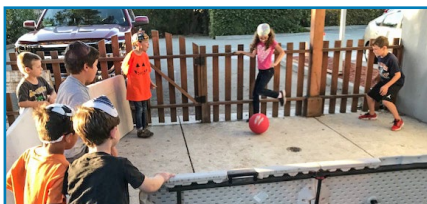
Emeth's Beit Sefer students are focusing on Jewish Values and Lifecycle Events this year. We've been fortunate to enjoy a variety of great speakers as we learn more about making Jewish choices in our daily lives.

We began the year, as usual, with **Mel Weisblatt's** shofar tutorial. The students love making this sensory connection to the new year and our Jewish traditions.

Grant Gordon gave a well-researched presentation on the benefits of volunteering and *kehila*, being part of the Jewish community. Grant immediately engaged the students with a volunteer project of their own when they all helped him build a garden box and fill it with plant seeds and flowers.



Adam Henig taught the students about the mitzvah of staying healthy when he returned with another fantastic Sports Day. The students really enjoy the Israeli/Jewish Summer Camp game of GaGa. New this year, Adam was also joined by **Aliya Glatt**, who taught the students Israeli Dancing for an added boost of fitness, fun, and *kehila*.



Julie O'Neill was a guest speaker in Morah Sharon's class. She discussed becoming a Jew by choice. Students asked about the process, pros and cons of conversion, why she chose to become a Jew, and what kinds of reactions she gets from other people in her life.

MariaElena Jarson and a fantastic group of adult volunteers taught the students to braid challah during Beit Sefer's annual Challah-Palloza event. If you would like to join us for more kitchen fun, Beit Sefer will be making Hamentaschen on March 15.

Nancy Fishman shared her incredibly moving story about feeding the hungry and creating a huge food bank from the ground up with the Kitah Shomrei Chayot class. The students were amazed and impressed, and enjoyed thinking about what they might be able to do.

Aileen Teren-Foster gave the final mitzvah presentation of 2018. The students were captivated by Aileen's explanation of when to call 911 and what to expect from the call. The students seized the opportunity to ask a real 911 dispatcher (and her Fire Captain assistant) all of their many safety questions.



In February, Kitah Shomrei Chayot enjoyed a fascinating visit from local actor, and Emeth President, **Peter Mandel**. Peter spoke to the students about acting and helped them develop their characters for Emeth's Purim Shpiel. The students particularly enjoyed his personalized feedback and performing in front of a "Real Actor!"



Rabbi Israel visited the students on her return from her sabbatical. The students had a great discussion with her of how to apply Disagreements for the Sake of Heaven to everyday problems. The students really enjoyed her visit.



Beit Sefer appreciates the support of and engagement with our Emeth congregants. You help make Emeth a great place for our students, young and old.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: WELCOMES & FAREWELLS

WELCOME LEVINE FAMILY!

Sarah, Josh and Reese moved to Morgan Hill in 2012 from San Jose where Sarah was a lifelong resident. Josh and Sarah have attended High Holy Day services at Emeth because Josh's dad (Joel) has been a member since 2008. Also, Rabbi Israel performed the couple's *aufruf* (pre-wedding aliyah) at Emeth in 2010.

Josh is Vice President of Operations at RFMW and is a lifelong horseman. Sarah is Head Coach of Stanford Cheerleading. Reese is a first grader at Nordstrom Elementary—he plays soccer and PONY Baseball among other activities—look for him soon at a Children's Musical Theater San Jose show! They love Disneyland, Stanford sports, and horse racing (Del Mar is their favorite).



WELCOME KARP FAMILY!

Anatoly and Jennifer Karp, moved to Morgan Hill from the peninsula in September and joined Emeth so that they and their three children could participate in a Jewish community.

Anatoly works as a software engineer at Google and enjoys Go and film. He was a junior chess champion in the USSR and has a master's degree in mathematics from University of Wisconsin. Jennifer's UW graduate degree was in sociology, and she currently homeschools **Elijah (14), Alyssa (12), and David (9)**. All three children practice jiu jitsu, tennis, and swimming. Elijah's academic focus is math and programming. Alyssa has begun studying ASL. She is a visual artist and the favorite human of their cat, Bailey. David is taking an easy year in his gymnastics training and shares an interest in programming and chess with his dad. They aspire to spend more time hiking and look forward to getting to know their fellow congregants better.

NEW BEGINNINGS!

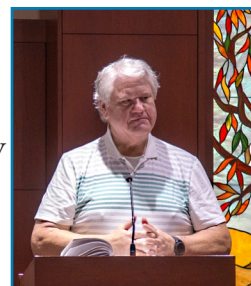
Andi and Tyler Oberquell recently moved to Florida and are excited to begin a new phase of their life there. Andi says she hopes her new synagogue in Boca Raton will be as warm and caring as Emeth.



Andi and Tyler helping at The Lord's Table

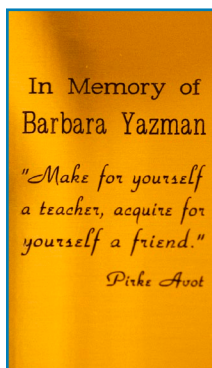
A LASTING LEGACY AT EMETH

At a farewell oneg for **Paul Crompton** who is moving to Eagle, Idaho, members celebrated Paul's many contributions to Emeth: 12 years on the Board, five years as Board President, Hebrew School teacher and much more. Board President Peter Mandel presented Paul with a mezuzah for his new home.



Paul Crompton

The Board also installed a mezuzah and memorial plaque on a classroom entrance in memory of Paul's wife **Barbara Yazman**, recognizing her role both as a beloved Religious School teacher and a welcoming presence to all.



Jacob Ogden (Barbara's former student) helps Paul install the plaque & mezuzah

MEMBERSHIP NEWS: MAZAL TOV!

BECOMING A BAR MITZVAH

Jacob says "My Bar Mitzvah was very special because it was a learning experience for me. I learned facts, history, how to read from Torah, and how to properly talk in front of a crowd. Most of all it taught me how to be truly Jewish, like how I can perform mitzvot that could affect other peoples lives for the better. I really benefitted from the experience because not only did I learn these things from a Jewish perspective, but it also taught me how to be a better person in general."



Jacob Ogden

WEDDING NEWS



Cole Chassy and Kristen Gorts were married

September 15 2018, at Greystone in St Helena, California. **Cole is the son of Maureen Chassy and brother of Kelly Chassy Coleman.**

Cole works in International Trade Compliance in the aerospace industry, and Kristen is a business development and marketing consultant for the law firm Fenwick and West. They live in Los Gatos.

VOLUNTEER DRIVER RECOGNIZED

The following comes from a recent issue of Morgan Hill Life:



Aileen Teren-Foster

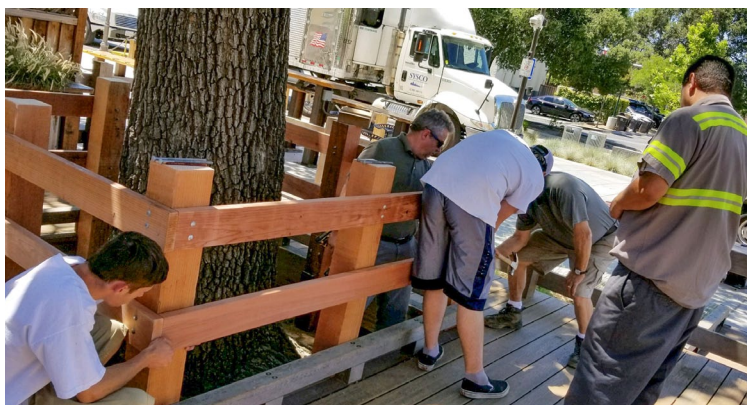
"Thanks to **Aileen Teren-Foster**, many house-bound seniors can get out and do their shopping and other chores. And the Parks and Recreation Commission recognized the Morgan Hill resident and volunteer for her commitment to the Get'n Around Town program at its Jan. 15 commission meeting. It's a volunteer driver program that pairs older adults in Morgan Hill with volunteer drivers to assist them with transportation to appointments, run errands, or get groceries. Aileen has dedicated more than 155 hours and has driven 548 miles since it began in October 2017."

CONGRATS TO THE EAGLE SCOUT!



Nathan Yacono

Nathan Yacono, son of Robin and Tom Yacono, has achieved the rank of Eagle Scout. His project was to build a fence around the 300 year old oak tree on Third Street in downtown Morgan Hill. (Check out the new fence between The Coffee Guys and Huntington Station.)



TAKE A BOW!

Congratulations to **Peter Mandel** who has been cast in the lead role of John Adams in SVCT's upcoming production of the fabulous musical *1776*, opening April 26 at the Morgan Hill Community Playhouse. Tickets at www.SVCT.org



INTERFAITH EVENTS

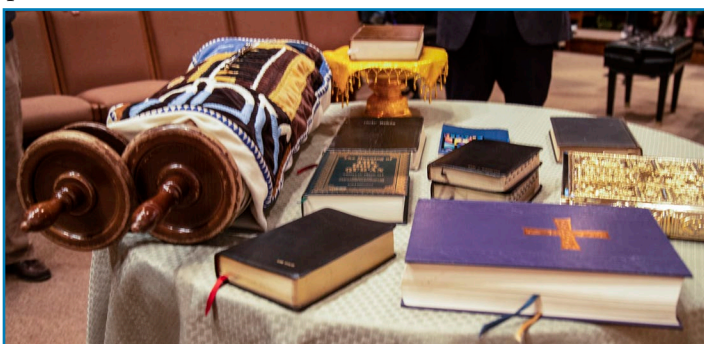
INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING

Elizabeth Mandel



Advent Lutheran Church had a full house as members of South County gathered for the Interfaith Clergy Alliance's annual Thanksgiving service, this year with the theme "In Faith, We Give Thanks."

Each faith community presented their holy books as the clergy proceeded into the service. **Rick Coencas** presented Emeth's Torah in Rabbi Israel's absence.



Representatives of the Interfaith Clergy Alliance spoke to their own thanks giving. **Susan Meyers**, in Rabbi Israel's



absence, expressed gratitude for the Interfaith CommUNITY's outpouring of solidarity with the Jewish community after the Pittsburgh shootings.



Denise Weyl is a choir member Church Handbell Choir.

Music was an integral part of the service, with a sing along component, songs by the interfaith chorus, and beautiful music by the St. John the Divine Episcopal

INTERFAITH MLK SERVICE

Rick Coencas

150 South County residents joined together at St. Mary Parish in remembrance of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., his journey, and his life.



Clergy moved to different stations representing a location or event in Dr. King's march and the struggle for civil rights. The assembled participants followed the clergy to each location, reminiscent of a march. As they marched, the music leader lead the group in songs of protest or inspiration.



Speakers included **Susan Meyers** for Emeth, Iman Ilyas for the South Valley Islamic Community, Piya Piyawajako of the Buddhist Center and Pastor Anita Warner from Advent Lutheran.



EMETH'S PARTICIPATION IN UNITED METHODIST CHURCH'S INTERFAITH SUNDAY

Rick Coencas



Rick Coencas

Sunday, November 25, I had the great opportunity to represent Congregation Emeth and stand in for Rabbi Israel at the United Methodist Church's Interfaith Sunday. Following the previous week's Interfaith Thanksgiving, UMC had their own Interfaith Sunday in which they invited members of other religions to share in their call to worship and to share a verse from their holy books.

Pastor Patrick Davis warmly called me to their bimah to share some of our prayers. I read and explained the Sh'ma as our central prayer that affirms our allegiance to the one God. Then I read the Shehecheyanu and explained that it is a prayer for firsts and momentous occasions and called out the joyous occasion of this event.

Later in the service I was asked to share a verse from Torah on love or peace. I chose one that is particularly resonant to me in these times and I felt would also resonate with the gathered congregants. Leviticus 19:33-34.

"And if a stranger sojourn with thee in your land, ye shall not do him wrong. The stranger that sojourneth with you shall be unto you as the home-born among you, and thou shalt love him as thyself; for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt."

Also participating were Iman Ilyas from the South County Islamic Community, members of the Buddhist Temple and Pastor Patrick, who shared their scriptures and a call to worship. Finally, Dan Hazen of UMC shared a powerful document on the importance of Interfaith dialog. We were also blessed with a talk from guest speaker, Sai Prasad on his work in struggling communities in India and the Middle East.

As a member of the board of the Interfaith Community of South County and as a member of Congregation Emeth, I found this to be a meaningful and moving experience. I invite each of you to get involved in our Interfaith Community and to join us at our monthly meeting.

For information on the ICSC, email interfaithcommunity.org@gmail.com or visit our Facebook page, <https://www.facebook.com/InterfaithCommunityofSouthCounty/>

GRATEFUL FOR SOLIDARITY

Elizabeth Mandel

In the wake of the horrific shootings in Pittsburg, we at Congregation Emeth were gratified by the outpouring of solidarity from our community— both the Interfaith community and other South County residents.

Daria Ogden—whose son Jacob's Bar Mitzvah was the weekend after the shooting—later reflected, "The support for our congregation and for Jacob as he became a Bar Mitzvah was so beautiful. I think we were all really touched by the statement of solidarity and it surely added to the day."



Community members, along with Interfaith community members and clergy, stand in front of Emeth prior to Jacob Ogden's Bar Mitzvah in a show of solidarity

We owe much of this awareness of, and support for, the local Jewish community to Rabbi Israel's and Susan Meyers' leadership in the formation of and ongoing engagement with the Interfaith Clergy Alliance and the Interfaith CommUNITY of South County.

Their efforts within the community have provided the foundation for the building of the strong bonds of friendship and support that we enjoy today.

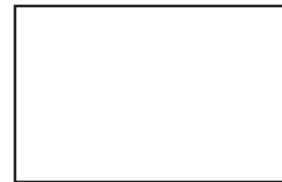
DO YOU HAVE YOUR NEW, REUSEABLE EMETH GROCERY BAG?

Pick up a grocery bag for your family next time you are at the temple. (Ask a Board member or our administrator, Charlene.)

Our gift to you!



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TIKKUN OLAM PROJECTS

Susan Meyers, Committee Chair

Tikkun Olam (Repairing the World) is currently working on three projects:

- **Safe Park Program** - Emeth participates in this program for the homeless along with other members of the Interfaith Community of South County. *Emeth is committed to provide dinners the five Friday nights in May.* If you would like to volunteer to work with another Emeth family to prepare a dinner, please contact me at tikkunolam@emeth.net.
- Emeth is co-sponsoring the **“Healthy Living Fair”** on April 7, to be held at St Mary Parish in Gilroy in partnership with Shir Hadash and Saint Mary. This is a program that has been run for many years by Shir Hadash further up the Peninsula, and this is the first time they are bringing it to the South County. *Look for volunteer signup opportunities soon.*
- We are exploring various projects related to **emergency preparedness.**



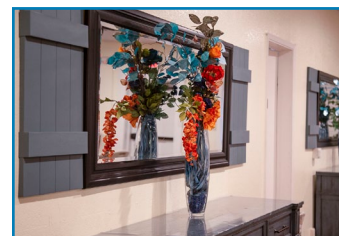
SOCIAL HALL FACELIFT

Isn't our social hall looking fabulous? The cabinets, mirrors, table covers, needlework, and new artwork have resulted in a fresh, vibrant new look.

Many thanks to the **decorating committee**, under the leadership of **Nancy Fishman**, for your vision and execution.

Next, **Andre Neto** will be painting the walls and we will be adding blue chair covers and valences for the windows.

Come join the sewing party (as we make chair covers and valences, under Rachel Neto's guidance), Wednesday February 27, 10 am - 4 pm.



NEW SHED!

Our new shed will make extra supplies such as tables and chairs more accessible. Thank you to **Grant Gordon** for supervising the installation and **Andre Neto** for the paint job.

