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Rabbi Israel

WITNESSING AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

Rabbi Debbie Israel

On July 28, as I was receiving text messages from some of you about the shooting at the Gilroy Garlic Festival, I was sitting in a church in El Paso, surrounded by hundreds of religious leaders and people of all different faiths. This was in preparation for a vigil at the detention centers at the El Paso/Juarez border on Monday morning, which had been declared as Moral Monday. Reverend William Barber was the leading organizer of this and other Moral Mondays and on Sunday night he was standing next to leaders of many faith communities, including Rabbi Rick Jacobs, the leader of the Union of Reform Jews.

While most of us spent the afternoon in training sessions, the leaders and organizers entered the El Paso/Juarez detention camps and met and prayed with many of the people there. One was a five-year-old American citizen who was stuck in the detention center because they would not allow his mother to enter the United States with him. Reverend Barber described what he saw in those detention centers as damnable, as pure evil. Children's shoelaces had been removed because children were trying to use them to commit suicide! Adult men and women were drinking out of toilets because there wasn't enough water.

We heard first hand stories of rape, murder, and kidnapping in the Central American countries from which they fled. These freedom seekers were coming across our borders to protect their loved ones. They were attempting to follow American policy for legal applications for asylum. What was their crime?

Throughout history where have people sought freedom? Here, the United States. But sadly, those days are over. We no longer welcome the stranger, the distressed, the persecuted. We only welcome educated white people with means. The United States government keeps changing the immigration policy to keep asylum seekers out.

Those of us participating in Moral Monday in El Paso were going to go to the detention centers on Monday to demand entrance. News of our plans traveled. This is my understanding of what happened: first, there would be arrests for civil disobedience, charged as a misdemeanor with a \$1500 fine. Then it was changed to a federal felony, carrying a six-year jail sentence. At that point our trusted organizers cancelled the original plans and instead we walked the streets to the ICE center where our leaders spoke.



Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union of Reform Jews, speaking to faith leaders at the El Paso/Juarez border.

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WITNESSING AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(CONTINUED) *Rabbi Debbie Israel*

Why did we go? For me it was obvious and is best explained by Torah. In the Book of Devarim, Deuteronomy, Moses gives a final discourse to the Israelites, knowing that he would not be permitted to enter the Promised Land with them. Moses reviews their wanderings in the wilderness. Because Moses is speaking to the next generation in his final address, Israelites who weren't present to witness all of God's miracles, Moses is telling them exactly what happened in detail. Moses is the witness so that the story can continue throughout the generations—I heard it from my parents who heard it from their parents who heard it through the generations to those in the wilderness who heard it from Moses our prophet and teacher. Torah teaches us the importance of witnesses and witnessing.

I went to the border to be a witness so I could tell you and you could believe me, because I saw it with my own eyes. But our government fears witnesses and prevented us from seeing with our own eyes—so I have to trust the eye witness testimony of people I trust and believe, including the testimony of a former detention center guard who quit her job because it was morally reprehensible.

In the airport, on the airplane, in the hotel, and in the many Uber cars I traveled in, I talked to the people of El Paso. Few of them had any idea what was happening right at their border. When I told them why I was there and what I knew, they were disbelieving. And then, only a week later, the horrible domestic terror attack against Hispanics in El Paso occurred. The border became their own neighborhood. I wish I had their names and phone numbers so I could call them and check on them.

This madness must stop and we can't wait any longer for the good citizens of the United States to come to our senses and demand an end to it. It is up to all of us.

Torah instructs us to "befriend the stranger; for you were strangers in the land of Egypt." We know this because we had witnesses who told their descendants, who taught their children who taught their children. We tell our history to every succeeding generation for one primary purpose, that we learn this lesson, repeated 36 times in Torah: love the stranger for once you were strangers in the Land of Israel."

Editor's Note: This article is an edited version of a d'var Torah (sermon) Rabbi Israel presented during services, upon her return from the Southern Border.

MEET OUR MEMBERS: HENIG FAMILY

Adam Henig, Education Committee Member

For most of my adult life, it seemed the only time I went to temple was for weddings and funerals. Having been raised in a Conservative synagogue, as a youth Judaism was central in my life. By the time I reached my 20s, though, it was no longer; it had become a memory. After getting married and having two sons, I thought about returning to my roots, but I just wasn't motivated.

It was not until my mom passed away in 2015 that Judaism would slowly

reenter my life. Among his three children, my dad was hoping at least one of them would raise their family Jewish and I, being the youngest and the only son, was the most likely candidate. He knew about a temple in Morgan Hill and kept asking me when I was planning to join. I didn't have an answer. I was on the fence, but I finally took the plunge; I contacted the temple and it was Marilyn Freund who responded. She invited my family to a community Shabbat dinner and service. We went, enjoyed it, talked about it, and joined Emeth shortly after.

Although my wife Jennifer is not Jewish, having her support and involvement has made the experience much richer for our family. (In fact, she teases my sister that she's become more Jewish than



Chanukah 2018 at Emeth



Adam and Jen with Jacob and Alex

they are!) My sons, Jacob and Alex, started at Tot Shabbat but have moved on to Chai School. They are in second grade and kindergarten and attend Rucker Elementary in Gilroy. Jen and I both work in the public sector—she's an educator with San Benito County and I work for the City of Gilroy.

Of all the decisions we've made as a family, joining Emeth has been one of the best!

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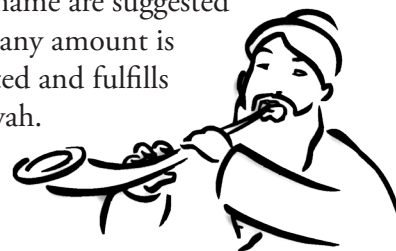
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HIGH HOLIDAY DONATIONS

Throughout our High Holiday prayers, we repeat the importance of *teshuvah* (repentance), *t'fila* (prayer), and *tzedakah* (charity, justice, righteousness).

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.

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



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

IRWIN FAMILY



Kelli and Jack Irwin with baby Raegan (1) started with looking for a baby naming ceremony but, after learning more about Emeth from our website, are excited to join us. Jack grew up in a very small, close knit congregation, and Emeth reminds him of where he grew up.

They have been together for almost ten years and have been married for just over two. Prior to Raegan, Kelli worked in HR at a tech company in San Francisco. Since Raegan was born, she has taken a leave of absence from the workplace to focus on being a mom. (They are loving being a first time mom and dad.) Jack has a background in engineering and currently works as a project manager for a large commercial HVAC contractor. In their spare time, they love to mountain bike, travel, and spend time with friends and family. They are looking forward to making new friends at Emeth and having the opportunity to expose their daughter to the Jewish religion, culture, and heritage.

SMITH FAMILY



Alexis and Ron Smith with their daughter Mia (3rd grade) and son Connor (Kinder) are looking forward to building a community with other Emeth families.

Aaron is an engineer for a local company and Alexis is a stay at home mom who recently started a part-time job at AR Workshop in Morgan Hill. Both children attend the Charter School of Morgan Hill. The family enjoys Sharks games, amusement parks (Mia loves roller coasters), the beach, riding bikes, and going to the neighborhood park. Aaron likes to garden; Alexis likes art; Mia likes dance and gymnastics; and Conner likes baseball.

LAWS FAMILY



Sarah and Ron Laws with their daughter Skylar (8) and son Logan (7) are hoping that by joining Emeth their children will get a deep sense of their heritage and have a deeper knowledge and understanding of their family traditions and customs.

Ron is the director of engineering at a voice over IP company and loves using his spare time to build things. (His current project is a custom table for the backyard.) Sarah is currently a stay at home mom, but previously taught fourth and fifth grades. She enjoys spending time with her family, exercising, and traveling.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS (CONTINUED)

JACK & RITA FISHER



Jack and Rita Fisher have a long history with Emeth. They were founding members, and Jack was Emeth's fourth president (1982-1984). With the help of Rabbi Jerry Levy, Emeth's first Rabbi, Rita converted to Judaism in 1988.

Having moved back to Gilroy, Rita, a retired junior high school counselor, and Jack, a retired podiatrist, wanted to reconnect with Congregation Emeth.

The Fishers have a son Nicholas, daughter-in-law Marija, grandson Nekoia (10), and granddaughter Nadalina (4). They are enjoying travel and spending time together in their retirement. Jack also likes fishing, hunting, and photography, while Rita enjoys a book club with longtime friends and Hallmark movies. Rita is looking forward to getting involved with Sisterhood, and Jack wants to help with events like Purim.

FRANTZICH FAMILY



Shira and Josh Frantzich with daughter Ella (8) and son Colin (6) are excited to be a part of the Jewish community in Morgan Hill and for their kids to learn more about Jewish holidays, traditions and stories. They look forward to meeting members of the temple.

Shira is a PR contractor and enjoys playing and coaching soccer and volunteering in her kids' school. Josh is a firefighter in San Jose and enjoys the outdoors. Ella loves soccer, gymnastics, art, and reading. Colin loves soccer, running, and playing with friends. As a family, they enjoy trips: to the beach, camping, and vacations.

ARLENE NOODLEMAN



Arlene Noodleman recently moved to Morgan Hill and wanted to become part of Morgan Hill's Reform Jewish community. Arlene is a retired physician and her husband Rick is a dermatologist. She has a daughter Kira (33) who works in venture capital in San Francisco and a son Justin (35)

and daughter-in-law Amanda who both work at LinkedIn in San Francisco. Arlene's interests include yoga, Pilates, and reading. She is looking forward to becoming involved with Sisterhood and *tikkun olam* activities at Emeth.

Do you know of Jewish households in the South Valley whose members might be interested in connecting with Emeth?

Please provide specifics to Membership Director Marilyn Freund, membership@emeth.net, and she would be delighted to follow up.



Thank you all for being ambassadors for Congregation Emeth!



Peter Mandel

ARE WE READY FOR THE FUTURE? NOT REALLY.

Peter Mandel, President

Congregation Emeth has been an active and vital part of the South County Jewish community for over 40 years. We have, in that time enjoyed a significant growth our membership, purchased our own building, benefited from excellent organizational and spiritual leadership, and offered a wide variety of services and activities to provide spiritual sustenance and community. We have a solid track record of accomplishment that should serve us well into the future. And yet, I worry.

I worry that we are not actively engaging all of our members. I worry that we rely too often on the same folks to run our programs. I worry that we are not nurturing our future leaders. The Board of Directors has created a couple of important task forces to explore whether I should worry and, if so, what we can do about these issues.

Member Engagement

The first effort is to assess how our members can better participate and, ideally help organize the many activities that go on in the temple.



We are now conducting surveys, holding focus groups, having individual discussions, and studying our needs. It is possible that you have already participated in some of these efforts or will soon be contacted to get your input. The goals are to match our activities with your interests, provide opportunities for our members to further engage in the temple, and ensure our volunteer needs are met.

Leadership Development

The second effort is to look for our future leaders and engage them in some of the leadership opportunities that come up. These can range from joining the board, to helping improve the facility, to participating in organizing a fundraiser. It is always important for an organization to nurture its future leaders. So if you are interested in a leadership role, please contact a member of the board to let us know, and even if you don't contact us, don't be surprised if a board member taps you on the shoulder one day to suggest that you'd be a great candidate to help lead our congregation into the future.



Then, I can stop worrying.



Hana Cidon

PRESENTING MORA [TEACHER] HANA CIDON

Marcia Fishman, Secretary

If you bump into a teacher who exudes effervescence, that teacher could well be Hana Cidon. This year, *Mora* Hana is teaching 11 students, with lessons that will include Torah study, Jewish holidays, and Hebrew language. Students will explore various *mitzvot* including *tzedakah*, honoring of parents, acts of kindness to animals, and an overall understanding and appreciation of efforts to make the world a better place. She remarks, "As kids get older, and their sense of compassion develops, they also understand the concepts of fairness. *Tzedakah* is about making sure that all the world's resources: Food, water, clothing, education, and shelter are shared justly."

Since *Mora* Hana is from Israel, it is very special that the students can learn about the country through her. Ultimately, it is her hope that her students—through her tour in the classroom—will develop a keen interest in Israel.

Hana and her husband, Yigal Cidon, moved from Israel to New Jersey with their four children in 1975, relocating to California in 1997. Yigal studied at Rutgers University for a MA in Computer Engineering and eventually joined an aerospace company. Hana worked as a kindergarten teacher—first in Solomon Schechter Jewish School and then Yavneh Day School.

When *Mora* Hana left Yavneh Day School—there were two reasons for celebration. First, she marked her retirement and, second—Congregation Emeth rejoiced as she joined us. If you have not yet met Hana, make the effort. Your day will be brightened and enriched.

MAZAL TOV TO OUR MEMBERS!

WEDDING!



Sarah Andreadis, daughter of **Shari and John Andreadis** married **Gregory Budnick** in New York in July. Sarah is a first grade teacher and lead coordinator at The Bronx School for Better Learning.



Greg is a police officer for the Rampao Police Department, is in the National Guard, and is a volunteer at the Fire Department. They currently live in Nyack, New York, but are hoping to buy a home soon.

GRANDBABIES!

Mackenzie Darienne Novack, granddaughter of **Marsha and Gerry Novack**, was born September 4 and is the daughter of **Daniel and Deanna Novack**.



Brady with sister Avery

Brady Charles Deuel, grandson of **Wendy Thowdis** was born on August 19. He is the son of **Jeremy and Nicki Deuel**.

ENGAGEMENT!



Alexandra Mandel, daughter of **Elizabeth and Peter Mandel** is engaged to **Chris Ward**. The wedding is planned for next summer. Alex went through Religious School, Bat Mitzvah, and Confirmation at Emeth. She also taught Religious School at Emeth. She is Director of Services for a special education services agency. Chris is the beverage director and general manager at a local restaurant.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EMETH'S THESBIANS!

Three Emeth members were recently recognized at South Valley Civic Theatre's annual "Members' Choice Awards" event.



Miriam Shem-Tov received "Best Actress Ensemble Youth" in her first SVCT role, "Balloon Girl" in *Gypsy*.



Max Brown was nominated as "Best Actor Minor Role Youth" in his first SVCT role, "Iago" in *Aladdin, JR.*



Peter Mandel received "Best Actor Lead Role" as "John Adams" in *1776 The Musical*.





SAFE PARK - A TIKKUN OLAM PROJECT

Cathy and Stewart Gill, Tikkun Olam Committee Members

The Problem: The cost of housing in the Bay Area is a huge problem for many, but it can become an insurmountable obstacle for those in transition between jobs, especially for those with families. Even those with minimum wage jobs can find local housing out of reach. Consequently, many of these people end of sleeping on the streets or in their cars.

The Program: In 2017 the Morgan Hill City Council and Morgan Hill Police Department funded the Safe Park program to assist homeless families in finding suitable housing. The Morgan Hill Bible Church opened space for people to park overnight; St. Catherine's Church provides and organizes volunteers in the mornings and evenings; the Gilroy Compassion Center provides social workers who help families connect with local services as well as helping them find housing and employment; case workers track the success of the program. **READ MORE** in a recent Morgan Hill Times article.

Emeth's Role: The above coordinated services include all dinners except on Fridays. The Interfaith CommUNITY of South County (ICSC) fills that gap. As a member of the ICSC, our *Tikkun Olam* Committee has participated in the past, and Emeth is committed to providing all Friday dinners in January and May, 2020.

Our Personal Experiences: When we first drove into the parking lot and saw the participants' portable showers, we better appreciated how difficult living in a car must be. We take for granted that we have bathrooms to shower and kitchens to cook in; but these people have only their cars.

Since the program started, 28 families have transitioned out of sleeping in their cars and into their own housing. This is the true definition of *tzedakah*.

We, with our neighbors, have taken several meals to the church on Friday nights over the past two years. The experience has been eye-opening and heart-warming. It's impossible to describe the feeling you get when you drive into the church parking lot and realize there will be cars and RVs there (about 18 people are in the program), with homeless families taking advantage of a safe place to stay.

While we may not interact with the participants, or get a thank you, we know, in our hearts, that we are doing something very special for people who are in need.

We invite other members of Emeth to partner with a committee member to provide a Friday dinner in January or May, 2020.

How Can You Help? Meals for our scheduled dates have mostly been provided by *Tikkun Olam* Committee members. We invite other members of Emeth to partner with a committee members to provide a Friday dinner in January or May, 2020. Email safe_park@emeth.net with the date you are interested in and Cathy will connect you with another family with whom to perform this *mitzvah*. Cathy can also answer any other questions you might have about the program.

In the words of the Talmud: "It is not upon you to finish the work, but you are not free to ignore it." (Mishna, Ethics, 2:21)



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THREE SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES

MEMBERSHIP SHABBAT & ICE CREAM ONEG



Our annual end-of-summer "Membership Shabbat" lets us greet new and prospective members. Thank you **Maria Walters** (father of the guest speaker) and **Marilyn Freund**, Membership Director, for co-hosting this warm, welcoming event.

Guest speaker Zinovy Gutman, father of Maria Walters, talked about his new book *In Pursuit of Liberty*, which documents his family's experiences as Jews escaping from the Soviet Union in the 80s.



SHABBAT MUSIC & MEDITATION AT TAKE A CHANCE RANCH



Friday night services were held in a field in the beautiful pastoral setting of the Killough ranch. Rabbi Israel provided words on the importance of meditation, supported by one of the Buddhist monks in attendance. Participants walked the Killough's new rock labyrinth which is used by guests at the ranch to aid in meditation practice.

Thank you to the **Killough family** for a wonderful, spiritual experience.



This year we also celebrated Isaac Jarson's Bar Mitzvah in the redwoods

SHABBAT IN THE REDWOODS

"Shabbat in the Redwoods", a special summer Shabbat morning service in Mt. Madonna Park, is a long-standing Emeth tradition. Some families arrive early, Friday afternoon, often camping over night before the service. While this summer's service was damper than usual, Shabbat among the tall, tall trees remained magical. Thanks to **Wendy Thowdis** for coordinating this event every year.



THREE WOMEN; THREE SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS

Elizabeth Mandel, Editor

SANDY REIDEL

Sandy is studying with Rabbi Israel for her Bat Mitzvah, scheduled for February 15, 2020. While this course started recently, her journey began when she was a child.

Growing up in a Presbyterian household, Sandy never felt the religion aligned with her beliefs.

In particular, she felt there was an undue emphasis on “thoughts” being sinful—whereas she believed acknowledging one’s own thoughts but then *choosing* how to act was what fundamentally mattered. After learning a bit about Judaism as a teenager, she discovered that the religion resonated with her. At Boston University, she made many Jewish friends and, at the back of her mind, had thoughts of conversion. But school was all consuming, followed by medical school, a residency, marriage, and children.

Sandy did eventually convert to Judaism, about 25 years ago, after she and her first husband were divorced. But becoming a bat mitzvah was not yet considered. Times and opportunity do change. She married Art (who was raised in an Orthodox Jewish household), the couple joined Emeth, and they took an adult Hebrew class. Sandy found the class very challenging and satisfying. Upon its completion, it seemed natural to consider a serious study commitment, and she asked Rabbi Israel if she would teach her. In April 2018, her bat mitzvah preparation began.

The process involves weekly study sessions and an obligation to participate regularly at services. One challenge is getting up in front of the congregation to recite or read. Another daunting aspect of the study is the realization that there is so much to contemplate, to learn, and to digest—with limited time or energy. However, Sandy thrives on the learning and particularly loves the endless complexity of Judaism, its literature, and its guidance for living. The more arduous the material becomes—and the deeper she digs in—the more she feels like the journey is just beginning.



DONNA WEISBLATT

Donna is Sandy’s “Bat Mate” and is also studying to become a Bat Mitzvah on February 15, 2020.

Donna grew up in a Conservative Jewish household at a time when girls were not able to become a Bat Mitzvah. Her husband, Mel, grew up in an Orthodox home. While Judaism unquestionably has been integral to her life, Donna always has struggled with her beliefs.

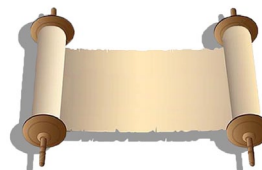
She approached Rabbi Israel with an expressed interest in achieving a better understanding of Judaism, believing that this would lead to deeper insight into our religion, history, philosophy and culture.

Donna learned that Sandy was about to start bat mitzvah preparation and they decided to do so together. While Donna primarily was interested in the process of learning, she agreed that the bat mitzvah itself would be a logical culmination of her studies.

Donna, Sandy and Rabbi meet for 1½ hours each week. Between classes they are assigned selected prayers and, for example, the weekly Bible *parashah*. Questioning is encouraged. Donna always is eager to be at class and particularly loves the intellectual stimulation generated by their lively class discussions.

Although their paths to this point have been different, Sandy and Donna share a love of learning and feel grateful that they share this journey with each other. They agree that they make excellent study partners, and they have forged a close friendship enroute to their b’not mitzvah.

Donna and Sandy share the realization that there is so much to learn, to think about, and to discuss. They will continue their studies even after February 15, 2020.



SPIRITUAL JOURNEYS (CONTINUED)

DARIA OGDEN

Daria is going through conversion with Rabbi Israel, hoping to complete it in time to celebrate her 25th wedding anniversary (November 12, 2020) with a traditional Jewish ceremony.

Daria describes herself as “loosely raised Catholic.” While she had First Communion and celebrated Christmas and Easter, she felt her parents’ primary emphasis in introducing her to religion was the instilling of values. Mike was the first Jewish person she met, and they started dating when she was 16. Mike had a large extended family and it became a tradition for her to attend their annual Chanukah party.

Daria and Mike were married in a non-denominational wedding ceremony when she was 26. At that time, there did not seem to them to be a need for a discussion about how they might raise their possible children, and they celebrated (for example) both Christmas and Chanukah.

When Daria became pregnant with Matt five years after their wedding, they felt an urgency to make a specific decision about religion for their family. (Mike’s family had several interfaith couples and they wanted to avoid some of the theological confusion they saw in the children.)



As Daria had learned more about Judaism over the years, she thought it might be a good option, as Jewish values aligned well with her beliefs. In addition, she recognized that Mike felt a strong cultural identification with Judaism. After some unsatisfactory exploration (an “Introduction to Judaism” class with an Orthodox Rabbi), they took a “Taste of Judaism” class from Rabbi Yitzak Miller (Congregation Emeth’s previous Rabbi) and felt Rabbi Yitzi and Reform Judaism were exactly the right fit for them.

For the past 20 years, Daria and Mike have maintained a Jewish household while celebrating only Jewish or secular holidays. At times, Daria had fleetingly considered conversion, but the boys were going through their own journeys. Now, with both boys having completed bar mitzvah and Matt off to college, Daria thought perhaps it was her turn. And Matt, who possesses a strong sense of Jewish identity, has expressed the importance of her conversion to him—which reinforces its significance to her.

Rabbi Israel and Daria meet for one hour a week. One month into the process, they are still figuring out what Daria’s conversion should include—after all she has been living a Jewish life for so long. For example, although not part of the initial plan, they just started Hebrew—Daria decided that reading the Hebrew versus the English at services would make her feel more genuinely part of the overall Jewish family. After all, isn’t this what such a journey is all about?

FOOD! HOSPITALITY! CAMARADERIE! FUN!

Marcia Fishman, Progressive Dinner Co-Chair (with Marilyn Freund)

Where can such a package be found, all rolled into one? At Sisterhood’s annual Progressive Dinner—which recently occurred on August 24. Thanks to our gracious hosts and generous food contributions from our participants, diners ate their way through the Gilroy neighborhoods. First they started at the home of **Steve Miller** with an array of appetizers. They then progressed for the warmth of soup and freshness of salad at the home of **Susan Meyers and Michael Oshan**. Finally,



they ended with delicious desserts at the home of **Jennifer and Adam Henig**. Our Sisterhood is expert at producing this event full of warmth and friendship—old and new. We encourage all to watch the calendar for August 2020. This is an evening not to be missed.



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ADL PRESENTATION: STANDING UP AGAINST HATE

Elizabeth Mandel, Editor

In September Emeth's *Tikkun Olam* Committee invited Seth Brysk, ADL Central Pacific Regional Director, to talk to the Morgan Hill community about "Standing Up Against Hate." The presentation, co-sponsored by the Morgan Hill Library, was extremely well attended.

Seth presented statistics on the rise of hate crimes over the past few years. While much of today's bias and violence is directed toward African Americans and immigrants, Seth presented data showing how Jews remain the "canary in the coal mine", with shifts in attitudes toward Jews (such as an upswing in neo-Nazism) predicting similar shifts in bias against other targeted groups. He also described how online gaming sites are increasingly places of cyberhate, with two-thirds of online players having experienced severe harassment.

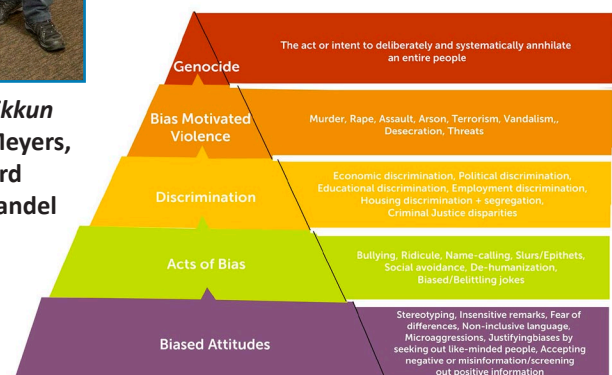
For additional information about the ADL (Anti-Defamation League), more data, and many resources (how to talk to kids, how to stand up to bullying, how to report anti-Semitic acts, and much more), go to **ADL'S WEBSITE**.



Seth Brysk with *Tikkun Olam* Chair Susan Meyers, and Emeth Board President Peter Mandel



Standing room only in the program room of the Morgan Hill Library



ADL

Seth showed how biased attitudes are the foundation of a pyramid leading to acts of bias, discrimination, and bias motivated violence. (**CLICK HERE** for a larger image.)