

*Let Torah be a way of life, and welcome every person as a friend - Pirke Avot*

## TREE OF LIFE AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congregation Emeth's Tree of Life Award is designed to recognize individuals in Congregation Emeth who have contributed their time, energy and expertise over time and across venues, positions and activities. These are the people who can be counted onto lend a hand with a positive attitude; to assume leadership roles; the people who make Congregation Emeth a priority in their lives and thereby strengthen the well-being of the Congregation. This year's recipients, in recognition of their major contributions to Emeth, are Becky Neto and Michael Heil



**Becky Neto**

Becky, her husband Andre, and their two children, Rachel and Quinn, joined Congregation Emeth in 2006 and have been very active since joining.

Becky served, for many years, on Emeth's Board of Directors as Education Chair. During that time she also played a major role in

the Purim Carnival (creating, with Andre, the many games we still use today), was b'nai mitzvah coordinator, and was instrumental in procuring a trailer for extra classroom space when that space was desperately needed.

Becky was President of Emeth for three years, from 2015-2018, and our synagogue continued to thrive under Becky's leadership. She was also part of our very successful Capital Campaign committee and served one year on the board as Past President. Becky is currently coordinating Emeth's Covid-19 phone tree which contacts congregants to ensure everyone is doing well during the pandemic.

Becky has always focused wholeheartedly on the needs of our Emeth community with good humor, creativity, and efficiency. Becky has made a difference!



**Michael Heil**

Michael and his wife, Bette Gardner, have been members of Congregation Emeth since 2002.

Michael served on Emeth's Board of Directors from 2010 through 2018, including eight years as Treasurer and one year as Vice President.

During Michael's term as Treasurer, Congregation Emeth continually improved our financial position, enabling us to expand our offerings in areas such as education and social action. As Treasurer, he was responsible for two Emeth bond offerings, working with congregants, lawyers, and the bond trustee. The bonds have enabled us to sustain our capital and be able to eliminate a bank mortgage. Michael was also a member of the Capital Campaign committee.

Michael has chaired the Long Term Planning Committee and has done extensive analysis in this capacity. He also has been involved in social action, at one point being the coordinator of Emeth's monthly volunteers at the Lord's Table. Michael also took on a leadership role with both the Gilroy Garlic Festival and Mushroom Mardi Gras photo booth fundraisers. Michael's dedication to our synagogue, as demonstrated by the many areas where he has volunteered his time and expertise, has truly been outstanding.

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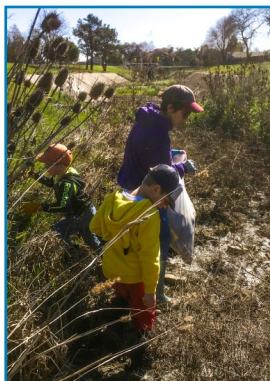
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## TU B'SHVAT COMMUNITY SERVICE

15 years ago, as his Bar Mitzvah project, an Emeth student organized a cleanup of Llagas Creek. He proposed that Emeth adopt Llagas Creek, from the overpass at Vineyard and LaCrosse Drive to Paradise Park, taking on the continued responsibility for keeping that section of the creek cleared of trash. Emeth's teens, their families, and the extended Emeth community spent a day cleaning the creek. They then arranged to have a sign posted, proclaiming Emeth's assumption of this responsibility.



*Thank you to our Chai School families for continuing with this important mitzvah!*







**Peter Mandel**

## WE ARE HERE FOR YOU

*Peter Mandel, President*

We have all heard the verse that begins...  
“First they came for the Communists and I did not speak out because I was not a Communist”.. then ... the Socialists... then ... the trade unionists... then ... the Jews.... Then they came for me, and there was no one left to speak out for me.” This was written by a German Lutheran pastor named Martin

Niemöller, of the cowardice of German intellectuals and certain clergy following the Nazis’ rise to power.

At its most basic level, it reinforces the message that we all need to be in this world for each other. When one group of people is denied their personhood, their freedom, their equality, then we all suffer. We suffer because we need the best of all of us to make the most of our time on this earth. And, more darkly, we suffer because when one group is repressed, we of the Jewish people are acutely aware that such repression of Jews is always just below the surface of our society. When the black population—or any segment of our community—is repressed, each of us has to find a way to push back on those evil messages and actions.

I’m proud that Jews in America have a history of standing up for the repressed. We have a long history of standing with our African American friends, brothers, and sisters against the persecution that has been embedded in U.S. society for hundreds of years. I’m proud that even in our little corner of the world, Congregation Emeth has been a leader in the formation and advancement of the Interfaith Community of South County. We have always strived to step up to our responsibilities as members of our community. I know that we can and will continue to do so as individuals and as members of the Jewish people.

However, this charge seems to get more difficult all the time as we struggle to rise above all the challenges we’ve had to face recently. Mass shootings in our own community... ongoing security alerts... an economic depression and massive unemployment... growing homelessness and displacement... wildfires destroying huge parts of the state and whole communities... a deadly virus ravaging the world and dramatically changing how we live our lives... a government unwilling or unable to step up to the challenges. Now, more than ever, I look to us, to our Congregation Emeth, for the strength, community, friendship, social contact, activities, and mutual support that is so necessary in this challenging moment of our lives. The Rachamim Phone Tree is reaching out each week to all our members; please let them or our Rabbi know if you need help in any way from the congregation.

Please, stay engaged, do what you can to support all members of our community, support each other, stay healthy, and know that Emeth is here to help and support you whenever you need us.



## June 2020

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## “This is God’s doing; it is marvelous in our eyes...” (Psalms 118:23)



Beloved congregants and friends,

In my first weekly message, before even my first Shabbat service, I wrote this to you:

“Our lives are filled with everyday blessings! How can we heighten our awareness and express our wonder for our daily miracles? For example,

**Rabbi Debbie Israel** sometimes we notice the sun rising and setting, and sometimes it takes a sky exploding with pinks and purples to get our attention. Sometimes we grudgingly get out of bed in the morning and sometimes we wake up filled with gratitude. When new babies are born, we appreciate them as miracles but sometimes we fail to continue seeing them that way as they grow. As your Rabbi, it is my prayer that together, through our congregational worship, study, and community, we will learn to be inspired and joyful, accepting God’s many gifts and being more aware of God’s blessings.”

As my time as your Rabbi nears its conclusion, I hope that you believe as I do that my prayer was answered. With you, I have spent the past 13 years inspired by you, cherishing you, and grateful that God led me to this place.

I am not someone who ever longed to retire! Therefore, I am looking at this as a job-change, refueling not retiring. People ask, what will I do now? The answer is: I don’t know, but I will first close this chapter of my life before I

begin the next one. What is behind door #3? I’ll let you know when I open the door.

As I complete my bat mitzvah year with you, I marvel at the many opportunities you have given me. I feel like I was in training since childhood for this position. My professional, volunteer, and educational experiences melded together in a dream job. Supporting you, teaching you and your children, bridging pathways to spirituality, building and expanding the Emeth community, bringing the Jewish and interfaith communities together – these have been my primary focus in the work I was privileged to do.

As the time to leave you approaches, I want to thank each of you, warmly and sincerely. Thank you for entrusting your children’s Jewish education to me. Thank you to every past president who shared this sacred journey with me. Thank you to all of the board members and committee chairs and members who collaborated with me so that we could bring the membership wonderful programs, classes, and events over the years. There are many congregants with whom I developed special relationships and who I will always hold in my heart with deepest gratitude.

May the Holy One of blessings continue to bless you and your loved ones, keep you safe and strong, and bless this holy congregation with peace and wellbeing.

With deepest affection,  
*Rabbi Debbie Israel*

### SAVE THESE IMPORTANT DATES & JOIN US VIA ZOOM

*Attendance instructions will be provided via Emeth’s HaMadrish Email*

#### SUMMER SHABBAT MORNING SERVICES & B’NOT MITZVAH:

Rebekah Latin - 10 am, Saturday, June 13

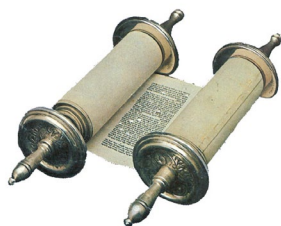
Alexa Gordon - 10 am, Saturday, July 11

#### SHABBAT SERVICES & BOARD INSTALLATION

Friday, June 19, 7 pm

#### CELEBRATION HONORING RABBI ISRAEL

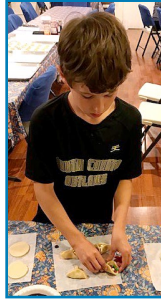
Saturday, June 27, 6 - 8 pm





# PURIM FUN FOR ALL!

## HAMENTASHEN BAKING AT CHAI SCHOOL



## PURIM CARNIVAL

Photos by Emily Shem-Tov



## ADULT & TEEN GAME NIGHT



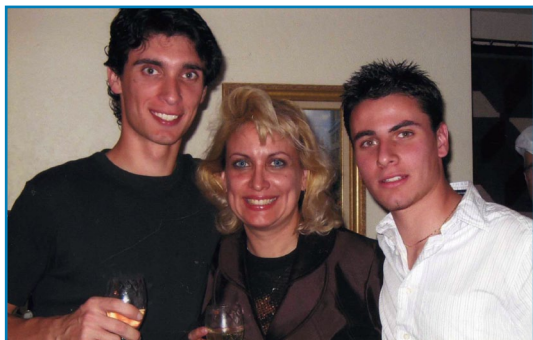
Thank you to **Marcia Fishman** for organizing a terrific evening!





## WELCOME MARIE ESCOBAR!

Marie recently moved back to Morgan Hill, where her parents live, after twenty-five years in NYC. In New York, Marie was in administrative/health/risk management before becoming an independent holistic therapist. She has two sons, one working in NYC and one married with two children in Santa Barbara.



A member of Emanu-El in San Jose many years ago, Marie was delighted to find Emeth right here, in Morgan Hill. She is passionate about community outreach and, after joining Emeth in April, jumped right in to join the Covid-19 phone tree.

## A FOND FAREWELL TO THE WALTERS FAMILY

The Walters family (Maria, Jonathan, Jacob, and Sophia) is moving to Knoxville, TN, where they have bought a home and will be joining Temple Beth El. Jonathan will be working as controller for an air conditioning company and Maria will be a full time mother. Maria said that, after 12 years with Emeth, she was sorry to have to make their goodbyes over Zoom versus with hugs to her Emeth family. We wish them well and will miss them and their many contributions to Emeth.



## RACHAMIM PHONE TREE

*Becky Neto, Coordinator*

When the shelter-in-place order was put into effect in March, Rabbi Israel suggested to Marsha Novack, Rachamim Chair, that we establish a phone tree to connect with our members. A phone call allows us to “check-in” on congregants while the temple is not open, maintain a personal connection, and see who might need assistance. As the Rachamim rep for March, I emailed the committee members, requesting phone tree volunteers to serve our congregants in this different capacity as we go through the stress and concerns associated with the coronavirus.

Callers performing this weekly *mitzvah* have included **Shari Andreadis, Marie Escobar, Marilyn Freund, Cathy Gill., Joyce Maskell, Susan Meyers, Becky Neto, Marsha Novack, Karen Perry., Cathy Silverstein, Aileen Teren-Foster, Denise Weyl, and Debbie Zajac.**

Emeth’s members overwhelmingly appreciate the calls. Our volunteers have connected with our members on a different level than we are used to. The callers have also used the opportunity to “hear between the lines” and inform Rabbi of anyone who might be needing additional support during these trying times.



**Karen Harris**

**Karen Harris**, a founding member of Congregation Emeth (and its first Treasurer), has been a resident of Pacific Hills Manor for the past 20+ years. She described how meaningful these phone calls have been to her. “Sometimes it feels like I have not been out of my room in half a year... there are no activities, no music, no visitors, and no one to talk to.. I feel like I am a million miles from everyone. It is so beautiful of Emeth’s members to think of me and call... just when my heart needs to hear them and their words. I like to hear what they sound like, and I imagine what they look like.”

***Editor’s Note: If you would like to join the Phone Tree callers (who are continuing this outreach), please contact Becky at [PhoneTree@emeth.net](mailto:PhoneTree@emeth.net).***

# CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!



**Meghan Lee**

**Meghan Lee, daughter of Marby and Bryson Lee**, graduated from Oakwood School, with many academic awards. She will be attending the University of Missouri (Mizzou) to study Journalism and Political Science on a Mark Twain Scholarship.

**Levi Glatt, son of Rena Dubin and Harlan Glatt; grandson of Rabbi Debbie Israel and Jerry Dubin**, graduated from Cabrillo College with his AA degree. Levi will be transferring to UC Santa Barbara to major in their highly regarded Geography department.



**Levi Glatt**



**David Miller**

**David Miller, son of Steve Miller**, graduated from Cal Poly San Luis Obispo with a degree in Business Administration. He will begin a Masters degree in Packaging Value Chain and recently accepted an offer to work in sales at a building materials company.

**Jason Valentine, son of Tracy and Scott Valentine**, graduated from Live Oak High School. He will be attending Arizona State University in the fall.



**Jason Valentine**



**Andrew & Heather Yazman**

**Andrew Yazman, son of Paul Crompton and Barbara Yazman** (of blessed memory), has graduated from Duke University Medical School with both his MD and a Masters of Management in Clinical Informatics (MMCi). Andrew and his wife Heather are moving to Seattle, where Andrew will be training in Pediatrics at Seattle Children's Hospital, and Heather will be taking a job in Healthcare Informatics following her graduation from the Masters of Management in Clinical Informatics (MMCi) at Duke University this August.

## RUTH ERICKSON HONORED AS COMMUNITY VOLUNTEER



**Ruth Erickson**

Emeth member **Ruth Erickson** was honored at the Community Foundation of San Benito County's annual Philanthropy Day celebration. She was recognized by the Hollister Airmen's Association for her many years of support and advocacy for aviation, Hollister Airport and the community.

Ruth has volunteered and planned airport and community events, fly-ins and fly-outs, monthly speaker meetings, and writing monthly newsletters for 20 years. In addition, Ruth has attracted new members to the organization and promoted association activities in newspapers and community meetings. She has even exhibited aircraft in two parades in Hollister.



# MEET EMETH'S NEW BOARD MEMBERS



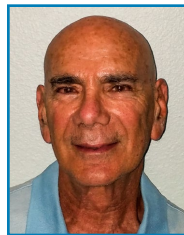
## **MICHAEL OSHAN - PRESIDENT**

I am one of the founding members of the South County Jewish Community (which became Congregation Emeth), and I have served as Board President during 3 previous terms, spread out over the past 43 years. My children, now in their 40's, were raised Jewish in a family with only one Jewish parent, which is so typical of our membership. I was a single parent for about 7 years before I met the love of my life, Susan Meyers, and we recently celebrated our 27th wedding anniversary. We have a wonderfully compatible blended family which includes 4 adult children and 6 grandchildren.

I grew up in the San Fernando Valley when it was a semi-rural suburb of Los Angeles; my father was a barber and my mother was a part time Jewish kindergarten teacher in addition to raising me, my 3 sisters, and a brother. I moved to San Francisco in 1967 to attend San Francisco State University and have considered myself to be a Northern Californian since then. I hold a Masters in Rehabilitation Counseling and undergraduate degrees in Psychology and Business. In 1974, I was offered a job directing a small nonprofit agency in Gilroy which had a grant to provide drug abuse prevention services to an historically underserved population. We had a staff of three and, at that level, funding for about 1-2 years. While I initially thought Gilroy would be a brief interlude to my young career and new marriage, the agency grew under my direction: We were able to secure multiple funding sources, grew to a staff of over 50, and I stayed there for eight years as the Executive Director of what was then known as South County Alternatives. That organization merged with another nonprofit from Morgan Hill and is today operating as Community Solutions.

I left my role as Executive Director to become a full time house daddy for my 3- and 5-year-olds. That lasted about a year, and I then opened a private practice as a vocational rehabilitation counselor, working with a variety of people with disabilities. That practice also grew and supported my family for over 30 years; now I am basically retired. My wife, Susan, is also retired from a long career at SJSU where she was a professor and Dean of the College of Education.

I look forward to leading our membership at a positive transitional time when new leaders emerge and we continue to bond and build as a community.



## **DAVID KIRSCH - TREASURER**

My wife Sharon and I moved from San Jose to Morgan Hill in 2015, and we became members of Emeth in 2017. Our daughter and granddaughter live in San Jose, and our son and his family live in Bend, OR. I am a retired tax lawyer. I look forward to working with the Emeth board as treasurer and generally serving our congregation and community.

## **TRACY VALENTINE - SECRETARY**

I have been a member of Emeth since moving to Morgan Hill in 2013 with my husband, Scott, and our three children Natalie, Kelsey and Jason. We moved here from Greensboro, NC but have also lived in Chicago, LA, and Raleigh. I am a CPA and work for a local firm in Morgan Hill. I am looking forward to being a part of the Emeth board and serving the congregation.



## **EMILY SHEM-TOV - COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR**

Our family joined Congregation Emeth in 2007 when the congregation moved into our wonderful building. My husband Shachar and I have two daughters, Clara and Miriam, who are part of the religious school program here. I have a background in Tech and Information Science, so am happy to jump into the communication role. I'm excited to be part of the next chapter of our congregation as we welcome our new Rabbi!

## **JOSH LEVINE - EDUCATION LIAISON**

I have been attending services at Emeth for many years with my father Joel, and I became a member a few years ago with my wife Sarah and son Reese. I grew up on Long Island, moving to San Jose in 2006 to work for RFMW where I am currently Vice President of Operations. We moved to Morgan Hill at the end of 2012. I am also a board member of Children's Musical Theater San Jose. I am looking forward to working with the Rabbi, board and congregants to foster a bright future at Congregation Emeth.



## **JAY LATIN - WAYS & MEANS CHAIR**



## THANK YOU TO MEMBERS LEAVING THE BOARD!



### **GRANT GORDON - WAYS AND MEANS CHAIR**

Grant, also a past president, has been instrumental in finding and managing our tenants as well as managing sales of Emeth's cemetery plots. In addition, he has played a key role on the education committee as well as performing or overseeing major building improvement projects.

### **ELIZABETH MANDEL - COMMUNICATIONS CHAIR**

Elizabeth edited and published the thrice-yearly Kol Emeth newsletter, designed our weekly HaMadrich emails, designed and maintained Emeth's website, created brochures, and provided articles and ads for external publication.



### **ART REIDEL - TREASURER**

Art has been on the board as Treasurer for the past two years. He has brought an extensive financial background and expertise to the position.

### **MARCIA FISHMAN - SECRETARY**

Marcia has been on the board as treasurer for the past two years. She brought considerable expertise to the job from her past work with Jewish institutions and non-profit organizations. Marcia will be transitioning to a new administrative staff role with Emeth. (See p12 for details.)



**Susan Braun**

## **A STELLAR YEAR FOR ADULT EDUCATION**

*Susan Braun, Adult Education Chair*

Emeth offered three thought-provoking and well attended education series this past year. We were delighted with the interest in these classes and hope to build upon them in the upcoming year.

The series **"Conundrums of the Bible"** was taught by David Meir-Levi, whose impressive background in archeology, biblical studies, and history brought new and interesting perspectives to significant events in Jewish history. Topics included Creation, the Great Flood, and Exodus. The classes were so well received that we were able to add more classes addressing Origins and Development of Monotheism during the First Temple Period. There is an opportunity to continue another segment of the series, "The Rise and Fall of Monotheism", next year.

Another series, **"Uppity Women of the Bible"**, was taught by **Rabbi Debbie Israel**. We examined several influential women in Jewish history including Heroines of the Exodus (Shifra, Puah, Bat Yam, and Miriam), Tamar, Delilah, Sarah, Rebekah, Eve and Lilith (who represents the spirit of darkness). It is clear that women have been a driving force in our history and culture. The class, over Zoom, was very well received and, including many of Rabbi's friends from Houston, averaged over 20 participants per class.

Our third and final series, **"Jewish Ethics"**, was presented during Friday evening Shabbat services. The first presentation, on Medical Ethics, was by **Dr. Faith Protsman**. Her area of special interest is continuity of care, the life process and personal choice. The second, on Business Ethics, was presented by Emeth member, **Art Reidel**. He shared his views and knowledge about building and conducting successful businesses accompanied by moral and ethical methods. We hope to continue the Ethics series next year; possible topics include Legal and Political Ethics.

In addition, **"Emeth Reads"**, our popular quarterly discussion group of books with a Jewish element, continues. All members are welcome. Our next discussion will be of *Strangers and Cousins* by Leah Hager Cohen. To join the email distribution list for the book group, please contact **Wendy Thowdis** at

**[EmethReads@emeth.net](mailto:EmethReads@emeth.net)**.

# THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUTH EDUCATION!

It has been a challenging year for our parents, children, staff, and volunteers. At a special Zoom Shabbat service in May, the children and their parents had the opportunity to express their thanks to those who have contributed to the success of our school this past year.

We are fortunate to have dedicated staff and volunteers, including:

**Religious School Supervisor & Emet Dor Kef (teen) advisor**  
Rabbi Israel

**Chai School teacher**

Rabbi Israel: Grades 5-7  
Sharon Genkin: Grades 3-4  
Hana Cidon: Grades K-2

**Hebrew School teachers:**

Hana Cidon, Joelle Wolff,  
Rabbi Israel, and Sharon Genkin

**Administrator** - Charlene Rose

**Education Committee**

Grant Gordon, Adam Henig, Leah  
Robinson Tejano & Rabbi Israel



Teacher Appreciation Zoom Shabbat Service



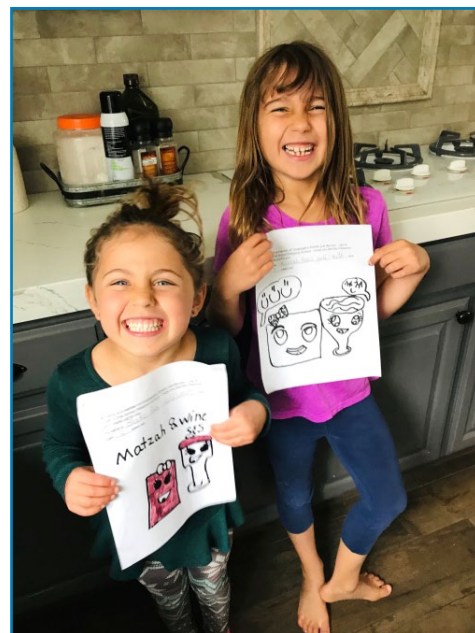
Packets to be completed at home included puzzles and games

Special thanks also to **Maria Walters** for organizing school snacks throughout the year, **Susan Latin** for managing the kitchen cupboard supplies, and **Grant Gordon** for not just planning the school's Shabbat dinners throughout the year, but frequently preparing the meals himself.

Finally, a big thank you to **all the parents** who, when their students were unable to attend Chai School with their teachers, supported their children's continued Jewish education at home.



Students created and mailed Passover letters to other congregants. Many people expressed thanks for these warm wishes.





# TIKKUN OLAM UPDATES



Cathy & Stuart Gill

## SAFE PARK PROJECT

*Cathy & Stuart Gill*

Emeth, along with our interfaith community, continue to be involved with the Safe Park program at the Morgan Hill Bible Church. This year we've taken meals to the church on Friday nights in January and May.

Many members of Emeth have participated, in this heart-warming act of *tzedakah*. Now, during shelter-in-place, there are families who need help more than ever. In the past, families could come in the evening for dinners and stay overnight, but they had to leave during the day. The program is now allowing families to stay on site 24 x 7 to help with the current situation.

We are very proud of what our congregation has done and continues to do, to support these families in need. In addition to providing meals on Friday nights we have stepped up our involvement in the following ways:

- **Cathy Gill**, in coordination with **Susan Meyers**, reached out to the interfaith community and found a much needed refrigerator to donate.
- We donated Target gift cards to each family member currently staying at Safe Park. The funds for these gift cards came from money paid for the **Mah Jongg Tournament** that had to be cancelled due to the shelter in place, a donation from **Cathy and Pi Silverstein**, and the **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**.
- **Elizabeth Mandel** made face masks for the Safe Park families.

The Safe Park team has been extremely appreciative of our generosity and sends a big thanks to the congregation! We also want to recognize the families who participated in providing the Friday night meals in May: **Freund-Foster, Andreadis-Meyers/Oshan, Mandel-Altman/Palm, Fishman/Wilner-Noodleman, and Gill with neighbors.**

Case workers continue to track the success of the program and we are always thrilled to hear that a family, who was sleeping in their car or trailer, has moved into semi-permanent or permanent housing.

To learn more or get involved, please contact **Cathy Gill** at [SafePark@emeth.net](mailto:SafePark@emeth.net).

## VOTER ENGAGEMENT: A NEW CHALLENGE & A NEW OPPORTUNITY

*Susan Meyers, Committee Chair*



Susan Meyers

The Jewish Council for Public Affairs and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (RAC) provide the rationale and support for congregations to become involved in the National Reform Movement's 2020 Civic Engagement Campaign "Every Voice Every Vote". They remind us that "As Reform Jews, we believe democracy is strongest when everyone participates—and it suffers when citizens choose not to engage". The Every Voice Every Vote Campaign is an example of nonpartisan civic engagement work, an opportunity to fulfill the sacred mandate of tikkun olam and ensure that our enduring values are represented in the public square.

At our May meeting, in addition to reviewing our current projects with the "Safe Park" and St. Louise Hospital, members of the Tikkun Olam Committee participated in a preliminary discussion related to the challenge posed by the RAC to ensure that every member of our congregation has the information required to register to vote, and to vote safely as they exercise their right to vote. Throughout the month of May we will be reviewing materials provided by the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and the leadership of Temple Beth El, our neighboring congregation in Aptos, in preparation for continuing our discussions at our June 16, 2:30 Zoom Tikkun Olam meeting.

If you are interested in learning more about our Tikkun Olam Committee, please contact **Susan Meyers** at [TkkunOlam@emeth.net](mailto:TkkunOlam@emeth.net).



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**Marcia Fishman**

## **MARCIA FISHMAN ASSUMES NEW ADMINISTRATIVE POSITION**

A new part-time administrative position has been created for the new fiscal year and it will be assumed by congregation member Marcia Fishman. This job will include administration for both the religious school and the congregation as a whole. Reporting to Emeth's Board of Directors and teamed with Rabbi Dantowitz and administrative assistant, Charlene Rose (who will continue in her current capacity, supervised by Marcia), Marcia's objective is to install best practices to help the workings of the congregation run as effectively as possible, especially in a transition year.

Emeth is fortunate to have Marcia's expertise and experience! Marcia recently retired from Michigan where she enjoyed a long time career as a teacher and executive in non-profit communities. She began as a high school teacher and then became the director of the English Language program for Russian Immigrants at the Detroit JCC. Following that she was a director in Jewish Day Camping and Family Services, moving on to become the Executive Director of Hillel Day School, a large K - 8th grade school. She completed her career with SAG-AFTRA (formerly Screen Actors Guild) where she was first the executive director for various locals in the country and then took a national position as the Director of the Locals' Administration.

Marcia looks forward to working with our members, incoming Rabbi, Faith Joy Dantowitz, and Emeth's administrative assistant, Charlene Rose.