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FROM THE RABBI

Transitions...



ur members shared words of appreciation and gratitude to Lisa Lenkiewicz as she concludes eight and one half years as "the go-to-person"

in the Emanuel office: "I imagined your smile as you spoke to me [on the phone]." "You treated me like I was the most important Emanuel member." "[It was] more than just a job for you." "Your willingness to help others, your warmth, sense of Emanuel history and deep knowledge of Judaism" are treasured qualities you brought to your work every day. Lisa is appreciated for being "capable, supportive, knowledgeable, reliable and prompt." "Your friendliness, kindness and willingness to help" and "always, your smile."

Among Lisa's many important services to our congregation, as Rabbi, I hold in greatest esteem her

abundant kindness and helpfulness to bereaved families preparing for funerals, shivas and meals of condolence. Lisa knew exactly how to interact to move plans forward while letting people know they are not alone in such a sad and difficult time. Lisa provided my link to families in need of support in times of illness. Lisa helped us hold our congregation together through the difficult days of COVID-19, working from home when The Emanuel was locked down, and adapting to the various challenges as we came back on site.

I respect and appreciate Lisa's Jewish knowledge and her devotion to family and community. We wish Lisa, Mike, and their family every blessing and look forward to seeing them in the months and years to come as cherished members of the Emanuel Family. I wish Lisa the very best of success in her next chapter!

— Rabbi David J. Small



Left to right: Moshe Pinchover, Tammi Kraushaar, Kathy Hart, Lisa Taylor, Lisa Lenkiewicz, Joe Ward, Rabbi Small, Josh Cohen, Cantor Risman, Barbara Fink





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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Volunteering is an easy way to meet people and build long-lasting friendships. There are many ways to get involved. You can join a



committee or volunteer for a onetime event. What's most important is to find something that you personally enjoy and bring your energy and passion to it. We welcome new ideas but be prepared to help get them off the ground!

Help with Engagement Programming: organize events of interest to you — speakers, book talks, social events, learning opportunities, and classes, for a range of ages, topics, and interests.

There's always food at events. Do you like to cook? Bake? Shop for groceries? Eat? Help prepare the food for events.

Become an *Ambassador* and welcome new members and help reconnect current members. We want to help all members, whether new or not, feel like an integral part of the community.

Calling all engineers, architects, designers, handy-people, not-so-handy-people, gardeners, and weekend warriors! The House Committee is responsible for keeping our building and grounds looking great and functioning properly.

We always need Shabbat door greeters for Friday evenings and Saturday mornings. Greeters are a welcoming presence when members and guests enter our building.

Come to Daily Services! Once a week or whenever you can. Whether you are a devout davener, an interested learner, a motivated schmoozer, and/or want to help lead services, we need you. If everyone came once a month, we would have a minyan (10 adult Jews) for our members who are saying kaddish. Build a new habit: choose one service and regularly attend.

Accountants, financial analysts, investment advisors, and the financially inclined are needed. Work with the Treasurer and Finance Committee to prepare the annual budget, grow and monitor our investments, and perform other related financial activities.

The Fundraising Committee helps raise funds to help pay our operating expenses. Dues alone do not cover our entire budget. This year's fundraiser is *Taste of the Town* on Tuesday, June 17, 2025!

No matter your talent, interest, profession, or availability, you and your family can find a meaningful way to contribute your time to our community. Here are some more volunteer opportunities.

 Prepare and Assemble Mishloach Manot for Purim to be mailed to our college students

- Help prepare, set-up or cleanup at our synagogue wide parties: Simchat Torah, Chanukah, and Purim
- Help in the Office: affix labels and stuff envelopes for mailings. What skills do you have that would be helpful to our hardworking office staff?
- Help our Social Justice committee plan our Refugee Shabbat or Veteran's Shabbat

The Emanuel values the time, talents and experience of our members. There are many ways to get involved, whether you have a few hours a week, or are only available once or twice a

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS:

ELIZABETH & ARNOLD BERMAN LAUREN ZILKA, WITH MADISON

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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE: ERIC HUNKER

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FRIDAY JAN 31: SHABBAT WOKS
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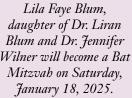
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FUN NIGHT FILLED WITH ROCKING MUSIC
AND SING ALONG TUNES.



EMANUEL'S B'NAI MITZVAH







Gabrielle Yarden Rozenshteyn, daughter of Shirley and Eugene Rozenshteyn, will become a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, January 25, 2025.

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Fred Spaeth & Eliana Tsukroff, in memory of Fred's father, Melvin Spat, on his first yahrzeit

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Lev Kropsky & Hannah Zwiebel, in honor of their daughter Emma's Bat Mitzvah

Llyn Kaimowitz & Simon Kaimowitz, in memory of Jeff Kaimowitz and in honor of our veterans

Drs. Jeffrey & Jennifer Madan Cohen, in honor of their daughter Reva's Bat Mitzvah

Ellen & Harvey Schiller, in honor of their 40th wedding anniversary

DECEMBER

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Ben & Joan Engel, in honor of their 70th birthdays

Members of the JCSO Board, in honor of the JCSO merger with Jewish Family Services and Jewish Community Foundation

Lisa & Barry Feigenbaum, in memory of Lisa's father, Gerald Kalb, on his first yahrzeit

ADULT EDUCATION NEWS

by Ona Mastronarde

This fall John Kenrick continued his Film Series talks with programs about Danny Kaye and Joan Rivers. We also heard the story of Ethiopian Jewry in Israel from Naftali Aklum, who was born in Ethiopia and made Aliya to Israel with his family with "Operation Moses" in 1980. Yuval Evri enlightened us on the rich and multifaceted culture of Mizrahi Jews in Israel and their migration and integration into Israeli society, and the challenges they have faced. We traveled virtually to Jewish Yemin with Joey Leskin, a Jew of Yemini descent. He recounted the history of the Jews of Yemin, along with their rich culture, specific customs and unique traditions. Nadav Shelef discussed the dynamics of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, noting the core issues at stake and analyzing the possible outcomes and the difficulty of implementing each of them.

The on-going Exploring Judaism class, formerly Layled Limmud, facilitated by Jeremy Rubock and Allen Landerman, is continuing with the opportunity to study and learn in a peer-to-peer setting, exploring the rich and ancient texts of the Jewish people. The class is participatory; we introduce a section of Pirkei Avot for the evening and then open the class for discussion. In September, the concept "Make for yourself a teacher," from Chapter 1 was discussed. In December we began, and in January we will continue, to explore Chapter 2, discussing topics such as "walking in someone else's shoes" and "when to repent for your sins". The class meets once a month, usually the third Wednesday of the month, at 7:00 p.m., in person, at the Emanuel. New members are always welcome, regardless of background. You may sign up at emanuelsynagogue.org. January and February dates to be announced. For more information contact Jeremy Rubock (JeremyRubock@gmail.com) or Allen Landerman (allen@landermanlaw.com).

The Natalie Ziplow Study Group, led by Rabbi Small on Zoom, has resumed, with study and discussion of current events and traditional texts. New members are always welcome. Please let Lisa Taylor at lisat@emanuelsynagogue.org know if you would like to attend.

We look forward to a stimulating year of learning. Please let us know if there is a topic, speaker or Jewish program that interests you. You can send your ideas to otmastron@sbcglobal.net.

Coming Up:

Thursday, January 9, 8:30 p.m.: Sid Caesar-Hail Caeser! Sid Caesar's Your Show of Shows gave birth to the careers and writers and performers who reshaped comedy on stage and screen. John Kenrick will discuss "How Sid's legion conquered American Comedy."

Thursday, January 16, 8:30 p.m.: Ilai Saltzman, Director of the Gildenhorn Institute for Israel Studies, University

of Maryland will discuss **Changes in Israeli Politics and Society**, delving into the dynamic and evolving nature of Israeli politics and society, examining the growing influence of diverse demographic groups, such as the ultra-Orthodox, Arab-Israelis, and immigrants, and how their increasing political and social activism is reshaping traditional power structures. Israel's shifting political landscape and how the friction between different ideological approaches is generating new dynamics between the three branches of government that, in turn, form new societal cleavages and reinforce some preexisting ones will also be explored.

Thursday, January 30, 8:30 p.m.: Travel virtually to "Jewish Mexico" with Monica Unikel-Fasja, and get to know the origins of Jewish life in Mexico at the beginning of the twentieth century, when immigrants from the Ottoman Empire first, and from Ashkenazi areas later, made their new home at this side of the world. Monica Unikel-Fasja has dedicated nearly half of her life, since 1994 to walking around the streets of historic Mexico City, where Jewish immigrants arrived about a century ago. She has also studied and published about the synagogues in Mexico, and participated in the revitalization of an abandoned synagogue which today she runs as a cultural center. The cultural center, named Nidje Israel, and now known as Historic Synagogue opened in 2010, and since then it has served as an open space for all sorts of Jewish cultural activities and all kinds of people. She has participated with her husband in his creation of Grupo Sefarad, an ensemble of Judeo-Spanish poetry and music.

Sunday, February 9 @ 1:00 p.m.: Travel virtually to "Jewish Ireland" with Alexander Vard, a historian from Dublin, Ireland, who currently resides in Spain. He comes from a once famous family of furriers who moved to Ireland from Poland before World War 1. He successfully ran tours of the former Jewish quarter of Portobello (aka. Little Jerusalem) from 2018-2023 before emigrating to Spain. He currently works as a graphic designer and is making a podcast charting the history of the Irish-Jewish community. The Irish-Jewish community has been a small but influential part of Irish life for centuries. This lecture will dive into the origins of the community in the medieval period, its growth in the 18th and 19th centuries and how they contributed to the founding of the independent Irish state in 1922. Key figures will be discussed including Mayor and revolutionary (Member of Parliament for 40 years) Robert Briscoe, Israeli President Chaim Herzog, Holocaust victim Ettie Steinberg and artist Harry Kernoff.

Thursday, February 20 @ 8:30 p.m.; "The Disappearing Dead Sea: An Exploration of the Poltical, Economic, and Military Factors that have Given Rise to One of the World's Major Environmental Crises." Shay Rabineau, Associate Professor of Israel Studies/

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Religious School News

by Barbara Fink

As the days get shorter and it becomes darker the light in our Religious School is just amazing. I have been watching our children learn to love t'filah with the help of song, music and hand motions. I have been watching our first and second graders' excitement grow as they learn new Hebrew letters and vowels each week and 3rd graders gain confidence in their Hebrew reading. Our teachers have been finding ways to make Torah study meaningful by discussing real life situations based on the text. Our



Max Wilson shows his Torah he made for simchat Torah.

5th and 6th graders have been working on learning Torah trope and will be reading Torah in our family services beginning in January. Our 4th graders have been working on root words and what it means to be a mensch! Our pre-K and K students are enjoying their first taste of formal Jewish education. I loved watching our 3rd-7th graders interact with "ghosts" of the book of Ruth at our annual Haunted Shul. Our 7th graders with their parents had the opportunity to grapple with Jewish texts and situations



around risky teenage behavior. It has been a busy start to the school year and we have a lot of exciting programs coming up! See you there!

Daniel Albrycht and Max Goldberg show off their work.



The "ghosts" of the Book of Ruth at the Haunted shul.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

- Jan. 3 Shabbat Services and Dinner
- Jan. 4 Shabbat Story time
- Jan. 9 Kibbitz and Nosh Playgroup
- Jan. 11 Havdalah and the Night Sky
- Jan. 12 6th grade Family Program
- Jan. 23 Kibbitz and Nosh Playgroup
- Jan. 25 Tot Shabbat and Family Services
- Jan. 26 3rd grade Family Services
- Jan. 31 BBYO Shabbat service with 4th grade participation and Shabbat Woks
 Community Dinner
- **Feb. 1** Camp Shabbat and Jews Rock, The Finale
- Feb. 6 Kibbitz and Nosh Playgroup
- **Feb. 9** Tefillin, Mezuzah and Me Family Program, and World Wide Wrap
- Feb. 16 No Religious School
- Feb. 20 Kibbitz and Nosh Playgroup
- **Feb. 22** Tot Shabbat and Family Services 6th graders read Torah
- Feb. 24 4th grade L'dor Vador family program

Adult Education, continued

Associate Director of the Center for Israel Studies, Binghamton University, will speak about his attempt to retrace the route of a 1934 expedition by a group of teenagers from a Zionist youth and scouting group which circled the Dead Sea on foot. His research project, which included writing, interviewing, photographing, mapping, and video recording along the way, was the most holistic exploration of the Dead Sea and its surroundings since the rise of modern nation-states in the Middle East. This presentation outlines the details of his 2022 Dead Sea Trek, and in doing so, examines the political, economic, and military factors that have given rise to one of the world's major environmental crises.

Pre-registration is required for Emanuel Adult Education programs on Zoom in order to ensure a secure and meaningful experience. Register on the link provided in the weekly Updates or on the Emanuel website. The actual Zoom link will be sent out to registered participants by email. It is helpful if your Zoom name and your registration name are the same or very similar so we can easily verify your identity.

JTCONNECT UPDATE

TConnect @Emanuel has been having a great year! We have just finished our 2nd term of classes with educators Student Rabbi Alex Friedman who taught "Hot Jewish Takes!," Lance Goldberg with "Real Talk: Inspiring Career Stories with Jewish Community Members," Mindy Levy with "Stretch and Kvetch: Exploring the Yiddish language through Yoga" and Marcus Fink with "Jewish Youth Philanthropy." Our 3rd term begins this month!

In addition to our weekly classes, there are many other opportunities for teens to get involved! In November, 60 teens from throughout the Greater Hartford area came together to bake 300 pies that were donated to 10 organizations for their Thanksgiving celebrations. Coming up this month, there will be a community teen Hanukkah party on Saturday night, January 4; a partner program with Voices of Hope on January 12 featuring author Lynne Azarchi talking about her book *Countering Antisemitism & Hate: A How-To-Guide for Youth (8-18), Family and Educators*; a MLK Day of Service program on January 20; and a viewing and talk back of the film "Unspoken" on January 28th; and Pink Shabbat in February.

It is never too late for 8th-12th graders to get involved with all that JTConnect has to offer! For more information, contact Marcus Fink, Emanuel Site Coordinator and JTConnect Communications Manager

at marcus@jtconnect.org or visit our website at jtconnect.org.





Left: Jonah Rosenberg and Ryan Leef. Right: Spencer Beatman.

From the President, continued

year. Volunteering at The Emanuel betters the synagogue, provides a way for you to meet other members, sets an example for our youngest members, spreads joy and gratitude, makes an impact both small and big and so much more! If you'd like to volunteer but are not sure what to do, we invite you to get in touch with Tammi Kraushaar, our Membership & Community Services Manager. She will help you find something that's just right for YOU.

To get involved or learn more, email or call Tammi in the office at tammi@emanuelsynagogue.org or (860) 236-1275 x 110.

-Reesa F. Olins

News From The

BROTHERHOOD

The Emanuel Brotherhood sends warm wishes to all our congregants for a very happy and prosperous 2025.

On Sunday November 17, the Emanuel Brotherhood hosted the local FJMC Connecticut Valley Region Keeper of the Flame awards ceremony. Thank you to all who participated in organizing and attending the event. Congratulations to our fellow Emanuel Brothers, Peter Mehlman and Mickey Libbin on their awards and recognition. It was a wonderful joyous event! The Emanuel

Brotherhood is





Top (l-r): Mickey Libbin and Jeff Adler. **Bottom (l-r):** Robert Teitelman and Peter Mehlman.

looking forward to continuing to providing food services at our well-regarded events in 2025. Please mark your calendars for the following events.

- Brotherhood Dinner & Guest Speaker on Wednesday January 15 with Rabbi Mark Rudolf discussing Hasidim
- Brotherhood FJMC Worldwide Wrap on Sunday February 9
- Brotherhood Dinner & Guest Speaker on Wednesday
 February 19 Guest & Topic to be announced
- FJMC Shoah Yellow Candle program on Thursday April 24
- Brotherhood Shabbat will be held on May 3 (Parashat Tazria-Metzora)
- FJMC New England Region The Retreat 2025 will be held from June 5-8 at Camp JORI in Wakefield, RI
- FJMC Biennial International Convention will be held from July 3 to July 6 at the Sheraton Grand Chicago Riverwalk

Annual events with Rabbi Small and Cantor Risman are also in the works and will be announced. Please reach out to any of the Brotherhood Board Members for additional information regarding any of the listed events.

— Philip Thierman

News From The SISTERHOOD

The transition into a new year always invites both excitement and uncertainty. While we may not know exactly what the future holds, we know that we are not alone in facing it. As we step forward together, we are reminded that the journey ahead is not just about the unknown, but about how we respond to it — with resilience, faith, and a deep sense of community.

In times of change, it is our relationships, our shared values, and our sense of belonging that provide us with the foundation we need. This year, let's embrace not only the moments of joy but also the moments of uncertainty, trusting that by staying connected to one another and to our community, we will find strength and purpose.

The power of community is never more apparent than in moments like these. And that's why we invite you to join the Emanuel Synagogue Sisterhood as we continue to build a space where women can come together to find support, share experiences, and uplift one another. Whether we face moments of celebration or times of challenge, we are stronger when we walk this path side by side. One thing we can be sure of is that our Sisterhood will continue to offer opportunities for connection, growth, and shared experience. We have a variety of events planned for the year ahead — events that will nurture our spirits and help us stay grounded in a world that often feels overwhelming.

As we enter 2025, let's hold both hope and uncertainty with open hands, recognizing that while we may not always have control over what comes next, we do have control over how we respond. The Sisterhood is here to help us face the unknown with resilience, courage, and the love of community.

Wishing you a year of health, peace, and connection. We look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events and to sharing this journey into 2025 with you.

As always, feel free to reach out at any time with questions, concerns or programming ideas!

Be well,

 Rachel Arnett, Sisterhood President emanuelsisterhoodpresident@gmail.com

Sisterhood Calendar of Events

February 9, 2025	Closed Terrarium Event 1:00-2:30 PM
March 22, 2025	Sisterhood Shabbat 9:00 AM-1:00 PM
March 30, 2025	Family Art Project 12:30-2:30 PM
April 6, 2025	Movie and Discussion: "Barbie" 2:00-5:00 PM



Left to right: Debbie Bettan, Sheryl Kopel, and Debbie Kent.

From left, dinner chair Linda Asmar, Emanuel Sisterhood President Rachel Arnett and Ellen Leonard, president of the North Atlantic Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism.



At the Sisterhood Paid-up Membership dinner, are, from left, Karin Cohen, Fern Cohen, Sisterhood President Rachel Arnett, Audrey Yanofsky, Ellen Leonard, president of the North Atlantic Region of Women's League for Conservative Judaism, Carolyn Topol and Bonnie Lasker.

JUDAIC SHOP

We hope everyone enjoyed a wonderful Chanukah with family and friends and ate latkes galore experiencing new memories to treasure.

We are offering a 20% discount on all items for Shabbat during January and February. We are stocked with candlesticks, candles, challah boards and kiddush cups. Join us in the Sisterhood Judaic Shop on Sunday mornings from 9am-12pm during religious school hours.

If you are unable to visit us on Sunday morning, we can arrange an appointment to meet at your convenience by calling either Carol or Debbie.

Stay warm and we hope to see you soon!

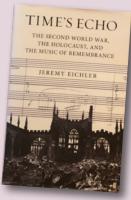
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BOOK CORNER

Critic's Account of Classical Music After the Holocaust Named Jewish Book of the Year

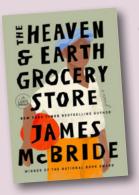
Music critic Jeremy Eichler's study of how classical composers made music after the Holocaust was named the book of the year by the Jewish Book Council, which was presented by the National Jewish Book Awards.

Time's Echo: The Second World War, the Holocaust, and the Music of Remembrance was named the Everett Family Foundation Book of the Year and won both the Gerrard and Ella Berman Memorial History Award and the Holocaust Award in Memory of Ernest W. Michel. The book explores how four towering composers who lived through the Second World



War transformed their experiences into what Eichler calls "intensely charged memorials in sound."

James McBride won two National Jewish Book Awards for fiction for his novel *The Heaven and Earth Grocery Store*, a sprawling whodunit centering on a



small Pennsylvania town whose Jewish and African-American residents find common cause in the 1920s and 1930s.

McBride won the JJ Greenberg Memorial Award for Fiction and The Miller Family Book Club Award.

The son of a Jewish mother and African-American father, McBride has said the book is based in part on his Jewish

grandmother, who was raised in an Orthodox Jewish home in a small Virginia town and worked in her family's store.

The National Jewish Book Awards, in their 73rd year, are an opportunity to "bring to the fore books that may give readers one more way, perhaps a new way, to connect with their Judaism," said Elisa Spungen Bildner, president of the Jewish Book Council, in a statement.

Ruth Madievsky won Goldberg Prize for Debut Fiction for her novel *All-Night Pharmacy*, about a troubled young woman and the Soviet Jewish refugee who purports to act as her spiritual guide.

Benjamin Balint received the Biography Award in

Memory of Sara Berenson Stone for his book *Bruno Schulz: An Artist, a Murder, and the Hijacking of History*, an examination of the life and legacy of the enigmatic Polish writer.

Sabrina Orah Mark's memoir *Happily: A Personal History* — *with Fairy Tales* was awarded the Krauss Family Award for Autobiography & Memoir. The essays in the book use fairy tales as jumping off points to talk about motherhood, family and the challenges of raising mixed-race children.

Elizabeth Graver's novel *Kantika*, a 20th-century saga about a Turkish-Jewish family and their immigration to America, won the Sephardic Culture Mimi S. Frank Award. Yariv Inbar won the Hebrew Fiction in Translation Jane Weitzman Award for his book *Operation Bethlehem*, which is self-translated.

The Modern Jewish Thought and Experience Dorot Foundation Award was awarded to Jeremy Brown for his book *The Eleventh Plague: Jews and Pandemics from the Bible to COVID-19*.

Other National Jewish Book Award winners include:

- The Nahum Sarna Memorial Scholarship Award: Fractured Tablets: Forgetfulness and Fallibility in Late Ancient Rabbinic Culture, by Mira Balber
- The Children's Picture Book Tracy and Larry Brown Family Award: Two New Years, by Richard Ho, illustrated by Lynn Scurfield
- The Young Adult Literature Award: *The Blood Years*, by Elana K. Arnold
- The Middle Grade Literature Award: The Dubious Pranks of Shaindy Goodman, by Mari Lowe
- The Jane and Stuart Weitzman Family Award for Food Writing and Cookbooks: Kibbitz & Nosh: When We All Met at Dubrow's Cafeteria, by Marcia Bricker Halperin
- The Berru Poetry Award: When There Was Light, by Carlie Hoffman
- The Holocaust Memoir Award: *The Ghost Tattoo*, by Tony Bernard
- The Education and Jewish Identity Award: Israel 201: Your Next-Level Guide to the Magic, Mystery, and Chaos of Life in the Holy Land, by Joel Chasnoff and Benji Lovitt
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Heartfelt condolences and support to the families of:

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Neal Rubinfeld, husband of Sarah and father of Barry (Karen) and Sharon (Peter) Linder



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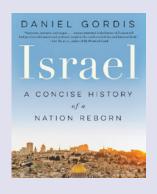
Bob & Debbie Goldberg, on the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, Isaac Goldberg, son of Alan & Jodie Goldberg, in Washington, D.C.

Saul & Joanne Pasternack on the marriage of their son, Ira Pasternack, to Michelle Morley

Hazzan Moshe Pinchover, on the birth of his grandson, Lee Or Pinchover, son of Matti & Carol Pinchover

BOOKS & BANTER GROUP

Started by Sheryl Levin and Michalee Merritt, The Books & Banter Emanuel Book Group began in April, 2024. The Group meets monthly (to accommodate members in multiple book groups!) and selects books that are both fiction and non-fiction, with Jewish content or are



authored by Jewish writers. The Book & Banter Group meets on select Tuesdays at 11 a.m. in the Banks Garden Lobby. Please join us at these upcoming gatherings!

- January 14 Israel: A Concise History of a Nation Reborn by Daniel Gordis
- **February 25** *The Hebrew Teacher* by Maya Arad
- **April 1** *Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor* by Yossi Klein Halevi
- May 6 The Boy with the Star Tatoo by Talia Carner

Questions? Contact Michalee at merrittm13@gmail.com.

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5 5 Tevet Shacharit 8am Religious School 9am JTConnect 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	6 6 Tevet Shacharit 7am Bridge 1 pm Emanuel Players 7:00pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	7 7 Tevet Shacharit 7am Ritual Committee 7:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	8 8 Tevet Shacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Religous School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	9 9 Tevet Shacharit 7am Ziplow Study Gp 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Adult Ed Bd 7:30pm Adult Ed Virtual Film Talk: Sid Caesar 8:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	10 10 Tevet Shacharit 7am Fast of Tevet Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 4:30pm Candles 4:22pm	11 11 Tevet Parashat Vayechi Services 9am Chapel Minyan 9:30am "Havdalah and the Night Sky" Program 6pm Minche/Maariv 4:30pm Havdalah 5:21pm
12 12 Tevet Shacharit 8am Religious School 9am 6th Grade Family Program 9am JTConnect 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	13 13 Tevet Shacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Brotherhood Board 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	14 14 Tevet Shacharit 7am Book Club 11am Sisterhood Board 7:00pm	15 15 Tevet Shacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Rel. School 4pm Brotherhood Meeting & Speaker Rabbi Marc Rudolph 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	16 16 Tevet Shacharit 7am Ziplow Study Gp 10:30am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Adult Ed Virtual Israel Series: Changes in Israeli Politics and Society 8:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:30pm	17 17 Tevet Shacharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 4:30pm Candles 4:29pm	18 18 Tevet Parashat Shemot Services 9am Bat Mitzvah: Lila Blum Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Havdalah 5:29pm
19 19 Tevet Shacharit 8am No Religious School/ JTConnect Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	20 20 Tevet Shacharit 8am Martin Luther King Jr. Day Observed – Office Closed Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	21 Tevet Shacharit 7am Board of Trustees 7pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	22 22 Tevet Shacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Religous School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	23 23 Tevet Shacharit 7am Ziplow Study Group 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm	24 24 Tevet Shacharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 4:45pm Candles 4:38pm	25 25 Tevet Parashat Vaera Services 9am Bat Mitzvah: Gabrielle Rozenshteyn Tot Shabbat/Family Services 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 4:45pm Havdalah 5:37pm
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2 4 Shevat Shacharit 8am Religious School/ Community-wide 3rd-4th Grade Program 9am JTConnect 10:30am Int'l Voices of Hope Holocaust Remembrance Day 11:30am Mincha/Maariv 5pm	3 5 Shevat Shacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm	4 6 Shevat Shacharit 7am Ritual Committee 7pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm	5 7 Shevat Sbacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Religious School 4pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm	6 8 Shevat Shacharit 7am Ziplow Study Group 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Exec. Comm. 7pm Mincha/Maariv 5pm	7 9 Shevat Shacharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 5pm Candles 4:56pm	8 10 Shevat Shacharit 9am Parashat Beshallach Services 9am Chapel Minyan 9:30am Shabbat Storytime 11am Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm Havdalab 5:55pm
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16 18 Shevat Shacharit 8am No Religious School/ JT Connect Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	17 19 Shevat Shacharit 8am Presidents' Day Bridge 1pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	18 20 Shevat Shacharit 7am Board of Trustees 7pm	19 21 Shevat Shacharit 7am Bridge 1pm Religious School 4pm Brotherhood Dinner & Speaker 6:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	20 22 Shevat Shacharit 7am Ziplow Study Group 10:30am Kibbitz & Nosh 11am Mah Jongg 12:30pm Mincha/Maariv 5:15pm	21 23 Shevat Shacharit 7am Mincha/Kabbalat Shabbat/ Maariv 5:15pm Candles 5:13pm	22 24 Shevat Parashat Mishpatim Services 9am Tot Shabbat/ Family Services 10:30am Mincha/Maariv 5:30pm Havdalah 6:13pm
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