



Exterior of Temple Emanu-El and the interior ceiling of Temple Sherith Israel.

San Francisco Westerners International Signals for OCTOBER 2016

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PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN INTERESTING TALK ON OCTOBER 25, 2016 AT 5:30 PM ON THE TOPIC OF SAN FRANCISCO'S JEWISH COMMUNITY .

San Francisco native, Judi Leff, has just retired from Temple Emanu-El after nearly 17 years. Her avid interest in the history of Bay Area Jews was fully realized when she produced the live characters infused- 125th Anniversary of the Jewish Cemeteries in Colma in November of 2014. Last year Judi helped teach Bay Area Jewish history to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders and their parents. Judi is also passionate about comedy writing and performing, and is obsessed with the 19th century Jewish Emperor Norton. Judi looks forward to sharing her knowledge of the history and the impact of Jews on the Bay Area.

Beginning with the Gold(berg) Rush, Judi will discuss why Jews were attracted to the Bay Area, what they faced in their countries of origin, what they brought to the party, what they have contributed to the city and environs and how the Jews could not possibly ever take over the world because they could not agree on what night to hold the meeting. This diversity of styles and opinions plays a key role in the large number of synagogues, temples, and organizations founded and maintained by the Jewish Community.

Our journey will include Washington Bartlett, William Leidesdorff, Emperor Norton, Levi Strauss and the 11 major related families, including Lilienthals, Haases, Hellmans, Dinkelspiels, Schwabachers, Brandensteins, and Fleishhackers et al.. She will also discuss famous Jews or family members in our cemeteries (including many of the aforementioned families) Wyatt Earp (Jewish wife), Adolph Sutro, female "cantor" Julie Rosewald, members of Congress Julius and Florence Prag Kahn, and a few others.

Judi grew up at Emanu-El. She started first grade in 1965, and was confirmed there. She taught from 1983 to 1993 in the Religious School and worked as the Community Service Project Coordinator from 1989 - 1992. Judi returned in 2000 and shortly thereafter became Director of Special Projects. In 2008 she became Director of Operations for the 107,000 square foot building. Her duties also included working with the archivist and the museum committee. Judi was directly or indirectly involved with many museum exhibits, notably *150 Years of Jewish Magicians*.

**Location: L'Oliver French Restaurant
465 Davis Court, San Francisco**

The restaurant provides us with a private room, fine dining and an attentive staff. A no-host full bar is available. L'Oliver is located between Jackson and Washington Streets. Parking is available in the area. We gather at 5:30 and dinner seating begins at 6:15 P.M. A three course selection is available and costs \$38.00. Please send checks and dinner reservations by October 21, 2016 to: Judy Van Austen, KOC, 1789 Northwood Court, Oakland, CA 94611

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Other events of interest:

The West Coast Civil War Roundtable Conference- "War and Remembrance"- will be held on October 28-30 at the Crown Plaza Costa Mesa, Costa Mesa, California. Please go to the Civil War Roundtable, San Francisco for details. It should be a fascinating event.

The San Francisco Museum and Historical Society will hold their 2016 Awards Luncheon on Monday the October 24, 2016. It will be held at the Mark Hopkins Hotel from 11:00 AM until 1:30PM. The honorees include M. Arthur Gensler, McRoskey Mattrees Company, Delancey Street Foundation, the Society of California Pioneers, John Lescroart, and the Western Neighborhoods Project. Details on attending are at the SFMHS website.

The Book Club of California Presents: (please check their website for more information on this event)



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[Monday, November 14, 2016, 5-7 p.m.](#)

The building at 178 Townsend Street in Clarence Alley in San Francisco, Calif., on Thursday, September 15, 2012. Photo credit: Liz Hafalia/The Chronicle.