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FROM RABBI HAYON



As part of his thundering critique to the Jews of ancient Israel, the prophet Isaiah excoriates the entire community for believing that fasting and prayer will gain them God’s approval, though they remain unwilling to change their immoral behaviors.

The instinct to care for, support, and soothe those in need of help is a fulfillment of the most basic purposes for which we were put on earth.

“You call *that* a fast?” he demands sarcastically. No, he insists; what God really demands is generosity and compassion: feeding the hungry, housing the homeless, and clothing the naked. “Do not turn away from your own flesh and blood!” he charges them.

Is Isaiah speaking hyperbolically in his charge to the Israelites? Or are we to understand that he means to be taken literally, and that our ancestors were in fact abandoning their own kin, leaving their own family members to suffer poverty, homelessness and famine? Is it conceivable, even at a time of great social depravity, that people would choose to turn aside and ignore their own relatives’ suffering? Don’t human beings have an innate urge to look after other members of our families?

The question of whether humans must be (or even can be) urged to care for their relatives is addressed at some length in one of the books I’ve been spending time reading this summer. *Behave: The Biology of Humans At Our Best and Worst*, was written a few years ago

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Our Last Community Shabbat Dinner of the Summer! (in-person)
Friday, August 19, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services



After two successful dinners in June and July, Emanu El is excited to host a Shabbat meal for the community at **7:00 p.m., following the 6:00 p.m.** Kabbalat Shabbat service. Come eat and schmooze with new and longtime friends. Grab some Emanu El swag and some good food.

Dinner is \$5 per person, and everyone is welcome! Bring friends and family and enjoy a night at temple together.

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Annual Commitment Forms are Due

Thank you to everyone who has already returned their 2022-2023 Annual Commitment Form. If you haven’t already done so, please visit our website to complete your form online or return the form to the temple. High Holy Day packets and information will be going out soon, and we want to make sure you get yours! If you have any questions, contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.987.3316.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Locations are listed below for those seeking to use the streaming video portal on our website or for those attending in-person. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

Our Friday night services are streamed to our website, Facebook page, Roku channel, and YouTube. Our Saturday morning B'nei Mitzvah services are available solely on our website and our Saturday services offered in the Proler Chapel are offered as an in-person experience.

Shabbat D'varim **Friday, August 5**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, August 6

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeat

Shabbat Va-et'chanan **Friday, August 12**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, August 13

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Eikev **Friday, August 19**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, August 20

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel

Shabbat R'eih **Friday, August 26**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, August 27

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Amelia Pain**, daughter of Kathryn & Jonathan Paine

Shof'tim **Friday, September 2**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, September 3

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeat

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on our website as well as our Emanu El Facebook page, YouTube channel and Roku channel. Our Saturday morning Proler Chapel service is not streamed. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nei Mitzvah are streamed on our website and Roku channel.

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by Dr. Robert Sapolsky, a neuroendocrinologist and primatologist at Stanford. Behave is built around Sapolsky's answers to a simple but provocative question: *Why do humans do what we do?*

Drawing on his deep background in biology, the author presents a wide array of answers to this question, exploring the many ways humans (and other species too) respond to various stimuli in our environments. One of the most fascinating findings he presents is a collection of evidence documenting altruistic behavior in other species. Although we humans might like to believe that our finely-developed brains make us uniquely capable of altruism and selfless compassion, Sapolsky demonstrates that a propensity for generosity and community-mindedness can be identified in other primates – and even in insects and other invertebrates.

Now let us return to the words of Isaiah. If, as Sapolsky has shown in his book, the instinct to care for other members of kin and clan has been hardwired into us over millions of years of evolution, then how can the prophet's words have any meaningful impact on our

decision-making? Put more simply, if we are innately inclined toward altruism on some level, is it really meaningful for us to choose to be kind to other members of our community?

Of course, the answer is yes. Judaism, after all, does not ask us to subvert our natural impulses, merely to recognize in them a potential for sanctification. The prophet's exhortation for us to attend to the needs of our family members is an invitation for us to return to our most primal roots, both evolutionarily and spiritually.

The instinct to care for, support, and soothe those in need of help is a fulfillment of the most basic purposes for which we were put on earth. When we act in accordance with Isaiah's instruction – to feed those who are hungry, shelter those who are homeless, and protect those who are vulnerable – we are making great progress toward fulfilling God's hope for us as human beings and as Jews. May the hands of all those who undertake these critical tasks be strengthened, and may their successes multiply.

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

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RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org. Questions? Contact Jessie Cassorla at jessiec@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.7713.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Hayley Glauben & Mitchell Robbins

DEATHS

Stanford Alexander, husband of Joan Alexander; father of Julie & Drew Alexander, and Ilene Alexander; grandfather of Sasha & Kevin Alexander, and Amy Alexander; great-grandfather of Darek, Aurora, and Zoe Alexander

Marvin Barish, father of Jackie Barish, David Barish (Linda Jayaram), Leon Barish (Terry McGinty); grandfather of Joseph Weisman, Michelle Weisman & KC Collins, Krish Jayaram, Priya Jayaram & Joel Geddis, Leah Barish & David Kaphan, and Rachel Barish; great-grandfather of eight; brother of Sol Freed

Marguerite Boucher, mother of Leo Boucher; mother-in-law of Carol Laufer; grandmother of Hannah & Larkin Boucher

Martin Grabois, Martin "Marty" Grabois on Saturday, June 18, husband of Ellen Weiss Grabois; father of Meredith & Brian Josef, and Dr. Sarah & David Tarai; grandfather of Ava Jane and Asher Josef, and Laura and Hannah Tarai

Jim Rubenstein, husband of Barbara Bahme Rubenstein; father of Julie & Stuart Blumberg, and Lisa & Michael Friedlander; grandfather of Zoe and Ruby Blumberg, and Jack Friedlander

Elaine Zuckerbrod, mother of our member Stuart Zuckerbrod; grandmother of Samara and Frances Zuckerbrod

A Notice About Bereavement Communications

Bereavement notices for our Temple family are distributed with the permission of the deceased's family, and the timing of these notices is dictated by the family's request. Of course, each family grieves in its own way, and we are grateful for our congregation's patience and understanding with different families' preferences about how their loss is publicized.



Find Us On YouTube!

Looking for a one-stop shop to catch the latest worship services, musical selections, videos from our schools and more?

Tons of new content has been created since the pandemic and has been posted to Emanu El's YouTube page, with dozens and dozens more from the archives also shared.

Find us on YouTube by searching "Emanu El Houston Video" and subscribe today!

Our clergy want to know . . .

If you or a loved one is sick or hospitalized please let us know.

Contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771, so that our rabbis can reach out and visit and be a source of strength and support.

Visiting the sick and praying for those who are ill are important and meaningful mitzvot.

Programming at Emanu El

As Congregation Emanu El gradually migrates back to a robust program calendar, we are currently able to offer three kinds of programs to our community: in-person, digital and hybrid. The definitions of these categories are as follows:

- **IN-PERSON.** Available for in-person attendance only. These offerings will not be livestreamed or broadcast for online audiences.
- **DIGITAL.** Designed for viewing and participation on Zoom or on one of our digital platforms (Facebook, YouTube, etc.) only. Please note that, for privacy reasons and contractual considerations, some of our digital programs will be available for live viewing only and will not be accessible for re-broadcast after the event takes place.
- **HYBRID.** These programs include opportunities for attendees to participate in person or digitally, via Zoom or one of our live-streaming platforms.

When reviewing our program calendar, please make note of any registration requirements (RSVPs may be required), and whether the offering you wish to attend will be offered in-person, digitally, or in a hybrid format. Taking a few moments to confirm these details will help ensure the excellence of our programming and will help us to provide a positive experience for all participants.

Israel Lunch & Learn (digital) Thursday, August 11, 12:30 p.m.



Our bi-monthly “Lunch & Learn” series examining Israel and the Middle East will continue on August 11 at 12:30 with a presentation by participants on the 2022 Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience. Join us on Zoom to see and hear about the amazing adventures our Emanu El teens had this summer as they connected firsthand with *Am Yisrael*, *Eretz Yisrael*, and *Medinat Yisrael*, the People, the Land, and the State of Israel. Register for this event by visiting our online calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

Exploring Elul through the Book of Jonah (digital)

Saturdays, August 27 – September 24, 9:15 a.m.

Elul, the Hebrew month that precedes the High Holy Days, is traditionally a time of preparation and introspection. Join us during our Gems Torah Study class for five weeks of learning focused on the book of Jonah, the traditional haftarah text for Yom Kippur afternoon, using selections from *The Book of Jonah: A Social Justice Commentary* by Rabbi Dr. Shmuly Yanklowitz. These thoughtful sessions will meet over Zoom, led by members of the clergy and our Director of Congregational Learning. We will explore traditional and modern texts and commentaries that will help us prepare our spirits and enrich our experience of the Days of Awe.

Register for these learning opportunities online at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship.



Emanu El Votes

Join Emanu El Votes 2022

Help take Emanu El from voting 69.7% in 2020 to 100% in 2022!!

Did you know?

- 99.9% of Emanu El congregants are registered to vote.
- 48.8% of our congregants voted in the 2018 elections, below the Harris County average of 51%.
- 69.7% of congregants voted in 2020, after the first Emanu El Votes campaign, surpassing the county average of 68%.

As we approach the midterm elections, we all have the opportunity and responsibility as Americans and as Jews to make our voices heard. In fact, throughout Jewish history, our rabbis and sages have framed voting as more than just a civic duty. Voting is a *mitzvah*, a sacred obligation.

In a passage from the Talmud, Rabbi Yitzhak says, “One may only appoint a leader over a community if he consults with the community and they agree to the appointment.” The proof text given for this statement is from Exodus, in a *midrash* whereby God seeks the people’s opinion to confirm the leadership of the person who will design the *Mishkan* (Tabernacle).

In Deuteronomy, we are taught to “choose life, so that you and your children may live.” Choosing life is a positive action, reminding us that we have to make

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choices to create the world we want to live in. Voting, in a democratic society, is an example of making such a choice.

Dip in for democracy and join us! The 2022 midterm elections will take place on **Tuesday, November 8**. Emanu El Votes is our synagogue's non-partisan civic engagement campaign. We seek to make Emanu El a 100% voting congregation.

As we prepare this campaign, the EE Votes steering committee is seeking volunteers to make phone calls to congregants and/or help with other projects that will be offered between early September and election day. For more information or to get involved now, email EEvotes@emanuelhouston.org.

Work of Our Hands (in-person) **Thursday, August 11, 10:00 a.m.**

Join us on the second Thursday of the month as we host a group that enjoys companionship while knitting and/or crocheting shawls, bonnets, booties, lap blankets, etc. for patients in the Texas Medical Center. The beauty of this mitzvah covers neo-natal infants to patients at MD Anderson.

Please know that all attendees will have to check-in at the Rotunda, wear masks during their stay in the building and help us maintain social distancing in the board room. Due to limited space, we are requiring pre-event registration to Donnie Bundman at dbundman@gmail.com.



KIDS' MEALS (in-person) **Tuesday, August 16, 9:30 a.m.**

Join us as we prepare close to 1,000 sack lunches as Kids' Meals works to end hunger amongst children.

Our volunteers gather on the third Tuesday of the month assemble a full sack lunch including making sandwiches for each of the lunches. All participants preparing

sandwiches must be vaccinated and wear gloves.

An on-going service project at Emanu El, the congregation has been involved with Kids' Meals for over a decade and made more than 100,000 sack lunches through this project.

This program made possible in part through the generous support of the Edward Wayne Hunger Fund.



Sack Lunches For Search (in-person) **Tuesday, August 23, 10:00 a.m.**

SEARCH Houston's Mobile Outreach team distributes snack packs and sack lunches to individuals who are experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. Our team of volunteers meets on the fourth Tuesday of the month at 10:00 a.m. to fill bags with an assortment of non-perishable snack items. Often, the packs provide the only food our neighbors have that day, and they are truly grateful.

Due to limited space, we are requiring pre-event registration to Sandy Harris at sdharr@comcast.net.

Moved? New Email Address? **Want the *Bulletin* via Email?**

As a reminder, please let us know when you have moved or changed email addresses so we can make sure our records are up to date! Please call the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or contact jessiec@emanuelhouston.org to submit an update.

Additionally, congregants have the option to receive the *Bulletin* via email instead of print. This helps save costs but also ensures an on-time delivery when there are issues with the US Postal Service. Contact stephanief@emanuelhouston.org if you would like to receive the *Bulletin* via email.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

August – September 2022

Good to see you Again! Sisterhood Opening Dinner WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31, 6:30 PM

Join Sisterhood for a celebration of being together!

Join us for a celebration of being together! Don't miss this wonderful evening of good friends, delicious food, and delightful music. Reconnect with old friends and make new ones. Learn about all the exciting Sisterhood programs planned for the coming year. The covert for Sisterhood members is \$20 and \$25 for non-members. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. You may also register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.



SISTERHOOD BOOK REVIEW: *An Observant Wife* by Naomi Ragan THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:00 PM

Sisterhood hosts bi-monthly book reviews throughout the year that are open to the public.

To help us plan for our book reviews, we ask that you kindly RSVP by completing the online registration form found on our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

In *An Observant Wife*, Naomi Ragan continues the love story between newly observant California-girl Leah and ultra-Orthodox Yaakov from *An Unorthodox Match*. Yaakov leaves his beloved Yeshiva to work in the city, and Leah confronts the often-agonizing restrictions imposed by religious laws governing even the most intimate moments of their married lives. Some of the community continues to view Leah as a dangerous interloper, questioning her sincerity and adherence to religious laws and spreading outrageous rumors. Compromise and love lead Leah and Yaakov on their future path with happiness and contentment.

SAVE THE DATE: Learning About Emanu El's History MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 10:00 – 11:30 AM

Celebrate Sisterhood's 80th anniversary by taking a walk down memory lane and learning about the history of Congregation Emanu El. Leading us on this fascinating journey will be Dr. Josh Furman, Associate Director of the Jewish Studies Program and Curator of the Houston Jewish History Archive at Rice University. This event will take place in the Fondren Library on the Rice University campus.

Those wishing to attend this event have three transportation options: Walk to the Fondren Library from Emanu El's West Parking Lot via escort; carpool from Emanu El to the Rice campus and pay for parking; or make your own arrangements. There is no cost for this program, and it is open to all Emanu El members. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by Monday, September 12. Registration is also available by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

Don't miss this unique opportunity to learn about Emanu El's history!

Sisterhood Social Action Project

If I had a hammer, and pots, pans, dishes, silverware, glasses, towels, soap, laundry detergent...

These are just some of the needs of newly arrived immigrants and families in need in Houston as they move into empty apartments. Sisterhood's Social Action VPs Susie Askanase and Amy Kapiloff are leading a project assembling "Welcome Home Baskets" that will be distributed to these families to help them get started in their new homes and begin their new lives here.

Our entire congregation will be invited to participate in purchasing items, assembling, and delivering these baskets. This initiative is a joint project with Jewish Family Service and Interfaith Ministries.

Please watch for more details in the next *Bulletin*.

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

Below please find a snapshot of the High Holy Days featuring the schedule and pertinent information. Additional information including our guest pass policy for this year, parking, and more will arrive to our congregants in an upcoming mailout.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

S'LICHOT

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 25

High Holy Day Kickoff Reception, 4:00 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 26

Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Tashlich, immediately following morning service (Bill Coates Bridge)

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 30, 6:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR HIGH HOLY DAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.

Nature Discovery Center (7112 Newcastle St.)

CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.

Emanu El Memorial Park (8431 Bissonnet St.)

KOL NIDRE

Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 5

Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon Experience, 12:30 p.m.

Healing & Wholeness, 3:30 p.m.

Yizkor & N'ilah, 4:30 p.m.

Break the Fast, 6:30 p.m.

LIVE STREAMING

You can watch all High Holy Day services live-streamed four ways:

- **Emanu El website:** emanuelhouston.org
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/emanuelhouston
- **Roku:** Congregation Emanu El Houston channel
- **YouTube:** youtube.com/emanuelhoustonvideo

Archived videos of services, musical selections and sermons will be available at the same digital locations.

ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, please contact Christian Simmons at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or christians@emanuelhouston.org.

The only reserved seats during the High Holy Days are for those that request this access ahead of time. When contacting Christian, please include the services you plan to attend. Those requesting accessible seating may be granted a maximum of four additional seats for family members. Please note this seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

The deadline for Rosh HaShanah is **Wednesday, September 21**, and Yom Kippur is **Wednesday, September 28**.

HEARING LOOP

The Barish Sanctuary is equipped with an Induction Loop System which transmits audio signals directly to one's telecoil (T-coil)-equipped hearing aid.

CLOSED CAPTIONING

To ensure those who are hard of hearing can enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, the Brotherhood will be generously providing closed captioning for all Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services in the Barish Sanctuary except for the children's services.

For those watching remotely, we intend to use the StreamText platform for a second straight year and will provide the appropriate URL in upcoming synagogue communications.

Going out of Town for High Holy Days? Let Us Help You!

Will you be out of town for Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur? Through our affiliation with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), our congregation enjoys reciprocity with hundreds of synagogues nationally. Please contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org 713.529.5771, ext. 261. We will work with our partners to ensure your seat at your destination synagogue.

In Need of ASL Interpreter for High Holy Days? Let Us Know!

Please notify Heidi Suprun by **Friday, August 19**, if you need an ASL Interpreter.

If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter, please contact Heidi Suprun at the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or heidis@emanuelhouston.org by the deadline date in order to insure the availability of these services.

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Become a High Holy Day Usher!

We are looking forward to welcoming larger numbers of our members in person for the High Holy Days this year and need ushers present at each of the services to help greet and assist attendees with finding appropriate seating. Would you help us with this important task? Other than attending a mandatory training session in August, volunteers can commit to as little as at one service during the holidays.

We ask that all ushers be at least 18 years old; however, if you have a minor that would like to assist you while you are serving as an usher, we will welcome that!

Please complete the form online at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship. We will reach out to confirm and provide details about the training brunch.

If you have any questions, please email David Lamden, Executive Director, at DavidL@emanuelhouston.org.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Congregation Emanu El is Excited to Welcome Amy Hartley!



Amy Hartley

Rabbi Hayon explains, “Meaningful, engaging programming is at the heart of what we do as a congregation. Our calendar is filled with countless opportunities for temple members to connect with Jewish tradition, with each other, and with the community. Amy’s creativity, energy and collaborative spirit will be a wonderful gift to Emanu El, and I can’t wait for all of our members to get to know her and welcome her to Houston.”

Amy Hartley comes to Congregation Emanu El from Temple Emanu-El of Dallas where she worked as Director of Community Engagement. Prior to her work as a Jewish Professional, she taught elementary and middle school, served in the Peace Corps in El Salvador and worked in a variety of community development and leadership roles with the US Department of State at Embassies in the Philippines, Mexico and Togo, West Africa.

A native of Sugar Land, Texas, Amy grew up going to Camp Young Judaea (CYJ) in Wimberley, TX before moving to Knoxville, TN for high school. CYJ helped Amy develop a deep connection to Judaism, inspiring her to study and become a Bat Mitzvah on the morning of her high school graduation. The day after, she got in her car and returned to her beloved Texas. Amy graduated from the University of Houston with degrees in English Literature and Spanish and where she was heavily involved with Houston Hillel.

Amy is coming back to Houston with her husband Noel, kids Ben, Charlotte and Lina, Geronimo (black lab), Stevie Nicks (toy poodle), and Lady Bird (kitty cat). Outside of work Amy enjoys exploring new places, hunting for unique finds at thrift stores, and practicing her Spanish.

Amy adds, “I am thrilled to be given the opportunity to serve the community of Congregation Emanu El and return to my hometown! I am excited to learn, grow, and do amazing things alongside such the well-regarded Jewish community. I can’t wait to meet everyone and learn more about what makes Emanu El Houston so special.”

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome Our Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest members to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Marcie & Herman Adler
Sonia & Ofer Faig, children Abigail, Ari, & Naomi
Kathryn & Geoffrey Guill, children Austen & Erin
Amy & Noel Hartley, children Ben, Charlotte & Lina
Michele & Clayton Moliver
Erica & Joshua Nevas, children Elise & William
Shelly Schaffer

New members will be shared in the *Bulletin* regularly. Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town or looking to find a way to connect with Emanu El? Contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 261.



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Religious School Enrollment & Open House

It's not too late to enroll in Helfman Religious School for the 2022-23 school year! Our annual Open House will be on **Sunday, August 28, at 10:30 a.m.**, and classes will begin on **Sunday, September 11, at 9:00 a.m.** More information on both events will be available in the coming weeks.

Enrollment is available online through your Congregation Emanu El member account. Log in at emanuelhouston.org. For more information or assistance, contact Elizabeth Townsend elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or 713-565.6400.

Thank you to our Amazing Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience Staff

To all our amazing staff, Stefani Carlson, Lucy Mosbacher, Steve Daum, Rabbi Fixler, Becca Schwartzberg and Rabbi Hayon, this trip could not happen without your dedication, energy, patience, and love for Jewish Learning. Our students would not be able to participate in these experiences without the help of educators like you all. Thank you for spending three weeks in Israel with our teens.



Stefani Carlson, Lucy Mosbacher, Steve Daum, Rabbi Fixler, and Becca Schwartzberg.

Welcome Home Travelers

Our Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience travelers have returned. They all enjoyed their time learning and exploring in the land of Israel. Some of the places they visited were: the old city of Jerusalem, the Dead sea, Masada, and the Israel museum.



Pictured (Left to Right): Back row: Natalie Walters, Scout Brooks, Anna Chaikin, Noa Granoff, Josie Pulaski, Cole Nodler, Hannah Marmo, Maddie Mark, Mia Septimus, Isabelle Pesikoff, Jack Applebaum, Ben Ostrin, Amara Freedson, Steve Daum and Stefani Carlson. Front row: Rabbi Fixler, Riley Greene, Jason Gerber, Leah Lynch, Ronnie Ostrin, Megan Carson, Sam Rosen, Evelyn Arouty, Tj Owers, Jordan Howard, Larkin Boucher, Lucy Mosbacher, Becca Schwartzberg and Mickey Medzini.

Religious School Team Retreat

Members of our Helfman Religious School team recently gathered for a curriculum retreat. The Helfman team is looking forward to welcoming its students back while sharing new Jewish Values.



Lucy Mosbacher, Becca Schwartzberg and Elizabeth Townsend.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through July 14, 2022.

ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

To provide for creative arts programs

In Honor of

The Anniversary of Rona & L.A. Train
The Birthday of Rona Train
Dayle & Mark Krinsky

In Memory of

Elaine Zuckerbrod
Kathy & Stephen Parven

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

To ensure Emanu El is a welcoming, accessible, and inclusive community

In Honor of

Ed Septimus – recognized with the President’s Medallion at HUC’s Graduation

Caren & David Cowan

The Anniversary of Rozanne & Howard Rubin

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

In Memory of

Martin Grabois

Rita Josef
Resanne & Earl Saltzman
Susan & Ed Septimus
Carole & Gerald Sheldon
Roz & Elliot Vogelfanger

Donald Peaceman

Caren & David Cowan

Evelyn Roth

Nancy Peskin
Lisa & Adam Pollock & Family

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians

In Memory of

Martin Grabois

Shelly Cyprus
Shelley Wisner

Elaine Zuckerbrod

Steven Fenberg

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide and enhance the Becker School

In Memory of

Billy Ladin

Evelyn Roth

Linda & Joseph Pulaski & Family

Jim Rubenstein

Rita Blumenfeld

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker School scholarships

In Memory of

Martin Grabois

Charlotte Berkowitz

Evelyn Roth

Barbara Loeser

Jim Rubenstein

Linda Hayon & Barbara Loeser

Marsha Tsuchida

Ellen Kalish

BILL & JOAN SPITZ PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP FUND

To strengthen the vision of Congregation Emanu El’s leaders

In Memory of

Martin Grabois

Linda & Frank Yelin

CARY PASTERNAK CEMETERY FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Jim Rubenstein

Vicki & Herb Pasternak

CECILE & EMANUEL WULFE CONFIRMATION AWARD FUND

To provide a scholarship to send an outstanding Confirmation student to a NFTY event

In Memory of

Ed Wulfe

Sara Astrich & Family

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Rose Ann Martin Finkel

Stephanie Barthlow

Fradkin

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

Sara Lee Jacobs

Jackie Hibbler & Family

Jim Rubenstein

Joy & Dick Pulaski

CLERGY’S GOOD WORKS FUND

To provide Emanu El’s clergy with funds to help individuals in need and to support organizations that benefit the community

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Roy Walter

Barbara Rubenstein & Family

In Honor of

Rabbi Pamela & Jeff Silk

Rabbi Roy Walter

Lila Rauch

The Anniversary of

Rozanne & Howard Rubin

Karen Lee

The Anniversary of

Rona & L.A. Train

The Birthday of Rona Train

Marianne & Larry Greenfield

Irv & Barbara Black

Levine

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The *Book of Memory* is shared at our Yom Kippur Yizkor service and is among our most treasured congregational traditions. Within it, we inscribe the names of our loved ones. It serves as an acknowledgement that those who came before us, taught us, loved us, and inspired us have not been forgotten.

The *Book of Memory* will be available for pickup at the synagogue beginning **Tuesday, September 27**, during business hours, and it will also be distributed on Yom Kippur afternoon. Additional copies will be available at the synagogue following the High Holy Days. We suggest a minimum of \$15 per name.

Due to our mailing and printing deadlines, all information and donations must be received by the office by **Wednesday, August 17**. Information received after the deadline will be printed in the *Bulletin*. We regret that we cannot take *Book of Memory* information over the phone. Names can also be submitted online through our website at emanuelhouston.org/book-of-memory.

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The deadline for *Book of Memory* dedications is **Wednesday, August 17**; the deadline for *Mishkan HaNefesh* book plate dedications is **Wednesday, August 24**.



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