



# Bulletin

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## FROM RABBI HAYON



*Today as well, your clergy continues to fulfill our holy mission of serving our congregation during the summer, albeit in slightly different ways.*

I have vivid childhood memories of having the carefree days of my summer vacation interrupted when we received our summer-reading assignments in the mail.

Each summer, students in my school got a list of books and assignments to complete before we returned to school in the fall. Secretly, I enjoyed receiving that list in the mail – partly because I have always loved to read, and also because there was something so pleasurable about being able to fulfill school assignments while relaxing by the side of the community swimming pool.

Today as well, your clergy continues to fulfill our holy mission of serving our congregation during the summer, albeit in slightly different ways. We are just as likely to be found working in t-shirts and baseball caps while teaching and counseling Emanu El's kids at Greene Family Camp as we are to be wearing suits and leading services at temple; your rabbis and cantor divide our time between guiding our Shirley Barish Memorial Israel

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## July's Community Shabbat Dinner to be Held Friday, July 20th

There's always a debate of where to go for dinner following Shabbat services. Let Emanu El make the choice easy for you!

Emanu El will host the second of its community Shabbat dinners on **Friday, July 20th** following services. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person, with the cost subsidized by the synagogue. The menu includes fried and grilled chicken, plus vegetarian options are available.

Please note that RSVPs are required and Emanu El will not be able to handle walk-ups. **RSVP online by Wednesday, July 18th** for the July dinner at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by calling (713) 529-5771.



## 4th Annual Emanu El Fourth of July Celebration

Join us at Congregation Emanu El on Wednesday, July 4th at 7:00 p.m. for food and fun!

It will be an evening celebrating America! The evening will include a free dinner featuring hot dogs, hamburgers and chicken breasts, donated by PrefCo. Vegetarian options will also be available.

Continuing our tradition from previous years, all will be invited to enjoy a free ice cream social inside the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room and a kid-friendly movie in Feld Hall. Popcorn will also be served!

Bring your lawn chairs and we'll then head upstairs to the fourth level of the Gaylor Parking Facility where as a community, we will have an "All-American Sing-A-Long" on the roof that all are encouraged to join in on. Then all will have an opportunity to enjoy the fireworks from Southwest Airlines Freedom Over Texas at Eleanor Tinsley Park which are anticipated to begin between just after 9:30 p.m. before the 'main event' when the fireworks from the Houston Symphony's 'Star-Spangled Salute' at Miller Outdoor Theatre light up the sky around 10:00 p.m. Times for the fireworks are tentative and subject to change.

Interested in volunteering for the 4th of July with preparing the food? Contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 535-6414.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### **Shabbat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10 – 30:1** **Friday, July 6th**

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

### **Saturday, July 7th**

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

### **Shabbat Matot – Mas-ei, Numbers 30:2 – 26:13** **Friday, July 13th**

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

### **Saturday, July 14th**

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

### **Shabbat D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22** **Friday, July 20th**

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

7:15 p.m., **Community Shabbat Dinner**

### **Saturday, July 21st**

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

### **Shabbat Va-et'chanan, Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11** **Friday, July 27th**

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

### **Saturday, July 28th**

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

### **Shabbat Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25** **Friday, August 3rd**

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Feld Hall

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

6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

### **Saturday, August 4th**

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

### **Shabbat R'eih, Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17** **Friday, August 10th**

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

### **Saturday, August 11th**

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

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on EmanuElHouston.org in addition to our Emanu El Facebook page and Roku channel. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nai Mitzvah are streamed on the Emanu El website and Roku channel.

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## FROM RABBI HAYON *continued from page 1*

Experience participants through the streets of Jerusalem and attending committee meetings in the Temple Board Room.

I feel gratified to know that our important work continues even in these less formal settings. And I want to remind you that opportunities for Jewish learning, enrichment, and community connection remain open to you as well, even (or especially) during the slower-paced summer months. This time of year offers terrific ways to deepen your connection with the incredibly rich world of Jewish culture.

This summer, consider reading a book of Jewish interest, even if you rarely do during the rest of the year (I am currently reading Yossi Klein Halevi's Letters to my Palestinian Neighbor, and can recommend it as an accessible and up-to-date perspective on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict). You might also set aside a couple of hours to spend with an Israeli movie or TV show (I recommend Women's Balcony and the gripping series Fauda; both are available on Netflix), or explore some great Jewish music by listening to one of the many resources online; you can easily listen on your computer to an Israeli radio station like Galgalatz ([galgalatz.radio.net/](http://galgalatz.radio.net/)), or Jewish Rock Radio ([www.jewishrockradio.com](http://www.jewishrockradio.com)).

I hope that these summer months treat you and your loved ones well, and I will look forward to hearing about your best Jewish summer reading (or watching, or listening) experiences when I see you next, whether it's at temple or by the swimming pool!

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## Emanu El Involved in Create a Legacy Program



Congregation Emanu El is an affiliate organization of the Create a Legacy program coordinated by the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. The program allows an individual or family to make an after-lifetime gift to one or more of the 15 participating partners.

This program provides our members an easy, smart way to give and make an impact on the future of Emanu El. If you have already made a gift or plan to make a gift, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or Jeri Amundsen at [jeri.amundsen@gmail.com](mailto:jeri.amundsen@gmail.com).

We appreciate the support of the more than 50 congregants and their families who have already committed to 'Create a Legacy' with us at Congregation Emanu El.

### Important High Holy Day Information Arriving in Your Mailbox Later this Month

Believe it or not, the High Holy Days will be here very soon! Watch your mailbox for a letter from Rabbi Hayon at the end of July, describing the varied options for worship, study and contemplation at Emanu El during this holiest time of our Jewish year.

Additional information, including the holiday worship service schedule, will be included in the August Bulletin; a High Holy Days information packet (including your passes for holiday services) will also arrive at your home in early August.

We are grateful to the special task force convened to help organize and communicate the new details of the High Holy Day season, and will be eager to share this year's wonderful offerings with you and your loved ones.

### Book of Memory

Those seeking to participate in this year's *Book of Memory* should find the *Book of Memory* form in this edition of the *Bulletin*. A similar form will also be available in the July edition of the *Bulletin*. In conjunction with the *Book of Memory* being available in the *Bulletin*, congregants and community members can find a similar form on our website at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org).

This year's deadline for the *Book of Memory* for the Congregation will be on **Wednesday, August 1st**.

### High Holy Day Book Nameplates

This coming year will be the second in which we have utilized *Mishkan NaNefesh*, the Reform Movement's new prayer books for the High Holy Days. The books based on the post-High Holy Day survey were very well received.

Congregants have an opportunity to dedicate individual volumes (or sets) in honor or in memory of those who are dear to us. Information on purchasing nameplates can be found online at [EmanuElHouston.org](http://EmanuElHouston.org) or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771. To insure that the nameplates are in the books ahead of the High Holy Days, we ask that you return your form or fill it out **online by Friday, August 17th**.

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

To ensure those who are hard of hearing are able to enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, the Brotherhood will be generously providing closed captioning for all non-youth and children services in the Barish Sanctuary. If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter please contact JoAnne at the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 or [JoAnneK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JoAnneK@emanuelhouston.org) **by Friday, August 4th** in order to insure these services are available.

### High Holy Day Passes

All members who have turned in their annual dues commitment form and are in good standing with the congregation will receive High Holy Day passes in the mail during the second week of August. Minors do not need passes. Each member family will receive two guest

passes. Please note that the yellow guest passes are not available for use on Kol Nidre.

As always, we accept passes from other congregations, welcome armed service personnel, college students with ID and out of town patients in the Medical Center and their families. Know someone new to town within last six months? They can call the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 or email Jill Kaplan at [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org) to arrange for newcomer passes.

### 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 the synagogue office at (713) 529-5771 to speak to a member of the synagogue staff about reciprocity.

You can also email Jill Kaplan at [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org) or Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org). We will work with our partner synagogues to ensure your seat at your destination synagogue.

### 'Taste of Emanu El' Membership Campaign Underway

Our annual 'Taste of Emanu El' campaign has kicked off! Have unaffiliated friends and relatives who are interested in establishing themselves with a synagogue? Perhaps you know someone that is new to the city of Houston? They can become a member of Emanu El for a year at an affordable membership rate of \$72. This membership is good through April 2019. Those interested should contact Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org).

### Flower Fund for Rosh Hashanah & Yom Kippur

The deadlines to make contributions towards the Flower Fund to be listed in the respective High Holy Day programs for are **Tuesday, August 14th** for Rosh Hashanah and **Tuesday, August 21st** for Yom Kippur. Please contact Donna Fraley at [DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext.212.

## Debunking the Myths of Synagogue Membership

When it comes to synagogue membership, the Reform movement is often battling the same myths across the country. As the needs of our communities change, it is our job to make sure that membership is seen as an enhancement to one's life and that the value of having a spiritual home becomes not only apparent, but a necessity.

In order to truly understand the importance of joining a synagogue, you first have to understand the myths that keep our friends and family from joining. It is my hope, rather our hope, that you can have these open and honest conversations with your peers to help them understand the value of membership, specifically here at Emanu El. With the help of some research provided from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), here are some of those myths and the truths behind them:

**MYTH #1:** Synagogues are only for families, specifically young families. It is true that Emanu El has many family-oriented programs, but that does not mean that they are only for families. Anyone and everyone is welcome to attend our family friendly programs. And not to mention our thriving and incredibly comprehensive auxiliary groups that range in age and stage from our Young Professionals to our Emanu Elders, our women's breakfast group to Brotherhood and Sisterhood, social action activities that include a Young Family Social Action committee to our monthly gatherings such as Kids' Meals and, of course, our various worship and Torah study experiences. What sets us aside is that the measure of success for Emanu El's programming is not the number of people who attend, but rather the depth of the connections and relationships that are created.

**MYTH #2:** Why should I join now? My child is not yet ready for Religious School. It's never too soon to join our congregational family! It's easy to fall into the idea that membership isn't necessary until children are old enough to take advantage of our Helfman Religious School, but there is so much power in your kids growing up watching you do "Jewish" things. A great deal of learning about Judaism is through doing, not just formal classes. You also don't want to overlook the fact that Emanu El provides ongoing opportunities to study, experience and enjoy being connected to a Jewish community.

**MYTH #3:** It costs a fortune to join a synagogue! Emanu El firmly believes that finances should never be a deterrent to membership. We are happy to work with our members on a case-by-case basis to ensure that everyone is committing at a level that is both meaningful and comfortable. Our chai membership, which is \$72 for the first fiscal year, makes membership easily accessible to those who are new to town or unaffiliated. We believe in low barriers and know there is an entry point for everyone.

We pride ourselves on being warm and welcoming and exhibiting audacious hospitality, but word of mouth and sharing your own personal experiences are the most powerful tools in helping to grow and strengthen our congregation. If you have questions about membership or have someone to refer, direct them to Jill Kaplan at [jillk@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jillk@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

## 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.

**Daniel & Kerry Gorelick**, daughter Hannah,  
sons Simon & Zachary  
**Alan & Janet Selbst**  
**Ross & Laurie Pickei**, son Morgan  
**Brian Rosenzweig & Clarice Jacobson**, daughter Emilia

New members will be shared in the Temple *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 Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org).

## Annual Commitment Forms

Annual Commitment forms for 2018-19 arrived in congregant mailboxes in mid-to-late March. Congregants are encouraged to fill out the form and return it.

Individuals who have questions, needing assistance in filling out the form or needing another form are encouraged to call the synagogue office at (713) 529-5771.

Thanks to those congregants whom have already responded to date!

### Membership Portal Currently Unavailable; New Website Launched – One Step Closer!

Our new website has launched! What does this mean? We're now one step closer to making the membership portal available again.

We continue to apologize for the inconvenience but our membership portal is currently unavailable as part of our transition to a new membership database software for the first time in over a decade. Our staff is currently in the process of familiarizing themselves with our new software so that they can better serve you upon launch of the membership portal. Additional information will be shared here as it becomes available.



### IN THE COMMUNITY

**LtC. Phillip L. Hirsch USAR**, son of Susan L. Hirsch graduated from the Army War College in early June. The college is one of the highest honors afforded military senior officers.

**Gloria Ribnick** was the recipient of the 2018 Hans Mayer Jewish Communal Professional Award as presented at the Greater Houston Jewish Federation annual meeting earlier this month. Gloria was lauded for her work with Jewish Family Services.

### WEDDINGS

**Nicole Daily & Brian Leventhal**

**Mallory Wiseman & Michael Prokopuk**

### BIRTHS

**Flora Mae Coleman-Merfish**, daughter of Beth Matusoff Merfish & Daniel Coleman; granddaughter of Sherry & Gerald Merfish, Vicki & Tony Coleman

**Freya Autumn Frydland**, daughter of Kelly Alyse Frydland; granddaughter of Emanuel Frydland, Janis & Jake Isgur

**Abigail Jae Gaitz**, daughter of Jill & Jason Gaitz; granddaughter of Andi & Sandy Gaitz, Kathryn Pederson, Al Dubreuil, Pam Dubreuil

**Madeleine Pearl Giga**, daughter of Carin & Sam Giga; granddaughter of Judy & Aziz Giga, Marcia & Mike Dopieralski; great granddaughter of Jane Carazo, Edie & Ed Dopieralski, Shabudin Giga

**Davi Rose Lampe**, daughter of Kara Lampe; granddaughter of Karen Lampe

**Kate Sidney Leiman**, daughter of Tracy & Mark Leiman; granddaughter of Arlene & Alan Gerger, Marilyn & Basil Leiman; great granddaughter of Paul Kessler

**Zigmund Elliot Nelkin & Leia Jean Nelkin**, children of Kathy & Todd Nelkin

**Cameron Kate Stone**, daughter of Molly & Jebb Stone; granddaughter of Julie & Peter Johnson, Nancy Dollar, Price Stone; great granddaughter of Evelyn Muntz, Virginia Stone

### DEATHS

**Leonard Alpert**, husband of Elinor Alpert; father of Elizabeth & Calvin Davidson, Emily Alpert & Bertha Janis, Evelyn Alpert & Leon Pesin, Keren & Ted Alpert, James Alpert; grandfather of Jesse Davidson, Rachel and Sarah Pesin, Margot, Lucy and Ali Alpert

**Ina MacDonald Ayliffe**, stepmother of Mitzi & Norman Levine; grandmother of Alissa & Jonah

**Helen Blumberg**, mother of Bonnie & Gary Blumberg and Joan & Edward Wolochin; grandmother of Sherrie & Jeffrey Binder, Caren & Kevin Austin, Adam & Camila Blumberg, Natalie & Andrew Blumberg, Hayley & Jonathan Gerber; great grandmother of Rachael Genson, Stuart Genson, Eric Binder, Emily Binder, Alexander Blumberg, Anastasia Blumberg and Tahlia Blumberg; sister-in-law of Donna Blumberg

**Jackie Gutierrez**, wife of Marino Gutierrez; mother of Marilee Steiner, Patricia & Ed Will; grandmother of Adam Will, Alexandra & Aron Will; great grandmother of Ella and Charlotte

**Marcia Brooks Lewis**, mother of Andrea & Dan Cook, Judith L. Turpie, Cynda & Stephen Lewis, Ralph Levin Lewis, Mitchell Levin Lewis; grandmother of Elizabeth & Jordan Lewis, Anna K. Lewis, Lindsey & David Bozeman, Julia E. Lewis, Erica Marcia Lewis and David S. Turpie; great grandmother of six; sister-in-law of Lenore G. Brooks; mother-in-law of Cynthia Young, Judith Ann Lewis and Betsy S. Lewis

**Goldie Mann**, mother of Janet & David Mann, Margaux & Carl Mann, Joy Aiken & Monte Mann, Roberta Mann & John Lavin; grandmother of Nicholas Mann, Emily Mann and Kedra van Putten

**Joyce Marie Solomon Stone**, mother of Lauren & Scott Vines, Michelle & Howard Stone; grandmother of Mindy, Alex, Ilana, Bayle, Mark and Christina; sister of Nan & Mendel Solomon

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## Congregation Emanu El's Brotherhood Holding Annual Garage Sale on August 12th & August 19th

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El will host its annual Garage Sale on **Sundays, August 12th and 19th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at 5645 Beechnut in a strip center located at the corner of Beechnut and Hillcroft in southwest Houston.

The garage sale is open to all members of the community.

Pick-ups for this year's event began in June and continue through Saturday, August 4th. To schedule a pick-up, arrange a drop off or to volunteer, please call or email Steve Moskowitz at [moskose@swbell.net](mailto:moskose@swbell.net) or (281) 495-7795.

Any items left at the end of the sale are given to non-profit organizations within our community.

Proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Brotherhood, enabling the organization to make a difference at Emanu El and in the community.



### Saturday Meditation Group Says Goodbye to Teacher Glen Duval

Over the Memorial Day weekend, our Saturday morning meditation group came together to say goodbye to teacher Glen Duval, who is moving out of town this summer. With Glen's departure, Ann Friedman and Martin Lindenberg will continue to teach the class that takes place on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the boardroom.

Front row: Marlene Matzner, Mindy Klein, Sandy Brochstein, Susanna Paoloski, Tracy Stein, Connie Rose and David Gersh. Back row: David Klein, Rosemary Shepherd, Ann Friedman, Glen Duval, Heidi Kaplan, Genie Landon and Sandi Sheinberg.

### The Synagogue, Gathering Place Goes to the Dogs . . . and Cat

The June edition of the Gathering Place featured several playful dogs and a cat that was very affectionate to play with the participants. The Gathering Place is held on the second Monday of the month throughout much of the calendar year.



### Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience Underway

By the time this *Bulletin* hits your mailbox or email, the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience will be in Israel and more than halfway through their 'adventure'.

Throughout the trip, the group has been sending photos, videos and reflections back to Houston to be shared via social media. To keep tabs on the group, go to Facebook and search for "Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience."

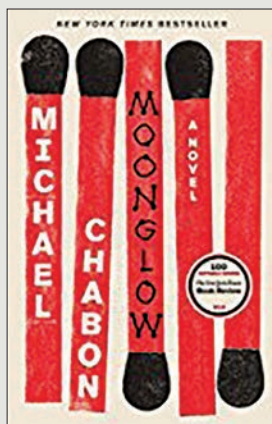
Additional photos are also being posted on Instagram on the @emanuelhouston and @emanuel\_teens profile pages.





# Sisterhood News & Happenings

July 2018



## BOOK REVIEW:

*Moonglow*,  
by Michael Chabon

THURSDAY, JULY 12TH

6:30 PM

Come join Rabbi Josh Fixler as he reviews *Moonglow*, by Michael Chabon on **Thursday, July 12th at 6:30 p.m.** In 1989, Chabon traveled to his mother's home, in Oakland, California, to visit his terminally-ill grandfather. Tongue loosened by powerful painkillers, memory stirred by the imminence of death, Chabon's grandfather shared recollections the younger man had never before heard, uncovering bits and pieces of a history long-forgotten. From pre-WWII South Philadelphia, to the invasion of Germany by U.S. forces, from a Florida retirement village, to New York's Wallkill prison, from the heyday of the space program, to the twilight of the 20th century, the novel revisits an entire era through a single life.

Book reviews are free and open to the public. A "light dinner" reception, hosted by Ed and Susan Septimus, in honor of Emanu El readers, will precede the book review. **Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office** at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org).

## Remembering the Past, Looking Forward to the Future: Sisterhood Opening Dinner

Please join in the festivities to celebrate 75 amazing years of Sisterhood on **Wednesday, August 29th at 6:30 p.m.** A fabulous evening is planned with fun, friends, favorite Emanu El food specialties, music that will have you "singin and swayin" and plenty of memorabilia. You won't want to miss this special gala anniversary tribute. Hope to see you all there.

The cost is just \$15 for members and \$20 for non-members. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, August 22nd**. To RSVP, contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Registration is also available at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org).

## EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH AUGUST 19th

The below information contains a listing of events at Emanu El exclusive of our Temple worship and Shabbat schedule, which can be found monthly on page 2.

As a Congregation, we communicate in many different ways: this calendar is supplemented by information that can be found throughout this edition of the Temple *Bulletin*, in the weekly Shabbat program, available in your weekly Wednesday eLetter, on the Emanu El website: [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org)) and/or on our Facebook page.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS (through August 19, 2018)

### JULY

- 7/3 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 7/4 – Annual Fourth of July Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- 7/5 – Emanu El Mahjong Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 7/9 – Classic Connections Social Night at Sonoma, 6:00 p.m.
- 7/12 – Work of Our Hands, 10 a.m.
- 7/12 – Sisterhood Book Review: *Moonglow* by Michael Chabon, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/17 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 7/19 – The Middle's Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Hayon, 12:00 p.m. (Houston Club)
- 7/20 – Community Shabbat Dinner, following services (approx. 7:15 p.m.)
- 7/24 – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

### AUGUST

- 8/2 – Emanu El Mahjong Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 8/3 – Tot Shabbat & Dinner, 5:45 p.m. (dinner) & 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 8/7 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 8/9 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 8/12 – Brotherhood Garage Sale Opening Weekend, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (5645 Beechnut)
- 8/17 – Pop-Up Shabbat in the Heights, 6:00 p.m. (at Gallery 3, 2101 Winter St.)
- 8/19 – Brotherhood Garage Sale Second Weekend, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (5645 Beechnut)
- 8/19 – Houston Jewish Singles' Does Kids Meals, 10:30 a.m. (at Beth Israel)

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# Helfman Religious School

## Helfman Religious School to Host Open House Sunday, August 26th from 10:30-11:30 a.m.

Please join us at the Helfman Religious School Open House on **Sunday, August 26th from 10:30-11:30 a.m.** Come with your child and meet our faculty, clergy and religious school staff. Class assignments will be posted. If you have not yet registered your child(ren), please contact Gail Shapiro at [gails@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:gails@emanuelhouston.org).

## Helfman High School Seniors Celebrate Graduation

Our graduating seniors led a beautiful Erev Shabbat service before family and friends in late April. This celebration marked the conclusion of their studies at Congregation Emanu El's Helfman Religious School and the beginning of the next stage of their lives as Jewish young adults.

Photographer: Natural Expressions



**First row (l-r): Samuel Weiser, Andrew Berger, Brianna Burgan and Jason Levine; second row: Joe Lipper, Aerin Kalmans, Ilana Vines, Madison Brewer, Melissa Alter, Abigail Eastman, Hannah Cass and Benjamin Feldstein; third row: Michelle Frankfort, Teacher, Rabbi Pamela Silk, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Josh Fixler, Cantor Rollin Simmons and Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning.**



## **Announcing the Creation of Tot Shabbat 2.0**

Dear Young Families,

We heard your feedback and suggestions and are so excited for the relaunch of Tot Shabbat! Our goal is to have dinner accompanying the service almost every month on the first Friday of the month when Tot Shabbat is held. With that, we are going to continue our commitment to subsidize dinner to keep the costs accessible for our young families.

In an effort to emulate the Shabbat experience at home, we will begin each dinner by joining together as one big congregational family at 5:45 p.m. to recite the traditional Shabbat blessings over the challah, candles and juice and then allowing time for everyone to eat before the service begins at 6:30 p.m.

While we will be serving kid-friendly food, we also welcome you to bring your own dinner and join us if that makes it easier to accommodate your family's specific dietary needs.

Another new and notable aspect to our Tot Shabbat experience is that we will have blessing cards available on the tables to make it easy to follow along. We encourage you to take a set of these cards home to help foster teachable moments at your own Shabbat tables.

A short and sweet dessert oneg will immediately follow services. As we continue to improve our Tot Shabbat experience, we hope you'll recognize all the different ways we are working to make this a meaningful, vibrant and engaging experience for ages kids 0-6.

## **Calling Young Families! Emanu El Seeks Tot Shabbat Hosts**

Are you looking for a way to get more involved? Do your kids want to lead blessings at Friday night services? Is your son or daughter having a birthday and you'd like to honor them in a unique way?

The first Friday of each month we are pleased to have a special Tot Shabbat service, geared towards families with little ones ages 0-6. Each Tot Shabbat presents a rare opportunity for families to interact with each other and get to know our clergy on a more personal level. Each month, Emanu El extends the privilege of hosting a Tot Shabbat to our Young Families who may be interested in becoming more involved.

We also invite you to pair up with other families and host as a cohort if that's what you'd prefer. For more information on hosting responsibilities and what this may entail, contact Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

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## **Cantor Simmons Visits Camp**



**Cantor Rollin Simmons (and Levi) at Kibbutz for dinner at URJ Greene Family Camp. Cantor Simmons is pictured with several of our Helfman Religious School students attending camp.**

## **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.

## Upcoming Programming Offerings for Affinity Groups at Emanu El

Congregation Emanu El is actively seeking to create groups within our community that serve different ages, stages and interests. Are you interested in forming a group like the offerings listed below?

Contact Jill Kaplan or Jason Plotkin at the synagogue. Jill can be reached at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org) and Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

### Emanu El Monthly Mahj First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. – Next Gathering on Thursday, July 5th

Responding to popular demand by members of the congregation, we are happy to announce a recurring casual night of mahjong. We will meet on the first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m. in the Stillman-Lack Library or in the Board Room, unless otherwise noted. There will be a nominal \$5 fee to cover drinks and dinner. Novice and advanced players welcome! For more information and to RSVP, please email Jill Kaplan at [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org) or call (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

### Classic Connections – Social Evening at Sonoma Monday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m.

Come celebrate summer with friends; a glass of wine or beer and something to eat at Sonoma Wine Bar – Upper Kirby, 2720 Richmond Ave. 77098, on **Monday, July 9th at 6:00 p.m.** Sonoma was a great venue for our after-Thanksgiving gathering last November, and summer is the perfect time for a glass of Rosé. You can visit their website at [www.sonomahouston.com/](http://www.sonomahouston.com/) to view the menu, wines by the glass and beers which can be purchased by attendees on a pay-as-you-go basis.

There is no charge to attend. Registration is limited to the first 20 attendees, so please visit [EmanuElHouston.org](http://EmanuElHouston.org) to sign up.

Classic Connections is a social group for those members of our congregation in their 50s and 60s. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 535-6414.

### The Middle's Downtown Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Hayon Thursday, July 19th at 12:00 p.m.

The Middle, Emanu El's group for those in their 30s and 40s, wants you to save the date on **Thursday, July 19th at 12:00 p.m.** for an exciting lunch and learn program. The discussion topic, led by Rabbi Hayon, will be "Do You Believe in Miracles?"

The lunch will be held at the prestigious Houston Club downtown located at on the 49th floor of One Shell Plaza, 910 Louisiana Street. Come enjoy a delicious lunch, breathtaking views of downtown and an opportunity to learn in an intimate setting with Rabbi Hayon. The cost is \$15 per person and includes your choice of three delicious entrees. Valet parking included. For more information, contact [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org).

### Young Professionals & The Middle: Pop-Up Shabbat in the Heights Friday, August 17th

We are pleased to announce the first of several Shabbat experiences to take place outside of the walls of the synagogue. Join us for an evening of worship and mingling in the Heights on **Friday, August 17th from 7:30-10:00 p.m.** at Gallery 3, 2101 Winter St., for an adult-only Shabbat experience that will feature a unique blend of prayer and service accompanied by dessert and wine.

Located in the Historic Winter Street Studios in Houston's First Ward Arts District, Gallery 3 will serve as our home for worship for the evening in addition to our traditional offering in the Proler Chapel. Co-sponsored by both our Young Professional and The Middle groups, the evening will be an intimate, contemporary and spiritual option for your Friday date night.

### Community-Wide Jewish Singles Group for 50s and 60s to Make Lunches for Kids Meals Sunday, August 19th

The Houston area Jewish singles' group for those in their 50s and 60s will have its next gathering on **Sunday, August 19th at 10:30 a.m.** at Congregation Beth Israel (5600 North Braeswood).



The August meeting will feature a social action project as the group of singles will make lunches for Kids Meals, one of Emanu El's on-going community partners.

Kids Meals is a local organization with a mission to end childhood hunger by delivering free healthy meals to Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children and through collaboration, provide their families with resources to end the cycle of poverty.

Prior to the social action project, a light breakfast will be served.

A coalition of synagogues which includes Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Congregation Emanu El and HCRJ are behind the community-wide singles' group. Previous programs have included social gatherings and a Shabbat dinner.

To RSVP for this event and/or get on the mailing list for information about future gatherings, please contact Justin Deutsch at [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org) or (713) 782-4162.

### The Middle Women's Breakfast Group Friday, August 24th at 7:30 a.m.



Join The Middle's Women's breakfast group for our next event, a morning of service! We will head to Undies for Everyone, 4019 S. Braeswood, to learn more about the organization while we help pack underwear that will be distributed to various school districts and organizations such as the Houston Area Women's Center, City of Houston Back-to-School Fest and HISD homeless, to name a few.

Once we are finished packing and learning, breakfast will be served while everyone schmoozes before heading out for the day. Our approximate timeline will be: 7:30-8:30 a.m. (packing and learning more about UFE), 8:30-9:00 a.m. (breakfast and schmoozing). If you need to skip out early or arrive late, we are happy to accommodate you! The cost is \$5 per person to cover breakfast.

Please RSVP at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org) by **Monday, August 20th**. For more information, contact Jill Kaplan at [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org).

## Widow to Widow Shabbat Dinner & Guest Speaker

Friday, August 31st

(following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat Services)



Congregation Emanu El's Widow to Widow group will have a Shabbat dinner and special guest speaker on **Friday, August 31st** following the congregation's 6:00 p.m. Shabbat worship.

The dinner will begin at approximately 7:15 p.m. with guest speaker Lauren Manning Salomon presenting a talk entitled "Finding a Path

Forward" at the conclusion of dinner. Salomon's talk will be interactive as she will walk attendees through an exercise in order to gain self-awareness and set goals that can be worked upon immediately.

Salomon has a Ph.D in Industrial & Organizational Psychology from the University of Houston. A certified executive coach, she has over 20 years of experience in consulting and coaching to help organizations and individuals envision short term and long-term goals and achieve success.

All members of 'Widow to Widow' as well as widows within our community are invited to join us for dinner, see old friends and make new ones.

The cost of the dinner is \$12 and can be paid on the Emanu El website at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) by the **RSVP deadline of Wednesday, August 29th**.

For more information on the dinner, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org). For more information on "Widow to Widow," please contact Marlene Rubin at [mrubin4@gmail.com](mailto:mrubin4@gmail.com)

## Houston Jewish Dog Play Group

Calling all pups . . . bring your humans to Houston Jewish Dog Play Group. The new Houston Jewish Dog Play Group. It's really cool. We get to play at the dog park (sometimes there is even water involved) and our humans kibbitz with each other. After, we even get to go for drinks.

If you're interested, have your human give Pam Kutner a ring and she'll send the details when available. [pamelaekutner@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaekutner@gmail.com).





# Becker School

## NAEYC Re-accreditation For Becker School

The best news is that Becker successfully completed NAEYC re-accreditation! We received word that we are an outstanding school and were re-accredited for another 5 years! Congratulations to all the teachers and staff for all their hard work and dedication to our fabulous preschool.

## Summer Camp Got Off To A Great Start

Summer camp got off to a great start as we continue to travel across Central and South America with Pete the Cat bringing along many special programs and adventures. These include the Express Theater's Aztec Princess, a time-traveling Princess who tells classic Mexican fables in English and Spanish, which directly involves the children in all the action. Additional

programming included the Dinky Drum Company who entertained the children with a special musical performance at Becker. Tortilla making was a big hit as well as creating and decorating ponchos and sombreros. Bugs on Wheels Amazing Arthropods, Colombian dancing, splash day Fridays and so much more are all part of the summer camp fun at Becker. Since the theme is Spanish based, the children are learning Spanish phrases and words including numbers and colors.

## Becker Beginning of School Year Calendar

**Meet the Teacher** (for children & parents):  
**Monday, August 27th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.**  
(MWF, M-F classes);

**Tuesday, August 28th from 9:30-11:30 a.m.** (TuTh classes)

**First Day of Classes: Tuesday, August 28th** (M-F classes);  
**Wednesday, August 29th** (MWF classes);  
**Thursday, August 30th** (TuTh classes)

Back to School Night (for adults only) will be held on  
**Thursday, August 30th at 7:00 p.m.**



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# BOOK OF MEMORY – 2018

*The Book of Memory* is printed outside the Temple and all names memorialized must be submitted on the form below by **Wednesday, August 1st**. Names submitted after that date will be published in a future *Bulletin*. We suggest a minimum donation of \$15 per name. *The Book of Memory* will become available for distribution on the afternoon of Yom Kippur, with additional copies available at the Temple following Yom Kippur. We suggest a minimum of \$15 per name.

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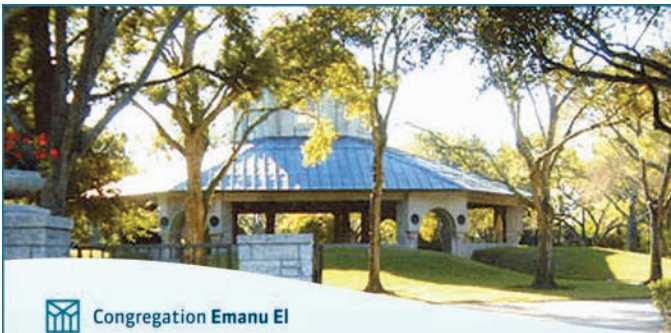
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Emanu El Hosting Open House on  
Sunday, August 26th

Emanu El is excited to open our doors on **Sunday, August 26th from 10:00-11:30 a.m.** for an “Open House” for prospective members. If you know of anyone who is interested in membership, have friends or family who would be a good fit for our community, or know of anyone who is new to town, please help us spread the word!

We will serve breakfast and coffee, have clergy available to meet new faces and answer questions, and staff will be on hand to facilitate building tours. Feel free to send contact information of prospective members to Jill Kaplan at [jillk@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jillk@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 so that we can send them a personal invitation.



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