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FROM RABBI HAYON



I am comforted by the knowledge that these students – and all of Emanu El's kids who are embarking on their own adventures this summer – will be held up by our blessings and good wishes as they take to the sky.

We have reached the time of year again when (for those of us with school-age children, at least) life shifts into a lower gear and the pace of our days slackens with the arrival of summer.

This month, families in our community are embarking on adventurous vacations, long-postponed projects in our houses and yards, and trips to visit out-of-town friends and relatives.

This summer, Julie and I are preparing to send both of our children to camp for the first time. It is a very exciting milestone in their lives, but a bittersweet occasion for the two of us. Despite the difficult feelings of sending our kids away for the first time, we know that camp will bring them many exciting opportunities to make new friends, broaden their independence, and deepen their Jewish identity.

In 1987, Israeli music star Arik Einstein recorded his hit

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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Rodney Roth spoke at Leadership Shabbat on Friday, May 4th on the occasion of his installation as President. His remarks can be found below.

The year was 1925, in a small European town. The streets, narrow and lined with cobblestones, were bustling with activity, as a small Jewish community prepared for Shabbat. The smell of fresh challah and strudel filled the air; sweet wine for the Kiddish was brought in from local vineyards.

This was not your typical Shabbat, as the seeds of anti-Semitism and bigotry were starting to sprout. This small town of Hessloch, Germany, had a synagogue that was the focal point of Jewish life. My maternal grandmother, Erna, and her cousin, Ernest Krautkopf, hustled to shul to

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New Roof Installation

New Roof Installation to Begin in Mid-June; Proler Chapel Parking Lot to Be Closed During Project

A two-to-three month installation of the new roof will begin in the middle of June.

The most significant impact on our congregants will be the closure of the small parking lot adjacent to the Proler Chapel – primarily utilized for ‘accessible parking’ – during the duration of this project. This lot will be used by our roofing company for their needs throughout the installation including, but not limited to storage of materials.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

(Through Thursday, June 14th – see information about this change in our worship on page 6)

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1 – 15:41 Friday, June 8th

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
**Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience Sendoff
& Blessing**

Saturday, June 9th

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

Shabbat Korah, Numbers 16:1 – 18:32 Friday, June 15th

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

Saturday, June 16th

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

Shabbat Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1 Friday, June 22nd

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

Saturday, June 23rd

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

Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2 – 25:9 Friday, June 29th

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

Saturday, June 30th

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

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 Friday, July 13th

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

Saturday, July 14th

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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song, *Uf Gozal* [Fly, Hatchling]. The song imagines a mother bird encouraging her chicks to spread their wings and take to the sky for the first time. The song was (and still is) a stirring and influential part of modern Israeli culture, where all children must “leave the nest” for their compulsory military service after high school. Here in America, of course, we are spared that particular difficulty, but the work of parenthood is still always an exercise in the skill of letting go gracefully.

This month, parents throughout our congregation and our city are sending their children off to college, to first jobs, to summer camps, on trips with friends, and on solo vacations for the first time. Even though we all were eager for our own adventures when we were younger, it is a poignant sensation to say good bye as our children “leave the nest.” As Einstein sings: “I know that this is nature’s way / I left my own nest too / But now that the time has come / There’s a small lump in my throat.”

This summer will also bring us the opportunity to send off another group of eager teen participants in the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience. Their travels in Poland and Israel will be unforgettable as they share this life-changing experience in their Jewish lives. I hope that you will join us at Shabbat services on **Friday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m.** to bless these students and offer our prayers together for a safe journey and a safe return to their homes and their families. I am comforted by the knowledge that these students – and all of Emanu El’s kids who are embarking on their own adventures this summer – will be held up by our blessings and good wishes as they take to the sky.

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 Elyse Kalmans (elysekalmans@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.

Memorial Plaques

Our vendor has indicated that they anticipate a turn-around time of as long as three months for memorial plaques due to the influx of memorial plaque requests that they receive prior to the High Holy Days from synagogues across the country.

In order to ensure that your loved ones' plaque is placed on the walls of the Barish Sanctuary in time for this year's High Holy Days, which begin in early September, we are asking that you purchase a plaque **by the close of business on Friday, June 8th**. For more information, contact Alisha Klapholz at (713) 529-5771, ext. 213.

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.

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 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 **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.

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 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 or Jason Plotkin at 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.

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 or (713) 529-5771, ext.212.

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listen to my great-grandfather, Joseph, about to address the congregation for the first time as the recently elected president of his congregation.

While no one could imagine the horrific atrocities facing this community in the years to come, the one similarity that I would like to reflect on is the importance of their Jewish heritage and serving their sacred community. Just like my parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents, I am answering the call to serve my community and help to lead us forward. Thankfully, my grandparents were fortunate enough to escape Nazi Germany and eventually settled in Houston, where they along with several other families, many of which are represented here tonight, understood the sanctity of their Jewish heritage and decided to found a new congregation – Emanu El. My multi-generational connection to this congregation and our dedication to its future is what inspired me to take a leadership role in this amazing community.

Now, the big question is why did I take on the role of the presidency, including all of the responsibilities and headaches that come with it? As Rabbi Silk responded, I guess you could say that this is a part of my *'kishkes.'* My mother insists that my leadership journey started back in my religious school days as I was a frequent visitor to Mr. Reingold's office, and not by choice.

But seriously, as I embark upon the presidency of this sacred congregation, my aspirational goal is that every congregant finds their place. The opportunities are many – whether through learning, Sisterhood, Brotherhood, or whatever sparks your interest. We must offer opportunities to help all of us live our individual and collective Jewish journeys. The questions that we will try to answer together will be: how do we reconnect with congregants, and how do we bring new ones through those sacred doors? How do we serve as a model for adult Jewish life? And how do we make sure that your sacred home has all the features you desire?

While I'm sure that most of you have great ideas and hopefully the answers to these questions, I wanted to make sure that your voices are heard, as I assure you that I do not have a monopoly on ideas. So, to field your calls, I have set up a *'kvetch'* hotline inspired by my predecessor and mentor, Jeff Basen-Enquist. So please remember this number: 1(800) Call-Jeff.

But sincerely, while we strive to answer these questions, it is time to think creatively, to leverage our resources, to listen to congregants, to identify their needs, and to do more. There are ideas we can share and learn from, that will only enhance our mission. We must welcome innovation, change, and experimentation. We must not be afraid to take risks. "People often avoid making decisions out of fear of making a mistake. Actually, the failure to make decisions is one of life's biggest mistakes." – *Rabbi Noah Weinberg*

I love this quote because it inspires us to keep taking risks in order to grow. I want to be able to keep climbing even after I fall, and have the courage to fail and keep



Rodney Roth (right) with 2018 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year Diane Puschett at this year's Congregant of the Year celebration.

trying again. We must move forward to develop a culture of assessment, reflection, and improvement, and not be shy about making the changes that will enhance our spirit and our culture.

I look forward to working with Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, Rabbi Fixler, Rabbi Walter, Cantor Simmons, Executive Director David Lamden, Jason, Stefani, Paula, and the rest of our amazing staff, to welcome change both big and small while being mindful and thoughtful of our rich history and traditions. I would also like to thank my dear friend, past president Jeff Basen-Enquist, who patiently shared with me the nuances of this fine institution.

The upcoming year will be extraordinary as we get ready to celebrate our 75th anniversary. The year will have an abundance of celebration, learning, growth and innovation. Judaism is joyful. A year to reconnect our rich history with our dreams for the future. I would like to thank Cheryl Levy and Elyse Kalmans for taking the lead in what should be an exciting calendar year of events.

In conclusion, I would like to thank my parents for always being patient, and loving, and instilling in me the importance of Jewish values. I would also like to thank my wife Robin who I met on a trip to Israel in 1995 and has been my love and support ever since. I am lucky to have an in-house counsel who always provides a listening ear and sound advice. I would like to thank my children, Gavin and Cameron, for your love and patience as I take on this new leadership role. I would like to thank our outgoing and incoming Boards for the time and dedication you have given to our congregation. And lastly, I would like to thank all of you, for entrusting me with this opportunity to serve our sacred community.

So, as we embark on this path together, our 74th year as a congregation, may it be filled with reconnection, growth, and celebration. Amen.

– *Rodney Roth, President*

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH JULY 20th

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 and/or on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(through July 20, 2018)

JUNE

- 6/1 – Tot Shabbat Dinner & Service, Dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by service at 6:30 p.m.
- 6/1 – Emanu El Alum/HUC Student Michelle Blumenthal at Shabbat Services, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/1 – Emanu El Young Professionals Dinner with Michelle Blumenthal, 7:15 p.m.
- 6/5 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 6/5 – Night at the Ballpark, 7:00 p.m. (at Minute Maid Park)
- 6/6 – Annual Summer College Student Gathering, 6:30 p.m. (at Mia's)
- 6/11 – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/14 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/14 – My Generation BBQ and Bingo Pot Luck, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/15 – Community Shabbat Dinner, following services (approx. 7:15 p.m.)
- 6/19 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 6/26 – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

JULY

- 7/3 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 7/4 – Annual Fourth of July Celebration, 7 p.m.
- 7/5 – Young Women of Emanu El Mahjong Night, 5:30 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 p.m. (Houston Club)
- 7/20 – Community Shabbat Dinner, following services (approx. 7:15 p.m.)

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OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Karen Basen-Engquist received the 2018 Kathryn S. Stream Award for Excellence from the Greater Houston Women's Chamber of Commerce at their Tenth Annual Conference for Women. The annual award recognizes a Houston-area researcher, educator, practitioner or community leader with a record of achievement in advancing women's health. The award is named for Dr. Kathryn S. Stream, a devoted women's health advocate who retired as Senior Vice President of the Texas Medical Center in 2008.

Aliza Plotkin was recently selected as co-President of the Houston chapter of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW). Other members of our congregation on the Board include **Arlene Karchmer** (treasurer), **Libby Marvins** (recording secretary), **Jill Kaplan** (Advocacy Vice President), **Bari Fishel** (Fund Development Vice President), **Jody Sweed** & **Marlene Matzner** (Advisors).

WEDDINGS

Allison Weintraub & Todd Waldman

Stephanie Wilson & Brandon Purcel

Megan Zions & Cameron Davis

BIRTH

Harrison Jules Wachs, son of Stephanie & Michael Wachs; grandson of Maureen & Ellison Wittels, Steven Wachs, Ruth Wachs

DEATHS

Jason Paul Brook, brother of Hannah Brook & Jeffrey Peskin and Ana Santaguida & Adam Brook

Gary "Bud" Chauvin, husband of Janie Chauvin; father of Sara Friesen, Charles Chauvin, Mariana De La Rosa, Larry Chauvin; grandfather of nine

Milton Feder, husband of Judy Feder; father of Crystal & Marc Feder, Noblet Davidson Feder; brother of Gloria Schoolman; brother-in-law of Robbie & Stephen Moskowitz, Sandy & Murray Adelstein

Florence Silverblatt Selber, mother of Phyllis & Jack Selber and Kay & Fred Zeidman; grandmother of Jill Beilinson, Sandy & Tim Sturm, Leslie & Andy Snelgrove, Mark Zeidman, Anat & Jay Zeidman and Nancy Zeidman; great grandmother of Eli and Jacob Beilinson, Holly, Whitney and Timothy Sturm, Charlie and Sam Snelgrove and Ayelet Zeidman

Robert Weinberg, father of John Weinberg, Harlan Richard Weinberg, and Irving Burness Weinberg; grandfather of Victoria Weinberg, Jamie Weinberg and Robert Weinberg; brother of Charles Weinberg

A Note from Rabbi Hayon

This message from Rabbi Oren Hayon was emailed to the congregation on Wednesday, May 16th.

Dear friends,

I'm writing you today at the request of Rabbi Walter, who has asked that I share the following information with you about his health.



Beginning this week, Rabbi Walter will be undergoing a regimen of medical treatment for a form of sarcoma cancer that his medical team recently discovered and diagnosed. The doctors are confident that a cure is very likely given this prompt course of treatment, and Rabbi Walter and his family are feeling very optimistic as well.

At this time, I want to emphasize that what Rabbi Walter needs and wants most from our congregation are our prayers and good wishes. If you want to reach out personally to him and Linda, the best way to do so will be for you to send a card to his attention here at the Temple, and we will see that it is passed along to him directly.

Because of the demands of his medical treatment, Rabbi Walter's availability for Temple and lifecycle events over the coming weeks and months will be somewhat diminished. I am thankful in advance for your understanding of this reality, and for your flexibility in the case that another member of the clergy team may need to step in to fulfill any commitments already on his calendar. I am grateful for your willingness to join in our efforts to be as supportive as possible of Rabbi Walter and his family during this time.

I know that all of you join me in my heartfelt prayers that Rabbi Walter's treatment will be successful, and that he will enjoy a complete recovery and return speedily to us in full strength. Our faith and optimism will be a great support to him and Linda as they move forward with full confidence in a successful outcome of this challenging time.

With thanks for your partnership and friendship, and with prayers to God, the Healer of the sick,

– Rabbi Oren Hayon

Daily Minyan to Conclude June 14th

After considerable evaluation, deliberation, and in-depth conversations with the congregation's Ritual & Music Committee and the Board of Trustees, we have made the difficult decision to discontinue the daily service, effective **Thursday, June 14th**.

This decision was made after an extended process of analysis confirmed that, in a majority of instances, the service attracts one or fewer attendees. This information tells us clearly that, while this service has felt important and meaningful to some, the vast majority of our members are not inclined to attend a weekday worship service at Temple.

Maintaining a worship service with near-zero attendance is both a poor use of resources and an indicator that we need to explore other strategies of offering an affirming worship experience for those who are in mourning or remembering a loved one on their *yahrzeit*.

Emanu El Exploring Ride Share Program to Improve Congregants' Access to Worship, Programming

For the last several months, Congregation Emanu El leadership has been working with a company called Envoy America to establish a low-cost ride share program that will pair a skilled driver companion with senior members of our Congregation who are unable to drive themselves safely to Temple.

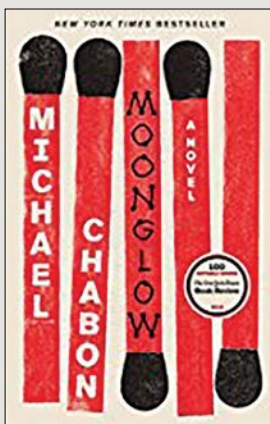
A nationally-recognized company, Envoy America provides mature, trained, secured driver companions that assist seniors in staying connected, independent, and safe.

Emanu El has had several members test Envoy America's service and they have reported positive feedback that has encouraged us to take the next step. In order to help minimize costs for the participants with the assistance of synagogue subsidies, we are seeking to compile a list of individual(s) that would be interested in taking advantage of this service. By enabling the drivers to make multiple stops in a single neighborhood en route to worship and/or programs, the costs and efficiency of the service become ideal for all participants.

For more information or to get on the list of interested participants, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Sisterhood News & Happenings

May 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.

New Traditions Gift Shop Summer Hours Underway

The New Traditions Sisterhood gift shop kicked off its summer hours on Monday, May 14th. Throughout the summer, the shop will be open **Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or by appointment.**

To schedule an appointment, call (713) 529-5771, ext. 234 or email sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Please leave your name and phone number and someone will be in touch.

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.

Adam & Jennifer Kaplan, sons Ben & Jake
Aleksandr & Galina Kiriakova
Norm & Mitzi Levine
Jason Reiner
Dale & Dana Volpe, daughter Candace

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 JillP@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.

Sisterhood Hosts Annual Closing Luncheon

The Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El hosted its closing luncheon and installation in early May. The installation included a musical performance by Cantor Rollin Simmons. We are grateful to our volunteers who helped put on a delightful after the program.



Helfman Teacher Judy Ney Receives Irving L. Samuels Award for Judaic Studies

Mazel Tov to our Helfman Religious School at Congregation Emanu El teacher Judy Ney on receiving the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Irving L. Samuels Award for Judaic Studies. Judy has taught at Emanu El for 25 years, mostly in the fourth grade. A video of Judy's acceptance speech can be found on the Helfman Religious School Facebook page.



Volunteer Choir Performs at Brookdale

Under the direction of Ann Frohbieter, the Emanu El volunteer choir performed at the Brookdale in mid-May. The group does several performances throughout the community each year and all are invited to join the choir at the Belmont Tanglewood on **Sunday, June 10th**.



Throwback Thursdays on Emanu El's Social Media

Did you know? Do you remember?

Every Thursday on Congregation Emanu El's social media platforms – namely its Facebook page – our congregation shares photos and documents from the synagogue's archives as part of "Throwback Thursday."

Many of the photos chosen tie into an upcoming event. Recent selections include a photo from the 2014 Shirley Barish Memorial Experience ahead of this year's trip and an article announcing Rabbi Robert Loewy's resignation from Emanu El to coincide with his retirement after 30+ years at Gates of Prayer in Louisiana.

Other photo selections may tie into a synagogue milestone such as the photo below posted in late April, as Emanu El celebrates the 35th anniversary of the Kagan-Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park being completed and dedicated. Pictured from left-to-right are Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, then synagogue president Dolores Wilkenfeld and Rabbi Roy Walter.



Have photos that you want to share from the history of the congregation for purposes of 'Throwback Thursday' or the congregational archives, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Annual Summer College Student Gathering

Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m.

Are you an Emanu El college student planning to be back in Houston this summer? Come join your favorite Emanu El clergy for dinner **Wednesday, June 6th at 6:30 p.m.** This summer's dinner will take place at Mia's, 3131 Argonne. Please RSVP to collegestudents@emanuelhouston.org.

Congregation Emanu El Hosting "Uniting Our Communities & Countering Hate" Interfaith Panel

Thursday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El is teaming up with the Transgender Education Network of Texas (TENT) and the Texas Freedom Network (TFN) to host an interfaith panel entitled, "Uniting our Communities and Countering Hate" on **Thursday, June 7th at 6:00 p.m.** Rabbi Josh Fixler of Emanu El will sit on the panel on behalf of Emanu El and the Jewish community.

Other faith-based leaders scheduled to participate include Rev. Jonathan Page from First Congregational Church of Houston, Rev. Darnell Fennell of Just Love of Houston, Rev. Marvetta Walker of Progressive Open Door Christian Center and Rev. Lisa Hunt of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church.

The panel will discuss how too often discrimination is cloaked in religious talk that vilifies the trans community. Attendees will be invited to learn what different faith groups believe their faith says about the trans community and how their communities are combating this discrimination.

For more information, visit www.facebook.com/TransTexas or contact Sonja Miller with the Texas Freedom Network at sonja@tfn.org or (512) 322-0545, ext. 212.

For more information on Congregation Emanu El, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience Send-Off During Shabbat Services

Friday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m.

Our Shabbat worship on **Friday, June 8th** will also serve as the official congregational send-off for our participants in the 3rd Shirley Barish Memorial Israel

Experience. A group of rising 11th and 12th graders in our Helfman Religious School, these students will embark to Europe in mid-June before making their way to Israel.

Generously funded by the Barish family, this trip follows previous experiences that took place in 2014 and 2016. Congregants and community members alike are urged to stay tuned to the group's happenings by visiting the 'Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience' Facebook page. Photos and testimonials will be posted often to the page once this group is on the ground in Israel. Occasional updates will also be shared on the Congregation Emanu El page and through the synagogue's Instagram page.

Emanu El Volunteer Choir Performing at Belmont Tanglewood

Sunday, June 10th at 3:30 p.m.

The volunteer choir invites all congregants to attend our next 45 minute performance at the Belmont Tanglewood, 7667 Woodway Dr. on **Sunday, June 10th at 3:30 p.m.** Our 16-member choir, directed by Ann Frohbieter, will be singing Broadway tunes, some Nat King Cole, and songs of freedom including an uplifting patriotic salute! We also welcome anyone who would like to join the choir by contacting Richard Zoll at richard.zoll@yahoo.com. We rehearse on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple.

Congregation Emanu El's Annual Community Shabbat Dinners

Friday, June 15th & 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!

For a fourth straight summer, Emanu El will host community Shabbat dinners – this year on **Friday, June 15th** and **Friday, July 20th** following services. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person, with the cost subsidized by the synagogue. The June dinner will feature sliders and hot dogs, with the July menu including traditional comfort foods. Vegetarian options are available for both dinners.

Please note that RSVPs are required and Emanu El will not be able to handle walk-ups. **RSVP online by Wednesday, June 13th** for the June event and **Wednesday, July 18th** for the July dinner at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771.

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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 or (713) 535-6414.

Please note that we are asking that everyone park in the Gaylor Parking Facility for security purposes.

Emanu El Partnering with Keshet at Pride Parade

Saturday, June 23 at 8:30 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El is once again one of several community sponsors of Keshet Houston's participation in the Houston Pride Parade.

Members of the Emanu El community are invited to come out to support Keshet and march with the group. Prior to the parade, Keshet will make havdallah.

To participate, one must register before **Thursday, June 21st** at KeshetHouston.org. No one will be allowed to march if they have not pre-registered.

Keshet Houston is a non-profit organization for LGBT Jews in the Houston and Southeast Texas region. The mission of the organization is strengthening identity and fellowship within the intersection of the Jewish and lesbian and gay communities; providing a forum in which lesbian and gay Jews can learn and worship together; and acting out the Jewish ideals of *tzedakah* (charity), *chesed* (loving kindness) and *tikkun olam* (social justice).

More information at <http://www.keshethouston.org/parade-rsvp.html>.

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 and Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Young Women of Emanu El Monthly Mahj First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Responding to popular demand by young women of the congregation, we are happy to announce a recurring casual night of mahjong for all ages, starting on **Thursday, June 7th!** 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 or call (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

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.

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. pamelakutner@gmail.com.

KPRC's Frank Billingsley Speaks at The Middle Women's Breakfast in April

"The Middle" – Emanu El's new group for those in their 30s and 40s – hosted a women's breakfast at Ouisie's Table Restaurant, Bar and Gardens in late April. The breakfast featured KPRC-TV meteorologist Frank Billingsley, who recently wrote a book entitled, *Swabbed & Found*, documenting his journey as an adoptee searching for information regarding his biological family.



More information on future events – open to men and women – will be shared in upcoming publications.

My Generation BBQ & Bingo Pot Luck



(713) 529-5771, ext. 262 for more information or to make sure you are on the My Generation email list.

Join My Generation – Emanu El's social group for those 65 & older – for a BBQ & Bingo Pot Luck on **Thursday, June 14th at 6:00 p.m.**

Chef Smirnov Catering will provide the entrees and we're asking for you to bring sides and dessert! The cost for the evening is \$10 with registration available on www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771.

Enjoy an evening of bingo, schmoozing and prizes at the synagogue!

Contact Jill Patir at jillp@emanuelhouston.org or

Scout Troop 1190

Scout Troop 1190 is marking the end of a busy year and we are actively planning next year! In September 2017-April 2018, despite hurricanes, our Scout Troop grew with a new base of younger scouts.

Three Scouts earned the Ner Tamid Jewish Scouting award

10 rank advancements in rank

Over 68 Merit Badges were earned plus 6 Eagle Scouts in the last two years!

Troop 1190 combined advancement with social action. We camped out at SIRE in Hockley, a therapeutic riding center, where the troop achieved the Horsemanship badge while assisting in facility maintenance.

Scouting is an outdoor oriented program. Our scouts attended National Jamboree, Camp Delatour in Colorado

with other campouts during the year. This summer, 1190 is attending Camp Royaneh in northern California. Two of our scouts have been selected for National Youth Leadership Training, a prestigious and intensive experiential leadership course.

Troop 1190 is also a troop very interested in STEM subjects. We earn more than our share in STEM-related Merit Badges and participate in fun, STEM-related activities every year.

In a pluralistic and flexible Jewish setting, Troop 1190 aspires to the high ideals of Scouting: Character, Citizenship and Fitness. We are very welcoming: we welcome new Scouts; no experience is necessary; we welcome adult volunteers for teaching merit badges and support; we welcome assistance for: scholarship support for our Scouts in-need, for replacing aging equipment and for updating our camping Judaica items.

Contact our new Committee Chair Herman Vargas at hermanvargas@alum.MIT.edu.

Cub Scout Troop 1190 Goes to Galveston



In early May, the Emanu El Cub Scout Troop 1190 had their final camping trip of the year as they headed to Galveston. The scouts and their families toured a battleship, spent time on the beach and had a campout amongst other activities.



Helfman Religious School

2018 Confirmation Class



First row (l-r): Alexis Marks, Nicole Sax, Bayle Vines, Madeline Canfield, Eliana Estes and Emily Herbst; second row: Daniel Eastman, Isaac Levit, Michael Weber, Jr., Akira Kravetz Clark, Joseph Mazella, Dmitry Didyk and Jacob Brewer; third row: Cantor Rollin Simmons, Rabbi Pam Silk, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Josh Fixler and Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning.

3rd Grade Service

Our Helfman Religious School third grade students led a beautiful service before family and friends, to celebrate their next educational milestone and prepare to enter our mid-week Hebrew program next year.



First row (l-r); Julie Sacks, Music Teacher, Michelle Levi, Ryan Mantel, Joshua Weisman, Dylan Kramer, Adam Gospin, Joshua Taylor, Simon Zamberk, Eliana Levit, Jacob Gospin, Julian Farber, Michael Burt, Zoe Kalba and Jules Pulaski; second row: Sam Slobin, Gabriella Hess, Evyn Rudin, Elizabeth Eisner, Natalie Herbst, Harper Diamond, David Weber, Clara Lurie, Charlotte Garrison, Sophie Blitz, Leighton Wolens and Michaela Calderon, Teacher; third row: Sophi Zimmerman, Teacher, Danielle Simon, Bryce Dunn-Kahn, Emily Pesikoff, Avery Pollock, Riana Pliskin, Sadie Ferber, Julia Ziff, Eden Sussman and Madison Rose; fourth row: Ava Silk, Lily Wolfe, Leo Chaudhary, Eli Friesen, John Nodler, Benjamin Weisman, Jonathan Rosenblum, Matthew Hearn, Eli Ferber, Logan Mendelovitz, Jacob Caplan and Samantha Chavez; back row: Rachel Burgan, Teacher, Isaac Levit, T/A, Nicole Sax, T/A, Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Josh Fixler, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Lisa Ostrin, T/A, Amara Freedson, T/A and Jacob Brewer, T/A.

Not Pictured: Dana Henning and Matthew Henning.

A Note from Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning:

In the text, which our Helfman Religious School teachers and TAs studied together as a faculty this year, we read: “Rabbi Nehunyah used to pray a short prayer on his entrance to the Beit Midrash (House of Study). His students asked him: ‘What is the nature of this prayer?’ He said to them: ‘When I enter, I pray that no stumbling take place because of me; and when I leave, I give thanks for my lot.’” – Mishnah, Tractate Berachot 4:2

As we prepare to leave our own Helfman Religious School *Beit Midrash* for the summer, we, like Rabbi Nehunyah, have much for which to give thanks. *Hinei Mah Tov*, we sang together throughout this year, “how good it is to be together,” and how true those words have been! We have built an amazing learning community at Helfman this year, with students, families, teachers, TAs, clergy and staff all coming together to learn from and with each other.

We have encountered our Judaism through many lenses: through innovative prayer services, Hebrew through Movement, songs, stories, cooking, the arts, social action projects, and much more. We have written our own Torahs and experienced a creative Jewish wedding service. We have enjoyed meals and social times together, and shared in each other’s celebrations. And we have supported each other in challenging times and helped each other through difficulties none of us could have foreseen a year ago. *Hinei Mah Tov*, how good it has been, and how thankful I am to have been a part of this remarkable community.

Of course, as the beginning of Rabbi Nehunyah’s prayer reminds us, even when we have much for which to be thankful, we always have the opportunity to do better. At mid-year, we asked you to complete a survey, to let us know how we were doing and to ensure that we weren’t causing too much “stumbling.” We made a few changes based on the results of that survey, and hope that the second half of the year has reflected your input in a positive manner.

As we come to the close of our year together, we ask that you take a few moments to complete our end-of-year survey (<https://tinyurl.com/helfmansurvey2>), so that we can take your thoughts and concerns into account as we prepare for next year. We very much appreciate your input, your partnership, and your collaboration, as we move from strength to strength going forward together.

As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns – or just want to visit – my door is always open. I wish you all a terrific summer – a *Kayitz Tov* – and look forward to seeing you all for our Open House on **Sunday, August 26th**, and our Opening Day on **Sunday, September 16th**.

– Warmly, Stefani



Becker School

Becker Mom's Day



Our Mothers Breakfast brought mothers and special friends into the classroom for a fun morning, which included an opportunity for moms to read a book with their child.

Becker Graduate

Ms. Gila and Ms. Shelly with one of our newest Becker graduates!



May was a very busy month for the Becker School with many different events taking place as the school year wrapped up on a very positive note.

Becker had two accreditors visit our school from NAEYC (The National Association for the Education of Young Children), one of Becker's reaccreditation organizations. The teachers and staff did a phenomenal job getting ready for this very important visit and the NAEYC accreditors were very impressed with our school. The teachers were treated to a "thank you" breakfast afterwards to show our appreciation for all their hard work.

Mother's Breakfast was a very special day where the children spoiled their mothers or special visitors. We had a breakfast treat and activity planned for the morning as well as circle time or Storytime to be shared with the children and their visitors.

Pre-K Graduation was an awesome event as usual. The chairs outdid themselves in planning such a wonderful event that will not be forgotten by the students and their families. The ceremony was fantastic with wonderful singing and entertainment by the Pre-K class, Pre-K teachers and Ms. Julie Sacks and the reception was a hit too with delicious food, beautiful decorations and even a fun photo booth.

The dance recital is always a lovely event where the dancers have an opportunity to show off their skills that they have been learning all year long. Ms. Crista Glover, our dance instructor, and her assistant, Mr. Vincent prepared the dancers for an incredible performance.

Becker's Annual End of Year Picnic will once again be a not-to-be-missed event with camel rides, snow cones, a train, carousel, face painting, clowns and so much more. It's always a wonderful way to end the school year.

Summer camp is just around the corner. This year's theme is South of the Border with Pete the Cat. The children will travel on the other side of our southern border as they explore native customs and be exposed to Spanish language phrases and vocabulary. *iLa Aventura nos espera!*

We wish all our friends and families a safe and happy summer!

Fun in the Becker Playground

All smiles on the Becker School's West playground. This natural playground which was renovated last year is primarily used by our younger students. These three took advantage of the play space during a recent morning.



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.

Please print the names clearly in the spaces below
as you wish them to appear in the book.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF:

REMEMBERED BY:

Please complete and return this form with your check to:
Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77005.

Daytime Phone _____ Email _____



Congregation **Emanu El**



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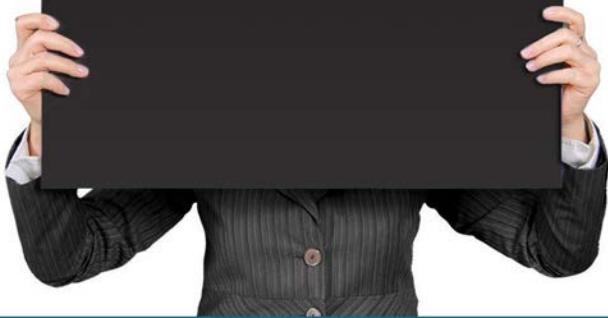
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