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## FROM RABBI HAYON



*Though they support a peace agreement in principle, most young Israelis feel resigned to a future in which most young Israelis feel resigned to a future in which they will never know peace with their neighbors.*

My summer of enriching and educational travel continues, and I am writing this month's *Bulletin* article from Jerusalem, where I am proud to be participating in a rabbinic seminar sponsored by the American Israel Education Foundation.

During this week-long intensive trip, the AIEF has brought together a group of 17 North American rabbis from across the denominational spectrum for a rigorous schedule of lectures and tours. Our itinerary eschews the standard religious and historic sites here; instead, we are spending our (very long!) days with officials from Israel's government and military, and with a number of representatives of economic, cultural, religious and social welfare institutions.

The seminar comes at a time of uncertainty here: the coalition in the Knesset has recently dissolved, triggering a new round of parliamentary elections to be held this fall, and, at the same time, this summer has been a time of volatility between Israel and its neighbors. Hostilities are roiling at the border with Gaza, and, in the north, the

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## Warehouse Shabbat Returns Friday, August 23 Doors open at 7:30 p.m. with service at 8:00 p.m.

Love Dance Houston,  
2206 Edwards St. #B

Something wonderful is happening at warehouses across Houston. Young Jews are praying!

From time to time, you will find a warehouse transformed into a pop-up synagogue, with a lively, jazzy band and a digital, photo-filled prayer book. Folks sip wine and taste desserts from hip local bakeries, then they sit down to pray. Sometimes they use ancient words. Sometimes they sing songs by Bob Dylan or Sam Smith. In these industrial environments, poetry, percussion and prayer meld into a unique, expressive, uplifting prayer experience.

Cantor Simmons and Rabbi Fixler

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## Annual Brotherhood Garage Sale August 11 & August 18, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El will host its annual Garage Sale at 7549 Westheimer, in what was formerly a Performance Bicycle store, just several blocks west of Hillcroft.

The garage sale is open on two consecutive Sundays in August to all members of the community.

Pick-ups for this year's event have concluded, however, volunteers are still needed for the days of and leading up to the garage sale. To volunteer, please contact Steve Moskowitz at [moskose@swbell.net](mailto:moskose@swbell.net) or 832.236.7307.

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.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### Shabbat D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22 Friday, August 9

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

### Saturday, August 10

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

### Shabbat Va-et'chanan, Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11 Friday, August 16

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

### Saturday, August 17

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of **Ethan Louis Chaikin**, son of Erica & Daniel Chaikin and **Alex Aronson**, son of Jennifer & Andy Aronson

### Shabbat Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25 Friday, August 23

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

7:30 p.m., Warehouse Shabbat, Love Dance Houston,  
2206 Edwards St, #8

### Saturday, August 24

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of **Richie Edward Klosek**, son of Tama & John Klosek

### Shabbat R'eih, Deuteronomy 11:26 – 16:17 Friday, August 30

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

### Saturday, August 31

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

### Shabbat Shof'tim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9 Friday, September 6

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, September 7

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

### Shabbat Ki Teitzei, Deuteronomy 21:10 – 25:19 Friday, September 13

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

D'var Torah by Rozelle & Rabbi Robert Kahn  
Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Andrea Weiss

### Saturday, September 14

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of **Eli Joseph Freeman**, son of Eveta Weingarten & Michael Freeman

**REMINDER:** All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on our website as well as our Emanu El Facebook page and Roku channel. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nai Mitzvah are streamed on our website and Roku channel.

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thin line separating Israel from Hezbollah militants in Lebanon, and from the encroaching presence of Iranian proxies in Syria, is exceedingly fragile.

But perhaps the most worrying information I learned came from academics and journalists who record a growing trend of despondency and cynicism among young adults. The Second Intifada began nearly 20 years ago, and the Oslo Accords were signed more than 25 years ago; so today all Israeli millennials and 20-somethings have grown up in a world where peace is illusory but everyday violence is very real. Though they support a peace agreement in principle, most young Israelis feel resigned to a future in which they will never know peace with their neighbors.

Still, as I affirmed in last month's article, we must always seek reasons for optimism and hope. Israel's relations with Egypt and Jordan have never been stronger, and relations continue to warm among the pragmatic Arab states which quietly accept assistance from Israel in combatting religious extremism and terror in the region. And the approaching Knesset elections have galvanized political activism and engagement across all Israeli demographic sectors.

Here in the Middle East, one can certainly always find reasons for anguish and anxiety. But as David Ben-Gurion is reported to have said: *"To be a realist [in Israel], one must believe in miracles."* And so our commitment to a realistic and peaceful future for the Jewish State endures – but, in the meantime, there is nothing wrong with hoping for the occasional miracle.



**Rabbi Oren Hayon looks into Lebanon from Israel's northern border during his recent trip with other clergy to Israel.**

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## Did You Move This Summer?

When a family moves there are plenty of places to change one's address. One of those is your synagogue! If you have recently moved and want to verify that your information is current with Emanu El, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at [elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 222. Only one address change call is needed as both our Becker and Helfman Religious School as well as Brotherhood and Sisterhood share a database with the synagogue.

## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

**Michael Rubenstein** won golf with the United States men's over 35 team at the Pan Am Maccabi Games in July. The Games were held in Mexico City and the team posted a 5-0 record capped by a gold medal game win over Brazil.

**Bruce Shelby & Jay Kaplan** were called to the bimah recently to revisit their original Bar Mitzvah experience 50 years ago at Congregation Emanu El. Their parsha in 1969 as it was this year was Parshat Kedoshim.

**Syd Waldman** was installed as the 2019-2020 President for the Houston Spring Branch Lions Club. This chapter of the Lions Club serves the Spring Branch and surrounding communities with programs helping sight impaired, physically disabled, and those with diabetes.

### WEDDINGS

**Recca Gibson & Colin Baker**

**Jessica Kagan & Erik Teegerstrom**

**Brett Merfish & Christina Gorczyński**

### BIRTHS

**Gabriel Ezra Levine**, son of Corinna & Andrew Levine; grandson of Paulette & Mel Levine, Lilian Klinger, Kathy Meyer and Stephen Klinger; great-grandson of Alfred Levine

### DEATHS

**Joan Beth Brown**, wife of Jim Brown; mother of Amy Brown and Carla & Dan Miller Brown; sister of Susie & David Askanase

**Bonnie Gordon Cohen**, mother of Nancy & David Cohen, Sara Ellen & Hugh Kaiser; mother-in-law of Michelle Weiss Cohen; sister of Miriam Dolly Cohen, Storrow & Murray Gordon; sister-in-law of Bobbi & Melvin Cohen, Madelyn Schepps

**Abe Daily**, father of Pam & Bill Daily, Eva & Ben Daily, Nancy Daily; father-in-law of Harvey Cohen; grandfather of Emily Cohen, Paloma Daily, Alex Daily, Sophie Daily; brother of Joyce & Harold Daily, Dorothy Bemel; brother-in-law of Jan & Charles Hart

**Martha Engel**, mother of Margery & Robert Loeb, Ann & David Engel; grandmother of Courtney & Philip Engel, Karlene & Jared Katzman, Rebecca Loeb, Emily Loeb & Sarah Feldman; great-grandmother of Jack and Bea Engel, Max, Spencer and Caleb Katzman, Henry Loeb

**Jack Fink**, father of Perri & Aaron Fink; grandfather of Danielle & Noah Kruger, Elyssa & Paul Gottheim and Meyer Fink; great-grandfather of Nathan and Andrew Kruger and Henry Gottheim

**Rita Belle Morgan**, mother of Laurie Morgan Silver, Layne Morgan, Lee Morgan Brown; grandmother of Rachel Silver & Nathan Englander, Eric Lidji, Jake Brown, Marcos Brown, Weston Brown, Matthew Nacol, Josh Nacol; great-grandmother of Olivia and Sam Mervin Rosenbaum, husband of Jean Rosenbaum; father of Susan & Eric Schoen, Hae-Soon Hahn & Steven Rosenbaum, Eriko Matsumoto & Barry Rosenbaum; grandfather of Benjamin Schoen, Lauren Schoen, Elizabeth Rosenbaum, Julia Rosenbaum, Hana Rosenbaum, Yoko Rosenbaum; brother-in-law of Marian & Arthur Daum and Betsy & Henry Peterman

**Carl Waldman**, father of Suzi & Elliot Gerstenhaber, Gayle & Steve Waldman; grandfather of Brooke & Jonathan Reichek, Alix & Greg Wren, Farin & Andy Gerstenhaber, Jaffray & Chris Getz, Emily & Joshua Mintz, Matthew Waldman, Amanda & Logan Sherman; great-grandfather of 14

**June Waldman**, mother of Ken Waldman, Barry Waldman and Laurie Waldman; mother-in-law of Sharon Waldman, Karen Waldman and Nancy Waldman; sister of Beadie Lewis; grandmother and great-grandmother of many

**Ed Wulfe**, husband of Lorraine Wulfe; father of Sheryl & Ernie Rapp, Ellyn Wulfe, Stacy Wulfe, Robyn & Mike Doyle; grandfather of Whitney Havins & Danny Goldberg, Cody Rapp, Randall Fossi, Derek Fossi, Carly Rapp, Braden Doyle, Brooke Doyle; step-father of Sondee & Peter Chalcraft, Karin & Gary Gerstenhaber; step-grandfather of A.J. Gerstenhaber, Clay Hatcher, Kelly Hatcher; brother of Maxine & Emil Wulfe

#### A Notice About Bereavement Communications

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

## High Holy Day Service Schedule

### S'LICHOT

**Saturday, September 21**, 9:00 p.m.

### ROSH HASHANAH

**Sunday, September 29**

Rosh Hashanah Unplugged, 5:30 p.m.  
Evening Service, 7:30 p.m.

**Monday, September 30**

Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.  
Tashlich, 5:00 p.m.  
Brays Bayou  
(5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.)

### SHABBAT SHUVAH

**Friday, October 4**, 6:00 p.m.

### CEMETERY SERVICE

**Sunday, October 6**, 5:00 p.m.  
Emanu El Memorial Park  
(8431 Bissonnet St.)

### KOL NIDRE

**Tuesday, October 8**, 7:30 p.m.

### YOM KIPPUR

**Wednesday, October 9**

Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.  
Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.  
Afternoon Experience, 1:45 - 2:45 p.m. &  
3:00 - 4:00 p.m.  
Yizkor & N'ilah, 4:30 p.m.  
Break the Fast immediately following  
N'ilah

## GENERAL QUESTIONS

### HIGH HOLY DAY PASSES

High Holy Day passes are sent to our membership by mail. We accept passes from other congregations and welcome military personnel, college students with ID, and out-of-town patients receiving treatment in the Texas Medical Center along with their families. If you know someone who has moved to Houston within the last six months, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or [elizabethht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabethht@emanuelhouston.org) to arrange for a newcomer pass.

For security reasons, members will no longer receive two blank, one-time-use passes to share with friends and family. Instead, members must request those passes ahead by visiting [www.emanuelhouston.org/forms/hhdguestpasses](http://www.emanuelhouston.org/forms/hhdguestpasses) or by contacting the synagogue at 713.529.5771 and providing the name and basic contact information for the guest(s) who will be visiting Congregation Emanu El. Passes can then be picked up before the holidays or will be available at the will-call table on the holidays. **Only guests with passes will be allowed entrance.**

### PARKING

**Only individuals with High Holy Days passes or handicap placards will be permitted entry to the Emanu El campus.** All parking on Floors 1 and 2 of the Gaylor Parking Facility will be reserved for handicap-accessible use. The West Lot is reserved for Rabbi's Circle members with a required pass. Because there is limited garage parking on Floors 3 and 4, we encourage you to park at the satellite locations. Buses will run continually from the satellite parking lots to and from Emanu El.

For Erev Rosh HaShanah and Kol Nidre, park at the Medical Clinic of Houston, 1707 Sunset Blvd. The parking garage entrance is on Rice Blvd. On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Day, parking will be available at Rice University. Due to construction on Rice's campus, the location is not confirmed as of press date. We will share this information on our website and in the September edition of the *Bulletin*.

### CHILDCARE

Childcare for children ages 15 months to 8 years is available during all High Holy Day services, with the exception of the 5:30 p.m. Rosh HaShanah service. Registration and advance payment MUST be received so that we can prepare for the appropriate number of caregivers. The cost is \$10 per service per child. A light snack will be provided; however, children with allergies are encouraged to bring their own snacks. The registration deadline for Rosh HaShanah is **Wednesday, September 25**; Yom Kippur registration deadline is **Thursday, October 3**. Visit [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) to register, or contact Evon Zions by phone at 713.529.5771, ext. 255 or email [evonz@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:evonz@emanuelhouston.org).

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## ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability access, contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or [elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org) and include the services you plan to attend. Preferred seating will be provided to those who give advance notice.

Those requesting special-needs seating may be granted a maximum of four additional seats for family members. Special-needs seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services. The deadline for Rosh HaShanah is **Wednesday, September 25**; Yom Kippur deadline for requests is **Thursday, October 3**.

## LIVE STREAMING

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

1. Emanu El website: [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org)
2. Facebook: [facebook.com/emanuelhouston](https://facebook.com/emanuelhouston)
3. Roku device: search for the Congregation Emanu El Houston channel

Archived videos of services and sermons will be available following services at the same digital locations.

## HEARING LOOP

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

## CLOSED CAPTIONING

Brotherhood provides closed captioning for our High Holy Day worshipers who are hearing impaired. The Brotherhood provides this service at all on-site Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services with the exception of the children's services.

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

Please notify JoAnne Karnuth by **Friday, August 16** if you are in need of an ASL Interpreter

To ensure that those with difficulty hearing can enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, the Brotherhood will generously provide closed captioning for all non-youth and children services in the Barish Sanctuary.

If you or a loved one need an ASL interpreter, please contact JoAnne at the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or [joannek@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:joannek@emanuelhouston.org) to insure the availability of these services.

**NOTE:** Currently, we do plan to have an ASL interpreter for our Erev Rosh HaShanah traditional service and Kol Nidre.

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## Navigating Emanu El Memorial Park Online

Emanu El Memorial Park (EEMP) has recently switched to a new online map for our cemetery which can be accessed by visiting the EEMP website: <https://www.emanuelhouston.org/eemp> and scrolling down to 'Locate a Plot'.

The map is updated daily and is searchable by name.

If you have difficulty navigating the map or if you have questions about plots, please contact Alisha Klapholz at [alishak@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:alishak@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext 213.



## EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH SEPTEMBER 22

The below information contains a listing of events at Emanu El exclusive of our worship & 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 *Bulletin*, the weekly Shabbat program, the weekly eLetter, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### AUGUST

- 8/2** – Tot Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.
- 8/5** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 8/7** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 8/8** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 8/11** – Brotherhood Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (7549 Westheimer)
- 8/18** – Brotherhood Garage Sale, 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. (7549 Westheimer)
- 8/19** – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
- 8/20** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.  
Emanu El Night at the Ballpark, 7:10 p.m.
- 8/25** – Emanu El Open House, 10:00 a.m.  
Helfman Religious School Open House, 10:30 a.m.
- 8/27** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 8/28** – Sisterhood Opening Dinner, 6:00 p.m.

#### SEPTEMBER

- 9/3** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 9/5** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 9/6** – Tot Shabbat w/Dinner, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 9/8** – First Day of Helfman Religious School, 9:00 a.m.
- 9/12** – Book Review: *The Boat Runner* by Devin Murphy, 6:30 p.m.
- 9/13-15** – Kahn Scholar-in-Residence: Andrea Weiss (more information on page 11)
- 9/15** – Sisterhood to AD Players at The George Center, 2:30 p.m.
- 9/16** – My Generation to Holocaust Museum Houston, 10:15 a.m.
- 9/20** – Widow to Widow Post-Shabbat Dinner, following 6:00 p.m. services
- 9/22** – EE75 Social Action/Cultivating Families, 12:15 p.m.

### NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Emanu El Hosting Open House

**Sunday, August 25, 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.**

We are excited to open our doors at our Open House for prospective members. If you know someone 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 Elizabeth Townsend at [elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 222, so that we can send them a personal invitation.

### 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.

**Stan & Judith Arouty**

**Erin & Jason Busch, son Rowen**

**Megan Harvey & Aaron Regberg**

**Sandra Jackson**

**Rebecca Schwartzberg & Kenneth Taylor**

New members will be shared in the *Bulletin* regularly. Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Or looking to find a way to connect with Emanu El? Contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

### College Student Addresses

Is your child away at college this year? We send care packages and organize student meet-ups at various times through the year. Send us your child's contact information so we can help keep them connected to Congregation Emanu El! If you have sent us your child's information previously, please send it again because we use new lists each year. Email the contact information to [collegestudents@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:collegestudents@emanuelhouston.org).



### Get Social With Us!

Did you know Congregation Emanu El is on Instagram? In addition to our active Facebook pages, be sure to follow us on Instagram to catch snap shots of happenings around the synagogue. From camel sightings to social action, a thriving youth group to clergy in action and more!

Find us on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston](http://www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston) or if you are already a member, find us at @emanuelhouston. And yes, please feel free to "check-in" at Emanu El when you are here for events and happenings!

# Sisterhood News & Happenings

August – September  
2019



## BOOK REVIEW:

*The Boat Runner*,  
by Devin Murphy

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12  
6:30 PM

Join us as Rabbi Roy Walter reviews Devin Murphy's *The Boat Runner*, which tells the little-known story of young Dutch boys who were thrust into the Nazi campaign as well as the brave boatmen who risked everything to give Jewish refugees safe passage to land abroad.

A dessert reception will follow.

While the book review is free and open to the public, please help us make adequate preparations by RSVPing online or calling the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

## Hats Off to Sisterhood! Wednesday, August 28, 6:30 p.m.

Do you have a funny, classic or vintage hat stored in your attic or your closet? Have you always wanted to wear it, but never had the right occasion?

You'll have your chance at Hats Off to Sisterhood! Sisterhood's opening dinner will showcase its involvement in our congregation and the community, as well as the exciting events planned for the coming year.

Don't miss this evening of divine friends, delicious food and delightful music! We look forward to seeing our seasoned members as well as new ones. The covert is \$15 for Sisterhood members and \$20 for non-members. Please **RSVP by Wednesday, August 21** by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Registration is also available at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

In an ongoing effort to help Houstonians in need, please bring a non-perishable food item for Jewish Family Service's food pantry.

## Sisterhood to Attend *The Hiding Place* at the George Theater Sunday, September 15, 2:30 p.m.

A fantastic afternoon awaits you! Join Sisterhood for a world premiere adaptation of *The Hiding Place* performed by the AD Players at The George Theater, 5420 Westheimer.

*The Hiding Place* is the story of Corrie Ten Boom and her family's brave decision to hide Jews at their home in Amsterdam (near Haarlem) during World War II and ultimately face the consequences when they are caught. It is a story of how love, hope and faith overcome evil.

Ticket prices are \$27, \$42 and \$54, depending on seat location. Following the play, we will head to Corelli's Italian Café, 5640 Westheimer, for a delicious dinner. Dinner is not included in the ticket price.

Don't miss this fun afternoon with Sisterhood! To reserve your ticket, contact Matt Blum at AD Players at 713.526.2721 or [groupsales@adplayers.org](mailto:groupsales@adplayers.org), by **Monday, September 2**.

## Donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

For donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund (for the Shabbat handout) please make checks payable to "Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood" and mail or drop off to Donna Fraley at the synagogue, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005. Donations can also be made online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org). Please make sure to specify which Shabbat service(s) you would like your flower fund donation listed. **In order to ensure the donations are listed, we ask that they be at the synagogue no later than the Wednesday before Shabbat.**



## Emanu El's First Session Campers at GFC

Cantor Rollin Simmons spent a week in June at URJ Greene Family Camp, the first of several Emanu El team members to head up to camp during the summer. More than 80 kids from our synagogue attended GFC during first session whether there for the entirety of the session or as a first-time assistant.

## Sisterhood Prepares Membership & Opening Night Mailing

Special thanks to the volunteers from Sisterhood who came together recently to prepare its membership mailing. The mailing sent to all female members of the congregation included information about the opening night program and this year's Sisterhood activities.



## Cantor Simmons & Barbara Loeser Lead Sing-Along Atop Gaylor Parking Facility

The duo of Cantor Rollin Simmons and Barbara Loeser led the community in a patriotic sing-along atop the Gaylor Parking Facility during the July 4th festivities at the synagogue. Over 400 people attended the annual event, which included a trivia game, kid friendly movie, free dinner and more.





## Emanu El at URJ Greene Family Camp - Session II

Rabbi Pam Silk and new Youth Engagement Coordinator Becca Schwartzberg visited URJ Greene Family Camp during second session. Rabbi Josh Fixler and outgoing assistant Helfman Religious Director Matthew Silverman had visited GFC earlier in the session.



## Stefani Carlson Ventures to Israel

Our Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson headed to Israel in July for a World Education Conference sponsored by the Jewish National Fund (JNF). In the adjacent photo, Stefani plants a tree in honor of our Helfman Religious School faculties.

## Emanu El Involved in Remediating Dangerous Intersection

Our program director Jason Plotkin recently met with Regina Garcia of BikeHouston to discuss the Sunset/Rice intersection located in front of the synagogue. Emanu El along with First Christian Church of Houston, Rice University, BikeHouston and the University Place Association have prioritized addressing this dangerous intersection which has seen many accidents and "near-misses" over the years. All parties have agreed to a plan that would place a 'traffic circle' at this intersection to improve the flow of traffic, calm speeding traffic & improve safety for vehicles, pedestrians and cyclists alike. The major hold-up in reaching a solution is the need to purchase roughly 5,700 square feet from First Christian Church.





## Helfman Religious School



### Lucy Mosbacher Named Assistant Director of Helfman Religious School

We are delighted to welcome Lucy Raulston Mosbacher as the new Assistant Director of Helfman Religious School.

Lucy brings a rich depth of Judaic knowledge, exceptional administrative and communication skills, and a bright, friendly, inquisitive personality to her new position. We are especially delighted to have identified a rising star in our midst, as Lucy has been connected to both Becker and Helfman as a parent and teacher for the last several years. She has demonstrated a deep commitment to Jewish education for her students, her children, and herself.

We look forward to celebrating her graduation from Gratz College with her later this year. We know that you all will enjoy getting to know Lucy in her new role on the Helfman professional staff.

Lucy was scheduled to begin in this role during the first week of August and overlap with outgoing assistant director Matthew Silverman, who along with his family is moving to the Washington D.C. area.

### Helfman Religious School Enrollment for 2019-2020 & Open House

It's not too late to enroll in Helfman Religious School for the 2019-20 school year! Our annual Open House will be on **Sunday, August 25 at 10:30 a.m.**, and classes will begin on **Sunday, September 8 at 9:00 a.m.** More information on both events will be shared in the coming weeks.

Enrollment is available online through your Congregation Emanu El member account. Log in at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org). For more information or assistance, contact Gail Shapiro at [gails@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:gails@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.565.6400.

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## FAMILY NEWS

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### Tot Shabbat

**Friday, September 6 (dinner 5:45 p.m. | service 6:30 p.m.)**

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El for our monthly Tot Shabbat.

In an effort to emulate the Shabbat experience at home, we will begin each dinner by joining together as one big congregational family to recite the traditional Shabbat blessings over the challah, candles and juice.

Our September dinner will feature a taco salad bar with chicken and beef options as well as a host of traditional taco salad options including lettuce, pico de gallo, black beans, cheddar cheese, tomatoes, guacamole, and sour cream. And, yes! There will be chips, salsa and queso! Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available as well. The cost for dinner is \$4 for children and \$8 for adults. Please visit us online to register.

While we will be serving kid-friendly food, we also welcome you to bring your own dinner if that better accommodates your family's specific dietary needs. A short and sweet dessert oneg will immediately follow the service.

Please save the date for our next Tot Shabbat on **Friday, November 1. There will not be a Tot Shabbat in October due to Shabbat Shuvah.**

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.



### Boy Scout Troop 1190

Congregation Emanu El's Scouts BSA Troop 1190 is preparing for an exciting 2019-2020 year and we are welcoming new members.

We camp several times a year and our merit badges have focused on everything from genealogy to robotics to swimming. We also go to Boy Scout camp every summer. In recent years, we've attended camp in California, Colorado and upstate New York. This is a great opportunity to make new friends, develop leadership skills and have a blast!

26% of Troop 1190 members reach Eagle compared to 5% nationally.

For more information, contact [scoutm1190@gmail.com](mailto:scoutm1190@gmail.com). You can also visit us on Facebook at <https://www.facebook.com/Scouts1190/>.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

### Fifth Annual Night at the Ballpark Tuesday, August 20, 7:00 p.m.



Congregants will join members of the clergy and staff at Minute Maid Park to watch the Houston Astros welcome the Detroit Tigers to town for our annual Night at the Ballpark. The evening will feature \$1 hot dogs.

While the deadline has passed to purchase tickets subsidized by the Brotherhood, we encourage those interested in joining to purchase their own tickets in sections 254 or 255.

Those who purchased tickets will receive an email about arranging to pick up their tickets prior to the ball game. For more information, contact Jason at 713.535.6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).



### Rozelle & Robert I. Kahn Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Andrea Weiss Friday, September 13 – Sunday, September 15

Congregation Emanu El is excited to re-institute the Rozelle & Robert I. Kahn Scholar-in-Residence program this year and host a weekend of lectures presented by a Reform scholar, Dr. Andrea Weiss.

Dr. Weiss is the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Provost at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion, and she served as Associate Professor of Bible at the New York campus. She was ordained at HUC-JIR/New York and received her doctorate from the University of Pennsylvania.

On Friday night, during our 6:00 p.m. Shabbat worship, Dr. Weiss will deliver the D'var Torah entitled, *Bitter to Sweet: Biblical Texts of Transformation*. Midway through the month of Elul, just weeks before Rosh Hashanah and the start of the Yamim Noraim/Days of Awe, she will share several less familiar biblical texts offer valuable teachings about the remarkable human capacity for transformation and renewal. An Oneg will follow services.

On Saturday morning, following breakfast at 8:45 a.m., Dr. Weiss will present *Comfort, Comfort My People: Maternal Metaphors for God* in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room. The week's haftarah portion refers repeatedly to comforting the people Israel during a time of exile and trauma. Join Dr. Weiss as we explore how the prophet Isaiah uses maternal metaphors of God to fulfill this mission and discuss the implications of these images for us as contemporary readers.

Lastly, on Sunday morning at 9:30 a.m., enjoy breakfast at 9:30 a.m. before the 10:00 a.m. program, *Speaking Religious Truth to Political Power: Pre-election Lessons from "American Values Religious Voices."*

As we approach another presidential election, what can we learn from the nonpartisan project, *American Values Religious Voices*? The multifaith letters to our leaders in Washington offer wisdom and inspiration drawn from a range of sacred texts, providing an antidote to the acrimony and discord that pervade politics today. The book *American Values Religious Voices: 100 Days, 100 Letters* is Dr. Weiss' work which brought together scholars from a diverse range of religious traditions to articulate core American values that have grounded our nation in the past and should guide us forward at this time of transition.

Please help us plan accordingly by RSVPing for the Saturday and/or Sunday breakfasts on our website or by calling 713.529.5771. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

This program is chaired by Al & Eddie Kahn and funded through the Rozelle & Robert I. Kahn Lectureship Fund.

### Annual Flu Shot Day at Emanu El Wednesday, October 2, 9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

The Texas Vaccine Institute will be at Emanu El to give flu shots at the cost of \$25. Those with Medicare as their primary insurance do not have to pay; others will be given a receipt to claim reimbursement with their insurance provider. Please be prepared to present your insurance card. No RSVP is required.

### NEW DATE: Axe Night Thursday, October 17, 6:45 p.m.

Rescheduled from the spring, all men of the congregation are invited to Houston Axe Throwing, 734 Larkwood Dr., Suite B, Houston, TX 77074, to show off their skills!

Looking for something fun and different to do? If axe throwing is not on your bucket list, it should be! Invite your friends and see who wins bragging rights.

Dinner will be provided. We are asking all attendees to arrive at 6:45 p.m. in order to begin the check-in process. To help expedite check-in, attendees can also fill out an adult waiver form at <https://mhnixdwr.paperform.co/>.

Everyone should wear comfortable clothing and closed toe shoes. All participants must bring a valid picture ID to be admitted to the facility.

To RSVP, visit [emanuelhouston.org/form/axenight2019](http://emanuelhouston.org/form/axenight2019) or contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414. The chair of this event is Bruce Lessey.

### Adult Hebrew & Basic Judaism

Be on the lookout in the September edition of the *Bulletin* for information regarding this fall's offerings of our Adult Hebrew classes and Basic Judaism. For more information on either of these offerings, please contact Donna Fraley at [donnaf@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:donnaf@emanuelhouston.org).



### Melton & More Adult Jewish Learning Classes at Emanu El

**Mondays from 9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.**

Congregation Emanu El will once again serve as home to a series of courses offered in collaboration with the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston and created by the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning as well as local Houston faculty.

Information about Melton & More at the J, specifics about the cost of registration and how you can register for this class at Congregation Emanu El can be found online at [erjchouston.org/cjll](http://erjchouston.org/cjll).

### Laugh & Lament: Humor in Modern Jewish Literature with Rabbi David Segal September 9 – December 16 (10 sessions)

In the 2013 Pew survey of Jewish Americans, 42% of Jews stated that having a good sense of humor is essential to their Jewish identity. Through recent scholarship and a selection of short stories by modern Israeli and American Jewish authors, we will explore and challenge this idea. What is the function of Jewish laughter if not simply to entertain? What darkness does Jewish humor highlight or hide? And, finally, how have the dynamics of Jewish humor evolved over time?

### MELTON! Jewish Medical Ethics: A 21st Century Discussion with Ms. Nancy Pryzant Picus January 27 – May 11 (15 sessions)

While contemporary medical knowledge preserves life, modern advances have raised moral and ethical dilemmas related to the sanctity and dignity of life – issues whose scope was unimaginable a generation ago. Written by Rabbi Elliot Dorff, PhD, this course explores Jewish approaches to several 21st century ethical issues including human cloning, surrogate motherhood, transsexual surgery, assisted suicide and genetic manipulation.

### WAREHOUSE SHABBAT RETURNS

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have been working over the past year to develop an innovative prayer experience called Warehouse Shabbat. Hosted by our Young Professionals and The Middle groups that cater to those in their 20s through 40s, we have designed this dynamic, lively and musical prayer experience to enliven your heart and uplift your spirit.

If you or someone you know is seeking a new, meaningful place to say something true and enduring, where words both ancient and modern combine to express our hopes and aspirations, we hope you will come and check out Warehouse Shabbat.

Join us for our next installment of this rocking, adults-only worship experience in the Sawyer Yards

Art District of Washington Heights. Enjoy local desserts and wine or taste the great beers from Holler Brewery next door. Make a night of it: get a sitter, go to dinner, then come pray!

This event is free and open to the public, and we are asking you to help us spread the word about this unique opportunity to experience worship unlike anything Houston has seen before. Tell your kids, tell your friends, tell yourself to save the date for **Friday, August 23**.

To help us prepare for the event, we ask that you please register at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org), call us at 713.529.5771 or email Elizabeth Townsend at [elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org).

### 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 & SPECIAL INTERESTS 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 Jason Plotkin at the synagogue at 713.535.6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

### Monthly Mahj at Emanu El – Two Opportunities to Play First Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. & Third Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

Our first-Thursday evening group of Mahj players will get together in the Stillman-Lack Library on **Thursday, September 5**. A nominal \$5 fee covers drinks and dinner. Novice and advanced players welcome! For more information and to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at [elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 222. You may also RSVP online by visiting our website.

The third-Monday afternoon group of players will gather on **Monday, August 19**. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

### My Generation Holocaust Museum Tour & Lunch Monday, September 16, 10:15 a.m.

Join My Generation, Emanu El's social group for those 65 and older, for a special tour of the recently renovated and expanded Holocaust Museum Houston, 5401 Caroline St.

Admission is \$10 per person and parking is available onsite for \$8 per car (or \$5 for HMH members). An optional pay-your-way lunch is available after the tour at Fadi's Museum District, 1801 Binz St, Unit #130. The restaurant is about five blocks from the museum and has free parking. We will have reserved tables, and our participants will be free to choose from Fadi's luncheon selections.

To register for the day's activities, please visit us online or call 713.529.5771. Space is limited, so please **register by Wednesday, September 11**.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).



### Widow to Widow – Post Shabbat Dinner with Ashley Grubbs of Mind Your Mess Friday, September 20, following services

Our Widow to Widow group will host a Shabbat dinner and program featuring Ashley Grubbs of

*Mind Your Mess* following 6:00 p.m. services.

Ashley will discuss the topic, *How to get and stay organized when LIFE happens* and share *how getting organized involves more than just your "stuff."* Becoming organized can be very emotional and challenging, especially when a life-changing event happens. There are many ways we can all help each other move forward with getting organized.

The cost of dinner is \$12, and registration is available online at [emanuelhouston.org/event/widowtowidow2019](http://emanuelhouston.org/event/widowtowidow2019). The **RSVP deadline is Wednesday, September 18**. Vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

### The Classics to Participate in EE75 Project with Post-Event Happy Hour Sunday, September 22, 12:15 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Join the Classics – Emanu El's social group for those in their 50's and 60's – as we mark the 75th anniversary of Emanu El by participating in Tikkun Olam. We will volunteer during the community service project at Emanu El for Cultivating Families, an organization that helps families care for foster and adopted children.

There are three opportunities to participate from **12:15 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.** (more information on this activity can be found on page 14). Please register for the project which interests you. After the project, please join us for a well-deserved happy hour at the home of Fredi and Paul Franks.

For more information and to register please visit [emanuelhouston.org/ee75](http://emanuelhouston.org/ee75) or contact Fredi Franks at 832.722.3791 or Susan Waldman at 713.667.3070. Please email Fredi or Susan to let them know you will be attending so that we can plan accordingly. We look forward to seeing you there!

### Emanu El Meditation Group Saturday Mornings, 9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Are you interested in reducing stress, enhancing your performance, and gaining insight and awareness of yourself and others? Consider joining the Emanu El Mindfulness Meditation group on Shabbat mornings. Jewish values and influences are often incorporated, and many find that it enhances their own practice of Judaism.

Certified and experienced leaders include Jan Silver, Susan Berdinis and Martin Lindenberg. All levels from beginner to advanced meditators are welcome.

The first Saturday of each month is dedicated to beginners with an Introduction to Mindfulness. Experience a basic practice, discuss bringing mindfulness into your daily life and have your questions answered. Please consider joining us! For more information, please contact Sandy Brochstein at [sandybtx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandybtx@sbcglobal.net) or Heidi Kaplan at [heidi.b.kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:heidi.b.kaplan@gmail.com).

### Three Generations at Kids' Meals

Our Kids' Meals projects, particularly in the summer months and school vacations, can feature multiple generations participating in Tikkun Olam together. Recently, three generations of the Lane-Ringold family came together to volunteer, including (from left to right) Helaine Wayne Lane, Carol Lane Ringold, Julie Ringold Price and Lilly Price. We are grateful to all volunteers who help with our monthly Kids' Meals project!



### #EE75 Social Action Project: Kids' Meals Tuesday, August 20, 9:30 a.m.

Congregation Emanu El has prepared over 100,000 meals for Kids' Meals, an organization which helps combat childhood hunger in Houston. We will be celebrating our 12th anniversary with the organization.

To honor the occasion and in conjunction with the 75th anniversary of the congregation, our Kids' Meals volunteer chairs Carol & Barry Goodfriend will be joined by Julie Price to arrange the morning's activities.

Following breakfast and a celebration of the synagogue's partnership with Kids' Meals led our clergy and by the non-profit organization's director Beth Harp, volunteers will set out to make significantly more sandwiches than the 1,000+ made monthly.

To reach our goal with enough help to go around, please register online at [emanuelhouston.org/ee75](http://emanuelhouston.org/ee75). Our anticipated count will be submitted to Kids' Meals on **Monday, August 12**.

### #EE75 Social Action Project: Cultivating Families Sunday, September 22, 12:00 p.m.

For our September social action project, we are partnering with Cultivating Families, an organization founded to equip the greater Houston-area faith community to care for foster and adopted children.

The organization:

- writes and teaches curriculum for free classes offered at synagogues, churches and mosques.
- provides step-by-step roadmaps on how to begin the process.
- organizes support groups so that anyone who is thinking of bringing a child into their home (or already has and is struggling alone) can receive the help they need.

Our project offers many tracks to choose from:

1. **First Night Backpacks:** Many times, children are removed from unsafe living conditions in the middle of the night and faced with collecting all their belongings in a garbage bag. For this project, we will assemble backpacks with pajamas, books, stuffed animals, toiletries, and other first-night necessities to help make their transition more comfortable.
2. **Building Beds:** Calling all handy members! To become a foster or adopted parent, the law states each child must have his or her own bed. Many wonderful families have love and support to offer yet struggle financially. For this project, we will use lumber to create their bed kits.
3. **Congregational Mailing:** As Cultivating Families continues to reach a wider audience, we will assist them in packing their introductory mailing materials to reach over 4,000 congregations in Harris County (which exceeds the number of children who have been permanently removed from their biological homes for safety reasons).
4. **Adoption & Foster Awareness Track:** If you or someone you know has ever had interest in pursuing this life-changing decision, please come. You will be introduced to the fundamentals of the process, learn the truth behind the myths, and hear real-life stories from other families who have chosen this path. If you are interested in becoming a course instructor for the ongoing curriculum that Cultivating Families provides for congregations, come to learn. This ongoing volunteer position is perfect for anyone with a background in education, social work, psychology or a first-hand adoption or foster parent.

For any of these tracks, RSVP to [emanuelhouston.org/ee75](http://emanuelhouston.org/ee75) or call 713.529.5771 to RSVP over the phone. This project is chaired by Michael Brown and Alison Septimus.

### Save the Date: #EE75 Social Action Project with Emergency Aid Coalition Sunday, October 27, 11:15 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Save the date and make plans to join us for our final #EE75 social action project of the year as we partner with Emergency Aid Coalition. The chairs for this event are Rachael Tobor, Marcia Fiman and Adina Cohen. More information to come.

### Founding Families Shabbat

Friday, October 18 at 6:00 p.m.

As the festival holiday of Sukkot comes to a conclusion, we remember our roots and honor founding families during this Shabbat service. The co-chairs of this event are Sue Baum, Garey Marks and Judy Sax. To help us ensure that we do not miss any founding families or descendants, please reach out to ee75@emanuelhouston.org if you or a family member were among the founders of Congregation Emanu El.

### The 75th Celebration: Ever Forward

Saturday, November 16

Save the date for a spectacular night of celebrating Emanu El – our past 75 years and all that is to come. The elegant evening will begin with cocktails, followed by an artfully crafted dinner. The celebration will continue with dancing and live entertainment. Cocktail attire.

Invitations will be sent in September. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

### Past Presidents' Shabbat

Friday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Chaired by Sara Brook and Kathy Marks, special recognition will be given to Past Presidents of the congregation during this Shabbat service, which will also double as our final Heritage Shabbat experience of the 2019 calendar year.

### Chanukah Celebration: 75 Menorahs for 75 Years

Friday, December 27

Chaired by Brooke & Jonathan Reichek, this Chanukah Celebration will be unlike any you have ever seen, and we need your help! We are hoping to light up our Barish Sanctuary with 75-plus menorahs to honor each year of the synagogue's impact within the community. Mark the date and make plans to join us for a Chanukah supper followed by a sweet Chanukah Shabbat service. Additional information will become available later this fall.

### Volunteers Needed for 75th Anniversary Events

Are you interested in playing a role in the execution of our 75th anniversary events? Want to be a greeter or an usher? Address envelopes or volunteer at a station during one of the happenings throughout the 2019 calendar year as we celebrate the 75th anniversary? Please contact our volunteer coordinator Barbara Loeser at bloeser@sbcglobal.net.

### Emanu El Seeks Founding Families & Descendants

Calling all founding families and their descendants! We want to make sure that we know who you are as we celebrate our 75th anniversary year. If you or a family member were among the founders of Congregation Emanu El, please reach out to us at EE75@emanuelhouston.org.

### Emanu El's 75th Anniversary Steering Committee

**CHAIRS:** Elyse Kalmans & Cheryl Levy  
Board Liaison: Jeri Amundsen  
Program Director Jason Plotkin  
Communications Coordinator: Stephanie Kamion  
Honorary Advisors: Myra Lipper & Rabbi Roy Walter

**EVENT CHAIRS:** Sue Baum, Garey Marks & Judy Sax (Founding Families Shabbat); Tracey Blumrosen, Tammy Feldstein, Dora Klaff & Rhonda Lipper (EE75 Birthday Bash); Sara Brook & Kathy Marks (Past Presidents Shabbat); Michelle & Mike Eber (Reverend Barber); Erica & George Hittner (Fourth of July Celebration); Eddie & Al Kahn (Kahn Scholar-in-Residence); Rebecca & Ben Miller (Congregant of the Year); Kathy Parven (Heritage Shabbat); Gloria Pryzant & Jessica Segal (Ever Open Concert); Alana Pulaski & Ivy Frank (Sukkot on Sunset); Brooke & Jonathan Reichek (Chanukah Celebration); Robin & Rodney Roth (Gary Zola Scholar-in-Residence); Stephanie & Todd Slobin (Annual Meeting)

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS:** Dawn Blitz (Marketing/Communications), Steven Fenberg (Oral History/Documentation), Josh Gottlieb-Miller (Oral History/Documentation), Melissa Rubenstein Levin (Social Action), Barbara Loeser (Volunteer Coordinator), Diane Puschett (Hospitality), Maxine Reingold (Archivist)

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### Emanu El Volunteer Choir

The Emanu El Volunteer Choir has been an active group this year, holding performances at various venues across town and taking part in the congregation's Purim Schpiel. Following a busy fall, an active spring is on the docket!

All members of the congregation are invited to join the choir by contacting Richard Zoll at Richard.Zoll@yahoo.com. The choir traditionally rehearses on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** at the synagogue. Please make sure to contact Richard to verify the rehearsal schedule for the month.



# Becker School

## Lady Bug Release at Becker

Becker has been learning about nature this summer with visits from the Bellaire Nature Center, the Audubon Society and the Houston Museum of Natural Science. Learning has extended to Bear's Garden, where recently Ms. Jennifer and several of the children took part in a ladybug release.



## Becker Summer Update

Becker students had a great summer learning through play during Becker's Backyard Bonanza. The children enjoyed exploring plants and trees, bugs and butterflies, backyard animals and birds and a campout. Bellaire Nature Center, Snakes and More, Houston Museum of Natural Science, Dinky Drummers and the Audubon Society all enhanced our learning. All of the children enjoyed camp, beginning with AndyRoo and the Rooniverse and ending with a fantastic bubble party!

## AdvanceEd Accreditation

Becker recently received their reaccreditation with AdvancEd. AdvancEd is an organization that accredits schools and universities internationally. The team reviews all aspects of the school including curriculum, organization, developmentally appropriate standards and management. They observe the classes, interview teachers, parents, and administration as well as review the school's portfolios.

During this process, they help the school set goals for improvement and provide resources. It is a great achievement for the school and allows us to continue to be the best school we can be for our children and families. This accreditation is in addition to the accreditation with NAEYC, the National Association for the Education of Young Children. For more information about Becker School, please contact Judy Lazor at [Judyl@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:Judyl@emanuelhouston.org) or call 713 535-6400.

## Bear's Garden at Becker

Our natural playground was recently enhanced with the addition of Bear's Garden. A very special thanks to Andi and Brett Riesenfeld and Emily and Joey Spinner for honoring their father, past president Haran Levy on his 60th birthday, for creating it. They wanted to give him a meaningful gift that would touch many others and demonstrate two of his favorite activities: tzedakah and gardening!

Since Levy's granddaughter, Hannah Spinner, is a Becker student, improving the Becker garden was a perfect choice. The garden has six individual beds, all filled with new organic potting soil. Some of the beds have already been planted, while others are being used as sensory gardens filled with new toys and child-safe garden tools. Bear's Garden is a fun place to garden, play, and learn.





### Ben Todes Achieves Rank of Eagle Scout with Emanu El's Boy Scout Troop 1190



Congregation Emanu El's Boy Scout Troop 1190 celebrated its seventh Eagle Scout in three years as Ben Todes became the latest to be feted during an Eagle Court of Honor this past April.

Son of Lea and Brad Todes, Ben's honor continues a tradition of Eagle Scouts within the family. In 1943, Ben's grandfather Lew Todes became an Eagle Scout with Troop 200 in Wharton, Texas, followed by Brad in 1979 as a member of Troop 387 in Overland Park, Kansas. Brother Jordan established a third generation by achieving the rank of Eagle in 2012 with Troop 1190.

A rising senior at Dawson High School, Ben is a marimba player and section leader in the front ensemble of the Dawson Eagle Marching Band as well as a percussionist in the Dawson Band Wind Ensemble. He is also a member of Dawson's National Honor Society, National English Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, and Model United Nations Program.

For his Eagle Scout service project, Ben decided to do something that would benefit the Pearland area. Working with Keep Pearland Beautiful (KPB), Ben developed plans to remove invasive plants from a garden located adjacent to the recycling center and replace them with some native plants. He also built steps leading from the garden down to the walking/running trail in the city park located on the opposite side of the garden. The project was completed with the assistance of fellow Troop 1190 members, their families and friends from school.

A member of Congregation Emanu El, Todes rose through the ranks after starting as a Tiger Scout in Cub Scout Pack 1190. During his years in Pack 1190, he enjoyed

campouts at many locations including Huntsville State Park, Lake Houston Wilderness Park and Galveston Island State Park. In 2013, Ben earned the Arrow of Light, Cub Scout's highest honor and joined Boy Scout Troop 1190.

In Troop 1190, Ben served in various leadership positions including Patrol Leader and Senior Patrol Leader. He enjoyed camping with the troop at Angelina National Forest, Camp Strake, and Camp Bovay / Tellepson Scout Reservation while spending summer camps at Lost Pines Scout Reservation, in Bastrop, Texas, and Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, near Red Feather Lakes, Colorado.

After high school, Ben plans to attend college with a tentative focus in engineering, environmental science and/or meteorology.

Ben continues a tradition of success in helping youth in the Houston community achieve Eagle Scout accolades. While the national average of scouts attaining the rank of Eagle since 1912 is 4%, Emanu El's Troop 1190 has achieved over a 26% conversion rank.

### Sisterhood New Traditions Gift Shop – Tallit Sale During August & September



New Traditions – the Emanu El Sisterhood gift shop – will again offer a 25% discount on tallit during the months of August and September. If you have a simcha approach-ing, your best time to buy is now! Would you like to have a new tallit before the High Holy Days? Now is the time to buy!

New Traditions is open **Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. until August 26**, when the shop will resume its regular hours of **Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.**

**and Sundays, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, when Helfman Religious School is in session. The gift shop is also available for appointments. Email Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). New Traditions helps Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to support our congregation and the community.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through July 16, 2019.

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Sukkot on Sunset  
Sunday, October 13, 4:00 p.m.

Come join us for our annual Sukkot celebration! Chaired by Ivy Frank and Alana Pulaski, this year's Sukkot on Sunset will feature all the traditional elements and more. There will be something for everyone and, of course, we'll end the evening with our Erev Sukkot service in the Sukkah with s'mores!

While there is no charge for this event, we ask that you register so that we can provide a proper headcount. Registration is available on our website or by calling the synagogue.



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