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## FROM RABBI HAYON



*Every year, we enter this season of the year with the hope that it will bring new opportunities, new experiences, and new ways of learning about how to make our way through the world around us.*

Over the past few weeks, our family has been taking part in the annual tradition of back-to-school shopping. Every autumn, this process begins again in communities all across the country: children stocking up on colored pencils and glue, new lunchboxes and backpacks, getting ready for another year of learning and growth.

It certainly feels satisfying when the shopping list is complete, but it also feels good to know that these back-to-school preparations help to teach our kids the importance of being prepared, of taking the time to plan and organize ourselves before a new beginning, in order to get ourselves ready for the work that lies ahead.

Of course, this lesson remains true in our spiritual lives as adults as well; built into the flow of a Jewish year is a full month of time set aside for preparing and organizing ourselves before we arrive at the High Holy Days. This year, this time of preparation – the Hebrew month of Elul – begins just as September arrives. During the weeks ahead, I encourage you to set aside some time for your own inner preparations before the holidays begin.

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## Rozelle & Rabbi Robert I. Kahn Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Andrea Weiss

Friday, September 13 – Sunday, September 15



Congregation Emanu El is excited to reinstitute the Rozelle & Rabbi 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.

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## High Holy Days at Emanu El

We have arrived at several thoughtfully considered ways to draw our large congregation closer together with engaging opportunities for prayer and learning during the holiest time of our Jewish year.

These offerings will combine many beloved and familiar elements of our cherished worship traditions with meaningful content that speaks to the dynamic and demanding nature of the world around us. We are eager for you to share these inspiring prayer experiences and powerful spiritual opportunities that range from traditional to innovative.

We are excited to share these High Holy Days with you and send you our warmest wishes.

For more information our offerings, please view the mailed High Holy Day brochure that all congregants should have received in late August or the information spread throughout this edition of the *Bulletin*.

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### **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 I. 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

### **Shabbat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1 – 29:8**

#### **Friday, September 20**

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

#### **Saturday, September 21**

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel  
Bar Mitzvah of **Benjamin Lewis**, son of Pam & Larry  
Lewis  
9:00 p.m., Selichot, Proler Chapel

### **Shabbat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9 – 30:20**

#### **Friday, September 27**

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

#### **Saturday, September 28**

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

### **Erev Rosh HaShanah**

#### **Sunday, September 29**

5:30 p.m., Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, Barish Sanctuary  
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *What's in Your Wallet?*  
7:30 p.m., Erev Rosh HaShanah Evening Service,  
Barish Sanctuary  
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *What's in Your Wallet?*

### **Rosh HaShanah**

#### **Monday, September 30**

9:00 a.m., Rosh HaShanah Children's Service,  
Barish Sanctuary  
Story by Rabbi Hayon: *Herman's Hit Single*  
10:30 a.m., Rosh HaShanah Morning Service, Barish  
Sanctuary  
Sermon by Rabbi Fixler: *Do We Need a Golem?*  
5:00 p.m., Tashlich, 5601 S. Braeswood (Brays Bayou  
across from the ERJCC)

### **Shabbat Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 31:1 – 30**

#### **Friday, October 4**

6:00 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah, Barish Sanctuary  
D'var Torah by Barbara Loeser

#### **Saturday, October 5**

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

### **Cemetery Service**

#### **Sunday, October 6**

5:00 p.m., Cemetery Service, Emanu El Memorial Park  
Sermon by Rabbi Walter

### **Kol Nidre**

#### **Tuesday, October 8**

7:30 p.m., Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary  
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *The Golden Door*

### **Yom Kippur**

#### **Wednesday, October 9**

9:00 a.m., Yom Kippur Children's Service, Barish  
Sanctuary  
Story by Rabbi Fixler: *The Always Tallit*  
11:00 a.m., Yom Kippur Morning Service, Barish  
Sanctuary  
Sermon by Rabbi Silk: *The Trying*  
1:45 p.m. & 2:45 p.m., Yom Kippur Afternoon Experience  
4:30 p.m., Yizkor & N'ilah, Barish Sanctuary  
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *What's Left Behind*  
Immediately following N'ilah, Break the Fast,  
Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

### **Shabbat Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32:1 – 52**

#### **Friday, October 11**

6:00 p.m., Evening Service, Proler Chapel

#### **Saturday, October 12**

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

### **Erev Sukkot**

#### **Sunday, October 13**

6:30 p.m., Erev Sukkot Festival Service, Sukkah

### **Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot, Exodus 33:12 – 34:26**

#### **Friday, October 18**

6:00 p.m., Evening Service, Proler Chapel

#### **Saturday, October 19**

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

### **Simchat Torah**

#### **Sunday, October 20**

6:00 p.m., Simchat Torah & Consecration,  
Barish Sanctuary

#### **Monday, October 21**

10:30 a.m., Simchat Torah Festival Service & Yizkor,  
Proler Chapel

**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.

## FROM RABBI HAYON *continued from page 1*

This month will bring us a wealth of opportunities for self-reflection and learning. I invite you to come study with Rabbi Dr. Andrea Weiss, our exceptional Rozelle & Rabbi Robert I. Kahn Scholar-in-Residence, to attend Shabbat Shuvah services where we will hear some reflections from our beloved musical leader Barbara Loeser, and to immerse yourself in the quiet power and contemplation of S'lichot services before the joyful arrival of Rosh Hashanah on **Sunday, September 29**.

Every year, we enter this season of the year with the hope that it will bring new opportunities, new experiences, and new ways of learning about how to make our way through the world around us. And we are reminded that the best way to ensure that a new beginning will be as fruitful as possible is to take the time to prepare, to set aside time to do some thinking about our hopes and goals in this season and in the year ahead: for ourselves, for our community, and for our relationships with those who are dear to us.

May your preparations lead you to deeper insights, and may the New Year bring inspiration, fulfillment, and peace to us all.

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## ROZELLE & ROBERT I. KAHN SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE: DR. ANDREA WEISS *continued from page 1*

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.

A Saturday late afternoon program with light bites will begin at **5:00 p.m.** with Havdalah prior to Dr. Weiss' presentation entitled *Sarah's Hidden Voice: Why A Women's Torah Commentary Still Matters*. Eleven years after its publication in 2008, *The Torah: A Women's Commentary* continues to enhance Torah study for women and men alike. The associate editor of the commentary, Dr. Weiss will tell how the book came about and show why a women's Torah commentary matters today more than ever.

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 non-partisan 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 and Eddie Kahn and funded through the Rozelle & Robert I. Kahn Lectureship Fund.

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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

### WEDDINGS

**Recca Gibson & Colin Baker**

**Annette Peters & Rick Sline**

### BIRTHS

**James Aaron Karklin**, son of Lindsey Putterman & Drew Karklin; grandson of Carolyn & Leland Putterman, Debra & Steven Karklin; great-grandson of Lillian Putterman

### DEATHS

**Selene Gorel**, sister of Mitzie & Warren Krams; mother of Everett Gorel & Mary Herman, Marla Cooper, Lance & Marilyn Gorel, Sheri Gorel; grandmother of Justin and Jamie Cooper, Tasha Gorel, Danya Gorel

**Beverly Lois Kovnat**, sister of Linda & Richard Zoll; mother of Eileen Dadon & Marshall Robert, Susan Cherry, Ellen & Steven Gemberling and Brad Kovnat; grandmother of Lauren Dadon & Joe Manieri, Jillean & Steve Lindberg, Sami, Harry, Sylvie and Shayna Cherry; great-grandmother of four

**Marcia Sebel Shainock**, wife of Victor Shainock; mother of Lisa & Joel Bender and Julie & Scott Pearson; grandmother of Geoffrey, Melissa and Brooke Bender, and Jacqueline, Madison and Whitley Pearson; sister of Rita Weissman; sister-in-law of Sandra Shainock Adair

**Lewis Stukalin**, husband of Terry Stukalin; father of Elizabeth & David Stukalin, Laurie Stukalin, Shelley & Jerry Levey, Janet & Ronald Stukalin; grandfather of Lauren and Drew Levey, Sarah Elaina Stukalin, and Seth, Kristina and Sarah Stukalin

**Charles C. Willis**, husband of Susan Cantor Willis; father of Victoria Anne Willis; brother of Anngel Duncan; brother-in-law of Elaine Joan Cantor

## High Holy Day Service Schedule

### S'lichot

**Saturday, September 21**

9:00 p.m., Service

### Rosh Hashanah

**Sunday, September 29**

5:30 p.m., Rosh Hashanah Unplugged

Sermon by: Rabbi Oren Hayon

7:30 p.m., Evening Service

Sermon by: Rabbi Oren Hayon

**Monday, September 30**

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

Story by: Rabbi Oren Hayon

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

Sermon by: Rabbi Joshua Fixler

5:00 p.m., Tashlich, 5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

### Shabbat Shuvah

**Friday, October 4**

6:00 p.m., Service

### Cemetery Service

**Saturday, September 21**

6:00 p.m., Service, 8431 Bissonnet St.

### Yom Kippur

**Tuesday, October 8**

7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre Evening Service

Sermon by: Rabbi Oren Hayon

**Wednesday, October 9**

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

Story by: Rabbi Joshua Fixler

11:00 a.m., Morning Service

Sermon by: Rabbi Pamela Silk

1:45 p.m., Afternoon Experience (Session I)

Study: led by Stefani Carlson

Healing: led by Cantor Rollin Simmons

*The Binding of Isaac*: led by Rabbi Roy Walter

Teen Open House

3:00 p.m., Afternoon Experience (Session II)

Study: led by Rabbi Oren Hayon

Meditation

Stories of Inspiration, Hope, Perseverance

Social Justice Conversation

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

Break the Fast immediately following N'ilah

## HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

Our complete High Holy Day schedule including sermon titles and worship opportunities for Sukkot and Simchat Torah can be found on page 2 of this edition of the *Bulletin*.

## HIGH HOLY DAY PASSES

High Holy Day passes are sent to our membership by mail. We accept passes from other congregations and also 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 [elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org) to arrange for a newcomer pass.

Each member in good standing is entitled to invite up to two guests to one worship service during the High Holy Days, excluding Kol Nidre. For security reasons, we ask for contact information of each guest ahead of the holidays. The request form is available online and should be completed by the member of Emanu El. Passes will be available for pick-up at the rotunda prior to the High Holy Days or at the will-call table on the day(s) of. To submit the request form for guest passes, visit [emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship](http://emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship).

## 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 at 1707 Sunset Blvd. The parking garage entrance is located on Rice Blvd.

On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Day, park at Rice University. Due to construction on the west side of the Rice campus, we will use the Rice South Stadium Lot (with overflow in the Greenbriar Lot). A special entrance to the South Stadium Lot will be open between Gates 8 and 9, specifically for our Emanu El guests. This entry point is located on University Blvd. between Montclair and Stockton.

## CLOSED CAPTIONING

The synagogue will provide American Sign Language (ASL) during the Rosh HaShanah evening service and Kol Nidre. The Brotherhood provides closed captioning for all on-site Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services, with the exception of the children's services.

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## CHILDCARE

Childcare for children ages 15 months to 8 years is available during all High Holy Day services, with the exception of the children's services and the 5:30 p.m. service on Rosh HaShanah. Registration in advance MUST be received in order to prepare for the appropriate number of caregivers. The cost is \$10 per child, per service. 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**; the Yom Kippur registration deadline is **Thursday, October 3**.

Visit us online to register, or contact Evon Zionts at 713.529.5771 ext. 255 or [evonz@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:evonz@emanuelhouston.org).

## 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.

## ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or accessibility accommodation, submit a request form online at [emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship](http://emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship), or contact Elizabeth at [elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org), and be sure to 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. These seats will be held for up to 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services. The deadline Rosh HaShanah is **Wednesday, September 25**; Yom Kippur deadline is **Thursday, October 3**.

## 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.

### A Board Resolution Honoring the Memory of Edmond "Ed" Wulfe

It is customary on the passing of a past President that the Board of Trustees pass a resolution honoring their contributions to the synagogue and the community.

This resolution is then shared with the Congregation via the *Bulletin*.

The resolution, at right, passed unanimously by the the Board of Trustees at their August 13 meeting.

### Resolution In Memory Of Edmond "Ed" Wulfe

WHEREAS, Edmond "Ed" Davis Wulfe was a long-standing, active and devoted member of Congregation Emanu El; and

WHEREAS, Ed's activity in the congregation reached new heights in the 1970s as he joined the ranks of the executive committee before becoming the congregation's 19th president, a role he held from 1977 through 1979; and

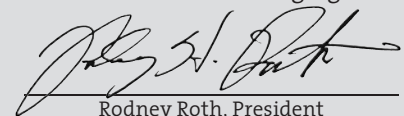
WHEREAS, Ed served as president of Emanu El and oversaw one of the most significant milestones in the congregation's history as Rabbi Robert I. Kahn transitioned into the role of Rabbi Emeritus and Rabbi Roy A. Walter became the second Senior Rabbi in the history of the congregation; and

WHEREAS, Ed's involvement in the Houston community extended beyond the walls of Emanu El to include serving in the role of chairman or president of other organizations such as the Holocaust Museum of Houston, Main Street Coalition, the Stadium Land Redevelopment Authority and the Urban Land Institute's Houston District Council; and

WHEREAS, a true 'titan' in the community, Ed left his mark all around Houston as he personally played a role in reinventing Meyerland Plaza, developing Gulfgate Mall, leading the charge on a city-wide referendum to expand public transit and helping head a \$100 million parks bond campaign amongst other accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, Ed has been recognized countless times both at Emanu El and in the community for his contributions, receiving accolades such as the 1979 Congregant of the Year, being inducted into the City of Houston's Hall of Fame, receiving an American Leadership Forum's Exemplary Leader Award, earning the *Houston Business Journal's* Commercial Real Estate Lifetime Achievement Award and in 2018, being bestowed the Distinguished Alumnus Award from his beloved Texas A&M; therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the members of Congregation Emanu El express to his family its sympathy and deep appreciation and gratitude for his devoted service to the congregation and records this acknowledgement in the minutes of the congregation's Board of Trustees meeting, August 13, 2019.



Rodney Roth, President

## EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH OCTOBER 22

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

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### 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.
- 9/9** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 9/11** – Emanu El Young Professionals: Torah on Tap, 6:00 p.m. (Bacco, 5010 Dincans)
- 9/12** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 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 1)
- 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.
- 9/17** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 9/20** – Widow 2 Widow Post-Shabbat Dinner, following 6:00 p.m. services
- 9/22** – EE75 Social Action/Cultivating Families, 12:15 p.m.
- 9/24** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 9/25** – Indian Cooking with Shubhra Ramineni, 9:30 a.m.

### OCTOBER

- 10/1** – No Emanu Elders in October (due to Rosh HaShanah)
- 10/10** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 10/13** – Sukkot on Sunset, 4:00 p.m.
- 10/16** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m. (off-cycle date due to Sukkot)
- 10/17** – Axe Night, 6:45 p.m. (at Houston Axe Throwing)
- 10/22** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

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## 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.

**Eric & Sara Blacher, children Ethan and Alivia**

**Hana & Avigdor Hetz**

**Dorit & Ishai Hetz-Crane, children Yarden & Yonatan**

**Doug & Jordana Hoffman**

**Annie Hurwitz & Peter Kucera**

**Donna Mark**

**Elissa & Charles Rice, children Charlie & Vivienne**

**Rachel & Michael Saghian, daughters Eva & Amelia**

**Jason & Adel Sander, son Daniel**

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 Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or elizabetht@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.



### 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

September 2019



**BOOK REVIEW:**  
*The Boatrunner*,  
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.

## 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. by **Monday, September 2.**



## Emanu Elders Thanks Priscilla Schube for Years of Service

At the August edition of Emanu Elders, the participants and volunteers gave thanks to Priscilla Schube (right). A longtime volunteer with the Emanu Elders and a former president of the Sisterhood, Schube will be moving to New York in the coming weeks to be by family. She is pictured with her longtime Elders co-advisor Sylvia Brody. Thanks for your service and best of luck on your move, Priscilla!



## Volunteers Lend a Hand at Brotherhood Garage Sale

Bill Soffar (pictured) was one of many volunteers that played a role in the Brotherhood Garage Sale held in August. The first weekend's sales netted over \$10,000. Steve Moskowitz headed up the annual event in which all the remaining items following two weekends worth of sales was distributed to non-profit agencies in the community. A full recap will be shared in the October edition of the *Bulletin*.



## Becker Teachers Return to Prepare for Fall Semester

The middle of August represented the return of the Becker faculty ahead of the 2019-20 school year. Director Paula Katz along with her team directed the training as the teachers prepared to welcome 230 students back at the end of the month.



## Rabbi Fixler Participates in National Rally

Rabbi Josh Fixler (pictured, right) was featured in the Washington Post in early August as he joined representatives of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) and other Jewish organizations in our nation's capital advocating for immigration reform in America. Several members of Emanu El attended a similar rally held in east downtown on the same day.







# Helfman Religious School

## A Message from Stefani Carlson



As I sit down to write this article, I am still feeling the tremendous energy of having been together with our Helfman Religious School faculty and staff for the first time this year at Yom Moreh, the community-wide day of learning for congregational school teachers.

Our education team has come together beautifully over the summer, with several exciting new hires joining our beloved regulars. Each one of us is eagerly looking forward to the learning we will do with our students and families this year.

During Yom Moreh, we had the opportunity to learn with Rabbi Rebecca Milder, Director of the Jewish Enrichment Center in Chicago, who led us through exercises in “raising the child’s voice” in Jewish education. Along with colleagues from other area congregations, we spent the morning experimenting with loose parts, visual arts materials, sound, and movement as tools for interpreting Torah.

Our Hebrew teachers participated in a parallel session, in which they explored multi-sensory ways of teaching. After lunch and a text study icebreaker, we came together as a Helfman team in a bonus session with Rabbi Milder in which we practiced facilitating “grand conversations” that encourage creativity and complex thinking. Most importantly, later in the afternoon, we began to think about how to take the learning that we were doing together and bring it into our classrooms.

Our day of learning was organized around the words that are written on the cornerstone of our school wing: La’asok b’divre Torah, to engage with words of Torah. We talked about what it might look and sound like in our classrooms when our students are truly engaged in their explorations of Torah and Judaism, and are eagerly anticipating putting those ideas into practice.

To support an environment of experimentation and inquiry in our teaching, our faculty will have several new opportunities for ongoing professional development, including a new Professional Learning Community.

By the time this article is published, our teachers will have received class rosters and TA assignments and continued their learning alongside their teen assistants at Open House, where they will have begun to meet their students and families.

Our 5780 Helfman Religious School year kicks off on **Sunday, September 8** with a brief Opening Day assembly for all students and parents in the Barish Sanctuary at **9:00 a.m.** Students will head to their regular classes at approximately **9:30 a.m.**, while parents are invited to head to the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room for an informational meeting with our clergy and professional staff and a breakfast social sponsored by the Emanu El Brotherhood. Our annual Hot Dog Luncheon, hosted by the Religious School Committee, will follow dismissal at noon.

It’s not too late to enroll: log in to your Member Portal at [www.emmanuelhouston.org](http://www.emmanuelhouston.org) or contact Gail Shapiro at [gails@emmanuelhouston.org](mailto:gails@emmanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6400 for more information. We can’t wait to see you there!

Warmly,  
**Stefani Carlson**

Director of Congregational Learning



## Helfman Teachers Gather at Yom Moreh

Prior to the start of the school year, our Helfman Religious School faculty and staff came together with Religious School teams from across the community for the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston hosted Yom Moreh. This is a great opportunity to learn with colleagues from across town.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

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

### 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 familiar elements including our rock-climbing wall, hayrides and crafts with the Sisterhood. The musical entertainment will be the Larry Glass Band.

Part of Emanu El 75th anniversary celebration, this year's event has been enhanced and will include something for everyone. And the evening will end 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 online by visiting our website or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771.

### 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, 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 our web calendar online or contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414. The chair of this event is Bruce Lessey.

### Estate Planning of the Heart Sunday, October 20, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Join Jane Shapiro, Executive Planning Advisor at Houston

Jewish Funerals, as she discusses how to make sensible decisions that are appropriate for you and your family.

Learn how to protect your family from having to scramble at the time of need to make these necessary decisions while reducing stress, fatigue, emotional overload and financial burden for your loved ones.

This class is offered free of charge, however RSVPs are requested. Please register online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or by calling 713.529.5771. Light refreshments will be served. This is an informative discussion and not a sales presentation.



**Yonatan Winetraub, the co-founder of SpaceIL.**

### Congregation Emanu El, AIPAC Partnering in October Wednesday, October 23, 7:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El will be teaming with AIPAC in October as part of AIPAC's synagogue series.

Join us to hear from Emanu El's own Rabbi Oren Hayon about his week in Israel with 16 other rabbis from across the US with AIPAC's American Israel Education Foundation.

Our keynote speaker is Yonatan Winetraub, the co-founder of SpaceIL (or the Israel Space Agency). The event will begin with light refreshments at **6:15 p.m.** prior to the **7:00 p.m.** program.

We kindly ask that RSVPs are made by visiting [www.aipac.org/EmanuEl](http://www.aipac.org/EmanuEl).

More information will be shared about this event in upcoming publications. For all other inquiries, please contact Hayley Rosenberg at 832.380.7710 or [hrosenberg@aipac.org](mailto:hrosenberg@aipac.org).

### Tailgate at the Temple Sunday, November 3, 8:00 a.m.

For the first time in the history of our congregation, Emanu El will host a Tailgate at the Temple!

The Houston Texans will be facing their AFC South divisional opponent Jacksonville Jaguars at London's Wembley Stadium. With an **8:30 a.m.** kickoff time in Houston. What better way to start your morning than at Emanu El with fellow Texan fans?

Event chair Rodney Roth and Holmes Smokehouse, the official hot dog provider for the Houston Texans, has planned a phenomenal morning that will feature traditional tailgate fare along with breakfast items.

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**Rodney Roth and Holmes Smokehouse, the official hot dog provider for the Houston Texans will be sending out their world-famous mobile smokehouse to the ‘Tailgate at the Temple’ in November.**

Their world-famous mobile smokehouse will be smoking at the Temple with tents, televisions, games, and lounge furniture to watch the game in comfort.

Helfman Religious School parents are encouraged to join us after dropping off their children. The game should be over by 12:00 p.m., just in time for pick-up.

While this event is free, we request RSVPs for an accurate headcount. Please RSVP online or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771.

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

## An Evening with Gloria Steinem Thursday, November 7, 7:00 p.m.



Presented by Brazos Bookstore, in partnership with Congregation Emanu El and the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, author Gloria Steinem will be speaking about her latest book, *The Truth Will Set You Free*.

The cost of attending this event is \$22 and included a pre-signed hardback copy of the book, *The Truth Will Set You Free*. This ticketed event is expected to sell out and tickets must be purchased ahead of time at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-evening-with-gloria-steinem-tickets-69067951101>

A collection of Steinem’s lifetime of quotes – powerful and wise, funny and outrageous – beautifully illustrated, and with a new introduction and essays by the feminist writer and activist herself. From Steinem’s early days as a journalist and feminist activist, up to today, her words have helped generations to empower themselves and work together. The book covers topics from relationships to patriarchy and activism.

A renowned writer, lecturer, editor and feminist activist,

Steinem co-founded *Ms. Magazine* in 1972 and she remained one of its editors for fifteen years. In 1968, she helped found *New York Magazine*, for which she was a political columnist and wrote feature articles.

Her books include the bestsellers *Revolution from Within*, *Outrageous Acts and Everyday Rebellions*, *Moving Beyond Words*, *Marilyn: Norma Jeane*, and *As if Women Matter* (published in India).

Steinem has received the Penney-Missouri Journalism Award, the Front Page and Clarion awards, the National Magazine Award, the Women’s Sports Journalism Award, the Lifetime Achievement in Journalism Award from the Society of Professional Journalists, the Society of Writers Award from the United Nations, the James Weldon Johnson Award for Journalism, and many others. In 2013, she received the Presidential Medal of Freedom from President Barack Obama.

There will be an ASL interpreter for the event, and parking will be available on a first-come, first-serve basis in the Gaylor Parking Facility at the rear of Congregation Emanu El’s campus. Once parking has reached capacity, off-site parking will be available at the Medical Clinic, 1701 Sunset Blvd., two blocks away. We ask that guests do not arrive prior to **5:00 p.m.**, and guests are strongly encouraged to use ride-sharing services to and from the event.

For more information, contact Brazos Bookstore directly at 713.523.0701.

## Save the Date! Power Breakfast with Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo Wednesday, November 20, 8:00 a.m. (breakfast at 7:30 a.m.)



Rabbi Oren Hayon will host a conversation with Houston’s top officer, during which the duo will engage in a dialogue about the role Chief Acevedo serves in the city of Houston, his approach to policing and concerns about security at places of worship. A brief question and answer session will follow.

This event is open to the public and the cost of breakfast is \$10. Registration is now open, and the deadline is **Monday, November 18.**

The Emanu El Power Breakfast series launched in the summer of 2019 with Houston Astros beat writer Chandler Rome. The goal of the program is to bring in topical speakers of interest throughout the year to the congregation and community.

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



## 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 various ages, stages and interests. Are you interested in forming a group like the offerings listed below?

Contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or [elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org); or Jason Plotkin 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! The October gathering will be skipped due to High Holy Days with November's date slated for **Tuesday, November 5** due to the Gloria Steinem program.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at [elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 222. RSVPs are also accepted online by visiting our website and finding Mahj on the calendar.

The third-Monday afternoon group of players will gather on **Monday, September 16**. This group will skip its October gathering due to Simchat Torah. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.



### Emanu El Young Professionals: Torah on Tap Wednesday, September 11, 6:00 p.m.

Join Emanu El's Young Professionals group for *Torah on Tap: The Art of the Celebrity Apology, Volume II* hosted by Rabbi Fixler on **Wednesday, September 11th 6:00 p.m.** at Bacco, 5010 Dincans.

From Rabbi Fixler, "It's the Hebrew month of Elul – the season for *t'shuvah* (repentance). But why is it so hard to say I'm sorry? And what makes a good apology? Using the wisdom of Jewish tradition, we will analyze celebrity apologies to develop tools for doing repentance right. Join us for beers and an informal and engaging conversation that will help prepare us for the High Holy Days."

Feel free to bring friends as we use a bit of pop culture to connect our conversations with meaningful and spiritual context. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or [elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org).

### 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 Shabbat services

Our next Widow to Widow event will feature Ashley Grubbs, as she presents the topic, *How to get and stay organized when LIFE happens and shares 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

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Emanu El for Cultivating Families, an organization that helps families care for foster and adopted children.

There are three opportunities to participate from (more information on this activity can be found on page 14). Please register for the project which most 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).

### **Emanu El Volunteer Choir** **Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.**

Emanu El's Volunteer Choir has been an active group this year, performing 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](mailto:richard.zoll@yahoo.com). Please make sure to contact Richard to verify the rehearsal schedule for the month.

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## **ADULT EDUCATION OPPORTUNITIES AT EMANU EL**

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### **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.

### An Update on Emanu El's 75th Anniversary

This year of programming features touches from social to education, social action to family gatherings. The full schedule of happenings can be found online at [emanuelhouston.org/75thanniversary](http://emanuelhouston.org/75thanniversary) with Sukkot on Sunset and the EE75 Ever Forward Celebration featured throughout this Bulletin.

To contact the chairs, Cheryl Levy or Elyse Kalmans, email [ee75@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:ee75@emanuelhouston.org). For all other inquiries, contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

### #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. **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).
3. **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.

To RSVP for any of these tracks, please visit [emanuelhouston.org/ee75](http://emanuelhouston.org/ee75) or call 713.529.5771 to RSVP over the phone. This project is chaired 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 & Past Presidents Shabbat Friday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Please note that we have combined Founding Families and Past Presidents Shabbat. Chaired by Sue Baum, Sara Brook, Kathy and Garey Marks and Judy Sax, special recognition will be given to founding families and Past Presidents of the congregation during this Shabbat service, which will also double as our final Heritage Shabbat experience of the 2019 calendar year.

The post-Shabbat "Demi Oneg" will feature a mix of heavy appetizers but also include some of the traditional items served at Emanu El Oneg Shabbats include the popular pull-apart cakes and sherbet floats.

To help us ensure that we do not miss any founding families or descendants, please reach out to [ee75@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:ee75@emanuelhouston.org) if you or a family member were among the founders of Congregation Emanu El.

### Chanukah Celebration: 75 Menorahs for 75 Years Friday, December 27

Chaired by Brooke and Jonathan Reich, 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.

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### 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](mailto:bloeser@sbcglobal.net).

## YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

### 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.

### Interested in Joining Emanu El's Brownies in 2019-20?

  
**brownies**  
Calling out to our 2nd grade Emanu El/Helfman girls! Congregation Emanu El will be continuing with a Girl Scout troop for 2019-2020. Our former Daisies are now Brownies and we would love to extend the opportunity to more girls to join our troop 146118.

Participants must be members of Emanu El and/or attend Helfman as well as be starting their 2nd grade year. All meetings will take place after Sunday school, generally once/month. Please reach out to Jody Sweed at [jody\\_nadler@hotmail.com](mailto:jody_nadler@hotmail.com) if you are interested in registering your daughter.



### 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/>.

### Cub Scout Pack 1190 Informational Meeting

On **Sunday, September 8th at 12:30 p.m.**, all boys and girls 1st through 5th grade and their parents are invited to attend a fun and exciting informational meeting for Cub Scout Pack 1190 following religious school. Come join us as we share the activities in store for 2019-20. Membership is \$100 for the year. For questions, contact us at [emanuelpack1190@gmail.com](mailto:emanuelpack1190@gmail.com).

## Emanu El Campers Receive Postcard from Clergy



Postcards were sent to Congregation Emanu El's campers attending Greene Family Camp, Six Points Sports Academy and a host of other camps during the summer. Thanks to our congregation families for supplying the addresses so we could send a little Emanu El to our camp families.

## Emanu El's Strong Connection to Greene Family Camp

Congregation Emanu El's strong connection with Jewish camping is deeply engrained in the fabric of the institution. Early in the life of the synagogue, under the direction of Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, Emanu El served as one of the pillars in establishing the Union for Reform Judaism's Greene Family Camp (GFC) in Bruceville, Texas.

For the second summer in a row, Emanu El sent the largest delegation to GFC from across the region, with more than 100 children from our congregation experiencing the richness of GFC.

Many of the Congregation's campers go on and become counselors and unit heads at camp while Emanu El's clergy and education team makes it a priority to maintain a visible presence throughout the summer, serving on faculty at camp for five out of the six weeks.

This spring, the tradition of Emanu El's involvement with GFC continued as the synagogue and its auxiliaries were able to provide over \$36,000 in camperships and/or financial aid to over many students from the Helfman Religious School program.

Additionally, several funds within the Temple's endowment including the Barbara & Mark Brookner Campership, the Chester Marcus Campership, the Ben Noble Campership, the Connie Reischer Scholarship, the Ricky Schnurr Campership aid in adding to the total count of dollars provided to our students.

Congregants and community members alike are encouraged to give to these funds as well as the general Greene Family Camp Fund to enable future campers to benefit from the experiences that attending a Jewish summer camp provide.



URJ BIENNIAL 2019  
DECEMBER 11 - 15  
CHICAGO, IL

**Union for Reform  
Judaism Biennial**  
Wednesday, December 11  
– Sunday, December 15

Join thousands of Jews from across North America and around the world to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and the leaders of our Movement, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and make decisions about the policies of the Reform Movement.

For a second straight Biennial, Congregation Emanu El's leadership will be on display as executive director David Lamden, program director Jason Plotkin and board member Fredi Bleeker Franks are amongst the presenters during the eight learning blocks offered.

Additional information on the Biennial can be found at [www.urjbiennial.org](http://www.urjbiennial.org). Funds are available to help leadership attend the Biennial. For more information, contact Lamden at [davidl@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:davidl@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 221.

## Emanu El Memorial Park Participating in Community-Wide Mitzvah Project

Emanu El Memorial Park is participating in the community-wide mitzvah project organized by Lodge Galil of the Hebrew Order of David International (HOD) to place a permanent marker on all Jewish graves that do not have them. All congregations with cemeteries in Houston are involved.

HOD Brethren Ivor Segall and Alan Lipman suggested and are coordinating this project for Lodge Galil. Gaitz Memorials is graciously lending assistance with purchasing and engraving. Ramirez Cemetery Services is placing the markers. Lodge Galil is starting with the burials of those whose records are missing and who we know have no family.

Lodge Galil is asking for assistance in funding this project to see it through completion. If interested in helping with this project or discussing further, please do not hesitate to contact [GravestoneProject@hodgalil.org](mailto:GravestoneProject@hodgalil.org), or donate directly at [www.hodgalil.org/GravestoneProject](http://www.hodgalil.org/GravestoneProject).

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## Sisterhood New Traditions Gift Shop Tallit Sale Continues into September



New Traditions – the Emanu El Sisterhood gift shop – will again offer a 25% discount on tallit through the end of September. If you have a simcha approaching, 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!

Late last month, New Traditions resumed 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.

## Annual Yom Kippur “Break the Fast” Sponsored by Pliskin Family

For the fifth straight year, we will celebrate the end of Yom Kippur with a “Break the Fast” in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room following the closing service.

Our “Break the Fast” tradition was initiated and has been continued, by our members Greta and Alexander Pliskin. This year, Greta, Alex, Riana and Mia Pliskin dedicate the “Break Fast” in loving memory of their grandfather and great-grandfather Boris Grinman.

The “Break the Fast” will feature bagels and schmears. All are invited to come together at the end of Yom Kippur for a nosh and some socializing!

## 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).

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## BECKER SCHOOL NEWS



## Becker School Administration Ready to Welcome Students for 2019-20



**Becker administration (left to right) pictured prior to the start of school: Pam Jenkins, Judy Lazor, Leslie Strug, Marlene Finkelstein, Evon Zionts and Paula Katz. The school’s first day of classes was scheduled for Tuesday, August 27.**

August has been a busy month at the Becker School. The

children started school recently and are already exploring, learning, and making new friends. The administrative team (pictured at left) led by director, Paula Katz, organized and led an educational and informative teacher training and helped our parents and children have an easy transition to school. Our Becker teachers have created beautiful and child-friendly classrooms and look forward to learning and playing with the children.

Baby Break has moved to **Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 10:30 a.m.** Parents, grandparents or caretakers can bring their young children, between the ages of four months to two years of age, to this class. Please join us in Becker classroom 110 for music, playing and socializing. There is no registration or fee for this class.

Becker is very excited to offer an Indian cooking class by Becker Mom and author Shubhra Ramineni on **Wednesday, September 25 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Congregation Emanu El kitchen. There are only 10 spots available so register online now at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) if you are interested. For more information, contact Marlene at [marlenef@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:marlenef@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6400.





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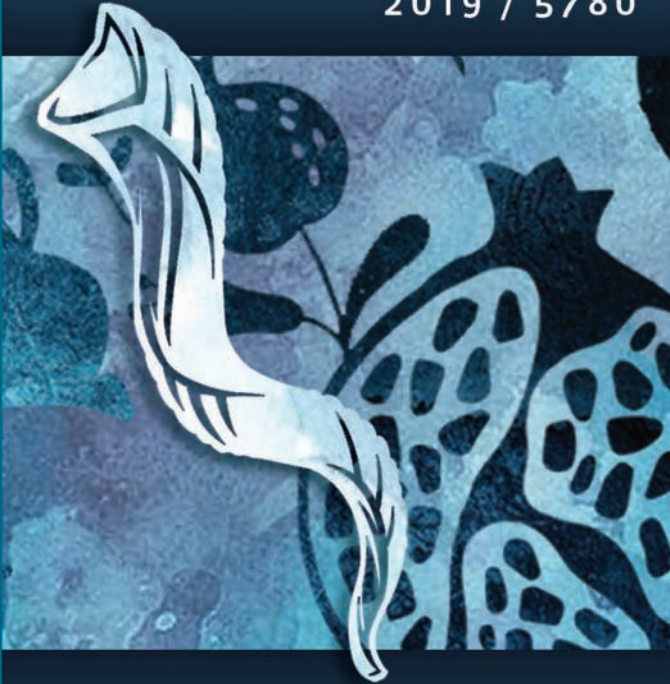
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