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FROM RABBI HAYON



2019 will be filled with many opportunities to look fondly back over the memories of bygone years while at the same time recommitting ourselves to our congregation's bright future.

We often say that the readiness to embrace change is central to the idea of Reform Judaism, and that is true. But so is the desire to live in continuity with the religious heritage of the Jewish people. To ignore or to minimize the importance of either of these aspirations is to distort the history of Reform Judaism and to render an inadequate account of our particular version of the Jewish religious experience.

– Rabbi Mark Washofsky

Since its origin in the 19th century, Reform Judaism has always revolved around the twin poles of tradition and innovation: two opposing but complementary forces in Jewish life. Our movement is committed to learning from the wisdom and being guided by the traditions of our people's past, but we insist at the same time that we remain open and mindful of the moral and spiritual demands of today's modern world.

This approach to Jewish life – keeping one eye on the past and the other on the future – feels newly relevant as we continue through our synagogue's 75th anniversary year.

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Dr. Gary Zola to Serve as Barish Limmud Scholar-in-Residence Weekend of February 15-17th

Dr. Gary Zola, Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) will serve as the Barish Limmud Scholar-in-Residence the weekend of **February 15-17th** at Emanu El.



In addition to serving as the Executive Director of the AJA – the world's largest free-standing research dedicated solely to the American Jewish experience – Dr. Zola is the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History

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**Congregation
Emanu El
Sisterhood Presents
"Unforgettable Music
By Jewish American
Composers: 'Oh, What
A Night!'"**

**Thursday, March 7th
6:00 p.m.**

We are delighted to announce Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood's annual fundraiser. All are invited to enjoy a night of musical splendor featuring **Emily Moses**, an accomplished singer who has starred in leading opera roles, Broadway shows and serves as the cantorial soloist at Houston Hillel. Emily received a master's degree in vocal performance from Rice University Shepherd School of music. In 2011, she was the winner of the prestigious Miami University Concerto Competition, as well as the winner of the Miami University Undergraduate Artist Competition. She will be accompanied by and appearing with **Alex Navarro**.

A renowned musician, Alex, is widely known as Engelbert Humperdinck's music director and pianist from 2007 to 2015. His list of notable recording and performance credits include artists Rod Stewart, Queen Latifah, Carly Simon, Art Garfunkel, the Prague Philharmonic, the BBC Radio Orchestra, the Newark Symphony, the Omaha Symphony, and many others. Alex is

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Shabbat T'rumah, Exodus 25:1 – 27:19

Friday, February 8th

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

Saturday, February 9th

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Noah Friesen**, son of Sara & Kyle

Friesen and **Joshua Rosenblum**, son of Amber & Robert Rosenblum

Shabbat T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20 – 30:10

Friday, February 15th

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Heritage Shabbat/Guest D'var Torah from Rabbi Gary Zola

Saturday, February 16th

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Isabelle Pesikoff**, daughter of

Heather & Daniel Pesikoff and **Samantha Rosen**, daughter of Micol & Barry Rosen

Shabbat Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35

Friday, February 22nd

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

Saturday, February 23rd

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Ally Brookner**, daughter of Stacey

Brookner & Michael Brookner and **Madison Mark**, daughter of Brandon Mark & Donna Mark

Shabbat Vayak'heil, Exodus 35:1 – 38:20

Friday, March 1st

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

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

6:30 p.m., Rodeo Tot Shabbat, Oshman

Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, March 2nd

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

Shabbat P'kudei, Exodus 38:21 – 40:38

Friday, March 8th

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

Saturday, March 9th

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

Shabbat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

Friday, March 15th

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

Saturday, March 16th

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

NOTE: The Shabbatones' traditional slot on the third Friday of the month will take place on the fourth Friday of the month during February to accommodate activities pertaining to Heritage Shabbat and our special guest.

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

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2019 will be filled with many opportunities to look fondly back over the memories of bygone years while at the same time recommitting ourselves to our congregation's bright future.

This month, we will be welcoming one of the foremost historians of Reform Judaism – and a dear friend to many of us – to share his perspectives on how our congregation and our movement have navigated our present-day challenges by drawing on the resources and the wisdom of the Jewish past.

Over the weekend of **February 15th**, Rabbi Gary Zola will be serving as this year's Barish Limmud Scholar-in-Res-

idence. Dr. Zola, the Executive Director of the American Jewish Archives [AJA] in Cincinnati, is an expert at using the AJA's remarkable archival holdings to draw fascinating and powerful connections between the past and the present. I hope that you will make a point to join me to learn from this dear friend and teacher during his two sessions here at Emanu El over Shabbat and at his Yom Limmud keynote address. You will not want to miss the opportunity to learn from this wonderful scholar and teacher.

As the theme of last month's kick-off concert indicated, the hallmark of our 75th anniversary year is the concept of remaining "Ever Open." As the year progresses, it is my hope that all of us will strive for that same enduring sense of openness in our lives: openness to the past, the present and the future, as we celebrate the many gifts of our strong and vibrant Reform Jewish community.

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DR. GARY ZOLA TO SERVE AS BARISH LIMMUD SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE *continued from page 1*

at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati.

Dr. Zola became the AJA's second director in 1998, succeeding his teacher and mentor, Professor Jacob Rader Marcus (1896-1995), the prodigious scholar who first defined the field of American Jewish history. It was Marcus who founded the AJA in 1947 and served as its director until his death in 1995.

A listing of opportunities for the congregation to learn from Dr. Zola can be found below.

Friday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m. – Heritage Shabbat. Our Heritage Shabbat series will continue on this Friday night with music from the old Union Prayer Book and feature Cantor Rollin Simmons and our professional choir. During this worship service, Dr. Zola will give a special D'var Torah on Congregation Emanu El's role in the Reform Movement and American Jewish history. Please join us beginning at 5:15 p.m. for a pre-neg before the service.

Saturday, February 16th at 9:00 a.m. – Dr. Zola will present, *Great Voices, Civil Rights & Jews in the American South*, starting at 9:00 a.m. (breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m.).

Have you ever wondered what some of the leading American rabbis handled pivotal world events from the pulpit? What did American rabbis tell their congregants about topics such as the rise of Adolph Hitler, the outbreak of World War II, the struggle for Civil Rights

in the 1950s and 1960s, and so forth? Dr. Zola, will introduce us to some of Judaism's most remarkable rabbinical leaders. This will be a rare opportunity for you to actually hear a series of remarkable vocal recordings (digitized with visuals added) of several towering rabbinic voices, all of which come from the AJA's extraordinary historical collection. This will be your opportunity to listen to sermonic voices that you may know by reputation – but have never actually heard.

Sunday, February 17th at 10:30 a.m. – Dr. Zola will be one of the featured scholars at the Greater Houston Jewish Federation's annual day of learning, Yom Limmud, to be held at Beth Yeshurun (4525 Beechnut St) as he presents, *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham*.

This session is based on Dr. Zola's new volume, *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry* (Carbondale, Illinois: Southern Illinois University Press, 2014), which was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award. Few are aware of the remarkable history linking American Jewry and President Lincoln. Dr. Zola will explain why many of Lincoln's personal and professional characteristics that have caused American Jews to embrace the sixteenth president as a man who possessed a Jewish soul. Lincoln's remarkable human qualities offer American Jewry an uplifting legacy to ponder.

Dr. Zola's visit is co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu El and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston in partnership with the Barish Family/The Chair King. For a complete schedule and to pre-register for Yom Limmud, go to www.houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud.

CONGREGATION EMANU EL SISTERHOOD PRESENTS

"Unforgettable Music By Jewish American Composers: 'Oh, What A Night!'" *continued from page 1*



Emily Moses

a pianist for the Houston Ballet and received a Master of Music degree from New York University, where he was awarded the Elmer Bernstein Award of Excellence in Film Scoring.

You will be dazzled by the outstanding talent of these professional performers as they entertain you with favorite all-time Broadway hits by George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Jerry Bock, Leonard Bernstein, and Stephen Sondheim, among other wonderful composers.

We hope you will join our Emanu El family and friends for this joyful night of camaraderie, fine food and unforgettable music.

General admission tickets cost \$75 per person. For patron information or information about the program, visit EmanuElHouston.org or call (713) 529-5771, ext. 233. To pay online, go to www.emanuelhouston.org and click on Sisterhood or send your check made payable to "Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood" to 1500 Sunset Boulevard, Houston 77005.



Alex Navarro

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH MARCH 30TH

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

FEBRUARY

- 2/5** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 2/6** – Becker Parenting for Life: YES, You Can Say NO, 9:15 a.m.
- 2/7** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 2/7** – Brotherhood Gathering/Congregant of the Year Vote, 6:30 p.m. (Baileson Brewing, 2322 Bissonnet)
- 2/11** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 2/14** – Work Of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 2/15** – Heritage Shabbat & D'var Torah by Dr. Gary Zola, 6:00 p.m.
- 2/16** – Dr. Gary Zola Presents: "Great Voices, Civil Rights & Jews in the American South", 9:00 a.m.
- 2/17** – Yom Limmud, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Beth Yeshurun
- 2/18** – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 2/19** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 2/21** – 75th Social Action/Bo's Place, 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.
- 2/26** – SACK Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 2/28** – My Generation Heads to Lonestar Flight Museum, 9:30 a.m.
- 2/28** – Whiskey Social & Dessert, 7:30 – 9:30 p.m. at the Longnecker Gallery, 2526 Colquitt St.

MARCH

- 3/1** – Rodeo Tot Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 3/5** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 3/6** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m. (new date; March only)
- 3/7** – Sisterhood Donor Event with Emily Moses & Alex Navarro, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/11** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/14** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/14** – Book Review: *Raquela: A Woman of Israel*, 12:30 p.m.
- 3/19** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 3/24** – Blood Drive in Honor of Rabbi Walter, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 3/26** – SACK Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 3/29** – Pop-Up Shabbat, 7:00 p.m.
- 3/30** – Parents Night Out, 6:00-9:30 p.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.

Andrew Epstein

Bea Ertas

Eby Harvey & Matt Marcus

Ron Kronberg

Jeffrey & Rachael Schnell, son Justin

Mark Wallock

New members will be shared in the Temple *Bulletin* regularly. Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Or looking to find a way to connect with Emanu El? Contact Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillK@emanuelhouston.org.

Becker School Priority Registration for Members Underway

Becker School priority registration for members of Emanu El started on Monday, January 28th. To be included in priority registration, be sure to submit an online application on our website for children 15 months to 4 years of age. Members that have applied will receive an email with information to register their child for the 2019-2020 school year. For questions regarding admissions or for a tour, please contact Judy Lazor at (713) 535-6400 or judy1@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.



HUC Alumni Gather at Congregation Emanu El to Meet Dean Hecht

In January, Congregation Emanu El hosted Rabbi Jonathan L. Hecht, Dean of the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion's Cincinnati campus. Dean Hecht is pictured with HUC alumni which include representatives from Emanu El, Congregation Beth El, Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism (HCRJ), Congregation Beth Israel, the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston and the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism (Texas), amongst others.



California Colleagues Send Thanks to Emanu El

Our colleagues at Congregation Or Ami in Calabasas, CA shared this photo of gratitude to our staff team at Emanu El. This is one of two Union for Reform Judaism synagogues impacted by the recent California wildfires that received cards from Emanu El. Posted by their Rabbi Paul Kipnes, "Feeling the love... Handwritten cards from the clergy and staff at Congregation Emanu El – they who served their congregants through the Hurricane Harvey flooding – provide hope and wisdom to the clergy and staff of Congregation Or Ami, as we serve still through the fires and shooting."

Troop 1190 Camps at Brazos Bend

Congregation Emanu El's Boy Scout Troop 1190 enjoyed a campout at Brazos Bend State Park on January 18th-20th. The boys braved a night of rain and temperatures in the 30s and 40s but a great time was had by all. Highlights included a five-mile hike, star-gazing and of course a campfire. Troop 1190 is always looking for new members. Contact Scoutmaster Josh Rotenberg at pedzzz@gmail.com for details on how to join.



Judaism Through the Arts

Thursday, February 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.



CONGREGATION EMANU EL
SISTERHOOD

Join Sisterhood for a delightful afternoon on **Thursday, February 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston for a special program of Judaism Through The Arts. Helga Aurisch, Curator of Impressionist and Post Impressionist European Art, will give a multi-media presentation comparing the impressionist painters Max Liebermann (German, Jewish) and Claude Monet (French, Catholic).

This enlightening and fascinating presentation will be followed by a tour of the museum's permanent collection, focusing on the amazing works of these great artists.



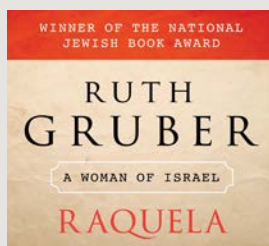
Max Liebermann



Claude Monet

Sisterhood News & Happenings

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BOOK REVIEW:

Racquela: A Woman of Israel,

by Ruth Gruber

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

12:30 PM

Our next book review will take place **March 14th, at 12:30 p.m.** Nada Chandler will review, *Racquela: A Woman of Israel*, by Ruth Gruber. Gruber, a well-known author and journalist, tells about the State of Israel's extraordinary beginnings through the experiences of Raquela, a native of Jerusalem's Moshe Yemen neighborhood who trained as a nurse-midwife at the Henrietta Szold School of

Nursing at Hadassah Hospital, Mount Scopus.

Book reviews are free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring their lunch as desserts will be served.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Whiskey Social and Dessert – Thursday, February 28th from 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Join Rabbi Hayon and event chair Todd Slobin for a tasting of whiskies from around the world led by Justin Vann from Houston's Public Services Wine & Whiskey.

The event will be held on **Thursday, February 28th from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m.** at Longnecker Art Gallery, 2526 Colquitt Street. Space is limited to the first 40 people, so please sign-up at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

The cost for the evening is \$30 per person for tasting and dessert. Please note that there is no parking for this event so it is recommended that attendees take advantage of ridesharing services such as Uber or Lyft.

Blood Drive Held in Rabbi Walter's Honor Sunday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El will be hosting a blood drive with MD Anderson Blood Bank in honor of Rabbi Roy Walter on **Sunday, March 24th from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

There are opportunities to donate either whole blood or platelets throughout the morning.

While Rabbi Walter had his surgery in December, is recovering beautifully and not in need of blood, all blood given during the drive will go towards credits from prior needs.

Please note that platelets can be donated every 48 hours while whole blood can be donated every 56 days. In order to give blood, one must be in good general health and feeling well. Individuals must be at least 17-years old, weight at least 110 lbs., have a photo ID and not be pregnant. General information on giving blood with MD Anderson can be found online at www.mdanderson.org/bloodbank.

To register and secure your appointment, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelo319>.

For assistance registering or for any additional questions, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Congregation Emanu El's Celebration of Purim

Purim Schpiel & Supper on **Wednesday, March 20th & Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 24th.**

Congregation Emanu El will be celebrating Purim with two great events. All are invited to hear the lively megillah reading, spin groggers and sing to the tunes of *Grease* together on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** This year's schpiel will be performed by the clergy and staff with special appearances by our volunteer and youth choirs.

Costumes are encouraged for all ages with a chance to show them off during a costume parade! The schpiel will be preceded at 6:00 p.m. by our annual "Purim & Pasta" dinner, which is \$6 for children and \$12 for adults. Vegetarian options available and of course, there will be hamantashen! The schpiel and megillah reading will be followed by an adults-only reception.

Online payments for the dinner are accepted by visiting www.EmanuElHouston.org.

The festivities do not stop there as the Helfman Religious School Committee hosts its annual Purim Carnival on **Sunday, March 24th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Our Religious School will be dismissed early and all are invited to take part in the carnival, which will feature inflatables, games, prizes, a "jail", music, face painting, Henna, pie toss, confetti eggs, a hot dog lunch, hamantashen and more.



Pizmon will be performing at a free concert held at the conclusion of the Purim Carnival on Sunday, March 24th.

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This year, we are fortunate to be joined by Pizmon, the coed, pluralistic, Jewish a capella group of Columbia University, Barnard College, and the Jewish Theological Seminary, who are visiting Houston as a stop on their annual Musical Outreach Initiative tour. They will be enhancing our Purim Carnival with a family-friendly concert on **Sunday, March 24th at 12:30 p.m.** The concert is free and open to the community. For more information about this awesome musical group, visit their website at <http://www.pizmon.org>.

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets for the carnival are available online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

For more information on either of these events, contact the synagogue at (713) 529-5771.

Congregation Emanu El Hosting Acclaimed Speaker Rev. Dr. William Barber Wednesday, March 27th

Congregation Emanu El will host Reverend William Barber on **Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m.** as he presents “Working Across Faiths to Develop Moral, Social Change.”

The evening is co-presented by Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and the Progressive Forum.

Rev. Dr. Barber is on a mission to lead this country in what he calls a national moral revival, giving a new face to the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign started by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. that linked the civil rights struggle for African-Americans to demands for equality for all poor people.



In addition to serving as co-chair of the Poor People’s Campaign, Rev. Dr. Barber is the President and Sr. Lecturer of the Repairers of the Breach, which seeks to “build a moral agenda rooted in a framework that uplifts our deepest moral and constitutional values to redeem the heart and soul of our country.”

This organization declares that the moral public concerns of our faith traditions are how society treats the poor, women, LGBTQ people, children, workers, immigrants, communities of color and the sick, therefore he believes that it is imperative that these must be handled in a compassionate and justice-seeking manner.

One of 25 winners of the MacArthur Fellow’s 2018 “Genius Grant”, Rev. Dr. Barber started gaining national attention when in 2013 as the head of the North Carolina

NAACP, he spearheaded the “Moral Monday” movement in the state. A series of weekly protests, the group, which numbered in the tens of thousands in the fight for voting rights, education funding and other progressive causes.

The pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Rev. Dr. Barber has given keynote addresses at hundreds of national and state conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

These speaking appearances have included addressing large groups of leaders within the Christian, Muslim and Jewish faiths. In 2017, he addressed over 5,000 attendees of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Boston. It is largely a result of this compelling presentation that Emanu El moved to bring Rev. Dr. Barber to our community.

A 2015 recipient of the Puffin Award and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award, Rev. Dr. Barber is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, New York Times, Washington Post, and The Nation Magazine, among others.

Rev. Dr. Barber’s appearance at Emanu El is generously underwritten by the endowment funds of the synagogue and is part of a larger slate of events associated with Emanu El’s 75th anniversary in 2019.

A beacon of social justice in the community since its founding, Emanu El’s mission under the leadership of Rabbi Oren Hayon is to make a visible and consequential impact on Houston’s moral and spiritual, cultural and intellectual life.

In this pursuit, Emanu El has been a leader in areas of social action and welfare, dating back to its involvement in the civil rights movement and serving the blind to feeding the hungry and working across faiths to bring about change – which aligns with that of Rev. Dr. Barber’s efforts across the country.

To help Emanu El make plans for the evening, which is being offered free to the community, we are asking that participants RSVP online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

SAVE THE DATE Next Pop Up Shabbat Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.

For those of you who enjoyed our Shabbat in the Heights in the fall and for those who could not make it, please save the date for our next “pop-up” experience on Shabbat scheduled for **Friday, March 29th at 7:00 p.m.** More details forthcoming!

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERINGS FOR AFFINITY GROUPS & SPECIAL INTERESTS AT EMANU EL

Monthly Mahj at Emanu El

First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.;
Next Gathering on Thursday, February 7th

Our “first Thursday” group of Mahj players gathers at 5:30 p.m. in the Stillman-Lack Library with a nominal \$5 fee to cover drinks and dinner. The February gathering is **Thursday, February 7th**. Novice and advanced players welcome!

For more information and to RSVP, please email Elizabeth Townsend at ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 222. RSVPs can also be handled on the Emanu El website at www.emanuelhouston.org.

NOTE: Due to the Sisterhood event during the first week of March, the “Monthly Mahj” group will be meeting on Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m. Thanks for your understanding!

My Generation Heads to Lone Star Flight Museum –Thursday, February 28th at 9:30 a.m.

Let your fancy take flight on Thursday, February 28th, as My Generation tours the Lone Star Flight Museum, one of Houston’s newest and nicest museums. This world-class facility shares the story of flight in the Lone Star State and features contributions Texas and Texans have made

to aviation. In addition, the Museum houses a renowned collection of historic aircraft that still fly as well as the Texas Aviation Hall of Fame.

We will leave the Temple by bus at 9:30 a.m. for the 45-minute trip to the Museum. After our guided tour we will have lunch “on you own” together in a semi-private room at Savannah Bakery and Cafe before our return to the Temple in mid-afternoon. Cost of the trip will be \$11, plus your lunch.

Register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by sending your check to the synagogue. The trip is limited to the first 39 people who sign up. My Generation is a group for those in our community that are 65 and older.

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.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Brotherhood Gathering & Annual Congregant of the Year Vote Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m.

The Brotherhood will gather at Baileson Brewing (2322 Bissonnet Street) on **Thursday, February 7th** for dinner, socializing and an opportunity to vote for the 2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year.

Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. So we can plan accordingly, please RSVP online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771.

Synagogue Softball League Returns This Spring – Interested in Participating?

Team Emanu El will be stepping up to the plate again this spring.

After a few year hiatus, the synagogue softball league is returning this March on Sunday mornings at Godwin Park. Emanu El is looking for participants of all ages interested in joining our synagogue’s team as it takes on friendly rivals Beth Yeshurun and Brith Shalom in recreational slow pitch softball.

Interested in participating? Please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



A new plaque was recently placed in the Rotunda to honor previous Congregant of the Year recipients.

Emanu El Youth Involved in J-Serve Houston

Several of our Helfman Religious School at Congregation Emanu El teens are serving on the committee for J-Serve Houston. J-Serve is an international day of youth service as teens come together to fulfill the Jewish values of gemilut chasidim (acts of loving kindness), tzedakah (just and charitable giving) and tikkum olam (the responsibility to repair the world).



Parents Night Out Saturday, March 30th from 6-9:30 p.m.

Parents: Drop your K-5th grader off at the Temple for the most fun night of the year! Pizza dinner, camp games, a bounce-house, and more! Our teens will be babysitting with teacher supervision, and they are donating their hours to a great cause. The cost is \$20 for a child and \$15 for additional children.

Register online at <https://www.emanuelhouston.org/event/parents-night-out.html>.

For more information, contact Jamie Aaron at (713) 529-5771, ext. 204 or JamieA@emanuelhouston.org.

Tot Shabbat Friday, March 1st at 5:45 p.m. (service at 6:30 p.m.)

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El on **Friday, March 1st** for our monthly Tot Shabbat. As is tradition at Emanu El, the March Tot Shabbat will have a rodeo theme with all

guests encouraged to wear their cowboy hats and boots to get into the rodeo spirit!

The evening will begin with an **optional dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by a special service at 6:30 p.m.**

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 March dinner will feature BBQ. There will be vegetarian and Gluten free options. The cost for dinner is \$4 for children and \$8 for adults.

While we will be serving kid-friendly food, we also welcome you to bring your own dinner and join us if that makes it easier to accommodate your family's specific dietary needs. A short and sweet dessert oneq will immediately follow the service.

And as a reminder, please save the date for our next Tot Shabbat on **Friday, April 5th** when we will have "Breakfast for Dinner" and all are invited to wear pajamas to our services!

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Emanu El Heads to Eastern Europe – Congregational Trip Planned for June 2019

Congregation Emanu El is celebrating its 75th anniversary in many ways during the 2019 calendar year.

As part of this celebration, please plan to join Rabbi Hayon as he leads a group from our congregation to Prague, Vienna and Budapest. An informational meeting about this congregational trip was held in late October. The trip's dates are June 11th-21st with basic information available on the ARZA World website: www.ARZAWorld.com. The final date to put your deposit in to secure space on this trip is **Monday, February 11th**.

If you are interested in taking part in this trip and were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.



ReelAbilities Film & Arts Festival Returns to Houston February 12th-21st

We are pleased to announce that Emanu El returns again as a Collaborating Partner of the ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival, annually produced by the JFS Alexander Institute for Inclusion in collaboration with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. Lead support is provided by TIRR Memorial Hermann and The Bristow Group.

The Festival, returning **February 12th-21st**, for its seventh year, begins with *ReelPeople: UP Abilities* on **February 12th**; continues with ReelArt, an exhibit opening and reception at Celebration Company on **February 13th**; launches into 13 dynamic films over four days (**February 17th-20th**) at Edwards Theater Greenway Plaza; and culminates on **February 21st** with the show-stopping ReelMusic at

White Oak Music Hall. Helfman Religious School will join Kehillah High School students for the film, *Deej*, on Bristow Night, **Wednesday, February 20th**.

ReelAbilities Houston showcases and leverages the unique contributions of people who live with disabilities, all with a mission to erase stigmas, change perceptions, foster inclusion, and create pathways to employment.

Tickets and parking to all film, art and music events are free and groups are encouraged to attend. Registration is requested via www.reelabilitieshouston.org, where a full Festival calendar is posted. ReelPeople: UP Abilities tickets are available for \$18.

ReelAbilities, founded in New York in 2007 and now presented in 14 cities, is the largest festival in the country dedicated to presenting award-winning films by and about people with varying abilities. The Houston Festival is considered the most creative festival of its kind; along with all film and arts events, ReelAbilities Houston also facilitates educational programs at schools and workplaces around the city, reaching thousands with its message of inclusion.

Congregation Emanu El members Susan Farb Morris and Dee Dee Dochen are respective chair and co-chair of ReelAbilities Houston 2019. To volunteer or sponsor ReelAbilities films, speakers, music or visual arts, please contact ReelAbilities@jfshouston.org.



Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Yom Limmud Celebrates 25th Year Sunday, February 19th

Each year, since 1995, the Federation has brought together Jews from all denominations to one place at one time to learn, shop, schmooze, nosh, sing and play together. Yom Limmud, the Federation's annual Day of Jewish Learning for All Ages is a unique learning experience that crosses social, political, and denominational lines, celebrating the depth and breadth of Jewish text, culture and tradition.

Yom Limmud 2019 will be held on **Sunday, February 17th**, and will be hosted at Congregation Beth Yeshurun. This year's theme is "Making Our World A Better Place: If Not Now, When?"

More than 70 local rabbis, cantors, and Jewish professionals will present sessions on a wide variety of topics. Rabbi

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Gary Zola is one of this year's Barish Shabbat Limmud scholars. His visit is co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu El and The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston in partnership with Chair King Backyard Store and the Barish Family. More information on Rabbi Zola's visit can be found on page 1.

Children in pre-K through third grade can participate in Young Limmud, a day-camp type program run by J camps. Babysitting is also available for children ages 15 months

to three years. Grammy award winner and PJ Library musical artist, Mister G, along with the Maccabeats will perform during the day.

Yom Limmud is generously endowed by Chair King Backyard Store and the Barish Family. Online registration is available on the Federation website at www.HoustonJewish.org/YomLimmud. Don't miss this day to celebrate being Jewish!

CLASSES OFFERED BY MEMBERS OF THE EMANU EL CLERGY TEAM AT YOM LIMMUD:

Rabbi Joshua Fixler – “Thanks, Mom and Dad: Raising Grateful Children”
11:30 a.m. – 12:20 p.m.

Rabbi Pamela Silk – “Talking to Children About Death”
12:30 p.m. – 1:20 p.m.

Rabbi Joshua Fixler and Cantor Rollin Simmons – “Praying with Our Feet: Songs and Texts of Protest”
1:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

Rabbi Oren Hayon with Rev. Duane Larson, Rev. Michael Dunn, and Rev. Neil Willard – “A Pilgrimage of Lament: Faith and Racial Justice” 1:30 p.m. – 2:40 p.m.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Passover Candy Sale

The Religious School Committee will be conducting a PASSOVER CANDY SALE during the months of January and February. We are pleased to feature Miss Chocolate and Bartons along with Old Time Delights kosher for Passover candy choices and a wide selection of additional items. All are perfect for the holiday or year round.

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The Religious School Committee (RSC) will receive 40% of all sales purchased through our Seller ID. Funds raised by the RSC enrich Jewish education at Emanu El through programs including Greene Family Camp scholarships, retreats and holiday happenings, parent and family education, and Teacher and TA shirts and professional development. Thank you for your support!



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Stefani Carlson, our Director of Congregational Learning had a chapter published in the collaborative work *Portraits of Jewish Learning*. Stefani's chapter entitled, *Growing Madrichim*, shares how post-B'nei Mitzvah teens can learn leadership and pedagogy in an innovating training program designed for supplemental school madrichim.

WEDDINGS

Jessica Lou & Kegan Blumenthal

DEATHS

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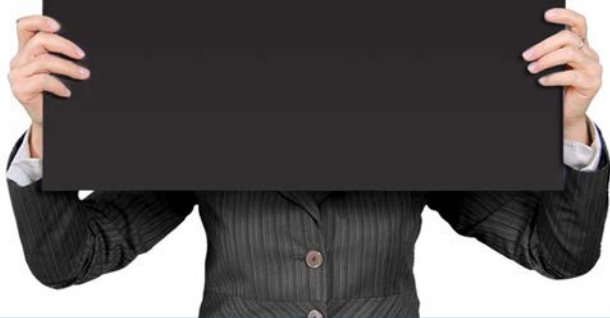
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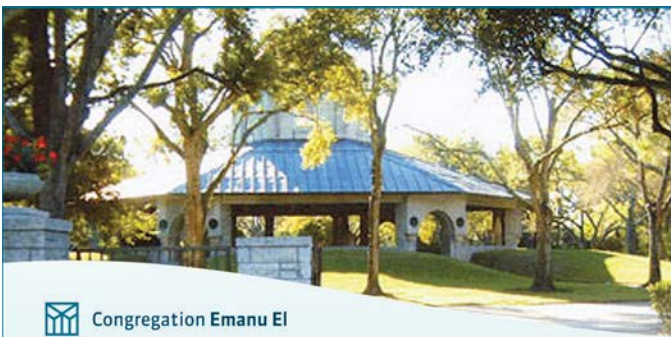
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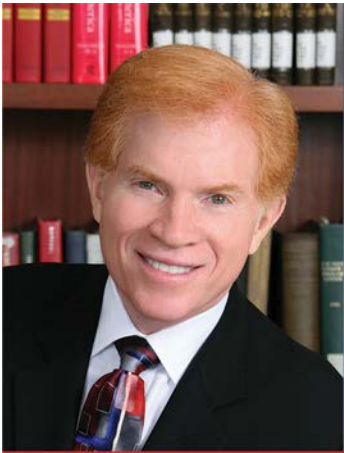
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SAVE THE DATE!

Emanu El's First Grade Girl Scout Troop Selling Cookies on Sunday, March 3rd

For the first time in years, Congregation Emanu El is home to a girl scout troop.

Please come help support our first grade girl scout troop on **Sunday, March 3rd from 12:00 – 12:30 p.m.** as they will be selling girl scout cookies outside of the Helfman Religious School entrance. The girls have chosen to donate a portion of their proceeds to the SPCA.

Cookies cost \$5 a box. For more information on the girl scout cookies or how to support the girl scouts at Emanu El, contact Jody Sweed at jody_nadler@hotmail.com.



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