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EDITOR'S NOTE ABOUT THIS BULLETIN

As of the print deadline for this edition of the *Bulletin*, all programs, services and meetings of the synagogue have been moved to electronic platforms, postponed or canceled through **Sunday, April 5**. We wanted to provide a communication to our synagogue but have slimmed it down significantly to reflect how rapid things are changing around us. To clarify the status of events and gatherings at Emanu El, please visit our website at emanuelhouston.org, call the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or email Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

FROM RABBI HAYON



Even when we are commanded to undertake a small, home-based ritual, we are not exempt from our moral obligation to other people and other families.

In just a few short days, the Jewish world will be united in our observance of the festival of Passover. This holiday connects us socially as well as religiously; statistics tell us that Passover is the most observed ritual in Jewish life, with some 70% of North American Jews gathering with friends, family, and neighbors to participate in a seder each year.

But this year is different. As I write these words, our country finds itself in the grip of the rapid ascent of the COVID-19 pandemic. The exponential growth of this virulent coronavirus has necessitated new protocols in our daily hygiene and set new patterns for our public interactions with each other. The imperatives of "social distancing" mean that Judaism has been forced to adapt as well: worship services, life-cycle celebrations, the rituals of mourning and healing – all the mainstays of Jewish life will be altered in this new and unfamiliar setting. What will Passover look like in the new world of disease and quarantine? What will we do if we must limit the size of our seders this year, in the name of public health and safety?

In the *Book of Exodus*, history's first Passover is observed with a very simple ritual: each Israelite household in Egypt slaughters a lamb, uses its blood to mark their house's doorposts, and shares its meat in a private family meal. But there is a very important corollary to this rule: The Torah recognizes that some families have greater means than others, and the text stipulates that each household should be prepared to share their food with the neighbor who lives nearby (Ex. 12:4) and may not have the means to provide for themselves. Even when we are commanded to undertake a small, home-based ritual, we are not exempt from our moral obligation to other people and other families.

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Congregational Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 19, 9:30 a.m.

Please plan to join us for our 2020 Annual Meeting.

Online registration for our annual meeting will begin formally on **Wednesday, April 8** at emanuelhouston.org with additional reminders to be sent through our traditional means of synagogue communication.

We are kindly asking that all individuals take the time to register in advance of **Sunday, April 19** so that there will be ample time allowed to communicate the instructions of how to join us for the meeting.

The annual meeting will feature reports from outgoing President Rodney Roth and Rabbi Oren Hayon. Congregants will have an opportunity to vote on the budget, the 2020-2021 Board of Trustees and more. A formal notice of the annual meeting was sent to the congregation in March.

TENTATIVE WORSHIP SERVICES

Please note the Worship Schedule below is tentative and subject to change. Updates will be provided in synagogue communications as it relates to our worship at this time. Prior to print, all services we were unable to do in person have been made available online.

Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Pesach, Exodus 33:12 -34:26

Friday, April 10

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

Saturday, April 11

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

Passover Festival & Yizkor Service

Wednesday, April 15, 10:30 a.m., Proler Chapel

Shabbat Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47

Friday, April 17

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

Saturday, April 18

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

Shabbat Tazria – M'tzora, Leviticus 12:1 – 15:33

Friday, April 24

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

Saturday, April 25

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

Shabbat Acharei Mot – K'doshim, Leviticus 16:1 – 20:27

Friday, May 1

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, May 2

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

Shabbat Emor, Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23

Friday, May 8

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

Leadership Shabbat

Saturday, May 9

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

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During these difficult days, sadly, we have seen the darker side of epidemiological anxiety. We have seen grocery stores and pharmacies denuded by “panic buying,” and watched as close relationships have grown distant due to the fear of contagion. Too many of us remain concerned with our own health and safety, to the exclusion of others – including the needy and vulnerable.

The prudent exercise of public health means that the observance of Passover will look very different this year. We now know that it will be unwise for large groups to gather for seders, or for festival worship services. We know that maintaining physical space between the members of our community will make it easier for us to protect each other's health. Even as we do, however, we should prepare ourselves to continue responding to this difficulty with generosity and compassion, just as the Torah directs, in order to preserve the stability and well-being of our communities.

It may be difficult to accept that things are so different in our community this month. Our families' and community's observances of Passover have always been beloved fixtures of our Jewish lives, and the holiday will undoubtedly not feel the same this year. But centuries of Jewish life have shown us that Passover always remains relevant, regardless of our lives' temporary circumstances. And this is true today as well. Even at times of struggle and fear, this season comes to remind us to be grateful for our own freedom – and to ensure others' liberation as well, by upholding our religious imperative to look out for those who need our care and attention when times are difficult. I pray that we take this holy responsibility seriously, and that we do our utmost to seek the welfare of ourselves, our loved ones, and those with whom we share this precious community of ours.

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.

Shanna Bayer & Priya Davar

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 elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 222.

Elyse Kalmans & Cheryl Levy Named “Ernest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year” by Brotherhood Date to be Announced



Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy.

Each year, Brotherhood selects the Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year to honor an outstanding member of Emanu El. Named for Ernest Krautkopf, a longtime member of Emanu El who served this congregation and the community as an “unsung hero,” this award is awarded to a congregant who has devoted years of service to the Emanu El community and to the community at large.

Brotherhood is pleased to announce that Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy will be our 2020 Earnest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year. Elyse and Cheryl’s expert leadership and contributions were most recently on display when they served as Co-Chairs of the 75th anniversary celebrations of our synagogue.

Elyse has been an active participant of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, the Anti-Defamation League, Jewish Family Service, and the Holocaust Museum of Houston. She also served on the Board of Trustees of Emanu El for over 10 years, has been Secretary and Vice President of Emanu El, and has chaired many committees.

Cheryl has served Emanu El as a board member and has been an active volunteer with the Book of Memory and the Kids’ Meals project. In 2006, Cheryl grew the Jewish Family Service volunteer program from a small group to hundreds of volunteers, giving more than 9,900 hours annually.

This year’s Congregant of the Year dinner will be held at a date to be announced in the future. Watch your mailbox for an invitation. Guests will be encouraged to return the response card enclosed within the invitation, and registration will also become available on the congregation’s website.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

IN THE COMMUNITY

Herb Pasternak was awarded a place on the ‘Wall of Honor’ at Pasadena High School.

WEDDING

Stephanie Kamion & Tyler Falkenhagen

BIRTH

Davis “Wren” Donnenfield, son of Emily & Noah Donnenfield; grandson of Leslie & Rick Byrd, Susan Regan Donnenfield; great-grandson of Paige Alyn & Clyde Selig, Adele & John Regan

Drew Joseph Riesenfeld, son of Andi & Brett Riesenfeld; grandson of Cheryl & Haran Levy, Arlene & Gary Lassin, Jeffrey Riesenfeld; great-grandson of Carol & Barry Goodfriend, Paula Levy, Ernest Riesenfeld, Milt Nisson

DEATHS

Sonia Hirsch Friedman, mother of Fillis & Henry Friedman, Leah F. & Michael Dworkin; grandmother of Meagan & Elliott Friedman, Sarah & Nathaniel Dworkin, Meyer Friedman, Laura & Jonathan Friedman, Michelle F. & Adam Muscat, Tracey F. & Joseph Levy; great-grandmother of Brayden and Oliver Friedman, Benjamin and Caroline Dworkin, Hadleigh Friedman, Avery and Madison Muscat, Noah and Micah Levy

Herman Proler, partner of Suzanne Levin; father of Rose Proler & Jack Cohen, Nancy & Lawrence Proler; brother-in-law of Freda (Bitsy) Proler

Richard Jacobs Reiser, brother of Gay Yellen & Donald Reiser; husband of Gail Cason Reiser; father of Damon and Julianne Reiser; grandfather of Karl Reiser and Simone Reiser

Lex Jonathan Riklin, son of Seth Riklin & partner Rebecca Ahrens, Duffy Lieber; grandson of Ann Levy Sutter and Ronald Sharlach; sister of Alana Riklin

Loretta Roman, mother of David Roman; mother-in-law of Sion Saghian; grandmother of Rachel & Michael Saghian, Lindsay & Elan Tavor, Kimberly Saghian; great-grandmother of Andrew, Alexa and Arianna Tavor, Eva and Amelia Saghian

A Notice About Bereavement Communications

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

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Passover at Home with Emanu El

(Excerpt from a March 25 email to the congregation; by print date – this information should be available.)

Our clergy and staff teams are currently working on Passover and Seder resources that we will provide in order to help you bring engaging and meaningful holiday content into your homes, including worship, music and learning opportunities for all ages. Of course, Passover also remains a tender opportunity for us to remember those we have lost, and we will be providing information in the days ahead about how Yizkor and its mourning prayers will be observed in the absence of physical gatherings.

Taste of Talmud: Lunch Time Text Study Class Continues on Thursday, April 16, 12:30 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson for an introduction to rabbinic text study. We will study with translation alongside the original text. No previous experience necessary. This class is scheduled for the third Thursday of the month.

If we are unable to meet at Emanu El, our monthly gathering will be taken online to Zoom. Our Zoom information will be shared ahead of time in synagogue communications.

Mental Health First Aid Training at Emanu El

Sunday, April 26, 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.
& Tuesday, April 28, 5:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m.

A decision about this offering will be made by JFS in early April

Congregation Emanu El is partnering with Jewish Family Services (JFS) to host a Mental Health First Aid training. These trainings are facilitated by nationally trained JFS instructors and provided free of charge through a generous grant from Jewish Family Service and co-sponsoring organizations. It is required that individuals attend both courses and one does not have to be affiliated with any community organization or Emanu El to attend. Each participant upon completing the class will receive a Mental Health First Aid certificate valid for three years from the training.

This class will teach a five-step action plan that offers initial help to people showing signs of a mental illness or in a crisis, connecting them with the appropriate professional, peer, social or self-help care. Anyone can take the eight-hour course, but it is ideally designed for adults - teachers, coaches, leaders of faith communities, social workers and other caring citizens.

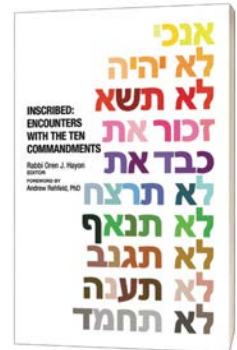
For more information about the JFS Mental Health First Aid program, please contact Gittel Francis at gfrancis@jfshouston.org or call 713.986.7812. Registration

for the class can occur online at mentalhealthletstalk.org/firstaid or those needing assistance to register are encouraged to reach out to Gittel Francis directly.

SAVE THE DATE! Launch Party of Rabbi Hayon's New Book

Please make plans to join us on **Tuesday, May 5 at 6:30 p.m.** for a launch party for Rabbi Hayon's new book entitled, *Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments*.

The evening will include light bites, a chance to get your copy of the book signed, and a short program. More information to come.



Sixth Annual Night at the Ballpark Tuesday, September 1



Tickets on Sale to Members Only through May 30 or Upon Sellout

Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce its sixth annual 'Night at the Ballpark'.

Join members of the Emanu El clergy and staff on **Tuesday, September 1** at Minute Maid Park as the Houston Astros welcome the Miami Marlins to town for a **7:10 p.m. first pitch**. The evening will feature \$1 hot dogs.

The cost of tickets to join Emanu El at the ballpark is just \$30. This year we will be sitting in the field box section and the cost of ticket is subsidized through the generosity of the Emanu El Brotherhood.

Please note that the initial allotment of tickets subsidized by the Brotherhood has sold out each year that it has been held at Minute Maid Park. Due to the space limitations, these \$30 seats are reserved for members of Emanu El (and their guests) on a **first-come, first-serve basis until Saturday, May 30 or upon sellout**.

Any available tickets on **Sunday, May 31** will be open to the community at large.

Tickets should arrive at the synagogue in early August and participants will be communicated to about making arrangements to pick-up their tickets prior to the ball game.

To register, please visit emanuelhouston.org. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

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Below is a list of programs that have been postponed or cancelled.

POSTPONED PROGRAMS

- Sisterhood's *Words Change the World* featuring Barbara Pierce Bush – **originally scheduled for Thursday, March 26 – to be rescheduled for August or September**
- *Before I Die Weekend* – **originally scheduled for Friday, March 27 - Sunday, March 29**
- *Kid Food* with author Bettina Elias Siegel – **originally scheduled for Tuesday, March 31**
- Artist-in-Residence Weekend with Ellen Allard – **originally scheduled for Friday, April 3 – Sunday, April 5**
- Sisterhood's Open Board Meeting – **originally scheduled for Thursday, April 16**
- Sisterhood's Art Safari – **originally scheduled for Thursday, April 23**
- Emanu El Young Families at Fire Truck Park – **originally scheduled for Sunday, April 26**
- Dad & Me Heads to the Dynamo – **originally scheduled for Sunday, May 3**
- Congregant of the Year – **originally scheduled for Wednesday, May 13**

CANCELED PROGRAMS

- Emanu Elders – **originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 7**
- Brotherhood's Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah – **originally scheduled for Tuesday, April 7**
- Congregation Second Night Seder – **originally scheduled for Thursday, April 9**
- Gathering Place – **originally scheduled for Monday, April 13**

YOUTH & YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

Helfman Enrollment is Open

Early Enrollment Still Underway

Enrollment for the 2020-21 Helfman Religious School year takes place online using Emanu El's online portal. At this point, early enrollment has been extended until further notice and more information will be shared when this changes.

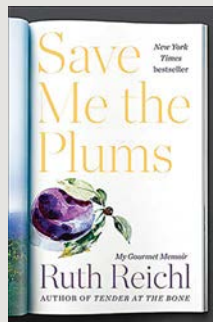
- Click the link below and log in to your account and complete the required information.
- www.emanuelhouston.org/school_enrollment.php
- Fill out all of the required information.
- Payment of the \$100 per child, non-refundable, registration fee is necessary to confirm your enrollment. Payment must be made online.

We will confirm enrollment(s) once the forms are complete and the registration fee is paid. The balance of the tuition will then be added to your account and is due by **Monday, August 31, 2020**.

If you have any questions, please contact Gail Shapiro at gails@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6400.

Sisterhood News & Happenings

May 2020



BOOK REVIEW:

Save Me the Plums,
by Ruth Reichl

Reviewed by Pam Silk

THURSDAY, MAY 14 12:30 PM

Join Rabbi Silk as she reviews, *Save Me the Plums* by Ruth Reichl. An accomplished writer, editor, and chef, Reichl details her 10 years as the editor-in-chief of *Gourmet* magazine. She is forthcoming about the triumphs and tribulations that came with accepting the offer for this position, hiring and supervising staff, befriending accomplished chefs throughout New York City and Europe, and providing sustenance to first responders after 9/11. She also shares a few of her favorite recipes, as well as names of her favorite restaurants.

Attendees are encouraged to bring their lunch. Desserts and snacks will be provided.

Please register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by calling the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Sisterhood Closing Program & Board Installation Wednesday, May 6, 11:00 a.m.

*A tasty lunch, music, a souvenir to take home, what could be better?
You're getting a poem instead of a letter.*

*Installing Sisterhood's Officers and Board,
Some new, some restored.*

*Our guest speaker Susan Bass, who is President of National WRJ,
Will inspire us to become leaders in the Jewish women's way.*

*Our own Cantor Simmons to lead us in song,
Come join us **May 6 at 11:00 a.m.** at Emanu El, you can't go wrong.*

In conjunction with Sisterhood's donor, *Words Change the World*, please bring books to donate to Harris County Protective Services. Children in foster care will receive these books as gifts as well as being read to while waiting to see their caseworkers.

Couvert: \$15 members, \$20 non-members

RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or online at emanuelhouston.org.

Donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

For donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund (for the Shabbat handout) please make checks payable to "Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood" and mail or drop off to Donna Fraley at the synagogue, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005. Donations can also be made online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

Please make sure to specify which Shabbat service(s) you would like your flower fund donation listed. **In order to ensure the donations are listed, we ask that they be at the synagogue no later than the Wednesday before Shabbat.**



NATA Board Meetings Held at Emanu El

In February, the executive board of the National Association of Temple Administration (NATA) held its meetings at Emanu El. Our very own David Lamden is a Vice President of the NATA board and hosted the group, which had an opportunity to eat at popular Houston restaurants and enjoy an afternoon at NASA in addition to their board meetings. During the Friday night worship service, the group was introduced to our congregation and blessed by Senior Rabbi Oren Hayon.

Rabbi Hayon Addresses Commissioners Court

At the end of February, Rabbi Oren Hayon was one of four Rabbis from the Houston Jewish community along with Rabbis Gideon Estes, David Segal and Danny Horowitz to speak at the Harris County Commissioners Court in favor of establishing an Immigration Legal Services program. A subsequent vote passed 3-2.

“Everyone in our city deserves access to justice and the ability to plead their case in ways our Constitution guarantees,” said Rabbi Hayon in an article that appeared in the *Washington Post*.



Totally Rad 80's Purim Schpiel

The cast of the Totally Rad 80's Purim Schpiel with a post-schpiel photo. The schpiel, in addition to the talented members of the clergy and staff, featured the youth choir and the volunteer choir. Thanks to all who attended the festivities!

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

New day of the month! Our Thursday evening crew is moving to the **second Thursday of the month** beginning in May when they will meet on **Thursday, May 14 at 5:30 p.m.** in the Stillman-Lack Library. A nominal \$5 fee covers drinks and dinner. Novice and advanced players welcome!

The next edition in the series will be **Thursday, June 11**. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414. You may also RSVP online by visiting our website calendar.

The third-Monday afternoon group continues on **Monday, April 20**. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

The Classics: Houston Japanese Garden & Dinner Sunday, April 26, 2:30 p.m.

Have a stroll through Houston's Japanese Garden at Hermann Park with the Classics followed by a taste of Japan at an authentic Japanese restaurant.

The Japanese Garden was designed by world-renowned landscape architect, Ken Nakajima. Natural materials are used, such as rock, wood, and plants, to give a feeling of serenity to this peaceful hideaway in Hermann Park with 5.5 acres of waterfalls, bridges, and stone paths that wander among crepe myrtles, azaleas, Japanese maples, dogwoods, and cherry trees.

The entrance to the Japanese Garden is located near the Pioneer Memorial obelisk, just off Molly Ann Smith Plaza (by the Heart of the Park). The closest parking lot is Lot A located off Sam Houston Monument circle. From Lot A, follow the granite path along the Jones Reflection Pool under the double alley of trees and you'll find the entrance just off the plaza with the obelisk. View the Hermann Park Map by visiting <https://www.hermannpark.org/visit/interactive-map/>.

The group will meet at the **garden entrance at 2:30 p.m.** Look for a sign that reads, "The Classics."

There is no charge to enter the Houston Japanese Garden.

Following the garden stroll (approximately 4:30 p.m.), the Classics will enjoy authentic Japanese cuisine (purchased individually) at Zen Japanese Izakaya (2015 South Shepherd Dr). Walking into Zen feels like entering a restaurant in Ginza, Tokyo.

While there is no fee for this event, we are requesting RSVPs to plan accordingly. Whether you plan to attend one or both parts of the afternoon, please RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org or call 713.529.5771 to reserve your spot today.

Celebrate with the Classics as we Slide into Summer! Friday, May 15, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services

Join the Classics – Emanu El's social group for those in their 50s and 60s – for dinner at Emanu El immediately following our 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services.

To put you in a summer state of mind, we'll be serving sliders (beef, chicken and Portobello mushroom) with all the sides and fixings, including beer and wine. The cost is \$14 per person. **Please register by Monday, May 11 online** at emanuelhouston.org or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771. This is our last event of the season before we take a break for the summer and pick up again in the fall. Hope to see you there!

My Generation Heads to Lone Star Flight Museum Tuesday, May 19, 9:30 a.m.

Let your fancy take flight with My Generation on a tour of 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 that 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 trip to the museum. Following our guided tour, we will have lunch together at Savannah Bakery and Café (purchased individually) before returning to the Temple by 2:00 p.m. The cost of the trip will be \$11, plus your lunch.

Register online by visiting our web calendar at 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. Please note that there is a minimum of 20 people required to ride the bus and allow the trip to occur, so please **register by Tuesday, May 12**.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

Emanu El Votes: Congregation Seeks Voter Registrars

Stay Tuned for Future Opportunities to Become A Voter Registrar

Our congregation's new civic engagement project, Emanu El Votes was originally slated to host a voter registrar training in late April with the National Council of Jewish Women [NCJW] and Hadassah.

At this time, this training is postponed and we look forward to sharing information about future opportunities similar to this one in upcoming synagogue communications.

In the meantime, Emanu El Votes is seeking members to assist us as we grow our civic engagement campaign in the months leading up to the November election. If you are interested in staying informed about future events including future volunteer opportunities, please e-mail us at EEVotes@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El to Participate in City-Wide Observance of Yom HaShoah Sunday, April 19, 3:00 p.m.

Cantor Rollin Simmons will be participating in Yom HaShoah, a day of remembrance for the six million Jewish people who lost their lives during the Holocaust.

During this annual commemoration, we will mourn the loss of all who perished, honor those who survived, and come together as a community to remember and reflect. The 2020 edition of the event will mark the 75th anniversary of the end of World War II and the liberation of the concentration camps.

Originally scheduled to be held at Congregation Brith Shalom, the Holocaust Museum as of the print deadline was determining means in which to take their commemoration online and to social media. Congregation Emanu El will be a partner in this effort and share.

This event is coordinated by the Yom HaShoah Steering Committee and Holocaust Museum Houston.

Sponsor an Oneg

Do you want to sponsor a pre-Neg prior to services or an Oneg following services in honor of a special occasion? Or perhaps in memory of the yahrzeit of a loved one? The Sisterhood is ready to help you! Contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414 to verify availability before he connects you with our Oneg committee.

Seeking Vehicles for Annual Becker Transportation Fair

Wednesday, April 22, 9:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m.

The Becker Transportation Fair is vrooming to a parking lot near you!

The highly anticipated Becker Transportation Fair is only a month away, and we need your help! If you or someone you know owns or has access to a boat, motorcycle, tractor, race car, truck, limousine, off-road Jeep, or anything else that could be fun for our Becker children, please contact Jennifer Stockel at jbstockel@gmail.com or David Stockel at dstockel@sbcglobal.net.

Those non-Becker families or participants that would like to attend the Transportation Fair are encouraged to contact Leslie Strug at leslies@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 259.

Cemetery Plot Increase Goes Into Effect May 1

At the beginning of the synagogue's new fiscal year on **May 1**, prices for new plot purchases in Emanu El Memorial Park will increase:

MEMBER

Pre-need: \$3,900.00 **At need:** \$4,300.00

NON-MEMBER

Pre-need: \$6,200.00 **At need:** \$6,700.00

For questions or plot purchases, please contact Alisha Klapholz (alishak@emanuelhouston.org, 713-529-5771).

Memorial Plaques

Deadline of Friday, June 5 to Ensure Placement Prior to High Holy Days

Many members of our congregation choose to memorialize their loved ones with a permanent plaque on the yahrzeit wall of the Barish Sanctuary, which also provides for the perpetual reading of their names as part of the Friday evening Mourner's Kaddish.

To ensure that your loved ones' plaques are placed on the wall in time for High Holy Days in early September, we encourage you to **purchase plaques by the close of business on Friday, June 5**. For more information, contact Alisha Klapholz at 713.529.5771, ext. 213.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through March 13, 2020.

ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

To provide creative arts programs

In Memory of

Melvin "Buster" Feldman

Goldie & Werner Knurr

Shirley Loeser

The Nuzzo Family

ACCESS FOR ALL

To ensure Emanu El is a welcoming, accessible and inclusive community

In Honor of

L.A. Train's Birthday & Anniversary of heart transplant

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

In Memory of

Jay Ignatoff

Sandy & Sam Block

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians

A Donation

Barbara & Mark Brookner

In Honor of

Susan Farb Morris

Carol Brejot

In Memory of

Aubrey Farb

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