



Congregation Emanu El

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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 **until further notice**. 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



An ancient book of Jewish mysticism, the *Sefer Yetzirah*, calls the High Holy Day season “the month of deeds.” The sages noted that the root of the Hebrew verb meaning “to be willing” looks very similar to the word “Elul,” the month of preparation before the arrival of the Days of Awe.

Our congregational community offers many opportunities for us to undertake concrete steps toward two parallel spiritual concepts: tikkun olam, improving the world, and tikkun atzmi, improving the self.

Thus, during the month leading up to the holy days, we are to prepare ourselves inwardly: apologizing for our missteps, forgiving others, and resolving to make changes in the new year. However, we cannot allow ourselves to remain content with mere preparation; we must follow through – personally, emotionally, and spiritually – and make good on the deeds we have resolved to do.

This is the month in which we can start to uphold the promises and commitments we have made for the year 5781. Absolved of past wrongs, we begin with a clean slate on which to inscribe the actions of a new year. Our congregational community offers many opportunities for us to undertake concrete steps toward two parallel spiritual concepts: *tikkun olam*, improving the world, and *tikkun*

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Election 2020: An Evening with Bob Stein

Monday, October 12, 7:00 p.m.

Sisterhood and the Emanu El Community Organizing CORE team invites you to a lively discussion of the upcoming election featuring Bob Stein, well-known Rice University professor who studies state and local politics, public policy and voting behavior.



A member of our congregation, Dr. Stein will discuss the many challenges of voting during the current pandemic, which is overlapping with a tremendous polarization in American politics.

Topics covered will include:

- Pros and cons of mail-in voting for those 65 and older

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Emanu El Series of Events Ahead of World Homeless Day

The world will acknowledge World Homeless Day on **Saturday, October 10**.

The concept of “World Homeless Day” emerged from online discussions between people working to respond to homelessness from various parts of the world. This day of recognition has occurred annually on the 10th of October since 2010.

Emanu El will have a series of opportunities surrounding homelessness to engage, learn and give.

Learning Through Liturgy - A Sermon: Homelessness & Sukkot Friday, October 2, 6:00 p.m.

During our Shabbat worship service, a member of our clergy will be sharing a sermon with the congregation

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Locations are listed below for those seeking to use the streaming video portal on our website. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

Our services (with the exception of B'nei Mitzvah) are streamed to our website, Facebook page, Roku channel, and YouTube. Our Saturday morning B'nei Mitzvah services are available solely on our website.

Shabbat Yom Rishon shel Sukkot **Friday, October 2**

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

Saturday, October 3

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Camryn Kleiman**, daughter of Robyn & Steven Kleiman and **Amelia Rose Perry**, daughter of Allison & Ian Perry
7:00 p.m., Havdalah for All – Sukkot Edition, Zoom

Shabbat Sh'mini Atzeret – Simchat Torah **Friday, October 9**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat / Simchat Torah, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, October 10

10:30 a.m., Morning Service / Simchat Torah Festival & Yizkor, Barish Sanctuary

Shabbat B'reishit **Friday, October 16**

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

Saturday, October 17

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Spencer Arouty**, daughter of Heidi & Stuart Arouty and **Morgan Raizner**, daughter of Randi & Michael Raizner
3:00 p.m., Bat Mitzvah, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Lindsay Nicole Kronowitz**, daughter of Steven Kronowitz & Ruth Pantoja

Shabbat Noach **Friday, October 23**

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

Saturday, October 24

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Benjamin Helwaser**, son of Yael & Pascal Helwaser and **Zachary Paull**, son of Crista & Jonathan Paull

Shabbat Lech L'cha **Friday, October 30**

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

Saturday, October 31

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Jake Blumrosen**, son of Amy Blumrosen & Shari Heyen and **Mathis Slaugenwhite**, son of Jennifer Hamberg & Jeremy Slaugenwhite

Shabbat Vayeira **Friday, November 6**

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

Saturday, November 7

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Brayden Reese Friedman**, son of Meagan & Elliot Friedman
7:00 p.m., Havdalah for All, Zoom

Shabbat Chayei Sarah **Friday, November 13**

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

Saturday, November 14

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Oliver Bloom**, son of Sara & Jeff Bloom and **Vincent Miller**, son of Dena & Brian Miller

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atzmi, improving the self.

Over the weeks ahead, the work of tikkun olam will include a number of ways to get involved in service to our community. First, a wealth of resources for reading, conversation and action directed toward racial justice in our community are available on our webpage. Please take a few moments to explore these resources and commit to learning and taking action this year.

Additionally, the Emanu El Votes initiative, steered by our Social Justice Core Team, is working toward making Emanu El a 100% voting congregation. More information, including our voter pledge, can be found at emanuelhouston.org/eevotes. We fervently hope that every member of our Temple will vote in next month's elections. Finally, the festival of Sukkot will provide multiple opportunities for action and education focused on the issue of homelessness in our city. We are thrilled that SEARCH, a homeless service agency, which was founded by members of Emanu El, will be included in several of these offerings.

There will also be numerous ways to deepen our commitment to tikkun atzmi this season. As always, opportunities for Jewish study abound, for learners of all ages. It is also now easier than ever to build your practice of personal spirituality and prayer, as our worship services are accessible via our upgraded livestream capabilities. Lastly, please remember that meaningful relationships are at the core of what makes Emanu El so special. I encourage you to reach out to members of our staff and lay leadership to strengthen those most precious interpersonal connections that bring comfort and strength to our lives.

This "month of deeds" is our time to follow through on the commitments and aspirations we formed during the High Holy Days. This month, we are called upon to make good on our promises and take the first concrete steps toward repair – of ourselves and of the world – that this new year demands.

ELECTION 2020: AN EVENING WITH BOB STEIN

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- What the lack of door-to-door campaigning could mean for candidates
- Effective ways to get involved politically from now until the election
- Attributes voters are looking for in presidential leadership



Emanu El **Votes**

We will also learn more about Emanu El Votes, the non-partisan civic engagement initiative which aims to make Emanu El a 100% voting congregation in 2020 and beyond. A survey was sent to the congregation in late July/early August to learn more about voting trends within our congregation.

The information to access this Zoom program will be emailed ahead of time to those who RSVP.

To register, please visit emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

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.

Courtnei & Justin Asher,
son **Steven**
Kristi Boudreaux
Liz Davidson & Leah Jorgenson
Alicia Kahn,
children **Maiara & Caio**
Elizaberth & Robert Lichfield,
kids **Alexander & Amelia**
Eliza & David Rappaport,
sons **Edward & Nathaniel**
Dillion Selzer
Dustin Selzer
Ashton Smith
Zara Tickner
Casey & Adam Weaver,
daughter **Arden**
Jane & Daniel Zilkha,
daughter **Genevieve**

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.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Judy Ney received the 2020 Barbed Wire Award from the State Bar Association. This award recognizes Judy's lifetime of achievement in Texas Workers' Compensation.

BIRTHS

Wes Thomas Blumenthal, son of Kegan & Jessica Blumenthal; grandson of Pam & John Blumenthal, Janice & George Lou; great-grandson of Esther Lipinsky

DEATHS

Donald Neal Bass, brother of Linda & Philip Boyko, Sharon & Kenneth Goldberg; brother-in-law of Cindy Bass-Senior

Essie Eisner, mother of Sheila & Eduardo Libin, Ellen & Harold Eisner, Jane & Richard Eisner; grandmother of Rachel & Michael Moran, Seth Eisner, Mara Eisner, Kelli & Damian Eisner, Katie & Jonathan Eisner, Ana-Maria & Jordan Eisner, Julian Libin, Jared Libin; great-grandmother of Savannah & Zachary Eisner, Taylor Eisner, Annabelle Eisner, Gabriel Eisner, Samuel Brenner Eisner, Benjamin Eisner, Naomi Eisner, Jonah Eisner

Vicki Greenberg, wife of Roger Greenberg; mother of Julie & Ben Levine, Jennifer & Steven Schwarz; step-mother of Kara & Adam Gross, Matt Greenberg; grandmother of Max, Kori, Emma, Riley, Jaden, Skylar, Rory; sister of Pat & Bob Shuken

Gloria Pepper Katz, wife of Bernard Katz; mother of Nancy & Rusty Silverman, Teri & Howie Gerber, Georgi & Ricky Silverman; grandmother of Jacquelyn Silverman, Sammy and Jason Gerber, Ginger and Ned Silverman; sister of Sondy Lillebo, Arlene Nathan

Ira Kaufman, husband of Dawn Kaufman; father of Janet & Charles Kaufman, Stephanie & Jonathan Kaufman, Carla & Thomas Kaufman, and Justin Kaufman; grandfather and great-grandfather.

Joshua Nathan Roberts, husband of Gina Roberts; father of Benjamin Roberts, Julia Roberts; son-in-law of Loretta Krasoff; brother of David Roberts, Valerie & Samuel Roberts, Mindy & Lee Rosenthal, Suzy & Stuart Solomon, Polly & Ralph Robinson; brother-in-law of Jay Krasoff, Molly & Steve Krasoff

Priscilla Schube, mother of Mirari & Jonathan Schube, Sarit & Scott Schube; grandmother of Ainara, Aritz, Sam, Oren, Talya, Orly; sister of Barbara & Marty Tachman

Milton Wagner, father of Bradley Wagner, Alisha & Jonathan Risch; brother of Rae & Paul Engel; grandfather of Jacob, Rebecca and Madelyn; brother-in-law of Shirley Schnitzer

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.



Jeri Amundsen

Shana Tova,

On behalf of our Board of Trustees, I would like to welcome you to our 76th year celebrating the High Holy Days at Congregation Emanu El. Whether you are a new member, lifelong member, or our guest, whether you are here in Houston or a few times zones away, together we will usher in the Jewish new year in an entirely new way.

I am honored to be the 41st president of Emanu El and am humbled to continue the work of the dedicated men and women before me. Last year we celebrated Emanu El's 75th anniversary and honored the 190 families who gathered in 1944 to establish Congregation Emanu El. Connected by their shared vision of the power of the synagogue to do good, these founding families created our beloved congregation during the global crisis of WWII – with no building and a senior rabbi, Rabbi Robert Kahn, thousands of miles away serving in the Pacific. Seventy-six years later, Emanu El continues to be a testament to that idea: that our synagogue is more than the walls around us; that wherever we are, we are a community, connected by shared values and a commitment to *Tikkun Olam*, repairing the world.

Today we face a very different global crisis. In March, the onset of the coronavirus pandemic in Houston shifted our landscape and our way of life. Our clergy, staff and lay leadership had to quickly adapt and pivot to a new way of engaging with our members. Guided by the need to protect the health and safety of our congregational community, our traditional ways of worshipping, studying, celebrating, and even mourning were transformed. Thanks to our clergy and staff's creativity and the outstanding technical support team, our temple calendar quickly began to fill up again, with worship services, programs and life cycle events delivered via the internet, bringing the temple into our homes. I am immensely grateful to them for their tireless efforts to reschedule, rework, and reimagine everything they do so that our Emanu El families are cared for in respectful and meaningful ways.

I also want to thank the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee for their leadership over the last few months as we learned to navigate the uncharted waters of this health crisis. We meet via Zoom at least once a month to tackle the logistical and financial challenges dealt us by the pandemic. Difficult times demand difficult decisions, and our lay leaders continue to lead with their hearts and minds, always guided by our responsibility to our members.

And to the many other volunteers that keep our synagogue humming, please accept my deepest thanks for sharing your time and talent.

As a result of this global health crisis, we are not able to worship together in our sanctuary this High Holy Day season and I share your sadness and disappointment. But we can come together through the shared experience of our digital services, which promise to be meaningful and comforting. As we embark on our first-ever remote High Holy Day services, it may not be perfect and there may be technological bumps along the way, but I believe with patience, understanding, and intention, each of us can find reassurance and healing during these Days of Awe.

I want to personally thank Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, Rabbi Fixler and Rabbi Walter for your compassion and unwavering dedication to the Emanu El community and for guiding us through prayer, study and counsel. Cantor Simmons, thank you for bringing your beautiful music into our homes and our hearts. To our entire clergy team, thank you for showing us that our synagogue reaches beyond the walls of our building.

I want to thank our Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson and our Interim Becker Director Sarah Williams and all the Helfman and Becker teachers and staff for your tremendous efforts in providing a safe, loving and engaging education to our children. And thank you to Program Director Jason Plotkin and Executive Director David Lamden and all of the administrative staff for your hard work behind-the-scenes to support our community and our sacred spaces.

Finally, to our members: Thank you for your patience and understanding as we worked through the challenges of 2020, and thank you for supporting your temple and for making it such a special community.

It's a privilege to join you as we begin the next 75 years of Congregation Emanu El. My family and I wish you all a Sweet New Year. May 5781 be a year filled with peace and connection, and renewal and healing.

Shana Tova

tying in the themes of homelessness with the festival holiday of Sukkot. This service will be available on our website, Facebook page, Roku and YouTube channel.

Learning How Communities Address Homelessness with Thao Costis, CEO of SEARCH Homeless Services

Tuesday, October 6, 7:00 p.m.



As part of our recognition of World Homeless Day, please join us as we learn from **Thao Costis**, President and CEO of SEARCH Homeless Services, a leading Houston agency helping people move from the streets, into jobs, and safe, stable housing.

During her 23-year tenure, she has helped people who are homeless transform their lives, improve their health, and change how the community addresses this problem. Prior to SEARCH, she worked at the Coalition for the Homeless of Houston/Harris County where she brought together 150 not-for-profit agencies to coordinate their efforts.

During the evening's program, Costis will share how Houston's model of addressing homelessness compares to those around the world, the role SEARCH plays in the greater Houston area.

This program will be available on the Congregation Emanu El Facebook page and on the Proler Chapel streaming video page.

Guests to the program are strongly encouraged to contribute questions which will be used with a question and answer portion of the program with Rabbi Oren Hayon.

SEARCH is a not-for-profit agency that pursues a mission of providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives. SEARCH services engage, house, educate, and increase income of individuals and families who are homeless. For more information, visit SEARCH at

SEARCHhomeless.org.

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

Mitzvot: SEARCH Survival Kits

Throughout the month of October, Emanu El will be collecting survival kits during our synagogue's operating hours. Survival kits are helpful items and information that is distributed to people living on the street. These kits can be kept in your car and distributed to those neighbors in need.

You can create a survival kit at home by placing some or all of the following items in a Ziploc bag: bottled water (high priority), Kleenex, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, lip balm, socks, rain poncho and/or a SEARCH resource guide (Emanu El will provide the resource guide).

Tzedakah: Emanu El To Give Portion of Hunger Fund to SEARCH Homeless Services Emergency Foods Fund

As part of Emanu El's ongoing commitment to fight hunger in Houston and long-standing tradition to collect donations for the Edward Wayne Hunger Fund during our Yom Kippur services, Emanu El will send a Hunger Fund envelope to our congregants in a Yom Kippur-specific delivery prior to the holiday.

This year as part of a week of activities surrounding World Homeless Day in early October, Emanu El will be directing a portion of Edward Wayne Hunger Fund donations to the SEARCH Homeless Services' Emergency Foods Fund. These monies will go to provide travel friendly, shelf-stable foods for the SEARCH Mobile Outreach & Housing Navigation team members to distribute to clients as they work to move them from the streets.

In addition to returning your envelope to the synagogue, you may make donations online to the Edward Wayne Hunger Fund at emanuelhouston.org/giving.

Our clergy want to know . . .

If you or a loved one is sick or hospitalized please let us know.

Contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771, so that our rabbis can reach out and visit and be a source of strength and support.

Visiting the sick and praying for those who are ill are important and meaningful mitzvot.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Havdalah for All: Songs & Celebration (in the Sukkah!)

Saturday, October 3, 7:00 p.m.

Join our clergy team and Barbara Loeser for a spirited sing-along to mark the end of Shabbat. The rituals of Havdalah help us to engage all our senses as we come together to savor the last sweet moments of Shabbat and prepare for the week ahead. All ages welcome!

Members of our community that have Sukkahs in their backyard are encouraged to join us from them.

Register online at emanuelhouston.org. This event will be held exclusively on Zoom and pre-registration is required. Upon registering, a Zoom link will be sent to the email address provided.

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

The Classics – Virtual Wine & Cheese Pairing

Saturday, October 10, 5:00 p.m.

Join the Classics – Emanu El's social group for those in their 50's and 60's – for a virtual wine and cheese pairing. There is no charge for this event.

Prior to the event, we will suggest wine and cheese pairings which are readily available in your favorite grocery store. Pick and choose what sounds good to you and we will compare notes on our choices.

Not interested in wine and/or cheese? No problem – join us for the camaraderie. But registration is limited to 20 devices, so register soon!

Register by Wednesday, October 7, either by visiting our

web calendar or by calling Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 by. A list of suggested wines and cheeses for tasting, along with the Zoom login information, will be sent to all participants prior to the event.

Online Trivia Night

Sunday, October 18, 7:00 p.m.

Join Congregation Emanu El for another fun Trivia Night, hosted by Game Time Adventures! Play for FREE against your fellow congregants online for bragging rights – play as a household or as an individual.

The custom-built game nights are a fun and challenging experiences where players muse a variety of different skill sets and ways of thinking to win. It's an experience beyond your average game night.

Register by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 18 by visiting our website to receive information about how to connect on the night of the event.

The information on how to connect will be sent roughly 60-90 minutes before the game. Individuals and teams are encouraged to join the trivia room at **6:30 p.m.** for a pre-game schmooze or stay afterward. If this is your first time playing with Emanu El and Game Time Adventures, it is strongly encouraged that you show up no later than **6:45 p.m.** to make sure your devices are working appropriately.

Previous winners include individuals or teams captained by the following individuals: Chip Ware (September), Fredi Bleeker Franks (August) and Jeff Silk (July). The closest competition to date occurred in August when "Franks and Friends" won the competition by a single point over a trio of teams.

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

BECKER SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWS



Becker School

The program below will be taking place on Zoom and advance registration is required to acquire the login information. To register, visit emanuelhouston.org or contact Leslie Strug at leslies@emanuelhouston.org.

Kindergarten Panel Discussion Wednesday, October 7, 10:00 a.m.

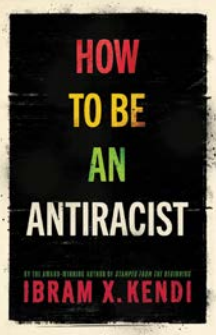
This program will provide information on a range of topics to help you make the important decisions regarding

kindergarten for your child. The panelists include M.S. Education Consultant Julie Blumberg, Director of Enrollment Management at the Joy School Rob Wise, and Lynn McLean, LCSW-S.

Each has many years of experience in the field and will review kindergarten readiness, the admission process for private schools, choosing private versus public school, individual needs, and making the right match for your child and your family.

UPCOMING RACIAL JUSTICE PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Emanu El's community organization team is focusing on two pillars this year: voter engagement and implicit bias. The programs below represent an opportunity to learn and engage with our congregation as we explore the topic of racial justice.



Racial Justice Book Club:
How to Be an Antiracist
by Ibram X. Kendi
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22,
7:30 - 8:45 PM
Introduction through
Chapter 10
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17,
7:30 - 8:45 PM
Chapters 11-18

Join Rabbi Fixler as we dive deeper into the themes and messages from his Rosh HaShanah sermon on racism and racial justice.

We will be reading and discussing Kendi's powerful book *How to Be an Antiracist* and exploring ways that his framework of racist vs. antiracist might influence how we respond to the challenging call of moment in our nation's history.

To create a space of shared language and productive conversation, participants are encouraged to attend both

sessions and to have read the applicable sections of the book. Register online at emanuelhouston.org or by calling 713.529.5771. Zoom links will be sent upon registration.

“Strangers and Neighbors: Important Themes in Black-Jewish Relationships” **Thursday, November 19, 7:00 p.m.**

From a shared history of slavery and discrimination, through the civil rights movement, to the unrest of today, Jews and Black Americans have had a relationship that includes cooperation and tension. Join us as **Dr. Joshua Furman**, curator of the Houston Jewish History Archive at Rice University, discusses how an understanding of our history can help us form better relationships with Black Americans in our community.



This event will be held via Zoom. The information to access the event will be emailed ahead of time to those who RSVP.

To RSVP, please visit emanuelhouston.org or call the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233.



A Documentary Film
by Jon Schwartz

Screening: *This is Our Home, It Is Not for Sale* **Thursday, November 5, 3:30 p.m.**

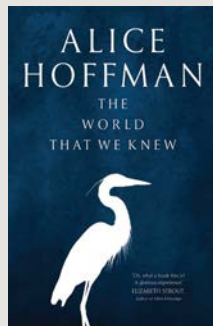
The Program in Jewish Studies at Rice University and Congregation Emanu El invite you to join us for a discussion about the 1987 film, *This Is Our Home, It Is Not For Sale* with Director and Houston native Jon Schwartz.

The documentary chronicles the history of Houston's Riverside Terrace neighborhood, an area of the city that was once a thriving hub for Houston's Jewish community in the 1940s and 1950s. As Black Americans began to move into the neighborhood, Jewish and white Houstonians moved out. The film addresses critical topics relevant to contemporary discussions in our time about race, religion, and real estate. Emanu El's Rabbi Robert Kahn, of blessed memory, is one of the subjects interviewed in the film.

The screening will take place on Zoom. Look for more information in future synagogue communications about how to register for the event and screen the film in the coming weeks.

Sisterhood News & Happenings

October – November 2020



BOOK REVIEW:

The World That We Knew

by Alice Hoffman and reviewed by Shelly Cyprus

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 7:00 PM

Emanu El's Sisterhood hosts bi-monthly book reviews throughout the year. These book reviews are open to the public. November's review will be led by our congregant, Shelly Cyprus.

PLEASE NOTE: This book review will be held online via Zoom, and the information to access will be emailed ahead of time to those who register.

Summary of our November book:

At the time when the world changed, Hanni Kohn knew she must send away her twelve-year-old daughter, Lea. Hanni finds a renowned rabbi whose daughter, Ettie, offers hope of salvation when she creates a mystical Jewish creature, a rare and unusual golem named "Ava," who is sworn to protect Lea. After Ava's creation, she, Lea, and Ettie become eternally entwined. In a world where evil can be found at every turn, Hoffman presents remarkable characters who embark on a journey of loss and resistance – to a place where all roads lead past the Angel of Death and love is never-ending.

To help us plan for this event and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, November 11**, either online or by contacting the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Enough Sitting – Get Up and Move! Thursday, October 15 at 7:00 p.m.

Come enjoy a fun, stressless yoga class with Sisterhood! Yoga Instructor Gudrun Danburg has designed a class for beginners, as well as experienced yoga practitioners,

that will include balance, stretching and relaxation. The class will last approximately one hour and 15 minutes.

There is no charge for the class, but please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Log-in information will be sent to attendees prior to the event.

Calling All Emanu El Recent Alumni

Calling our recent alumni! We know that you are in different places and have different needs this year, but we hope to be able to continue to provide you with the same fun, heartwarming connection that our Alumni have come to expect. To ensure that we know the best ways to reach you this fall, please complete the form online at emanuelhouston.org/form/eealumni2020.



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

BACK 2 SCHOOL SCRAPBOOK

In late August and early September, our Becker School and Helfman Religious School staff were hard at work, preparing for the beginning of their school year. Here are a few photos from the onset of their calendars.



Helfman Prepares Supply Bags for Students & Families

Charles Colona was one of a team of Helfman Religious School staff members who helped prepare supply bags for distribution prior to the start of the school year. Over 100 families came to pick up their supplies during the event.



Becker Hosts “Meet the Teacher” Drive-Thru Experience

Members of the Becker faculty had an opportunity to meet children before the school year. Other traditional happenings during the Becker School year including its “HISD Kindergarten Facts” and “Back 2 School Night” have transitioned to Zoom.

Becker’s New Interim Director – Sarah Williams

The start of teacher training prior to the new school year was the first opportunity for Becker’s new Interim Director Sarah Williams to meet the entire faculty in-person. Sarah officially became assumed her role in Emanu El’s preschool program in August.





We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through September 15, 2020.

ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

To provide creative arts programs

In Memory of

Vicki Thall Greenberg

Heidi & Stuart Arouty

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

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

In Honor of

Rozanne Rubin's Birthday

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

The B'nai Mitzvah of

Ashley & Dean Mills

Sheryl Eskowitz

In Memory of

Priscilla Schube

Marsha & Marty Block
fredi & Paul Franks

ALEX & WILLIE MAE GOLDSTEIN CHILDREN'S FUND

To provide arts programs for children

In Memory of

Robert Allen Epstein

James Friedman

Gerald Grogin

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

In Appreciation of

Congregation Emanu El's Clergy

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OCTOBER

- 10/3** – Havdalah for All, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/6** – Learning How Communities Address Homelessness with Thao Costis, CEO of SEARCH Homeless Services, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/7** – Kindergarten Panel Discussion, 10:00 a.m.
- 10/10** – Classics - Virtual Wine & Cheese Pairing, 5:00 p.m.
- 10/12** – Election 2020: An Evening with Bob Stein, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/15** – Sisterhood: *Enough Sitting – Get Up & Move*, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/18** – Online Trivia Night, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/22** – Racial Justice Book Club: *How to Be an Antiracist*, 7:30 p.m.

NOVEMBER

- 11/5** – Screening: *This is Our Home, It Is Not for Sale*, 3:30 p.m.
- 11/7** – Havdalah for All, 7:00 p.m.
- 11/12** – Book Review: *The World That We Knew* (reviewed by Shelly Cyprus), 7:00 p.m.
- 11/17** – Racial Justice Book Club: *How to Be an Antiracist*, 7:30 p.m.
- 11/19** – *Strangers and Neighbors: Important Themes in Black-Jewish Relationships*, 7:00 p.m.

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