



Congregation Emanu El

# Bulletin

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please note that any in-person opportunities to gather are subject to change based upon the synagogue's reopening plan, which can be found at emanuelhouston.org. For more information or to verify the current status of a program, call 713.529.5771.

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## FROM RABBI HAYON



### A Prayer for the Journey

*A Prayer for the Journey*, by Sheila Peltz Weinberg (excerpted)

For the journey we take in this fragile vessel of flesh.

A finite number of years and we will reach the unknown, where it all began.

Every life, every day, every hour is a journey.

In the travel is the discovery, the wisdom, the joy.

Every life, every day, every hour is a journey.

In the travel is the reward, the peace, the blessing.

In her poem, *A Prayer for the Journey*, Rabbi Sheila Peltz Weinberg imagines a blessing to be recited daily. She envisions it as a regular acknowledgment of our lives' journeys – not an expression of gratitude for any particular destination we have reached, but instead simply for the opportunity to have traveled in our “fragile

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*Let us greet this new year with hope and optimism for the days ahead and with a spirit of openness for the blessings that we will find as the weeks and months unfold before us.*

## Roe v Wade – Jewish Faith, Jewish Action

Sunday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

January marks the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court's historic *Roe v Wade* decision. To commemorate this anniversary, Congregation Emanu El will partner with the NCJW – Greater Houston Section for a program featuring NCJW chief executive officer Sheila Katz and our clergy.



**Sheila Katz,**  
Chief Executive Officer of NCJW

Our clergy will teach what our Jewish text teaches about abortion and reproductive justice.

Katz will then share the work that NCJW is leading nationally on the subject, including their fight to protect reproductive rights in the newly

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## Shabbat Shirah/ Sabbath of Song: Walking in Miriam's Shoes Friday, January 29 at 6:00 p.m.

Every year on *Shabbat Shirah* or the Sabbath of Song, we return to the Torah's account of the crossing of the Red Sea. This year, Cantor Simmons, Rabbi Hayon and a special musical ensemble will present this story in a unique, timely and engaging way as a part of our regular Shabbat worship. Join us on our journey.

This service will be available on our website (Barish Sanctuary streaming), Facebook, YouTube and Roku.

## WORSHIP SERVICES

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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 Sh'mot Friday, January 8

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

### Saturday, January 9

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Sophia Gurevich**, daughter of Kelly Gurevich & Alexander Gurevich and **Lucia Kovalik**, daughter of Kathryn & Edward Kovalik

### Shabbat Va-eira Friday, January 15

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

### Saturday, January 16

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Levi Brooks**, son of Monica & Daniel Brooks

### Shabbat Bo Friday, January 22

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

### Saturday, January 23

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

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

Bat Mitzvah of **Addison Rosenthal**, daughter of Hillary & Matthew Rosenthal

### Shabbat B'shalach Friday, January 29

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

Shabbat Shirah/Shabbat of Song: *Walking in Miriam's Shoes*

### Saturday, January 30

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

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

Bat Mitzvah of **Faye Harrington**, daughter of Kimberly & Zachariah Harrington

### Shabbat Yitro Friday, February 6

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

### Saturday, February 7

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

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## FROM RABBI HAYON *continued from page 1*

vessels of flesh" for another day, another year.

This month, as the year 2021 begins, we look back at the journey we have shared together through an unforgettable year. We have spent plenty of time talking together about the difficulties and losses we have experienced together during 2020. I wonder, however, if we have also cultivated the capacity to consider what blessings we have come to know during our orbit around the sun during the past year.

As Rabbi Weinberg reflects in her poem, with the right perspective, journeys of discovery are intrinsically rewarding – whether or not they are comfortable. When we look back at 2020 with the benefit of hindsight, what will we say we have learned? What lessons and wisdom are we bringing with us into the new year? Even if we are not in the practice of making new year's resolutions, what promises will we make about the lives we hope to live and the relationships we hope to cultivate in 2021?

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Rabbi Weinberg's poem is exactly correct: all of us are, in one way or another, journeying toward the unknown. Let us greet this new year with hope and optimism for the days ahead and with a spirit of openness for the blessings that we will find as the weeks and months unfold before us. May this new year bring health and happiness, peace and prosperity to our whole congregational family, and to the whole world!

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## ROE V WADE – JEWISH FAITH, JEWISH ACTION

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constituted supreme court. She will also introduce NCJW's 2020 initiative, "Rabbis for Repro" which has engaged nearly 1,000 Jewish clergy and educators, including Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, Rabbi Fixler and Cantor Simmons.

This program will be held on Zoom. Registration is required and must be submitted by **Saturday, January 9**. A Zoom link for the program will be sent out by mid-day on the day of the gathering to all registered participants.

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

## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

**Sandra Binder Smith** has been installed as Greater Southwest Regional president of Hadassah, the World Zionist Organization of America. The region encompasses Texas, Oklahoma and Shreveport, Louisiana.

### BIRTHS

**Benjamin Edward Braunig**, son of Ashly & Asher Braunig; grandson of Robert Braunig, Melanie & Weldon McClane

**Nola Jane Berger Oshman**, daughter of Amy Berger & Andrew Oshman; granddaughter of Tania & Rick Oshman, Cindy & Alex Berger

**David Emmett Reiner**, son of Amy & Jason Reiner; grandson of Cindy & Steven Reiner, Larry Goins; great-grandson of June & Julian Silverblatt, Anita Reiner

**Samuel Mitchell Rosenberg**, son of Karen Lansden & Zachary Rosenberg

### WEDDING

**Julia Chernis & Michael Kuhlmeier**

### DEATHS

**June Bentsch**, mother of Sue & Leonard Bentsch, Charlotte Bentsch & Mike Greene, Jeani & Steve Coleman; grandmother of Rebecca Hudson, Abigail Bentsch Boetticher & Nick Boetticher, Adam Bentsch, Elise & Jeffrey Bentsch, Raquel & Jesse Coleman; great-grandmother of twelve; sister of Barbara Cohen Golub.

**Lillian Gottlieb-Schafer**, mother of Suzanne & Bryan Siegel, Julia Schafer & Ivan Kuper, Lynn Schafer; grandmother of Loren Siegel & David Mosser, Beth Ann Rubin & Myles Siegel

**Stephen Keeler**, son of Rita Keeler; brother of Andrew Keeler, Kenneth Keeler, Elissa Miller

**Evelyn "Katy" Muntz**, mother of Julie Muntz & Peter Johnson, Barbara & David Muntz, Anne & Jim Muntz, Ellen & Alan Muskin, Will Muntz; grandmother of 15; great-grandmother of 12

### 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.



### Yom Limmud

**Sunday, February 14, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.**

Congregation Emanu El is excited to once again be a part of Yom Limmud, Houston's largest day of Jewish learning.

Put together by the Greater Houston Jewish Federation, this year's event will be entirely virtual this year. This offers our community the incredible opportunity to hear from presenters from around the world! Each presenter will either currently live or have lived in the country they discuss. We will host 20 sessions including a PJ Library program, a family program for middle school ages and up, as well as a teacher's track.

Highlights include:

- Rebbetzin and actress Michelle Azar, creator of Netflix's "From Baghdad to Brooklyn"
- Rabbi Deborah Prinz discusses *The Chocolate Trail* and *The Chocolate Babka Project*. Learn about Jewish history, values, and culture through chocolate and bread
- Cantor Robyn Helzner will present on Kreplach & Dim Sum: Yes, There are Jews in China

More information and registration instructions will follow in the coming weeks. For questions, please contact Marna Meyer at [mmeyer@houstonjewish.org](mailto:mmeyer@houstonjewish.org). Yom Limmud is underwritten by the Chair King Backyard Store and the Barish Family.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

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### Taste of Talmud

**Thursdays, January 7 & February 4, 12:30 p.m.**

Did your plans for the new year include establishing a new study practice? Do you want all the benefits of a book discussion group without the need to commit to extensive reading ahead of time? Are you curious about what this “Daf Yomi” thing you’ve heard people mention is? Do you want to connect with both your Judaism and a fun group of people?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then join us for A Taste of Talmud, our monthly study of rabbinic texts, led by Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson. No experience or Hebrew knowledge required: all texts are provided in translation. We are currently meeting on Zoom – all are welcome. We’d love to have you add your voice to our virtual beit midrash (house of study)!

Zoom information can be found on our website and for more information, contact Stefani Carlson at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 251.

### Havdalah for All

**Saturday, January 9, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

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

This event will be held exclusively on Zoom and a song sheet will be made available on our website during the week leading heading up to the evening. To get the Zoom link, please register online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

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

### Online Trivia Night

**Sunday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.**

Following a one-month break, we are back for another fun-filled night of online trivia hosted by Game Time Adventures!

Every month, our game host Mike presents new trivia games featuring everything from music and popular culture to sports and price-guessing games.

The custom-built game nights are fun and challenging adventure 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, January 17** at the link available on 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: Katherine Kardesch (November), Andrew Gass (October), Chip Ware (September), Fredi Bleeker Franks (August) and Jeff Silk (July).

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

### Love Starts the Learning: Raising Children in the Digital Age

**Sunday, January 24, 2021, 9:30 a.m.**

Join the Helfman Religious School Committee for a parent education session led by two outstanding scholars in the field of Jewish family education. Dr. Deborah Schein and Rabbi Dr. Jeffrey Schein will help us explore how our Judaism can help us find perspective, self-awareness and balance in our relationships with technology, our children, and ourselves.

Registration is available online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or by calling 713.529.5771. Information to access the Zoom event will be emailed upon registration.

### Conversations

**Select Wednesdays, 12:00 p.m.**

Join us for “Conversations” as Program Director Jason Plotkin sits down with a member of the congregation, community or from the sports world to discuss the current state of affairs while we are separated due to the COVID-19 pandemic. This series airs on select Wednesdays and will be shared on our website or in synagogue communications.

December guests included Kids’ Meals executive director Beth Harp and Palmer Memorial Episcopal Rev. Neil Willard with Rice Village senior general manager A.J. Coffee slated for Wednesday, January 13.

Previous guests have included Harris County Judge Lina Hidalgo, Houston Symphony principal cellist Brinton Smith, Houston Independent School District (HISD) school board member Elizabeth Santos, and more.

Do you have a suggestion or connection to a potential future guest? Let Jason know! Email him at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

“Conversations” is available on Emanu El’s Facebook page and our streaming video page (select Proler Chapel). Archived editions are available on the Emanu El YouTube Channel.



### Clergy 'Visit' Senior Living Homes Through Video



In previous years, our clergy and caring committee have traditionally spent the days leading up to Chanukah visiting several senior living communities.

This year, just prior to Chanukah, our clergy made recordings to be used in a video montage for our congregants and community members at the Brookdale and Villages of Southampton. The video includes songs from Cantor Simmons, candle blessings and well wishes from our clergy team. Excerpts from these videos can be found on the Emanu El YouTube channel.

### Reopening Plan Update: Phase Status Change

**This communication from the synagogue was sent to our congregational community on Tuesday, December 1.**

As of this publication's press time, there is no additional communication to share. Congregants are encouraged to visit [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) for any updates.

Dear Congregants,

You may recall that in mid-October our congregation's COVID-19 reopening plan was updated to reflect the latest guidance from public health agencies and our medical advisors. That guidance called for monitoring the movement of public health trends to inform the progress of our reopening process.

Unfortunately, in recent weeks, we have seen a significant upward movement of these trends. Based on the latest guidance and for the safety of our community, therefore, our Reopening Plan will be moving back to Phase 2, which will entail the following changes:

- Friday night and Saturday morning worship will be limited to B'nei Mitzvah families only (restricted to 10 total attendees per family)
- Funerals will be limited to 10 people, and will be held graveside only
- All meetings will be held virtually
- Other life-cycle events will be limited to 10 people

These guidelines should be considered effective immediately, and the reopening page on our website has been updated with more details on the above changes.

As always, we thank you for your support of Emanu El, and for your partnership in our work to keep our congregation safe and healthy at all times.

David Lamden, *Executive Director*

### Emanu El Leadership Duo Attend Virtual Professional Conferences

In-person conferences are out and virtual conferences in this year.

During the month of November, Congregation Emanu El Program Director Jason Plotkin attended the Program & Engagement Professionals of Reform Judaism (PEP-RJ) conference before joining colleague and Emanu El Executive Director David Lamden at the National Association for Temple Administration (NATA) conference in December.

The PEP-RJ conference came to a close during the third year of Plotkin's term overseeing membership for the organization. The organization's membership has more than doubled during the last three years, and this past year's conference featured a record 67 synagogue professionals.

During the conference, Plotkin presented a session on how ways synagogues are engaging communities during COVID19 alongside Alexandra Horn of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas. The presentation focused on getting back to basics and concentrating on the intent behind how communities are engaged. Keynote presenters at the conference included Trybal Bootcamp CEO/Founder Carine Warasawski and Spertus Institute Chancellor Dr. Hal Lewis.

Several weeks later, Lamden and Plotkin attended the NATA conference which featured over 250 synagogue administrators.

For Lamden, it was the conclusion of his first year as Vice President of NATA while Plotkin oversaw the technology committee that managed the backend of the conference.

During the conference, Lamden presented with colleagues from across the country a session, entitled "Time Saving Technology Tools." Many institutions including synagogues are trying to consolidate and improve their abilities to work remotely. The session showcased some of the new technologies available and tools that were being used in synagogues.

Keynote speakers at NATA included Abby Fifer Mandell, the executive director of the Brittingham Social Enterprise Lab at the University of Southern California and Joel Brockner, the Phillip Hettleman Professor of Business at the Columbia Business School.

# Sisterhood News & Happenings

January – February 2021



## BOOK REVIEW:

### *An Unorthodox Match*

by Naomi Ragen; reviewed by Sandy Harris

THURSDAY, JANUARY 14, 7:00 PM

Sisterhood hosts bi-monthly book reviews throughout the year that are open to the public. January's book review will be led by our congregant, Sandy Harris.

Please Note: This book review will be held by Zoom and the information to access will be emailed ahead of time to those who register.

A summary of our January book, *An Unorthodox Match*, by Naomi Ragen:

California girl Lola has planned her life: handsome fiancé, fast-track career . . . when everything implodes. After years of futile searching for love, marriage and children, she takes the radical step of seeking spirituality, meaning and love – far outside her comfort zone.

To help us plan and/or to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, January 13**, either online or by contacting the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

## Empanada Demonstration with Linda Hayon & Susana Paoloski Monday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.

Come down Argentina way – virtually, of course – and join Sisterhood as cookbook writer Linda Hayon teaches us the fine art of making empanadas, assisted by Sisterhood board member Susana Paoloski. Linda is the co-author of *Nada but Empanadas: History and Recipes* and has traveled extensively to learn the finer points of making this savory delicacy. Join us for this fun night without ever leaving your own kitchen!

There is no charge for this event, however, we do ask that you RSVP online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Zoom information will be sent prior to the program.

An empanada recipe with preparation instructions will be emailed ahead of time to all who RSVP so they can cook along with Linda and Susana. A good Argentinian red wine will be the perfect accompaniment for this fun evening! *Salud and Buen Provecho* (Cheers and Bon appetit)!



Stefani Carlson

## Finding Our Voices: Women in Jewish Texts

Thursday, February 11, 7:00 p.m.

Our Jewish texts are full of stories about women: Sarah, Rebecca, Rachel, Leah, and Miriam. Their names are as well-known to us as those of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Moses. They've even been added to our liturgy in recent years, centering our female ancestors along with their male counterparts. Only rarely, though, do those texts let us hear from our matriarchs in their own words.

Join **Stefani Carlson**, Congregation Emanu El Director of Congregational Learning, for an evening of exploration through the Torah and other writings looking for the voices of our mothers. When are they allowed to speak for themselves? What do they have to say? Most importantly, what do their words tell us about both the worlds they lived in and the world we live in now? While we'll be listening for women's voices, all sources will be presented in English. No Hebrew knowledge or prior Torah study experience is necessary for this program. All are welcome!

There is no charge for this Zoom program. We ask that you RSVP online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Zoom information will be sent prior to the program.

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## 2020-21 Mah Jongg Cards – Now on Sale by Sisterhood



Been playing online with your group . . . or with robots? Doesn't matter!

You will want the new card this spring! Make your checks and mail to Sylvia Brody, 2004 Vermont, Houston, TX 77019 by **Monday, January 25**. The cost of a card is \$9 for a regular card and \$10 for large print.

## 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.

**Ernie & Diana Leipold,  
Sons Benjamin and Joshua  
Scott & Tammy Mermelstein,  
Daughters Hannah and Deborah  
Lane Pleason  
Chip Ware & Robert Campbell**

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@emanuel-houston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuel-houston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 222.

## Our clergy want to know . . .

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

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

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



### Get Social With Us!

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

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



### Find Us On YouTube!

Looking for a one-stop shop to catch the latest worship services, musical selections, Chanukah highlights, videos from our schools and more?

Over 500 videos of new content created since the pandemic have been shared to Emanu El's YouTube page with dozens and dozens more from the archives also shared. YouTube also serves as a way to watch live services and other events.

Find us on YouTube by searching “Emanu El Houston Video” and subscribe today!





## Sisterhood Chanukah Market, A Resounding Success

In late November, the Sisterhood hosted an Outdoor Chanukah Market. Members of the congregation and community stopped by the market which featured everything from gelt and blow-up menorahs to candles and home decorations provided by the New Traditions Sisterhood gift shop.

## Becker Celebrates Shabbat

Shabbat is celebrated on Friday morning in a Becker School's Twos class. Each week, our Becker Shabbats are broadcast on the Becker School Facebook page on Friday at 11:00 a.m. in addition to the Proler Chapel streaming video channel. One of the highlights week-to-week is the classes taking turns to lead our entire school in the Shabbat blessings.



## Helfman Religious School Spreads the Light During Drive-Thru

The Helfman Religious School hosted a "Spread Our Light" drive-thru family mitzvah project experience on Sunday, December 13. During the program, families had an opportunity to participate in a project to support one of our congregation's community partners. Our team members Becca Schwartzberg (left) and Lucy Mosbacher are pictured with the donations.

Students and their families are invited to drive through and bring back their completed projects and pick up supplies for the next five-week learning block on Sunday, January 3 from 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.







We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through December 14, 2020.

**ALAN GAYLOR TEACHER ASSISTANT FUND**

To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants  
In Memory of

**Gail Shapiro**

Carol, Gary & Phillip Brush,  
Cantor Francyne Davis  
Jacobs, Kevin Jacobs, Halle,  
David & Aaron Jacobs

**Jarrell Speer**

Karen Krakower Kaplan

**AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

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

**The Speedy Recovery of Raymond Kalmans**

Sandy & Don Harris  
Eric & Carol Adatto Nelson

In Memory of

**Ann Josloff**

Charles Millikan

**Evelyn Muntz**

Eric & Carol Adatto Nelson

**Stanley Tenenbaum**

Marsha & Mark Klaff

**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND**

To provide and enhance the Becker School

In Appreciation of

**Rabbi Roy Walter**

Milton Frankfort

In Honor of

**Rachael & Barry Lichman**

Keith Solomon

**The Speedy Recovery of Raymond Kalmans**

Ricki & Milton Frankfort

In Memory of

**Milton Wagner**

**Linda Cohn Walter**

Judy & Michael Feinstein

**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To provide Becker School scholarships

In Honor of

**Diana Brackman's Birthday**

Ricki & Milton Frankfort

**The Speedy Recovery of Richard Westerman**

Bonnie & Gary Blumberg

In Memory of

**Jarrell Speer**

Eileen & Richard Westerman

**CANTOR-STONE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Memory of

**Gail Shapiro**

Lori & Larry Gibson

**CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park  
In Memory of

**Micky & Sidney Nagar**

Brad Nagar & Reid Sutton

**Harriet Zinn**

Kelly & James Cersonsky

**CHESTER MARCUS CAMPERSHIP FUND**

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

In Memory of

**Evelyn Muntz**

Shirley Burkom

**Neil Goldenberg**

**Gail Shapiro**

Shirley Burkom & Cathy Borden

**CLERGY'S GOOD WORKS FUND**

To provide Emanu El's clergy with funds to help individuals in need and to support organizations that benefit the community

**A Donation**

Alana Spiwak & Sam Stolbun

In Appreciation of

**Rabbi Joshua Fixler**

Rick Byrd & Leslie Selig Byrd  
Emily & Noah Donnenfield  
Clyde Selig & Paige Alyn

In Honor of

**Congregation Emanu El Clergy**

Emma & Richard Manne

**The Bar Mitzvah of Braden Susman**

Pam & Andrew Susman

**The Speedy Recovery of Raymond Kalmans**

Fran D. Friedman

In Memory of

**Evelyn Muntz**

Perri & Aaron Fink

**Francine Greenfield**

Rosenthal & Morris H. Greenfield

Marianne & Larry Greenfield

**Frances Rubinstein**

Linda & Richard Zoll

**Arnold Sachs**

Delwin Beene

**Gail Shapiro**

Marci & Mark Arnold  
Tracey & Dean Blumrosen  
Sandy & Richard Jackson  
Julie Muntz & Peter Johnson  
Ellen & Dan Trachtenberg

**Jarrell Speer**

Jean & Sandy Beckman  
Sandy & Andi Gaitz  
Mickey & Noel Graubart  
Linda & Richard Zoll

**Jennifer Susman**

Pam & Andrew Susman

**Stanley Tenenbaum**

Linda & Richard Zoll

**Sarah Elizabeth White**

Marie Brochstein & Family

**CONGREGATION EMANU EL BROTHERHOOD**

To support and enhance Brotherhood programming  
In Honor of

**The Speedy Recovery of Raymond Kalmans**

Laura & Bryan Loebel

**EDWARD WAYNE FAMILY FUND**

To support programs that benefit children attending Helfman Religious School  
In Memory of

**Gail Shapiro**

Leda & Michael Karchmer  
Cheryl & John Susman  
& Family

**EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND**

To feed the hungry of Houston

In Honor of

**Shel Vedlitz**

Sara Astrich  
Marilyn Waldman

In Memory of

**Raye Miller Bromberg**

Barbara Glave

**Lester Kastleman**

Carol & Larry Fradkin

**Stephen R. Keeler**

The Keeler Family

**Lizzie Langkjaer**

Diane Puschett

**ELEANOR & PAUL LENSKY SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To provide need-based scholarships for those Helfman Religious School, summer camps

In Honor of

**Rabbi Oren Hayon**

Amy Willis

**FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND**

To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials and underwriter leadership programs and speakers  
In Honor of

**The Speedy Recovery of Raymond Kalmans**

Myra Lipper

In Memory of

**Gail Shapiro**

Myra Lipper

**FREDELL LACK EICHHORN CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND**

To enhance musical programming  
In Honor of

**The Bar Mitzvah of Braden Susman**

Pam & Andrew Susman

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

To provide for the general needs of Emanu El and its facilities

In Honor of

**Shel Vedlitz**

Lillian Putterman

In Memory of

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