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# Bulletin

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## From Rabbi Hayon



Shalom from Israel!

I'm writing this month's article from Jerusalem, where I'm spending time with our Helfman Religious School students who are participating in this summer's Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience [SBMIE], and the wonderful Helfman Religious School staff members who are accompanying them. The trip so far has been

extraordinary; our students have had experiences in Poland and Israel that have been difficult and joyful, and transformative in all the right ways.

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## 2nd Community Shabbat Dinner of the Summer To Be Held July 22nd

Our second community Shabbat dinner will be held on **Friday, July 22nd**. Join us for our 6:00 p.m. Shabbat worship service and stay for dinner! Our July dinner will feature burgers, grilled chicken sandwiches & salads from Jerry Built. Portobello caps available for vegetarians. The cost is just \$5 though **RSVPs are required by Wednesday, July 20th**. RSVP online at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org) or pay by phone, contacting the Temple at (713) 529-5771.

## From the President, Jeff Basen-Engquist

Gratitude is an easily overlooked practice. Albert Einstein noted, "Every day I remind myself that my inner and outer life are based on the labors of other men, living and dead, and that I must exert myself in order to give in the same measure as I have received and am still receiving." (Today I suspect he would acknowledge women's contributions as well.)

When I focused on our working together to build 'our Emanu El' in my Installation Message, gratitude is one of the pillars. For example, particularly in my terms as Senior Vice President and, now, as President, I have been educated about the multifaceted roles and extensive demands on our clergy. We recognize their leadership at services and events but rarely see the extensive preparation that goes into it. Already High Holiday planning – sermons written, prayer book passages selected, old and new aspects of each day polished - is well underway. Imagine the daily requests from committees and auxiliaries, spiritually hungry individuals, colleagues in synagogue operations, and their own families. From Torah to tedious details, I have observed why the best see their work as a calling.

Similarly, our staff is called to contribute their professional skills as well as support our lay leaders and groups. Whether it's Marna Meyer, Paula Katz or their office and educational staff (and youth volunteers), the job gets done and our students' lives are enriched. Similarly, our rooms are set up weekdays or weekends, our financial books are accurately tallied, our bulletin appears on schedule, new members are welcomed and visitors greeted, and a million other particulars are tended to by our office, administrative and building staff.

In his article for URJ about the Executive Director position, Larry Glickman suggested "Embrace the detail most job descriptions offer, but also acknowledge that few job descriptions can begin to capture everything that happens in any given day. Embrace the challenges, embrace the unknown." With proud Cleveland and Executive Director Steve Friedman preparing to return to Ohio and family in late July, I want

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

### Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

### Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1-15:41

#### Friday, July 1st

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

#### Saturday, July 2nd

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

### Shabbat Korach, Numbers 16:1-18:32

#### Friday, July 8th

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

#### Saturday, July 9th

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

### Shabbat Chukat, Numbers 19:1-22:1

#### Friday, July 15th

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

#### Saturday, July 16th

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

### Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2-25:9

#### Friday, July 22nd

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

#### Saturday, July 23rd

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

### Shabbat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10-30:1

#### Friday, July 29th

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

#### Saturday, July 30th

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

### Shabbat Matot – Mas-ei, Numbers 30:2-36:13

#### Friday, August 5th

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Kickoff Dinner

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

6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

#### Saturday, August 6th

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

### Shabbat D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

#### Friday, August 12th

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

#### Saturday, August 13th

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

**Reminder:** All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on EmanuElHouston.org. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nai Mitzvah are also streamed.

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### From Rabbi Hayon

These experiences have impressed our students with the grand and complex sweep of Jewish history. They have spent time mourning our people who were turned into ash at Majdanek and Birkenau, and those piled by the thousands in unmarked graves beneath the Buczyna Forest in Zbylitowska Góra. And they have grown acquainted with the heroes of our past: warriors and poets, kings and sages, prophets and soldiers. More than anything, what they have learned here has demonstrated to our students the breadth and elasticity of Jewish history.

"Once we were in bondage; now we are free," declares the Passover haggadah, as if anything about Jewish life could be so simple. In reality, of course, Jewish history is intricately contoured. Jewish freedom and Jewish oppression constantly twist into one another; each generation experiences its own shares of redemption and suffering. It is exactly as Faulkner said: "The past is never dead. It's not even past."

This acknowledgment feeds into one of the primary educational goals I have for our SBMIE participants this summer. My hope is that they will return from their travels with the empowering conclusion that Jewish history is informative, but not determinative. And I hope that they come to embrace the most empowering aspect of Jewish education: that by acquainting ourselves with the lives and legacies of the Jewish past, we become equipped to personally create the Jewish future we wish to inhabit.

The Jewish past is filled with stories that shatter the heart and inspire the soul. But above all else, it is a diverse record of the ways in which individual Jews and their communities have responded to the world around them, with profound and long-lasting effects. Our SBMIE participants have, during their travels in Poland and Israel, come to know a few of these many stories and their varied outcomes. By doing so, they become newly capable of seeing themselves in Jewish history, of recognizing their own role in shaping the world they will inherit.

Their lesson is one I hope all of us will absorb as well: to take seriously the mitzvah of Jewish learning as a way of shaping and improving our own Jewish community. I firmly believe that assiduous study of the Jewish past is among the best tools available to us in our work of producing a hopeful and enriching future for the generations that will succeed us.

When I return from my travels with our SBMIE participants, I will be eager to share with you some of the remarkable experiences we shared together and some of the indelible memories the group has formed together. And as we prepare our congregational calendar for the 2016-17 program year, I very much hope that you will join me in some of the very exciting educational offerings that we will be delighted to present next year. By taking part in these opportunities, just as our students have this summer, you will share in the exhilarating promise and joy of recognizing your own role in helping move the collective Jewish future towards the bright fulfillment of its most hopeful promises.

## Celebratory Oneg Scheduled for August 26th as Newar & Lipper Confirmation/Consecration Photo Gallery Opens In Parkans Administrative Hallway

Almost a year ago, a campaign to improve the Parkans Administrative Center hallway where the Consecration/Confirmation Photo Gallery resides was launched. Individuals, families, classes and generations came together to help enhance a space in the Temple that really is part of the heart and soul of the congregation. With special thanks to Buz Marvins and Dennis Murland, the pictures were restored, and the frames redesigned to create not only an aesthetic that matched the rest of the Temple spaces, but an opportunity to fix class and name errors that hung on the walls for years.

A special culminating gift was given by Adam Newar to rename the gallery as The Sheila Newar and Myra Lipper Confirmation/Consecration Photo Gallery, and, now, on **Friday, August 26th**, a celebratory oneg will be hosted following the conclusion of Shabbat services to dedicate the new space, say thank you to all participating donors, and toast to memories past, present and future that are to be reflected in the new Gallery. The Oneg will be held throughout the Parkans Administrative Hallway and in the South (Sunset) Foyer.

We hope you will join us!



### SECURITY NOTICE: Emanu El to Issue Vehicle Stickers

Over the past several months, we have shared with you steps that have been taken to enhance our building and grounds security. These include increasing the number of security cameras, new building entry/intrusion alarm systems and the installation/use of gates to limit access to our property. Along with the gates, we have changed our traffic patterns. The alteration of our traffic flow allows us to better control and monitor vehicles on our property.

Like many other religious institutions in our area and across the country, we are regularly re-examining and refining our security protocols, with a focus on how we manage and monitor access to our building and grounds. For reasons we believe are obvious and necessary, perimeter security will be further enhanced in the near future through the use of vehicle stickers. In the next thirty (30) days, members and pre-school families will receive two pre-numbered windshield stickers. The stickers are small ovals with the letters CEE imprinted on them and should be placed on the upper right-hand side of car windshields.

The Temple will maintain a database of the stickers issued. If an additional sticker is needed or a sticker is lost or damaged, please contact the Temple at (713) 529-5771 to request a new sticker.

We hope you will join us in both recognizing the need for the vehicle stickers and support the security enhancements we are adopting.

Thank you for your understanding and assistance as we strive to provide an environment that is both safe and welcoming for our entire community.

## OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

### IN THE COMMUNITY

**David, Jackie and Marvin Barish** received the Leo Horvitz Yavneh Award for Lay Leaders at the Greater Houston Jewish Federation annual meeting. This award is presented to individual(s) who demonstrate outstanding contributions to Jewish education in our early childhood programs, day schools or religious schools.

The Houston Association of Certified Fraud Examiners has named **Amy Davis** as its 2016 Fraud Impact Award winner. The award winner is chosen for demonstrating outstanding achievement in the field of fraud examination.

**Cheryl Levy and Joy Kaplan** were recipients of the Jewish Family Service Joan Alexander Chesed Award for their loving kindness and compassion, giving beyond mitzvah or obligation in service.

### BIRTH

**Anorah Kahlia Morris**, daughter of Vena Priestly & Calvin Morris; granddaughter of Devorah Priestly and Paul Priestly, Marylyn Shultz; great granddaughter of Ann & Ralph Block, Joyce Priestly

### DEATHS

**Sylvia Lorraine Cohen**; mother of Marsha & Joe Cohen, Bobbie & Roy Cohen; grandmother of Kara & David Kirsten, Jennifer & Daniel Cohen, Leah Cohen, Michael Cohen and Andrew Cohen; great grandmother of Orli Kirsten.

**Myrtle Koushel**, mother of Martha & Steve Raskin, Shana & Ed Bauman; grandmother of Miriam Bauman; sister of Ed Warren, Darceille & Jerry Warren, Eleanor & Jirrel Warren

**Paul Rosenthal**, father of Sheri & James Libby, Cindy & Michael Rosenthal, Kimberly & Trent Rosenthal; grandfather of Valerie and Scotty Libby, Leigh Anne & Jeffrey Libby, Lauren & Russell Libby, Emilija & Brett Rosenthal, Zachary, Reece and Callie Rosenthal; great grandfather of Lyla, Henry and Shaun Libby; brother of Julien & Morris Rosenthal, Marilyn & Ben Rosenthal, Carolyn & Harry Rosenthal

**Bob Weinberger**, husband of Lennie Weinberger, father of Diane & Evan Weinberger, Lee Weinberger, Kate Weinberger; grandfather of Samuel Weinberger

**Edythe Westerman**, mother of Eileen & Richard Westerman, Linda & Rabbi Edward Feldheim, Sallee & Paul Ach; grandmother of Lisa & Gregory Westerman, Rachel & Michael Diamond, Deborah & Stuart Cairo, Benjamin Feldhaim; great grandmother of Chloe and Sofia Westerman, Madeline and Isabelle Diamond, Alex, Joshua and Brandon Cairo



## BOARD NOTES – JUNE 2016

The Board of Trustees met on June 14, 2016 and took part in an orientation for new and returning members to the Board. Executive Vice-President Rodney Roth oversaw the discussions covering finances, Endowment, and Governance.

The Executive Committee has begun implementing the Governance Plan that was approved by the Board last August. The Governance Plan is a set of recommendations that creates an efficient and effective governance structure in which lay volunteers are able to thrive and will further the mission of Congregation Emanu El. One of the recommendations of the Governance Plan is the review and revamping of our bylaws. Rick Oshman and Elizabeth Krohn of the Bylaws Task Force presented the first part of a series of proposed changes. The goal is to have the revised final version of the bylaws presented to the congregation by the end of the calendar year for a congregational vote.

Rodney reported that members of the Executive Committee were assigned a group of committees to oversee. The Executive Committee will be working on the selection of board liaisons to help manage and rejuvenate these committees.

Jason Plotkin introduced Jill Patir to the Board. Jill is the new Membership & Outreach Coordinator for Emanu El. Rabbi Kahn reported the hiring of Jamie Aaron as the new Experiential Educator. Jamie will begin working at Emanu El on August 15, 2016. Rabbi Kahn also shared the plan to restructure the Youth Committee based on ideas from the URJ and Hillel. Brotherhood President Lewis Kalmans announced that Brotherhood is donating \$8000 to the Houston Food Bank and \$2500 to Emergency Aid Coalition from the proceeds of the Chicken Soup Cook-off.

– Rachel Gutow-Ellis, Board Secretary

### Brotherhood Garage Sale Pick-Ups Underway; Sale Set for August 14th & 21st

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El has set records for pick-ups and monies raised the last two years and will look to keep the streak alive as it prepares to host its annual Garage Sale on **Sundays, August 14th and 21st from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at 8620 Stella Link (in the old Sellers Brothers location). The garage sale is open to all members of the community.

Pick-ups for this year's event began on **Saturday, June 18th** and will continue through **Saturday, August 6th**. To schedule a pick-up or arrange a drop off, call or email Steve Moskowitz at [moskose@swbell.net](mailto:moskose@swbell.net) or (281) 495-7795.

Any items left at the end of the sale are given to non-profit organizations within our community. Proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Brotherhood, enabling the organization to make a difference at Emanu El and in the community.

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### From the President

to recognize that he has done this and more. Building on his predecessors' work, Steve has overseen projects and advances in numerous significant areas. Your new congregation is in good hands, Steve. Thank you.

I am reminded daily that so much energy, creativity, and treasure is contributed by volunteers. I have a draft chart that includes our lay leadership and many other volunteers according to their area of involvement. It is a long and impressive list which, when completed, likely will number in the hundreds. Executive Committee members have new and extensive portfolios and often are called into action to address difficult issues. Board members, committee and auxiliary leaders and members, school parents and experienced hands, all provide the impetus for traditional events and new initiatives, caring for our diverse constituencies and one another.

Finally, an organization such as ours with a \$6 million budget requires each of us to chip in financially as we are able. Annual contributions, school fees, gifts reflected in the back of each bulletin, and endowment revenues all support operations. You will read in this bulletin about our new Legacy Program, reinvigorating our tradition of generous planned giving which secures a key element of our future funding.

Those of us who are visible receive more than our share of recognition. Whether it's a High Holy Days handshake or a comforting embrace at a hospital visit from a clergy team member, a question answered by a staff member or a smile from a Sabbath greeter, an event notification from a school volunteer, an Oneg meal cooked and served by our volunteers and staff, join me in frequent and heartfelt expressions of appreciation. A sense of shared gratitude will help to build "our Emanu El." Thank you for your time and attention.

– Jeff Basen-Engquist

### Executive Director Update

A team appointed by President Jeff Basen-Engquist and led by Greta Pliskin, Executive Committee liaison to the Personnel Committee, and Pam Kutner, our former Executive Director, has initiated the search for our new Executive Director. The job has been posted nationally and locally. Initial screening has begun. If you are aware of potential candidates, please contact Pam ([pamelaekutner@gmail.com](mailto:pamelaekutner@gmail.com)) or have their resume sent to her attention at 1500 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005.



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## Emanu El Accepted As Community Partner In Create A Legacy Program

We are proud to announce that Emanu El has been accepted as a community partner organization of the *Create a Legacy* program, coordinated by the Houston Jewish Community Foundation. The program allows an individual or family to make an after-lifetime gift to one or more of the 15 participating partners.

Our *Create a Legacy* team is headed by Elyse Kalmans, and includes Jeff Basen-Enquist and Rabbi Hayon as advisors and Rabbi Walter, Myra Lipper, Jeri Amundsen and Michael Rubenstein as team members. Elyse and her group are excited to team with the Houston Jewish Community Foundation to provide our members an easy, smart way to give and make an impact on the future of Emanu El.

Our acceptance into the program makes us eligible for a generous incentive grant from the Harold Grinspoon Foundation by obtaining at least 18 new letters of intent from our congregants.

Our *Legacy* team looks forward to building on Emanu El's long history of generosity. Stay tuned for more details about the *Create a Legacy* program, its progress and how you can learn more about opportunities to make a legacy gift.



*Emanu El Create a Legacy captain Elyse Kalmans, Temple President Jeff Basen-Engquist and Houston Jewish Community Foundation Chair Esther Polland.*



## New Bereavement Group Starting in Late August at Emanu El

We are offering a support and process group for those who are mourning the loss a loved one. The group will meet once a week, starting in late August, for an hour and a half at Emanu El and will end after six consecutive weeks. The group will foster support and the opportunity to process thoughts and feelings related to grief and loss in an open and safe atmosphere. Participants will give and receive support to each other, identify and discuss coping strategies, and learn about the role of Judaism in mourning and grief. Please contact Rabbi Silk's office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212 for more information and to help determine if the group is a good fit for you. The group is led by Mallory Minberg LPC-Intern, M.Ed., who is supervised by Dr. Noel C. Gonzalez, PhD, LPC.

## TEFTY Serves as Pioneers of 'The Chaverim Project'

This year, the World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) initiated the Chaverim Project, a program which focuses on members of the National Federation of Temple Youth (NFTY) groups and their peers in the Jewish communities of the Former Soviet Union (FSU).

The goal of the program is for the North American youth to provide opportunities for their Reform/Progressive Jewish counterparts in the FSU to attend WUPJ summer camps.

In most FSU families, Judaism was not part of their culture during the years when Jewish congregations were not permitted to exist. When the current generation of youth attends WUPJ camps, they bring the beauty and excitement of their religious experience home to share with their families.

Congregation Emanu El's high school youth group (TEFTY) was chosen to be the "Pioneer" organization to launch the Chaverim Project. They baked hundreds of cookies and brownies, and sold them at Helfman Religious School events while sharing their story with the customers. TEFTY President Marisa Papell, Rabbi Samantha Kahn and TEFTY advisor Sarah Megan Brown, help keep the project on target. By being a committed and creative group, TEFTY raised \$1000 – enough to send one FSU child to summer camp this year.

TEFTY's experience will be taken to the NFTY Convention held next spring at which time the Chaverim Project will be introduced to the hundreds of NFTY groups across North America.



*From left-to-right: Rabbi Kahn, Kendrick Reyes (Communications Vice President), Linda Zoll (WUPJ Board), Marisa Papell (President), & Paige Robbins (Social Action Vice President). Additionally, not able to be at the picture but very involved in the fundraising efforts were Autumn & Jade Russell (Programming VPs) and the 2015-16 Advisor and former (2011) TEFTY President Megan Brown.*

Let's gather together in our spiritual home and welcome the New Year with Shofar blasts, prayer and song. Our holy day services offer a diverse style, blending the traditional with the contemporary in song and prayer.

Information pertaining to what guests can expect at our services, in addition to Information on handicap accessibility, web streaming, how to become an usher and more will be shared in future Temple *Bulletins*.

## Passes

All members will receive High Holy Day passes in the mail in late August. Minors do not need passes. Each member family will receive two guest passes. As always, we accept passes from other congregations, welcome armed service personnel, college students with ID and out of town patients in the Medical Center and their families. Know someone new to town within last six months? They can call the Temple Office to arrange for newcomer passes.

## ***A Taste Of Emanu El – Membership Campaign***

Our annual *Taste of Emanu El* campaign has kicked off! Have unaffiliated friends and relatives who are interested in establishing themselves with a synagogue? Perhaps you know someone that is new to the city of Houston? They can become a member of Emanu El for a year at an affordable membership rate of \$72. This membership is good through April 2017. Those interested should contact Jill Patir at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or [JillP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillP@emanuelhouston.org).

## **Emanu El Seeks Baby Names To Be Blessed At Rosh Hashanah**

This year, we will be continuing our tradition of offering a blessing for all the babies born in our community over the past year. If you have a child or grandchild (or great-grandchild!) that has been born since last Rosh Hashanah and you would like to make sure their name is read aloud, please contact Alisha Klapholz by **Friday, September 23rd** at [alishak@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:alishak@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 213.

## Book Of Memory

The Book of Memory for our Yom Kippur Yizkor Service is among our most treasured traditions. It is printed outside the Temple and because of printing deadlines, **all information and donations MUST be in Wednesday, August 31st**. Donations received after this date will be printed to the Temple *Bulletin*. A *Book of Memory* form can be found in this edition of the *Bulletin* and on our website.

## Flower Fund

We are always grateful for your donations in honor and in memory of loved ones on the High Holy Days. These donations printed in the programs and because they are printed outside the Temple Office, the deadlines are published here. The deadline for Rosh Hashanah is **Tuesday, September 13th** and the deadline for Yom Kippur is by **Tuesday, September 20th**. Submissions are due to Donna Fraley at [DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org).

## **NEW OFFERINGS ON YOM KIPPUR AFTERNOON**

### **Confession & Forgiveness**

Our Yom Kippur afternoon service will be drawn from the contemplative, inspiring liturgy in *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform Movement's new High Holy Day prayerbook. The *Confession & Forgiveness* service will include familiar prayers, music and our annual reading of the *Book of Jonah*.

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**Healing & Restoration**  
(Proler Chapel)  
**Inside the Rabbi's Study**  
(Barish Sanctuary)

We are pleased to offer two opportunities for learning and meditation on Yom Kippur afternoon. These two tracks will run concurrently; you may choose whichever option speaks to you most powerfully. A new, intimate, gathering of *Faith, Hope and Healing* will be held in the Proler Chapel, including music and sacred text in a quiet, reverential atmosphere. Participants may choose to use this time for quiet, private prayer or to spend a few moments before the restorative presence of the Holy Ark. *Inside the Rabbi's Study* builds on Emanu El's tradition of exploring, in creative and innovative ways, the relevance of the themes of Yom Kippur to our contemporary challenges in today's world.

**Service Locations**

Our off-site locations remain the same for 2017. Rosh Hashanah Morning Alternative Service (A Time to Pray) will be held at the Bayou City Event Center located at 9401 Knight Road. Our Yom Kippur Youth Service will be held at South Main Baptist Church, 4100 Main Street.

As a reminder, the best method to enter the Bayou City Event Center is going south Fannin Dr., making a left on Holmes Rd. and then a right on Knight Rd.

**ReJEWvenate Makes An  
Encore in 2016!**

Save the date and join us for an amazing morning of prayer, yoga, meditation and community as we celebrate the High Holy Days the way they were intended. We will gather at the beautiful Houston Arboretum on **Saturday, September 24th**. More information to come.



**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**Selichot**

**Saturday, September 24th**

ReJEWvenate at Houston Arboretum, 9:00 a.m.  
Selichot Service, 9 p.m.

**Rosh Hashanah**

**Sunday, October 2nd**

Evening Services, 6:00 p.m.

**Monday, October 3rd**

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

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

Morning Service, 10:30 a.m. at Bayou City Event Center

Tashlich, 5:00 p.m. (across from the JCC)

**Shabbat Shuvah**

**Friday, October 7th**

Shabbat Evening Services, 6:00 p.m.

**Sunday, October 9th**

Cemetery Service, 5:00 p.m. at  
Emanu El Memorial Park

**Yom Kippur**

**Tuesday, October 11th**

Kol Nidre First Service, 6:00 p.m.

Kol Nidre Second Service, 8:45 p.m.

**Wednesday, October 12th**

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

Morning Service, 10:30 a.m.

Youth Service at South Main Baptist Church, 10:30 a.m.

*Confession & Forgiveness* – Afternoon Service, 1:15 p.m.

*Inside the Rabbi's Studio*, 3:00 p.m.

Healing & Restoration Service (Proler Chapel), 3:00 p.m.

Yizkor, 4:30 p.m.

Neilah, 5:30 p.m.

'Break Fast' at Emanu El – *Bagels & Schmears*  
(following the conclusion of Neilah)

**NEWS FOR OUR COLLEGE STUDENTS**

**College Summer Lunch Gathering – Thursday, August 4th**

Join Rabbi Kahn, Marna and your friends from Emanu El for lunch again before you head back to campus! **Thursday, August 4th, 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** at Freebirds' World Burrito, 3745 Greenbriar Dr. We look forward to seeing you there!

**Seeking Addresses of Our Emanu El College Students**

Is your child away at college this year? We send care packages and organize student meet ups at various times through the year. Send us your child's contact information so we can help keep them connected to Emanu El! Please email Alisha Klapholz, [alishak@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:alishak@emanuelhouston.org), with your child's name and contact information.

## EMANU EL – AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-AUGUST

As we transition to a once-a-month Temple *Bulletin*, a new feature will be our ‘quick glance’ calendar of upcoming events (exclusive of our Temple worship and Shabbat schedule, which can be found monthly on page 2).

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH AUGUST 16TH

**Ongoing through Saturday, August 6th**  
Brotherhood Garage Sale Pick-ups

#### JULY

**4th** – Food Trucks & Fireworks:

An Emanu El Fourth of July, 7:00 p.m.

**5th** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.

**14th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.

**19th** – Kids’ Meals, 9:30 a.m.

**22nd** – Community Shabbat Dinner (following services)

**26th** – SACK Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

#### AUGUST

**2nd** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.

**5th** – Tot Shabbat Kickoff & Dinner, 5:45 p.m. (dinner),  
6:30 p.m. (service)

**11th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.

**11th** – Book Review: *Boys in the Boat*, 6:45 p.m.

**14th** – Brotherhood Garage Sale/First Weekend,  
8:00 a.m.

**16th** – Kids’ Meals, 9:30 a.m.



### Once-A-Month *Bulletins*; Have Content to Submit?

This current *Bulletin* is the next in line of our “once a month” publications. Starting with this past June’s edition and going forward, the Temple *Bulletin* will only be printed once a month.

If you would like to receive the *Bulletin* via email or make sure your information is up-to-date, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

Congregants are strongly encouraged to help us share information with our community. If you have information or photos to submit, please reach out to Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org).

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED:  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 2nd

## Farb Fund Provides Funding to CAC for Commercial Freezer Purchase

This spring, the Aubrey and Sylvia Farb Community Service Fund provided funding to The Children’s Assessment Center (CAC) Children’s Services Playroom to purchase a commercial freezer. The Playroom serves between three and 60 children a day and the staff had insufficient space to store the quantities of food needed to serve these children. At the prompting of Noel Foreman, a regular CAC volunteer and Emanu El congregant, CAC approached the Farb Fund for support. As Merri Hahn, Children’s Service Coordinator says, “We are truly so very grateful for angels like you that help us aid the children we serve on a daily basis!”



## 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.

**Lauren & Joshua Gottlieb-Miller**  
**Emily & Jason Miller, James & Julia**  
**Mollie & Simon Trubek, Charlotte,**  
**Ella & Yossi**

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



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# Congregation Emanu El

## BOOK OF MEMORY – 2016

The *Book of Memory* is printed outside the Temple and all names memorialized must be submitted on the form below **by Wednesday, August 31st. Names submitted after that date will be published in a future *Bulletin*.** We suggest a minimum donation of \$15 per name.

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## Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience

As of press time, our group of rising juniors and seniors from the Helfman Religious School were in Poland on the first-leg of the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience. By the time you are receiving this *Bulletin*, the participants will be in Israel on the start of their final week overseas.

A glimpse into some of their first days on the trip can be found below. For those on Facebook, photos and testimonials can be found by searching and liking the 'Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience' page.

### Reflecting at Majdanek

Participants reflect at the Majdanek Concentration Camp. The camp was liberated by the Soviet Union in July 1944 and it is believed that 76,000 inmates were killed during the camp's existence.



### Long Travel to Poland

There were a few days of long travel at the onset of the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience. The group maintained their high spirits and bonded throughout these delays.

### Visiting Warsaw

A group photo in Warsaw, Poland where the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience participants had an opportunity to visit amongst other places – the Warsaw Ghetto Wall, the Umschlagplatz Memorial, the Warsaw Ghetto Uprising Memorial and Rapoport Memorial.







### **Jamie Aaron Named Coordinator of Experiential Education; Will Join in August**

We are excited to announce the addition of Jamie Aaron as our Coordinator of Experiential Education! A familiar face in our community from her time at the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, Jamie will officially join our staff in mid-August.

Jamie – who especially looks forward to working with our teens – had an opportunity to get her ‘feet wet’ as an Emanu El staff member at our final Teen Shabbat of the school year in May.

### **Four Achieve Status of Eagle Scout; Emanu El’s Troop 1190 Hits 50th Eagle Scout Milestone**

On Sunday, June 5, Troop 1190, family and friends celebrated the achievements of four young men reaching the highest rank in Scouting: the rank of Eagle Scout. Only 6% of boys starting their scouting career achieve this rank nationwide. Ervin Graubard, Daniel Sharpe, Jonathan Rauscher and Noah Mattiuzzi are the newest Eagle Scouts for the troop with Noah becoming the 50th Eagle Scout for Troop 1190.

These young men started Boy Scouts at age 11 and earned the Scout badge and then the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star, and Life, before reaching Eagle. Along the way, they each earned 13 required merit badges and at least nine elective merit badges, served in troop leadership positions for a total of 16 months, and spent at least 13 hours on service projects, not including the many other hours spent on each one’s Eagle Scout service project. In all, each has completed approximately 325 different requirements. Each of the boys has also earned some of the Jewish Scouting awards.

All of the Scoutmasters who have served Troop 1190 during these boys’ scouting careers were present for the ceremony: Peter Christie, Wayne Vincent, and current Scoutmaster Josh Rutenberg. Additionally the Eagle Scout who was the Tiger coach for Ervin, Jonathan, and Noah, Mr. Richard Stanley, administered the Eagle Promise for the boys with the help of Noah’s brother, Eagle Scout Benjamin Mattiuzzi.

Troop 1190 is sponsored by the Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El.

*Wanda Rauscher, Troop 1190 Committee Chair  
Joshua Rutenberg, Troop 1190 Scoutmaster*



*Left to right: Ervin Graubard, Noah Mattiuzzi, Jonathan Rauscher and Daniel Sharpe.*



## Congregation Emanu El Headed To Israel In June 2017

At Israel Unity Shabbat in May, Rabbi Oren Hayon announced a inter-generational Congregational trip to Israel. A meeting for prospective families will be held in September with a formal information meeting in November. An itinerary is being crafted by the clergy in-conjunction with trip planner ARZA World and will become available soon. To express your interest in the interim, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



### **Meditation On Shabbat Mornings At Emanu El**

While the practice of Jewish meditation is ancient, only in the last 20 years has it has seen a revival in mainline American synagogues. This class provides instruction for various types of meditation, including mindfulness meditation, concentration practices and chanting meditation under the guidance of rotating facilitators Ann Friedman, Glen Duval and Martin Lindenberg.

We welcome individuals of all religious faiths and from any synagogue. When someone new to meditation joins us, we review basic instructions to help that individual feel more comfortable in the group. Dress is casual and we sit in chairs, although individuals may choose to sit or lie on the floor. Join us on Shabbat mornings at 9:30 a.m. in the Board Room at Emanu El to learn how to cultivate calm abiding and more equanimity in your life.

### **Jewish Lonestars – Singles Group**

Are you between the ages of 45-65 and looking for fellow singles in the Houston Jewish community? Congregation Emanu El has taken the lead on the “Jewish Lonestars”, a singles’ group open to all Jewish members of our community and established with a goal of fostering supportive friendships and possible loving relationships within the Houston Jewish community.

For more information on Jewish Lonestars and its programming offerings, find us on Facebook at “Jewish Lonestars” (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/JewishLoneStars/>) or contact Jill Patir at Congregation Emanu El at JillP@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

### August Book Review: *Boys in the Boat*

Come join us on **Thursday, August 11th at 6:45 p.m.**, as Rabbi Oren Hayon reviews *The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics*, by Daniel James Brown.

This non-fiction account about beating the odds and finding hope in the most desperate of times tells the improbable, intimate history of how nine working-class boys from the American West showed the world at the 1936 Olympics in Berlin what true grit really meant. The University of Washington's eight-oar crew team, composed of the sons of loggers, shipyard workers, and farmers, was never expected to defeat the elite teams of the East Coast and Great Britain. Yet they prevailed, shocking the world by defeating the German team rowing for Adolf Hitler. The emotional heart of the tale lies with Joe Rantz, a teenager without family or prospects, who rows not only to regain his shattered self-regard, but also to find a place for himself in the world. Drawing on the boys' own journals and vivid memories, Brown has created an unforgettable portrait of an era, a celebration of a remarkable achievement, and a chronicle of one extraordinary young man's personal quest.



The reception following Rabbi Hayon's review will feature light hors d'oeuvres and wine and is sponsored by Susan and Ed Septimus, in honor of Emanu El's readers.

### ACH Payment Now Available

Congregation Emanu El is pleased to announce that members can pay their Temple annual dues and fees through the use of ACH (Automated Clearing House) payments.

In contrast to a credit or debit card payments, there are no fees associated with ACH payments. The amount and frequency of each withdrawal or debit is determined by payee. ACH payments can be structured so that your account balance is paid off in equal monthly installments. Withdrawals can be made from either a checking or savings account.

To take advantage of this new, secure payment method, please complete the ACH form that will be mailed in late April to all Congregants or you can get a jump on the transition to ACH by going to [www.EmanuElHouston.org/payACH](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org/payACH).

### Congregation Emanu El's Volunteer Choir Seeks New Members

If you love to sing, we welcome you to join our group. No audition is necessary. Rehearsals tend to occur on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the Temple, unless otherwise communicated to the choir mailing list by Richard Zoll.

The choir's repertoire includes:

- Melodies that you hear at Shabbat Services and other modern Jewish music.
- Tunes from Broadway shows such as *Fiddler On The Roof*, *The King and I*, *Peter Pan*, *Oliver*, *Chorus Line*, *Funny Girl*, *Les Mis*. . . .
- Wonderful oldies-but-goodies by folks like Cole Porter (*Let's Do It, Let's Fall In Love*), Irving Berlin (*Blue Skies*), Jerome Kern (*The Way You Look Tonight*) and many more.

We sing at services on Friday evenings about once a month and perform at Seven Acres and The Hampton a couple of times a year. So if you want to have fun learning and singing some fantastic music, we'd love you to join us. Contact our brilliant leader, Ann Frohbieter at (281) 250-7576 or Richard Zoll at (713) 503-4663 ([richard.zoll@yahoo.com](mailto:richard.zoll@yahoo.com)) for all the details.

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**Tot Shabbat Kickoff with Rabbi Hayon  
Friday, August 5th**

The kickoff to our 2016-17 year of Tot Shabbats begins on **Friday, August 5th at 5:45 p.m.** with a dinner before we head into the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m. for a Tot Shabbat service with Rabbi Oren Hayon. The dinner will feature Chicken Kitchen and is just \$5 for children, \$10 for adults. Registration for dinner is open on the Emanu El web site.

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