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From Rabbi Hayon



The gates of prayer are sometimes open and sometimes they are locked, but the gates of repentance are always open.

- Deuteronomy Rabbah 2:7

As a relatively new transplant to Houston, I still find it difficult to move into a "High Holy Day state of mind" when it still feels like summer outside. When I was growing up in the Midwest, the crispness of the autumn air was a clear signal that the High Holy Days were approaching. But of course, cooler weather is not necessary for the arrival of our community's holiest season. For Jews all over the world – no matter the outside temperature in our communities – the indication that the High Holy Days are near is the beginning of the Hebrew month of Elul, the month that immediately precedes the start of the Jewish year. During Elul, which begins on September 3rd this year, we begin to turn toward the themes and messages, the prayers and the music, the reflection and the actions that demand our attention at this season. Even before we feel the

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Emanu El Hosting ReJEWvenate at Houston Arboretum on September 24th

The High Holy Days, especially services – can feel so big and overwhelming.

Even the imagery we sometimes use – a scale to weigh our good deeds against our bad deeds – looms large and menacingly. But these days don't have to be so big and scary. Their intent is to help us check in with ourselves, with our souls and the way we live our lives.

There is a rich, diverse world of Jewish ritual and practice. Congregation Emanu El's annual ReJEWvenate at the Houston Arboretum (4501 Woodway Dr.) on **Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 a.m.** will allow participants to sample some of the alternative High Holy Day practices from that big Jewish menu.

An experience for all ages and open to all members of the community, ReJEWvenate will offer two tracks for children and for the first time, two clearly distinctive tracks for adults. Babysitting for children three and under is also available.

The 'Study' track for adults will be comprised of three holiday text study experiences with each block featuring one of the three Emanu El clergy members – Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Pam Silk and Rabbi Samantha Kahn.

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From the President



With a busy summer coming to a close, the approach of High Holy Days and the start of the school year, I would like to update you on some Emanu El community news.

As I have previously shared with you, our Executive Director Steve Friedman departed this summer to return to his home state of Ohio to be closer to family. At that time, I appointed a search group co-chaired by Greta Pliskin and Pam Kutner. The group agreed on a single outstanding candidate who was brought in for in-person meetings with senior staff and lay leadership.

I am now delighted to announce the hiring of **David Landen** as our next Executive Director. David will begin his tenure with us on November 7th. David was raised in Tucson, Arizona where he received his Reform Jewish education and spent many years at the summer camps of our Reform Movement; he served as a counselor and song leader at Camp Charles Perlstein in Prescott, Arizona, and URJ Swig (now URJ Camp Newman) in Santa Rosa, California. Following his graduation from the University of Arizona with a degree in Judaic Studies, David relocated to Columbus, Ohio, where he served for six years at Congregation Beth Tikvah as its Education

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat Shof'tim, Deuteronomy 16:18-21:9

Friday, September 9th

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

Saturday, September 10th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Spencer Levitt**, son of
Ilisa Reichek & Danny Levitt

Shabbat Ki Teitzei, Deuteronomy 21:10-25:19

Friday, September 16th

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

Saturday, September 17th

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Rosie Vanunu**, daughter of Rhonda
Vanunu & **Jason Gerber**, son of Teri & Howard Gerber

Shabbat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1-29:8

Friday, September 23rd

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

Saturday, September 24th

9:00 a.m., ReJEWvinate, Houston Arboretum

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

9:00 p.m., Selichot, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20

Friday, September 30th

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

Saturday, October 1st

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

Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, October 2nd

6:00 p.m., Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary

Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: Crisis to Climax

Monday, October 3rd

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

Story by Rabbi Kahn: *Our Turn to Seek*

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

Sermon by Rabbi Kahn: *A Blessing for the Bacon*

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

Sermon by Rabbi Silk: *Shake It Off*

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

Shabbat Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Friday, October 7th

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

Saturday, October 8th

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

Sunday, October 9th

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

Sermon by Rabbi Silk: *Stones of My Soul*

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, October 11th (Kol Nidre)

6:00 p.m., First Service, Barish Sanctuary

Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *Cheating Death*

8:45 p.m., Second Service, Barish Sanctuary

Wednesday, October 12th

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

Story by Rabbi Hayon: *The Hardest Word*

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

Sermon by Rabbi Silk: *Do You Mean It?*

10:30 a.m., Youth Service, First Presbyterian Church

*** **NOTE NEW LOCATION** ***

Sermon by Rabbi Kahn: *What We Know & What We Show*

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

Service, Barish Sanctuary

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

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

4:30 p.m., Yizkor, Barish Sanctuary

Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *Jewels in the Crown*

5:30 p.m., Neilah, Barish Sanctuary

Shabbat Haazinu, Deuteronomy 31:1-52

Friday, October 14th

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

Saturday, October 15th

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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seasonal shift in the weather outside, we feel ourselves change within as our spiritual and intellectual preparations begin.

This year's High Holy Days at Emanu El will bring a rich mixture of our community's most beloved and familiar traditions, along with a few new opportunities for prayer and contemplation to lead us toward the inward resolve that is the hallmark of this most sacred time in the Jewish year. I am confident that this combination of old and new will bring us to an even deeper

appreciation of the potential of this season. As Elul arrives, I am grateful for this space in the *Bulletin*, in which I can share with you some of the opportunities that we will be experiencing together for the first time this year.

Once more, we will be offering an intimate opportunity to explore the power of personal healing and recovery on Yom Kippur afternoon. This year's "Healing & Restoration" experience will be held in the Proler Chapel, where we can best facilitate the contemplative, intimate experience that is so meaningful for congregants exploring their personal paths of healing and recovery. You will also notice another new experience being piloted on Yom Kippur this year: "Inside the Rabbi's Studio" is the result of a collaboration with the artistic staff at the Alley

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OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Emma Arriaga won several honors in New York recently while competing in various singing and talent competitions with IMTA (International Modeling & Talent Association). The top honor Emma received as for the 'Most Sought Out Talent of the Year', which means she received the most callbacks from talent agencies amongst those competing.

BIRTHS

Xavier David Alexander Novy, son of Kristy Gomez & Jared Novy; grandson of Valerie Novy

Oliver Josef Robinson, son of Adam and Johanna Robinson; grandson of Howard and Beverly Robinson, Birgit Hatzenbuehler; great grandson of Minnette Robinson

DEATHS

Bradley Cyprus, husband of Valerie Bossert; son of Shelly Cyprus; brother Audrey & Richard Kauffman, Idalyn & Mark Audas, Lenore & Russ Ferrill, Mark & Leah Cyprus, Dean Draper

Jessica Danziger, daughter of Judy & Joseph (J.D.) Danziger; sister of Jayson Danziger

Priscilla "Penny" Diamond, mother of Laura & Dan Diamond, Elizabeth Diamond; grandmother of Zoe & Jill Reck, Frank, Charlie and Harper Diamond; sister of Susan Seiderman

Morton Gorden, husband of Sheryl Gorden; father of Leslie Gorden Willis and Harry J. Gorden; brother of Sissy & Gene Boyd

Ann Oppman, mother of Cassandra & William Oppman, Eugene Oppman, Ellen & Ned Solway; grandmother of Alana & Travis Richter, Emelie, David and Raymond Oppman, Brianna & Rex Solway; great grandmother of Dylan Richter; sister-in-law of Morris Oppman

Allan Pogach, husband of Myra Mayer; father of Amy & Joel Pogach; grandfather of Peyton and Carson Pogach, son of Netty Pogach; brother of Ken Pogach

Marvin Ross, husband of Sondra Ross; father of Tara & Jeff Ross, Gwynne & Alan Ross, Ethy & Steve Ross, Lisa & Steve Thoms; grandfather of Scott, Barbie, Leanna and Vanessa Ross, Greg and Andrea Thoms, Lori Saling

Helen Shacket, sister-in-law of Al Levine and Joan Gelfond

Gerard Stafford, husband of Paula Stafford; father of Annie & Trey Stafford; grandfather of Beau and Oliver Stafford; brother of Nancy & Harley Robinson

Rhoda Toback, mother of Pamela & Matthew Ellis, Zachary Toback, Mia Toback; grandmother of Drew and Elliott Ellis; sister of Ann Beth & William Lashovitz

W. Ward White, husband of Sydney Greenblatt; father of Megan and Phillip White, Karey Rawitscher-Lazar & Josef Lazar; grandfather of Josef and Mara Lazar

Theatre, designed to follow in the beloved tradition of "Confessions of our Time." This new experience will invite us to explore the themes and ideas of the High Holy Days in accessible and powerful new ways using music, performance, and discussion. I believe that it will be a wonderful new outgrowth of the engaging and creative content to which we are accustomed on Yom Kippur afternoon. I will look forward to hearing your thoughts about this new experiment after the holidays. [Related: see Rabbi Walter's message on page 5.]

This year's High Holy Days will also invite us into some new relationships. First, we will have the great opportunity to worship and sing with Cantor Richard Cohn, whose thoughtful and insightful musical leadership will be a powerful and rewarding presence on our bima during the holy days. And these holy days will also be our chance to "get to know" some content from *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform Movement's new High Holy Day prayer book.

Mishkan HaNefesh is now in widespread use in the Reform Movement, but it is important to me that we make our transition to the new liturgy of our movement as gentle as possible, so we will be using only a small section of the text for our prayers this year. The "Confession and Forgiveness" service on Yom Kippur is a single section from the new book that will enable an easy first encounter with *Mishkan HaNefesh* and will provide a helpful hands-on experience to discover which pieces of the new Reform prayer book will work best for our congregation. We expect to transition to full use of *Mishkan HaNefesh* at the 2017 High Holy Days.

As we prepare for a new prayer book next year, I want to invite you to explore the copies of *Mishkan HaNefesh*, which have been placed on reserve in the Stillman-Lack Library. I also hope you will take a moment to explore the public exhibit from the Emanu El Archives titled "The Prayerbooks of Congregation Emanu El." This exhibit, curated lovingly by Archivist Maxine Reingold, offers a look back at all the holy texts from which our community has prayed over the years.

Of course, preparing to say hello to *Mishkan HaNefesh* must also include an opportunity to say a fond, loving goodbye to *Gates of Repentance*, the High Holy Day prayer book with which we have prayed for nearly 40 years. I am grateful to our Temple's Board of Trustees, who with generosity and foresight have passed a motion allowing all of our congregants to take home a copy of *Gates of Repentance* at the end of this year's High Holy Days, as a gift from the congregation. We hope that this book will occupy a special place of reverence and memory in your home.

This week, we enter the month of Elul along with our fellow Jews all around the world. This time in the Jewish year offers us an opening to re-center ourselves and prepare for the serious spiritual labor of the High Holy Days. This year, as at all times, this season of the year beckons us toward change and renewal and invites us to use the best resources at our disposal – the timeless texts and melodies of our past, and the most promising innovation of the present and future – to bring about forgiveness and atonement that is genuine, meaningful and long-lasting. I look forward to sharing this powerful process with all of you, and I pray that the beginning of the Days of Awe will be powerfully transformative for all of us.

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From the President

Director and Family Jewish Educator. David then became Religious School Director/Program Director and Technology Coordinator at Temple Israel, a position he held for eight years.

Recruited to Phoenix in 2007 to become Executive Director of Temple Solel in Paradise Valley, David served in that capacity until assuming the position of Executive Director at Temple Beth Shalom in Miami Beach in the summer of 2013. David was elevated to Senior Membership in the National Association for Temple Administration [NATA] in 2011 and in November 2014 received his designation as a Fellow in Temple Administration. He is a member of NATA's board and serves as its



David Lamden

website committee chair. In 2013 he served as co-chair of the association's National Conference, and is co-chairing the 2016 National Conference in Nashville, TN. David is happily married to Jennifer, is the father of two children and the proud owner of two standard poodles and two cockatoos.

Until David arrives, I continue working with numerous volunteers as part of a Board Oversight Team. We have identified eighteen areas in which we are working both to support staff and ensure that fiscal responsibility and policy are maintained. Our existing staff has also stepped up to ensure that there will be no interruption in their excellent service to our congregation during this period, including managing our logistics through the High Holy Day season.

Next, I am pleased to share some exciting details about our music program for the coming year. As previously announced, Cantor Richard Cohn, Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR in New York, will serve as the Congregation's visiting cantor during the High Holy Days. While continuing our tradition of outstanding holiday music, Cantor Cohn will also assist us in the work of cantorial transition as we look forward to the arrival of full-time Cantor Rollin Simmons in the summer of 2017. Cantor Cohn will make his first appearance with the Emanu El clergy team during Selichot on Saturday, September 24th at 9:00 p.m. He will then remain with our Congregation from the start of Erev Rosh Hashanah through the conclusion of Yom Kippur. He will return as part of our Endowment Fund Speaker Series.

Cantor Simmons will join us for worship, and to begin her transition into our community, three times during the coming year. Her initial visit will occur during the weekend of October 14th. During that weekend, Cantor Simmons will be leading worship, teaching Torah on Shabbat morning, and taking part in our celebrations for the holiday of Sukkot. Cantor Simmons' next two visits will be announced soon. I hope you will take advantage of her visits to help welcome her and make her feel at home in our community. Cantor Simmons' biography is posted on our website.

During the course of this year, regular worship at Temple will continue to be elevated by our many familiar and talented musicians: soloists, groups and

accompanists. One new addition is Cantor Sharon Colbert, who has already become a presence on the bimah for this year's b'nei mitzvah services. Cantor Colbert retired to Houston to join her family here after having served as the cantor of Congregation Shir Shalom in Williamsville, New York. Her professional background is filled with a wide and comprehensive list of cantorial experience, including officiation at life-cycle events, pastoral care, education and the performing arts. Cantor Colbert will be a warm and reassuring presence for our students. I am very much looking forward to introducing you to her.

Finally, I am happy to inform you of the plans that are in place for the upcoming year at our religious school (which will begin on Sunday, September 11th). Enrollment is on track and teachers are in place. As previously announced, Helfman Religious School Director Marna Meyer resigned effective August 1st. We are very grateful for Marna's leadership and wish her continued success. While no immediate full-time successor will be sought at this time, all aspects of education and school administration are being attended to. Matthew Silverman continues to serve as Helfman's Assistant Director, with responsibility over curricula, programming and the day-to-day function of the school; Gail Shapiro also continues as Administrative Assistant, ensuring the smooth function of administrative details for our faculty and Helfman families. Additionally, all of our rabbis will increase their involvement in the Religious School this year, with Rabbi Silk serving in an enhanced role of support.

Just as is the case each school year, our students will see many beloved and familiar faces in the classroom, as well as a couple of new ones. Our new Experiential Educator, Jamie Aaron, will be working closely with our Teaching Assistants and overseeing our students' informal education outside the classroom. Jamie has been a Jewish educator since middle school, when she became a TA at her Hebrew school. Jamie continued to teach and worked as camp counselor at a JCCA residential camp, where she was a Cornerstone Fellow. Jamie is a graduate of the College of Charleston. She moved to Houston three years ago and we hope to announce very soon who will serve as B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator, overseeing the training and assessment of our students, coordinating the faculty in the b'nei mitzvah program, and providing administrative support to Helfman. Finally, to ensure that our faculty can be optimally supported and equipped with the best tools and resources available, we have completed an agreement with the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life [ISJL] for training, curricula, and professional development to be delivered by their Education Fellows and consultants. Our first teacher and TA in-service, with ISJL's assistance, was held on Sunday August 21 as scheduled.

I am reminded whenever we are at services together of my duty, the blessings of being President and the honor you have bestowed on me. I look forward to seeing each of you soon as we begin our fall activities and prepare ourselves for the important and spiritual work of this year's High Holy Days.

– Jeff Basen Engquist, Board President

A Message from Rabbi Walter



I have been approached by a number of people who noticed that I won't be here for Yom Kippur and have asked why. I am grateful for the opportunity to use the *Bulletin* to tell you that Linda and I are excited to be spending the holiday with family in New York. Several months ago, I was asked to

perform a wedding in New Jersey between the holidays, so we are using it as a springboard to babysit our grandchildren for the weekend and stay for Yom Kippur.

As an aside, I must admit that I was a little sorry I won't be here when Rabbi Hayon told me what is being planned for Yom Kippur afternoon. He and the rabbis are bringing the kind of creativity Emanu El has always enjoyed to make Yom Kippur afternoon something special. I won't be surprised to find myself spending Yom Kippur afternoon in front of a computer streaming the service instead of sitting in shul.

Meantime, I look forward to seeing you all on Rosh Hashanah.

– Rabbi Roy A. Walter



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Emanu El Hosting ReJEWvenate

The themes engaged in these experiences will be prayer, repentance and charity.

Adults choosing to participate in the 'Experience' track will focus on more spiritual pursuits. The five different spiritual practices available include meditation, yoga, intentional silence and writing as prayer. A fifth session will be led by Cantor Richard Cohn, Emanu El's 'Visiting Cantor' for this year's High Holy Days. Cantor Cohn is an experienced presenter for the Institute of Jewish Spirituality.

While each of these approaches to Jewish thought and practice can be intimidating, ReJEWvenate is a taste of these Jewish experiences.

The two children's tracks will feature one for ages three to six and another for ages seven to ten. Each of these experiences will vary slightly by age, though the programs will include children's yoga, music, Arts Alive and a service project.

Registration is just \$5 per person. To register for any of the track options available and/or babysitting, please visit www.EmanuElHouston.org. For over the phone registration or for additional information, contact Alisha Klapholz, executive assistant to Rabbi Kahn at (713) 529-5771, ext. 213 or AlishaK@emanuelhouston.org.

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, with your child's name and contact information.



Rice Football Game To Alter Traffic Patterns for September 16th Shabbat Services

With Rice football hosting Baylor on **Friday, September 16th at 7:00 p.m.** and an estimated 30,000+ patrons utilizing the surrounding neighborhoods to reach Rice Stadium, our Temple administration has worked with the University to devise alternative traffic patterns for the September 16th Kabbalat Shabbat service.

Beginning at 5:00 p.m., Emanu El's west and east entry points to the Gaylor Parking Facility will close and all guests will be asked to enter Emanu El by coming through the gates of the Rice Graduate Apartments (1515 Bissonnet) and proceeding through the parking lot onto the Congregation's campus. One of our officers will be stationed on the Emanu El side of the gate to assist visitors to our synagogue. At the conclusion of services, Congregants will be encouraged to exit the way they entered to avoid what remains of inbound traffic for the football game.

Please be mindful of how this alternative traffic plan will impact your evening commute. Our Temple and Rice University thank you for your cooperation.



Emanu El Available For Outside Rentals

Over the last two years, Emanu El has hosted several outside events ranging from an American Alzheimers Association workshop to a YMCA line dancing competition and a Texas Women's Hospital nurses' pinning ceremony. Are you a part of a non-profit or an organization that is looking to utilize a great space? Contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



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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 should have received High Holy Day passes in the mail in late August. Minors do not need passes. Each member family also received 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.

Babysitting

During High Holy Days, we offer babysitting services. It is important that all interested participants RSVP for babysitting ahead of time so ample staff can be provided. Babysitting registration can be found on the Emanu El website. For additional assistance, contact Evon Zionts at (713) 529-5771, ext. 255 or EvonZ@emanuelhouston.org.

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.

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.

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 or (713) 529-5771, ext. 213.

Off-Site 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. 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.

Our Yom Kippur Youth Service has been moved to First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main St., due to delays in the renovation project at South Main Baptist Church. Thanks to our friends at FPC for accommodating us. All 'passes' in the mail to our Congregants will be reflective of this change. The best parking entrance to FPC is by turning onto Oakdale Dr. from Main St.

Bagels & Schmears – 'Break the Fast' As A Community After Yom Kippur

For a second straight year, we will celebrate the end of Yom Kippur with a 'Break Fast' in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room following the closing service. Provided through the generosity of our members Greta & Alexander Pliskin, our 'Break Fast' at Emanu El will feature bagels and schmears. All are invited to come together at the end of Yom Kippur for a nosh!

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Wheelchair Accessibility

For wheelchair accessibility, please contact Stephanie Kamion (713) 529-5771, ext. 217 at StephanieK@emanuelhouston.org. When you call or leave a message, please include the services you plan to attend. All efforts will be made to provide preferred seating to those who give advanced notice. Those requesting handicap seating are only granted up to four (4) additional seats for family members. Wheelchair seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

Services Over the Phone

We offer our High Holy Day Services over the phone. After dialing the number at the appropriate time, you will be prompted to enter a code. We encourage those who cannot attend the services to dial in five minutes prior and join us.

Dial-In Number: 1-888-537-7715

Passcode: 14640426#

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 13th, 5:55 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah Day – Monday, September 14th, 10:25 a.m.

Kol Nidre – Tuesday, September 22nd, 5:55 p.m.

Yom Kippur – Wednesday, September 23rd, 10:25 a.m.

Video Streaming of High Holy Day Services

If you have watched our Shabbat services this past year, you may have noticed our upgrades! All of our High Holy Day services from the Barish Sanctuary will be video streamed live on the EmanuElHouston.org web site. Additionally, services will be recorded and available on-demand within an hour of completion.

Parking

Throughout the High Holy Days, floors 1 & 2 of our parking facility are reserved for handicapped. Floors 3 & 4 are available for parking on a first-come, first-served basis. Our West Lot is restricted to Rabbi Circle's members with an appropriate pass.

We have made arrangements for parking for our evening services at the Medical Clinic of Houston, 1707 Sunset. Their garage entry is on Rice Blvd. For Rosh Hashanah Day and Yom Kippur Day, you may park at Rice University in 'West Lot 5'. A special entrance will be open between gates 8 & 9 just for our Emanu El guests. This entry point is located off of University Blvd between Montclair & Stockton.

Due to our adequate parking arrangements, Congregation Emanu El will not be responsible for any cars that choose to park in the neighborhoods surrounding the synagogue. Congregants may park on these streets at their own risk of citation.

NOTE: There is ample parking at both the Bayou City Event Center and First Presbyterian Church, therefore there is no bus transportation for these alternative locations.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Selichot

Saturday, September 24th

ReJEWenate at Houston Arboretum, 9:00 a.m.
Selichot Service, 9:00 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 First Presbyterian 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)

High Holy Day Prayer Book, *Gates of Repentance* Available To Take Home Post-Neilah

As Congregation Emanu El prepares for a 2017 transition to *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform Movement's new machzor (prayer book), all congregants at the conclusion of Neilah will be invited to take home copies of *Gates of Repentance*, the machzor we currently utilize. Information about the introduction of *Mishkan HaNefesh* will be shared throughout the year.

EMANU EL – AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-OCTOBER

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH OCTOBER 16TH

SEPTEMBER

- 6th** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 8th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.
- 11th** – Helfman Religious School Opening Day, 9:00 a.m.
- 15th** – Torah At Sunrise, 7:00 a.m.
- 15th** – Book Review: *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure
- 16th** – Classic Connections Post-Shabbat Dinner, 7:15 p.m.
- 18th** – Adult Hebrew & Basic Judaism Classes Begin
- 20th** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 20th** – Israel Interest Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 22nd** – Sisterhood Bayou Boat Tour, 10:30 a.m. or 11:30 a.m.
- 23rd** – ReJEWvenate, 9:00 a.m. at Houston Arboretum
- 27th** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 28th** – Helfman Middle School/Upper School Begins
- 28th** – Sisterhood Mahj & Munchies, 7:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 13th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.
- 16th** – Sukkot on Sunset, 4:00 p.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.

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.

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED:
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4th

Emanu El To Be Joined by Cantor Richard Cohn During High Holy Days



Congregation Emanu El announced in August that Cantor Richard Cohn, Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR in New York will serve as the Congregation’s ‘visiting Cantor’ during the upcoming High Holy Days. Cantor Cohn will be helping Emanu El as it continues the transition prior to the arrival of full-time Cantor Rollin Simmons in the summer of 2017. Cantor Cohn will take part in Selichot on **Saturday, September 24th** and also be part of our High Holy Day worship from the start of Erev Rosh Hashanah through the conclusion of Yom Kippur.



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.

- David & Emily Anmuth, daughter Serena
Peggy Blum**
- Jason & Faye Casell, daughter Ellery &
son Sascha**
- David & Rachel Fraser, daughter Piper &
son Holden**
- William Fulton**
- Adam & Jennifer Gordon, sons Jesse & Shane**
- Sam & Madelyn Kamen**
- Dr. Sheldon & Mrs. Marsha Kaplan**
- Marisa & Sam Kelner**
- Dr. Genie Landon & Dr. Toby Samo**
- Maurice & Suzanne Leibman**
- Myrna Levy**
- Alan & Jennifer Nahman, daughters Juliette,
Eden & Natalie**
- Brian & Sharon Ogren, daughter Danielle**
- Howard & Rozanne Rubin**
- Roger & Rachel Tenenbown, daughter
Danielle & son Isaac**
- Michael and Sherry Van**

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.

About Our Yontif Services

We gather in our spiritual home on the High Holy Days to seek God's presence, to share our lives as Jews and to be part of the community of Israel. We take great pride in our services, which offer a diversity of style while blending the traditional with the contemporary in prayer and song.

Selichot: This is the perfect opportunity to open your heart and mind to the spirit of the season. Enjoy the beauty of the liturgy and music.

Evening Services: We offer a single evening service on Rosh Hashanah and two on Yom Kippur conducted by our Rabbis with music by our Cantor and Professional Choir. We invite you to choose on Yom Kippur (6:00 p.m. or 8:45 p.m.) for your holiday observance.

Rosh Hashanah Morning: Congregants can choose from our two morning services. At the Temple, use Gates of Repentance, the Reform prayer book featuring music by our Cantor and Professional Choir. At the Bayou City Event Center located at 9401 Knight Road, we have a creative service. Our singing group Shir Magic will provide a blend of contemporary and traditional music.

Children's Services: To provide the youngest members of our congregation family with a meaningful holiday experience, we offer two exciting creative services (A New Beginning on Rosh Hashanah and It's Better to Be Better on Yom Kippur). It's a thrilling moment for everyone when the children are invited to the pulpit to blow Shofar on Rosh Hashanah.

Tashlich: We gather on Braes Bayou across from the Jewish Community Center to engage in the traditional ceremony of casting our sins adrift in the water.

Yom Kippur Morning: Congregants can choose between two worship opportunities. At the Temple, we offer a traditional morning service with music by our Cantor and Professional Choir. At First Presbyterian Church (5300 Main Street), we have a creative alternative worship experience led by high school students with a sermon by the Rabbi and music by Barbara Loeser.

Healing & Restoration (Proler Chapel) – **Inside the Rabbi's Studio** (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 Studio* 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. *Inside the Rabbi's Studio* contains some moments that may be unsuitable for young or sensitive congregants, including adult language and a reference to self-harm. Please use your best judgment about whether this section of our service will be appropriate for your family.

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.

Yizkor and Neilah: As our day comes to a close, we pay loving tribute to the memory of loved ones. If you stay until the end, you'll be part of the majesty of our closing service and hear the final blast of the Shofar.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP)

Open enrollment period is between October 15th and December 7th

ATTENTION SENIORS: Your current PDP sponsor should provide you with an Annual Notice of Change about your current prescription drug plan. Review that Notice, which may describe changes in your Plan, including changes to the premium, co-pay, and the drugs covered. If you are satisfied with the changes and want to remain in that Drug Plan, you probably will be told that you do not have to do anything to stay in that Plan for 2017.

If you want to change, or consider changing, to another Plan, the Emanu El Social Action Committee will provide a trained volunteer to assist your analysis of alternatives. To make an appointment between **Monday, October 17th** and **Wednesday, December 7th**, call Donna Fraley at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212 and leave your name, phone number, and the day(s) and time(s) you would like to meet. One of our volunteers will call to help you and schedule an appointment. To change your Prescription Drug Plan, **you must sign up by December 7, 2016**. The change will be effective January 1, 2017.

When you come for your appointment, please bring:

1. Your Medicare Card
2. Your drug list: name, dosage and frequency of each
3. Benefit record from your current PDP Plan or a pharmacy print out of drugs purchased in 2016, if available.

If you want to sign up for a Medicare PDP for the first time, follow the same procedure, and a volunteer will return your call to schedule an appointment. Appointments may be scheduled **no earlier than Monday, October 17, 2016**.



Emanu El Joins Create A Legacy Program

Congregation Emanu El has joined 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. This program provides our members an easy, smart way to give and make an impact on the future of Emanu El.

Further information on how to participate will be coming soon in the Temple *Bulletin* and through other publications. If you have already made a gift or plan to make a gift, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or Elyse Kalmans (elysekalmans@gmail.com).

Cantor Rollin Simmons To Make Visit During Sukkot



We are delighted to share the news that Cantor Rollin Simmons will be joining Congregation Emanu El during "Sukkot weekend", **Friday, October 14th – Sunday, October 16th**.

Cantor Simmons will take part in our Kabbalat Shabbat worship at **6:00 p.m. on Friday, October 14th** before leading a Torah study session at **9:15 a.m. on Saturday, October 15th**. The weekend continues at Cantor Simmons will be around to socialize during Sukkot on Sunset on **Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.** (more information on the back of this Temple *Bulletin*) and joining the clergy for the Erev Sukkot service to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Sukkah.

This Sukkot weekend visit is the first of three that will take place during the 2016-17 calendar year for Cantor Simmons, who will officially join our clergy team in July 2017. Information on her two springtime visits will be shared via the Temple *Bulletin* and other Emanu El correspondence.



Congregation Emanu El Heads to Israel in June 2017



At Israel Unity Shabbat this past May, Rabbi Oren Hayon announced an inter-generational Congregational trip to Israel. A meeting for prospective families will be held on **Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.** This meeting will provide an opportunity for Rabbi Hayon to go over the itinerary, as well as share costs and dates associated with the trip.

There are no obligations associated with the meeting. A formal meeting regarding Israel which will include a chance to ask questions of an ARZA World representative will be available in November.

As of press time, over 35 families or individuals have expressed an interest in attending this trip. To express your interest in the interim or to gather more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

An Update from the Security Task Force

Over the last two months, all of our Congregants should have received CEE stickers to display on their windshields. Several within our community have expressed concerns regarding the implementation of these stickers.

In the last three years, three independent security assessments of our campus have taken place. On the last assessment, we scored about average when compared with other religious institutions and we have continued to make improvements to our security. However, all three assessments have indicated that we need a better mechanism in place to identify the vehicles visiting our property, especially if the intent is to leave gate(s) open to our visitors. Finding a balance between maintaining the 'welcoming environment' that our Congregation has historically been known for while keeping vigilant is a difficult balance to uphold.

The security company we have contracted with also recommends that the stickers will make it easier for their officers to identify which vehicles belong on our campus, allowing more time to respond to other security matters should they arise. The stickers make it easier and more cost effective to monitor vehicles in our parking areas, especially the 'West Lot' and those parts of our property impacted by school pickup and drop off windows throughout the year.

We appreciate everyone's cooperation in placing the stickers on your vehicles and we will continue to provide security updates periodically in the Temple *Bulletin* and on the Emanu El website. If you have further concerns or questions and would like to contact Security Task Force chair Lenny Holzband or vice chair Shel Vedlitz, please contact Jason Plotkin at the Temple at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org and he will put you in touch with our lay leaders. Those requiring additional stickers are encouraged to reach out to Stephanie Kamion at (713) 529-5771, ext. 217 or StephanieK@emanuelhouston.org.

– Submitted by the Emanu El Security Task Force



YOUTH CORNER

Rabbi Kahn to Serve on Guest Panel for 'Ovaries Before Brovaries' Workshop

Congregation Emanu El is taking part in Ovaries before Brovaries on **Saturday, September 10th from 7:30-10:30 p.m.** at the Merfish Teen Center.

Rabbi Samantha Kahn will be joined by Dr. Hillary Boswell and licensed Shayna Barksdale, LCSW as speakers at the workshop for teen girls ages 14 to 18 that addresses important areas of teenage health and wellbeing in a fun, social atmosphere set up for teen girls to "hang out" while learning and having a good time together.

More information on the event can be found at <http://ovariesbforbrovaries.com>.

Cub Scout Pack 1190 To Host Informational Meeting Sunday, September 11th

Join Congregation Emanu El's Cub Scout Pack 1190 on **Sunday, September 11th at 12:30 p.m.** at the Temple, 1500 Sunset Blvd., as all boys in first through fourth grade and their parents are invited to attend a fun and exciting informational sign-up meeting.

Come to the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room to discover the fun 2016-17 activities in store for Pack 1190!

Cub Scouts is a family-oriented organization, which develops character, leadership, communication skills, and good citizenship. Our motto is, "Have fun, learn new things, and make friends!" In fact, it's more than that . . . it's fun with a purpose!

Cub Scout Pack 1190's key activities include, but are not limited to camping, hiking, Mitzvah Day, rocket launching and the Pinewood Derby.

Membership is just \$100 for the year. For questions, please contact Cubmaster Robet Rosenblum at: emanuelpack1190@gmail.com.



Changes to Regularly Scheduled Happenings in Coming Weeks



Work of Our Hands has moved their September gathering to **Thursday, September 15th at 10:00 a.m.** instead of Thursday, September 8th. For more information on Work of Our Hands, contact Donnie Bundman at dbundman@gmail.com

The October meeting of Kids Meals will take place one day later than usual due to the Temple's observance of Sukkot interfering with the delivery of supplies. Kids Meals' new date for October is **Wednesday, October 19th at 9:30 a.m.**, originally Tuesday, October 18th. To get on the Kids ' Meals mailing list, please contact Carol & Barry Goodfriend at cfbhg@aol.com.



Jewish Lone Stars Singles' Group Continues to Grow

Launched in the summer of 2015, this group targeted for those singles' in their 40s through 60s is spearheaded by Congregation Emanu El for the entire community! From events on-site to events in private homes, from educational to social, this group is a chance for singles to meet and mingle. The group's Facebook page which can be found by searching 'Jewish Lone Stars' has quickly grown to over 550 members, making it one of the largest online presences for a synagogue-led Jewish singles' group in the country.

For more information, email JewishLoneStars@gmail.com. The synagogue liaison to this group is Membership & Outreach Coordinator Jill Patir, who can be reached at JillP@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Cantor Sharon Colbert to Serve As B'nei Mitzvah Cantor for 2016-17

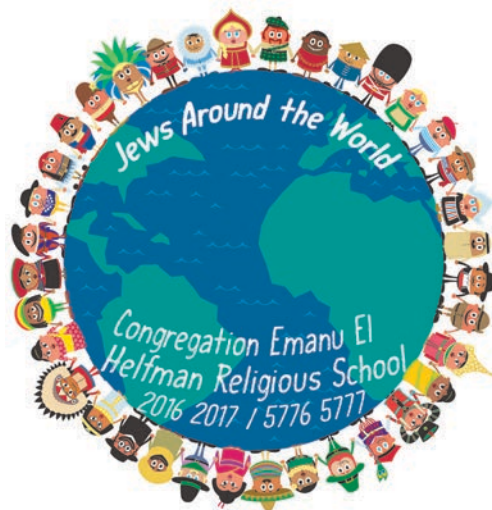


Cantor Sharon Colbert will serve as our B'nei Mitzvah Cantor for 2016-17 school year, helping tutor our B'nai Mitzvah students in the lead up to their simcha while providing skilled, thoughtful, spiritual leadership alongside Emanu El's rabbis during their B'nai Mitzvah services.

Cantor Colbert just returned to Houston after serving the Jewish community in the Buffalo/Niagara Falls region for 10 years. She was the pulpit cantor at Congregation Shir Shalom, a 500 family Reform/Reconstructionist congregation formed from the 2012 merger of Temple Beth Am and Temple Sinai in the town of Williamsville, NY.

Earlier in her musical career, Cantor Colbert toured the Midwest United States and Texas as lead singer, Irish Step Dancer and Buran (Irish Hand Drum) percussionist of a British Isles folk rock band and performed improvisational theater at Renaissance Fair venues. In the intervening years between touring and her cantorial career, she co-produced the Houston Festival (Houston International Festival/IFest), as Entertainment coordinator from 1984-1988. Never a big fan of slowing down, Cantor Colbert also managed her husband's political career as campaign manager for his 6 terms in the Texas State House of Representatives, 1980-1993, while earning her BA in Psychology and Human Development from the University of Houston.

Inspired by her participation from 1990-2006 in Congregation Brith Shalom's Adult Choir, Cantor Colbert commuted weekly for four years from Houston to Los Angeles to study at the Academy for Jewish Religion where in 2009 she earned her ordination as Hazzan – a "Sweet Singer in Israel" and a Master's Degree in Jewish Sacred Music. She officiated as the High Holiday Hazzan at WNY's Reconstructionist Temple Sinai in 2007 and 2008 and was then contracted to serve Temple Beth Am in 2009. Cantor Colbert is uproariously joyful to return to her Houston home to be an active participant in the Jewish community. Most importantly Cantor Colbert is looking forward to real face time – not virtual time – with her husband Paul, daughter Joy (Tony) Lopez, son Nathan, granddaughters Emily and Ashley Lopez and her Texas friends.



Go Around the World with Helfman Religious School

Helfman Religious School is going "Around the World" this school year. It is not too late to register and secure your spot for another exciting year in Helfman. The first day of Sunday school is **Sunday, September 11th.**

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Flu Shots at Emanu El in September

The Texas Vaccine Institute will be at Emanu El to give flu shots in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room on **Tuesday, September 20th from 9:00-11:30 a.m.** The price for the flu shot is \$25, and those with Medicare as their primary insurance do not have to pay anything; others will be given a receipt to claim reimbursement with their insurance provider.

Classic Connections Shabbat Dinner In September

Are you in your 50's or 60's? Want to meet some new friends and reconnect with old friends – let's kick off the year with a Classic Connections catered dinner on **Friday, September 16th at 7:15 p.m.**, immediately following Kabbalat Shabbat services with our very own Shabbatones. Your payment of \$11.00 is your reservation and please note that we will be unable to accommodate walk-ins, so be sure to get your RSVP in by visiting www.emanuelhouston.org. **The deadline for RSVPs is Monday, September 12th.**

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org. You can also reach out to our Classic Connections group by e-mailing classicconnectionsemanuel@gmail.com.

High Holy Days – If you are interested in sitting with your Classic Connections colleagues during the High Holy Days, be sure to email us at classicconnectionsemanuel@gmail.com.

Upcoming Classic Connections Events:

Friday, November 18th – Join us for a dinner and speaker after Services

Friday, December 30th – Classic Connections will enjoy the Temple Emanu El Latke Supper

4th Annual Brotherhood Collectors Car Show & Food Truck Event Sunday, October 30th at 11:00 a.m.

The whole community is invited to the fourth annual Brotherhood Collectors Car Show & Food Truck event! Cars from every era belonging to members and community members will be represented. Whether you are a devotee of cars or just want to have fun, come out and enjoy the camaraderie with the car owners and renew friendships and schmooze with other car enthusiasts. A diverse group of food trucks will be available in the West Parking Lot. **RAIN DATE: Sunday, November 6th at 11:00 a.m.**

Interested in placing your car in the show or volunteering on the day of this event? Contact Lenny Holzband at lenny.adventures@gmail.com.

Shabbat on the Green Heads to Colonial Park on Friday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m.

Come celebrate Shabbat with a picnic, concert and special service at Colonial Park in West University, 4130 Byron Street. Bring your food, picnic blanket and enjoy a highly participatory, rocking Shabbat with music. Led by our Rabbis, this fantastic event is free and open to the community. It's for all ages and stages. Bring your friends and your dinner for a Shabbat experience, you'll never forget! Schmooze begins at 5:30 p.m. with services at 6:00 p.m.

Emanu El to Host Annual 'Shred Day' on Wednesday, November 9th

Join Emanu El on **Wednesday, November 9th from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** outside the portable buildings for a 'Shred Day'. A professional shredding company will be on-site to shred all your personal and confidential documents safely. This event is free, though limited to individuals within our community and excludes businesses. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



Mitzvah Day Takes Place on Sunday, November 13th

Our annual Mitzvah Day will take place on Sunday, November 13th!

NEW IN 2016 – our Helfman Religious School will be in session this year on Mitzvah Day meaning that each grade-level will have projects for which parents (and siblings) can join together as part of the school day.

New projects include efforts by our Houston Jewish Lone Stars group, Sisterhood participating with House of Tiny Treasures and helping Undies for Everyone. A full listing of projects and registration information will be available in the October edition of the Temple *Bulletin*. Stay tuned!

EMANU EL SCRAPBOOK

Emanu El, Houston Jewish Federation Team to Host Jewish Baby University

Lisa Stanton of the Houston Jewish Federation's Jerome Robinson Family Young Adult Division (YAD) of Houston talks to participants during the first session of Jewish Baby University. Emanu El is hosting the weekly class, which also involves educational opportunities with Rabbi Hayon, Silk, Kahn and Walter. Thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston for letting us host this session of JBU, which is held three times a year at different synagogues in our community.



Rabbi Hayon Meets With Cardinal DiNardo At Interfaith Ministries

Rabbi Oren Hayon recently had an opportunity to meet with Daniel Nicholas Cardinal DiNardo, the Archbishop of Galveston-Houston during a meeting at Interfaith Ministries. Rabbi Hayon has been active in meeting with clergy spreading across many different faiths since arriving in Houston.

Brotherhood's Annual Garage Sale – A Success!

For two weekends, the Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El opened its doors to hundreds and hundreds of community members during its recently completed Garage Sale. Another five-figure profit margin will be registered when all funds are accounted for, but more importantly the group was able to disburse many items throughout our community to agencies in need including the Emergency Aid Coalition, the Lion's Club and others.



Rabbi Hayon Meets with Mayor Sylvester Turner

Sylvester Turner, Mayor of Houston and our very own Rabbi Oren Hayon met recently at City Hall. The two had a conversation about their shared work to build a safe, moral, prosperous future for Houston. Mayor Turner is tentatively scheduled to join us as we usher in the Jewish New Year in October.



Emanu El Celebrates Dedication of Newar & Lipper Consecration/Confirmation Photo Gallery

The Parkans Administrative Hallway was to capacity as congregants and community members shared in celebrating the dedication of the Newar & Lipper Consecration/Confirmation Photo Gallery in late August. The committee included Rabbi Roy Walter, Myra Lipper, Garey Marks and Pam Lewis. With special thanks to Emanu El congregants 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. The dedication and the sermon from this special evening are available on Emanu El's Facebook and YouTube pages.



Board Retreat

Members of the Emanu El Board of Trustees gathered in late August for their annual board retreat. Topics included an update on the Helfman Religious School, a review of the by-laws and a vote to approve the Ritual & Music Committee's recommendation to enable Congregants to take home Gates of Repentance following Neilah at this year's High Holy Days.



Upcoming Adult Learning Opportunities This Fall at Emanu El

Adult Hebrew – A pair of Adult Hebrew courses await you, available at both the beginning and intermediate levels. Taught by Nomi Barancik on **Sundays at 9:00 a.m.** (intermediate Hebrew) and **10:30 a.m.** (Beginner Hebrew), the Beginner class allows you to start fresh or you could continue improving your reading proficiency in our intermediate level class. For more information or to learn of this year's class schedule, contact Donna Fraley, Ritual Coordinator at donnaf@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 212. This year's fall session begins on **Sunday, September 18th.**

Basic Judaism

This course takes is designed for Jews seeking to learn more about their religion as well as introducing Judaism to those wishing to find out more with the possible thought of conversion. The two-part class runs in the fall and spring on Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m. For more information or to learn of this year's class schedule, contact Donna Fraley, Ritual Coordinator at donnaf@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 212. This year's fall session begins on **Sunday, September 18th.**

*** **NEW** ***

Raising A Mensch

Rabbi Samantha Kahn will lead a meaningful discussion from **7:00-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, September 21st** about the teen brain, how to parent it, and Jewish values in parenting. For more information, contact Rabbi Samantha Kahn at RabbiSOK@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771.

*** **NEW** ***

iEngage: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Taught by Rabbis Hayon and Kahn. Through the study of Jewish narratives about Israel and the unpacking of the complex meanings of peace in Jewish tradition, this 12-session course will explore the ideas and values that animate different attitudes toward the conflict and how these values shape our political understandings. Among the central themes that will be explored are; talking about Israel, the current discourse, attitudes towards the land, justice, self-preservation and compromise. A \$20 fee applies for the course book. The class will be held at 10:30 a.m. with classes taking place **10/23, 10/30, 11/6, 11/20, 12/4, 12/11, 1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/19** (at Yom Limmud), **2/26.**

Age-ing & Sage-ing Class Returns to Emanu El in November Held Monthly on 2nd Wednesday

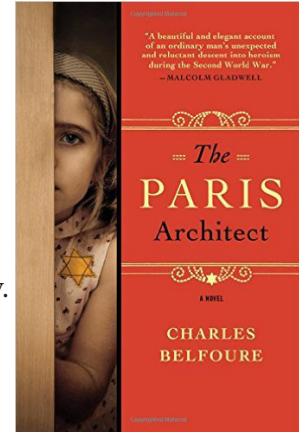
As retirement approaches or is here, we are faced with the decision: Do I Become an Elder or Do I Become Elderly? One way to make this choice is through Sage-ing. Sage-ing is a process that enables those of us over 55 to become spiritually radiant, physically vital, and socially responsible "elders of the tribe". The process can consciously transform the downward arc of ageing into the upward arc of expanded consciousness that crowns an elder's life with meaning and purpose and joy.

This course originated from the book, *From Age-ing to Sage-ing: A Profound New Vision of Growing Older* by Zalman Schachter-Shalomi and will take place on the second Wednesday of each month at 12:00 p.m. at the Temple beginning at **12:00 p.m. on Wednesday, November 9th.** Participants are invited to bring a 'brown bag lunch' to each class and the class will run monthly through April.

Sage-ing is a wisdom-and contribution-based approach to focusing on the importance of the stories, experiences and lessons accumulated throughout the journey of our lives. The certified course facilitator is Sue Schechter. For more information about the Sage-ing course as to content and how to participate, contact Sue at sagingsue@gmail.com.

Book Review: *The Paris Architect*, by Charles Belfoure Thursday, September 8th, 12:30 p.m.

Book Review: Reviewed by Susan Babendure; Fiction, Holocaust: The year is 1942, and Paris is in the throes of Nazi occupation. Lucien Bernard, a gifted architect, accepts a commission that will bring him a great deal of money – and could easily result in his death. His task is to design a secret hiding place for a wealthy, Jewish man – a space undiscoverable to even the most determined Nazi or collaborator. As incentive, Lucien needs the money. Further, outwitting the Nazis who occupy his beloved city is a challenge he can't resist. However, when one of Lucien's hiding spaces fails to fulfill its purpose, locating a hiding place for a Jew in occupied Paris becomes an intensely personal quest.



Sisterhood Goes Cruisin'

Join Sisterhood on **Thursday, September 22nd** for a lovely morning cruise along the Buffalo Bayou. We'll take a 45-minute pontoon boat ride with a local historian aboard to tell us of the Bayou's importance throughout Houston's history up to the present day. There are two opportunities – at **10:30 a.m. and 11:30 a.m.** – limited to just 21 people at each interval. For each departure, plan to arrive 20 minutes in advance at 150 Sabine St.

The cost is \$30 and **RSVPs are due by Monday, September 12th** indicating your preferred departure time. Your payment is your reservation. The day will conclude with a 'dutch treat' lunch at The Kitchen at the Dunlavy (3422 Allen Parkway) following each cruise. Please call the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 with any questions.



Sisterhood Launches Drive for House of Tiny Treasures

Sisterhood will be participating in Mitzvah Day in support of House of Tiny Treasures – the family division of SEARCH. The activity will kick off at Women's Day on **Wednesday, November 2nd**. The greatest needs of this organization are disposable diapers and children's clothing size 2T. Chaired by Sandy Harris and Shelley Cyprus, the committee will begin a drive for needed items by making a collection bin for clothing, diapers, and toys available in the Temple lobby. In addition a "Diaper Depot" collection box will be available in the Sisterhood Office for those who prefer to make monetary donations. Our schools are assisting in collecting items for this project.

Mitzvah Day on **Sunday, November 13th** will find Sisterhood members packing donations by size and gender. Registration for this Mitzvah Day project and others will be available ahead of Rosh Hashanah.



New Traditions Gift Shop Regular Hours Resume in September and A Sale!

Summer has come and gone!

New Traditions – our Sisterhood's gift shop – is lit up with new bright lights.

We are so excited that we are offering a 20 percent discount on your ENTIRE purchase on Mondays and Tuesdays throughout September, **beginning September 12th-13th and continuing through September 26th-27th**. This excludes books and cards. Stop in and see our new look.

Our regular hours of operation are Sundays (when school is in session) from 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday-Thursday 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. and Friday 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

ACCESS FOR ALL

To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people
In Honor of

**The Speedy Recovery of
Caren Cowen**
Sara Astrich

**BARBARA & MARK
BROOKNER CAMP
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To provide scholarships to send Helfman Religious School students to Greene Family Camp
In Memory of

Jessica Danziger
Barbara Maidenberg

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In Honor of

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Anniversary**

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Anniversary**

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

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Photo Gallery
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Geri Hooks**

**Joan Morgenstern
Thomas Turpie**

Myra Lipper

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To enhance musical programming
In Honor of

Cantor Mark Perman

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In Honor of

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Joan Morgenstern**
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In Memory of

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To maintain & enhance the playground
In Honor of

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**Come Join Us For Sukkot On Sunset,
Our Annual Sukkot Celebration!**

The fun begins at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 16th** for our annual Sukkot Celebration! Family entertainment abounds – BBQ Supper catered by Demeris – music and lots of fun for every age and stage. Hayrides, bounce houses, ponies and a rock wall! The Larry Glass Band will perform classic rock and country hits.

Our Erev Sukkot service begins in the Sukkah at 6:30 p.m. and will feature s'mores courtesy of the Brotherhood and our scout troops. There's no charge for this event, but reservations are a must! Reserve by calling the Temple at (713) 529-5771 or by registering on EmanuElHouston.org.



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