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From Rabbi Hayon



I write this month's *Bulletin* article from several miles above the Atlantic, as my family and I return home from this summer's congregational trip to Israel. The trip was inspiring and enriching, marked by the delight of discovery and many breathtaking moments of recognition that accompany every trip to the Jewish State, for first-time travelers and repeat visitors alike.

Our trip began at a scenic overlook on the Mediterranean coast in the city of Yafo, where the modern skyscrapers of Tel Aviv gleam in striking contrast to the ancient stones of the biblical port where ships first launched thousands of years ago. We learned that the word "Tel" in "Tel Aviv" means "hill" or "mound," and that the city's name reminds one of the numerous hills excavated by archaeologists throughout Israel. A tel will typically contain numerous layers of historical artifacts stacked on top of each other; an archaeologist may expect to discover Crusader or Ottoman ruins atop findings from the ancient Muslim, Israelite, and Canaanite civilizations that preceded them.

The metaphor of archaeology is a fitting one for a trip like this one: every day, each of us undertook our own personal "excavations" through which we explored the layers of our own pasts. Of course, this process often takes place whenever one travels; however, unlike visits to the stone cathedrals of Europe or the ruins of Greece and Rome, travel to Israel enables one to reconnect

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3rd Annual Emanu El Night at the Ballpark – Wednesday, August 2nd

Congregation Emanu El will host its 3rd annual 'Night At the Ballpark' on Wednesday, August 2nd as the Sugar Land Skeeters face the Somerset Patriots at 7:05 p.m. at Constellation Field.

The \$18 tickets are subsidized by the Brotherhood and Emanu El.

Your tickets include an all-you-can-eat buffet featuring popular ballpark fare (that will be open from 6:00-8:00 p.m.), a shaded area to watch the game, a pool area to swim and a chance to schmooze with several of our Congregation's newest staff and clergy members.

Make sure to get to the ballpark early as Cantor Rollin Simmons will perform the national anthem pre-game! This event has sold out both previous years and tickets are available on a first-come, first-served basis and will be distributed starting in late June.

To register, visit www.EmanuElHouston.org. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



Congregation Emanu El's Annual Community Shabbat Dinner – Friday, July 21st

A successful start to our summer Community Shabbat series in June is followed on **Friday, July 21st following our 6:00 p.m. services**. Join us for a Mexican fiesta for just \$5 per person with the cost subsidized by the synagogue. Vegetarian and gluten free options are available.

Please note that **RSVPs are required by Wednesday, July 19th** and Emanu El will not be able to handle walk-ups. RSVP online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat Balak, Numbers 22:2 – 25:9

Friday, July 7th

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

Saturday, July 8th

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

Shabbat Pinchas, Numbers 25:10 – 30:1

Friday, July 14th

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

Saturday, July 15th

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

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

Friday, July 21st

5:45 p.m., Shabbat & Play

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

7:15 p.m., Community Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, July 22nd

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

Shabbat D'varim, Deuteronomy 1:1 – 3:22

Friday, July 28th

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

Saturday, July 29th

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

Shabbat Va-et'chanan, Deuteronomy 3:23 – 7:11

Friday, August 4th

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

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

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

Saturday, August 5th

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

Shabbat Eikev, Deuteronomy 7:12 – 11:25

Friday, August 11th

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

Saturday, August 12th

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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with our people's own miraculous past and the inspiring promise of its future. The Crusaders and the Cult of Zeus are long gone now, but the Jewish people endures and thrives.

Each day in Israel invites one to participate in some of the world's most vibrant, innovative and powerful Jewish experiences. In the mountaintop ruins of Masada, we expressed our gratitude for the bold commitment to Jewish self-determination that would lay dormant for thousands of years before blossoming into a modern Jewish nation.

At Yad VaShem, we bore witness to the atrocities of history and paused in solemn remembrance of the vanished branches of our families and our people. We marveled at the weathered stones of the Western Wall and the bullet-spattered Jaffa Gate, exactly 50 years after they witnessed the astonishing victory by Israel's young army which reunited the holy city and brought it under Jewish control for the first time in two millennia.

Watching the artists at Yad LaKashish, an urban craft center which employs older adults who would otherwise live in poverty, we redoubled our communal commitment to sustainable and inclusive models of

social justice.

For Jews around the world, travel to Israel is the closest thing to "pilgrimage" in our spiritual lives today. And this trip, taken with other members of our congregation, was a holy journey indeed. I am thankful that all of us have returned safely, and I know that we are all eager to share our stories and reflections from the trip. I, too, look forward to sharing some of the experiences that touched me most deeply in the days to come, and I hope to invite you to take part in additional travel opportunities in the future.

Whether here or abroad, our "spiritual archaeology" continues, as we share the sacred task of excavating our own Jewish stories, and digging deeply in the priceless endeavors of prayer, study, and tikkun olam, which illuminates and lends timeless meaning to our lives.



Our clergy want to know....

If you or a loved one is sick or hospitalized please let us know. Contact Alisha Klapholz at (713) 529-5771, ext. 213 or AlishaK@emanuelhouston.org so that our rabbis can reach out and visit and be a source of strength and support. Visiting the sick and praying for those who are ill are important and meaningful mitzvot.

Update From Access for All Committee

The Access for All Committee, truly a working group which will focus on inclusion for all people, met in June. We reviewed the work of previous committees and reprioritized our very long to-do list.

The committee has accomplished many things in the past several years; the most recent being the mezuzah hanging ceremony which took place earlier this spring, when Rabbi Hayon, members of the committee, and second grade students in our Helfman Religious School installed three new mezuzot. These mezuzot were installed at a lower level so that children and those in wheelchairs would be able to perform the mitzvah of touching a mezuzah upon entering the building.

You may know that we have large print prayer books, but are you aware that our congregation offers closed captioning in the chapel on the second and fourth Friday nights? We also offer closed captioning during the High Holy Days. Over the next several months we will be sharing other improvements which will benefit our diverse community.

Our committee's goal is to help create a truly inclusive synagogue which provides the opportunity for full participation in all congregational activities. In order to reach that goal, we encourage everyone's input. If you recognize a need, please feel free to contact the committee chair, Fredi Bleeker Franks, at fredi.bleeker@gmail.com.



Memorial Plaque Deadline For High Holy Days

Are you planning to purchase a memorial plaque to memorialize a loved in the Barish Sanctuary? Please be sure to get your order in **by Friday, July 7th** to ensure that it will be installed in time for the coming High Holy Days. Please contact Alisha Klapholz at alishak@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 213 for information about ordering and pricing.



Hosting An Oneg To Honor A Simcha

Hosting an Oneg Shabbat is a great way to honor your special occasion (bar/bat mitzvah, birthday, anniversary, etc.)!

Celebrate with the Congregation, family, and friends while observing the beauty of Shabbat. Enjoy good food and experience the camaraderie at Congregation Emanu El. You don't even have to plan, we will provide all of the arrangements for a memorable evening. For more information, call Jason Plotkin at (713) 529-5771, ext. 216 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Syd and Len Covan were honored for 22 years of service to the Country Place community, an 840-home community for those 55 and older. The duo has been instrumental in launching various programs within the community including an active theatre group that puts on three plays a year and a growing mah jong program. Len also served on the board of directors for 15 years.

Richard Goldfarb was honored with the John Overstreet Methodist Distinguished Physician Award.

BIRTHS

Dean Alexander Creeger, son of Shana & Nossi Creeger; grandson of Abby & Joel Davis, Eileen & Ken Creeger, Deborah & Mark S. Finkelstein; great grandson of Clara Cook, Glicka Creeger and Richard Finkelstein

Liam Mitchell Funk, son of Laura & Etai Funk

Hazel Leigh Lipper, daughter of Jillian & Benjamin Lipper; granddaughter of Rebecca & Charles Goldman, Dora & Rabbi David Lipper; great granddaughter of Sylvia Goldman, Joe Goldman, Melvin Blumberg, Mary Aboulafia and Myra Lipper

WEDDINGS

Andi Levy & Brett Riesenfeld

Alana Scoon & Jason Levy

DEATHS

Forrest Lee (Jack) Jackson, father of Sherry & Bruce Wolfson, Brenda & Mike Jackson; grandfather of Claudia & Sean Wolfson, Samuel & Brandy Patton, Shannon & Aaron Bentle, Lyndsay & Brandon Byrd; great grandfather of Parks and Ginger Patton, Kitzla Cortes, Easton Wolfson and Aspen Byrd

Ryan Maidenberg, son of Michael Maidenberg and Ilana Unterhalter; brother of Tori Maidenberg; grandson of Ann & Richard Altman, Barbara Maidenberg, and Tiby and Mike Unterhalter; mother of Karen Walters & Randy Marcks; grandmother of Ryan Henderson, Els & Scott Henderson, Ashley Marcks, Heather Marcks, Hallie & Jonathan Dobin and Zachary Dobin

Donald Peaceman, father of Caren & David Cowan, Karen & Alan Peaceman; grandfather of Jennifer & Michael Cowan, Steven Cowan, Sarah Peaceman & Hal Dworkin, Aviel & Daniel Peaceman, Claire Peaceman; great grandfather of William Cowan

From the President – Jeff Basen-Engquist



Our family recently returned from the trip organized by our congregation to Israel. The most common question I am receiving is “Was it wonderful?” This meaning-laced inquiry suggests many things that are true about the trip, but also about the inquirers.

First, indeed it was wonderful, especially having our recent college graduate Emma with Karen and me. Logistically it was well-planned, taking us from Jaffa to the Golan Heights on a fast-paced tour of the country. Second, our tour guide and Rabbi Hayon provided master classes and personal anecdotes as we traveled back in time to learn elements of our history as Jews and that of the peoples of this ancient land. Of course, we also saw the modern Israel, including the community Kabbalat Shabbat service at the train station in Tel Aviv. (It occurred to me, we could do something like this...). We shopped at markets old and new, ate lots of salads and Israeli dishes, and set new personal step count records.

Third, significantly, we went to the Western Wall and other sites that challenge and inform our faith. We placed notes written by Helfman students in the Wall and each had time to reflect and pray. There we saw the enforced separation between men and women as well as the steps being taken to overcome them. This reminded me of why I am a Reform Jew and how each of our voices is needed.

The highlight, my “What was the best part?” response? The people. Our congregant travel companions were warm and delightful. As we visited, learned, prayed and played together, their openness and shared support made the trip easier and more meaningful. Rabbi Hayon’s family joined us. Rabbi and Julie’s young daughters, Avi and Noa, more than kept up with us, helping us see the sites through their eyes as well. The opportunity to visit with each of them in this informal setting was very special.

We visited with and learned much from others. Our off-road guide to the Golan described growing up in the village below us, targeted before the six-day war. We met Israeli soldiers on the Golan, including one from the states. We were guided on a walk through a Druze community by a man who described their history and their religion, breaking bread with us in a home. And we bargained with shopkeepers and inquired about unfamiliar foods at stands and restaurants across the country.

Observing the many faiths, their churches, mosques, and synagogues, and their varied practices, including our own – from the wall to dancing on Shabbat – can inform us all. Ultimately, we are each finding a way to understand our place and create a path to righteousness. I do not presume to know how to bridge the divides. As a result of this trip, I may understand better what we have in common.

– Submitted by Jeff Basen-Engquist

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Join Our Team of Jewish Educators in 2017-2018

Helfman Religious School is looking for a few enthusiastic, energetic teachers for our Sunday and/or Wednesday programs. The only prerequisites are a love of Judaism and the desire to help create a great learning environment for our kids. No prior teaching experience is required: extensive training and mentoring is available. If you’ve ever thought you might like to try teaching, or want to get back to it, this is a terrific opportunity. Please contact Gail Shapiro at (713) 529-5771, ext. 261 or via email at GailS@emanuelhouston.org to set up a meeting with Stefani Carlson, our new Director of Congregational Learning.



Helfman Religious School Registration

Helfman Religious School registration is still underway! All those families that **registered by Monday, July 31st will receive a \$75 per child discount.** To register, download registration forms and pay online at the Emanu El web page, www.EmanuElHouston.org, by clicking through the ‘2017-2018 Registration’ icon. You can select to pay the entire tuition or only the registration fee. You will need to complete forms and payments separately for each child.

Forms will be available from the Religious School office, if needed. Please bring \$50/child for registration fees with your completed forms.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Save the Date! Sisterhood Opening Dinner on Wednesday, August 30th

Make plans to join Sisterhood for an "Evening in Italy" on **Wednesday, August 30th** as they open their 2017-18 programming year at Emanu El. A dinner and program will begin at 6:30 p.m. More information to follow via the Sisterhood and our other Temple communications. Stay tuned!

New Traditions' Summer Schedule In Place

New Traditions reverted to its summer schedule for the months of June and July. The gift shop will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., Monday through Friday or by appointment by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771. **The gift shop will be closed on Sundays throughout the summer.**



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.

Eitan & Debbie Bernstein, sons Joseph, Benjamin & Daniel

Daniel Coleman & Beth Merfish, daughter Etta

Elizabeth Hennessy & Benjamin Milgram

Daniel & Katherine Robinson, son Maxwell

Camae & Mark Schultz, son Adam and daughter Melani

Rona Weiner

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.



Get Social With Us!

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

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



EMANU EL – AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-AUGUST

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 AUGUST 20TH

JULY

- 4th** – 3rd Annual Food Truck & Fireworks Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- 7th** – Cantor Rollin Simmons' & Rabbi Josh Fixler's First Shabbat at Emanu El, 6:00 p.m.
- 13th** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 13th** – Book Review: *Saving Sophie*, by Ronald H. Balson, 6:45 p.m.
- 15th** – Shabbat Morning Study with David Bozarth, 9:15 a.m.
- 18th** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 20th** – Community Shabbat Dinner (following services), approx. 7:15 p.m.
- 25th** – Sack Lunches for Search, 9:30 a.m.
- 25th** – Young Professionals: Girl's Night Out, 7:00 p.m.

AUGUST

- 1st** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 2nd** – 3rd Annual Emanu El Night at the Ballpark, 7:00 p.m.
- 4th** – Tot Shabbat Kickoff with Cantor Simmons, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 10th** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 10th** – "Through Others' Eyes", 7:00 p.m.
- 13th** – Brotherhood Garage Sale Opening Weekend, 9:00 a.m.
- 15th** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 18th** – Shabbat of Welcome for Rabbi Joshua Fixler & Sundae Shabbat Oneg (immediately following)

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SUMMER PROGRAM SCHEDULE AT EMANU EL

First Shabbat Service with Rabbi Fixler and Cantor Simmons Friday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Rabbi Josh Fixler and Cantor Rollin Simmons will make their first appearances as members of our clergy team on **Friday, July 7th at 6:00 p.m.** during our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat worship. A festive Oneg will follow the Shabbat service. This will be one the first of several opportunities to interact, meet with our two newest clergy throughout the summer and into the fall.



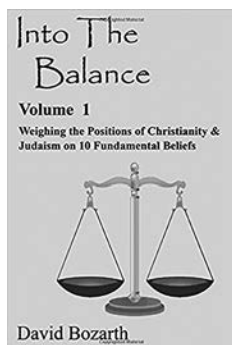
BOOK REVIEW: *Saving Sophie* by Ronald H. Balson Thursday, July 13th at 6:45 p.m.

Reviewed by Ed Septimus, *Saving Sophie* is the second novel by Balson, the author of *Once We Were Brothers*. This novel, Balsan's second, is described as "an action-packed, unforgettable journey of murder and deception, testing the bonds of family and love." The story delves into personal tragedies arising from the Israeli-Palestinian conflict in the West Bank.

Sophie, the young daughter of an American father, Jack Sommers, and his deceased Palestinian wife, has been kidnapped by her Palestinian grandparents, who sequester Sophie and allow her no contact with her father. Characters from *Once We Were Brothers*, attorney Catherine Lockhart and her partner, Liam Taggart, join forces with a mysterious, female CIA operative, in order to launch a secret mission that aims to rescue Sophie and avert a major terrorist attack in Hebron. The book review is free and open to the public. A reception graciously sponsored by Susan & Ed Septimus follows the review.



Saturday Morning Study with Congregant, Author David Bozarth Saturday, July 15th at 9:15 a.m.

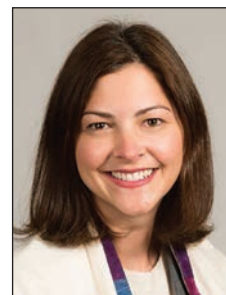


Join us for or a special Shabbat morning study opportunity. Come learn with Congregation Emanu El member David Bozarth, a former Evangelical Christian preacher/missionary, who is now a staunch Jewish anti-missionary. Ask questions, get answers, dig into his newly released book, *Into the Balance*, is available for purchase in our Sisterhood gift shop.



Tot Shabbat Kickoff with Cantor Simmons Friday, August 4th

The kickoff to our 2017-18 year of Tot Shabbats begins on **Friday, August 4th at 5:45 p.m.** with a spaghetti supper before we head into the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room at 6:30 p.m. for a Tot Shabbat service with Cantor Rollin Simmons. The cost to register is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults. Gluten free and vegetarian options are available.



Emanu El, Temple Sinai and the ADL Present *Through Others' Eyes* Thursday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.



Congregation Emanu El, Temple Sinai and the Anti-Defamation League are teaming up to host "Through Others' Eyes" on **Thursday, August 10th at 7:00 p.m.** Presented by Givat Haviva, join us for an authentic look at the photographic work of a group of Israeli Arab and Jewish youth who spent a year together exploring notions of identity, culture and co-existence through the lens of a camera. View the photographs from the exhibit entitled, *We Were Born Here* and hear from the youth themselves on their collaboration and experiences learning and photographing together. This event is free and open to the community. This program is partially funded by the Ablon Fund for the Creative Arts.

A Shabbat of Welcome for Rabbi Joshua Fixler and A Summer Sundae Shabbat Oneg Friday, August 18th



A special “Shabbat of Welcome” for Rabbi Josh Fixler will take place at 6:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18th. This Shabbat service will serve as the formal welcome and installation for Rabbi Fixler, who assumed the position of Assistant Rabbi at Emanu El in July. We will be joined during this evening by Rabbi Joel M. Mosbacher, the Senior Rabbi of Shaaray Tefila, who will have the privilege of helping install one of his mentees, Rabbi Fixler.

Following services, we’ll head into the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room following services to conclude our evening with the “ultimate sundae bar”. Plenty of toppings and ice cream to go around for everyone! This will also be another opportunity to meet Rabbi Fixler.



Enjoy TOPGOLF with Brotherhood on Sunday, August 27th

Enjoy TOPGOLF, 1030 Memorial Brook Blvd Houston, TX 77084, with your Brotherhood. Join us on Sunday, August 27th from 2:30-4:30 p.m. The food, drinks and golf are on us. Come greet old friends and meet new ones. Open to all male adult members of Congregation Emanu El regardless of whether you think you are a member of Brotherhood or not. We want to meet you so we can get acquainted. Come by yourself or with a group of friends. We look forward to spending the afternoon with you. For more information, contact Alex Pliskin at alexpliskin@yahoo.com or Jason Plotkin at the synagogue at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

EMANU EL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



Emanu El Young Professionals: Girls’ Night Out at Pinot’s Palette Tuesday, July 25th at 7:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El Young Professionals will host its first (of many!) Girl’s Night Out at Pinot’s Palette Montrose (2406 Taft St). The cost is \$20 per person and is subsidized by the Emanu El Young Professionals Committee. This includes snacks and entertainment, with a BYOB policy for wine! Pinot’s Palette will provide wine glasses, and Emanu El will provide light bites to nosh on as we sip and paint, we just ask that you bring your favorite wine to share! **Space is limited to the first 20 people** to sign up on www.EmanuElHouston.org.

The group will also be collecting new, packaged children’s underwear to donate to Undies for Everyone. Undies for Everyone collects and distributes undies to Houston students using two delivery systems, directly into the hands of the students and through low income school nurses when a student has an accident. Started in 2008 as a blog post, UFE has distributed over 400,000 pair of underwear, believing that clean underwear keeps children in the classroom and bullies at bay.

For more information, contact Jill Patir at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or jillp@emanuelhouston.org.



Young Professionals Host Successful Trivia Night



Each month, the Jerome Robinson Young Adult Division of the Greater Houston Jewish Federation teams with a synagogue or Jewish entity in town to host a Shabbat dinner and program. Congregation Emanu El hosted the largest program of the year in early June featuring food, fellowship and a trivia contest led by ‘Geeks who Drink’. Thanks to all those who participated!

High Holy Day Information

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.

Over the coming months, the Temple *Bulletin* will feature information on passes (to be mailed in mid-August), accessibility services, parking and more. This current edition features the 2017 High Holy Day schedule and the first opportunity to contribute to the *Book of Memory*, Flower Fund and more. Information for congregants interested in purchasing a name plate in honor/memory of a loved one in our new High Holy Day *machzor* (prayer book) can be found on page 11.



What To Expect for High Holy Days 2017

The 2017 High Holy Day season will feature the beautiful and inspiring new *machzor*, *Mishkan Ha'Nefesh*. Presented in the familiar form of our Shabbat prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*, our community will have an opportunity to worship with powerful liturgical readings, graceful translations, full transliteration for all Hebrew text to encourage more accessible participation in all parts of the service, stirring and inspiring poetry, interesting art, traditional and meaningful Torah readings, marvelous new content as well as the meaningful and traditional prayers you are familiar with. The music will include favorite and timeless melodies complimented by expressive and stunning musical selections to elevate our prayer experience.

Please make note of important service start time information for Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Day.

With the board's approval in late 2016 following a recommendation from the Ritual & Music Committee, we will gather and pray as one unified community at a single Kol Nidre service at 7:15 p.m. On Yom Kippur Day, all services will be held on-site in our beautiful Barish Sanctuary. Yom Kippur morning will begin with an innovative Youth and Family service at 8:15 a.m. intended for our second through sixth graders and their families. Our regular service for young children featuring our beloved prayer book *It's Better to Be Better* will begin at 9:45 a.m.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

Selichot

Saturday, September 16th
Selichot Service, 9:00 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20th
 Erev Rosh Hashanah, 6:00 p.m.

Thursday, September 21st

Young Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.
 Morning at Temple, 10:30 a.m.
 Morning at Bayou City Event Center, 10:30 a.m.
 Tashlich at Braes Bayou (across from JCC), 5:00 p.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, September 22nd
 Shabbat Shuvah Service, 6:00 p.m.

Cemetery Memorial Service

Sunday, September 24th
 At Emanu El Memorial Park, 5:00 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29th
 Kol Nidre, 7:15 p.m.

Saturday, September 30th

Youth & Family Service, 8:15 a.m.
 Young Children's Service, 9:45 a.m.
 Morning Service, 11:00 a.m.
 Afternoon Service, 1:30 p.m.
 Alley Theatre Production, 3:00 p.m.
 Yizkor & Neilah, 4:30 p.m.
 "Break The Fast" (Bagels & Schmears), Immediately following Neilah

PASSES

All members will receive High Holy Day passes in the mail in mid-to-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 synagogue at (713) 529-5771 or email Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org 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 2018. Those interested should contact Jill Patir at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillP@emanuelhouston.org.

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 23rd**. 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, August 29th** and the **deadline for Yom Kippur is by Wednesday, September 6th**. Submissions are due to Donna Fraley at DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org.

Service Locations

Our only off-site service location will be in use for the Rosh Hashanah Morning Alternative Service (A Time to Pray) as we will once again utilize 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.

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

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

More High Holy Day Information Forthcoming

In the August *Bulletin*, we will make available information on babysitting, wheelchair/handicap accessibility, parking and Sukkot on Sunset. In September, information on the phone services, web streaming and sermon/story titles from our clergy will be shared.

ENDOWMENT FUNDS IN ACTION

Riva Bursten Caring Congregation Fund Enables Gathering Place Meeting To Go To the Clowns

Periodically, articles will appear in the Temple *Bulletin* about the various Endowment funds at Emanu El and how those funds are being utilized to benefit the congregation and/or the community.

Congregation Emanu El's monthly meeting of the Gathering Place went to the clowns in June as several clowns performed during the group's gathering.

The Gathering Place is a setting for Emanu El's team of volunteers to provide a loving, safe and fun environment for care partners or congregation and community members with memory loss. The vision that a care partner will be stimulated by activity and interaction with caring people is a success story in dozens of locations in a three-county area with more to come.

Staffed by Emanu El volunteers and created by Interfaith Care Partners, our Gathering Place is a once-a-month program for seniors with special memory needs. The program takes place **from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. on the second Monday of each month** (from September through June) offering entertainment, exercise, music, crafts, stimulation and lunch.

The Gathering Place program at Emanu El is funded through the Riva Bursten Caring Congregation Fund which "supports programs that assist people in the community."

"When Riva Bursten was ill, her family was so impressed by the efforts of our Caring Congregation family that were supportive of her and the family in their time of need," said Myra Lipper. "In honor of her mother and in gratitude to these congregants, the family established this fund."

Individuals seeking to contribute to the Bursten Fund or any of Emanu El's endowed funds can do so by visiting www.EmanuElHouston.org or calling Emanu El at (713) 529-5771.

For volunteer information or to refer a loved one or friend to the Gathering Place, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 216. Plotkin will be able to pass along the information to the Emanu El Gathering Place team or to Interfaith Care Partners pending the request.

EMANU EL IN ISRAEL

Emanu El's Congregational Trip to Israel

Rabbi Oren Hayon led a congregational trip to Israel in early June. The trip was planned meticulously by the Rabbi and executed by ARZA World. It is the hope of the Congregation to send a group to Israel annually, rotating between a congregational trip in the odd-numbered years with the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience taking place in the even-numbered years. More information on how to get involved in the 2019 Israel trip will be shared in the coming months.



Rabbi Hayon, Israel Trip Participants Deliver Messages from Helfman Religious School

During the Emanu El trip to Israel, the group stopped at the Western Wall. Rabbi Oren Hayon brought with him to Israel messages from our students in the Helfman Religious School, which he and the participants placed in the wall.



Helping with Israel Geography

Kathy Parven (right) creates a "human map" and helps tour guide Shari Robins (left) during a session about Israeli geography.



Mayor Turner Visits with Rabbi Hayon In Israel

Houston's Mayor Sylvester Turner (left) recently led a trade delegation of Houston industry leaders on a tour through Israel. During his time in Israel, the Mayor caught up with Congregation Emanu El's Senior Rabbi Oren Hayon while in Tel Aviv. Hayon was in Israel for time with his family following the completion of a 10-day congregational trip to Israel. The two leaders have met several times about the Mayor's faith-based initiatives amongst other topics. In 2016, Turner came to Emanu El as the Rabbi's guest for High Holy Day worship.

Congregation Emanu El is proud to adopt *Mishkan HaNefesh*, the Reform Movement's new prayer book for the High Holy Days. This two-volume set includes graceful new translation, full transliteration for all Hebrew text, stirring and inspiring poetry, and other marvelous new content which promises to enhance the meaning and impact of the Days of Awe.

The arrival of these extraordinary new prayer books provides a wonderful opportunity for our community to dedicate individual volumes in honor or in memory of those dear to us. Dedications may be made to celebrate joyful occasions, to acknowledge lifecycle events, or to memorialize those we have loved and lost. All dedications will be reflected in elegant book plates affixed to the prayer books used by our congregation, and will serve as perpetual reminders for generations of worshipers at Emanu El.



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To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people
In Memory of
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Sara Astrich
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To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants
In Honor of
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Melinda & Steven Gordon

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To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for undeserved Houstonians
In Honor of
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Emily Weingarten-Stein

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BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND
To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships
In Honor of
Ann Frohbieter's 50th Anniversary at Congregation Emanu El
Judy & Allan Lazor

In Memory of
Phyllis Adels
Emily Weingarten-Stein
Rose Weisman Bell
The Miller Family

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND
To provide and enhance Becker Early Childhood Center programs
In Honor of
Allen Becker's Birthday
Linda & Joseph Pulaski

In Memory of
Jennie Nachlas
Linda & Joseph Pulaski

CANTOR-STONE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND
To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships
In Memory of
Charles Soffar
Sandi Berman

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND
To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Memory of
Peggy & Louis Ashe
Sharon & Herb Cohn
Sara Lee Jacobs
Jacquelyn Hibbler

CHESTER MARCUS CAMPERSHIP FUND
To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships
In Memory of
Levi Spector
Shirley Burkom

DOLORES & BUDDY WILKENFELD COMMUNICATIONS FUND
To enhance Emanu El's communications with congregants
In Honor of
Dolores Wilkenfeld – Being Honored by The World Union for Progressive Judaism
Bernie Feld

Natalie & Earl Littman
Kathy & Stephen Parven
William Spitz

EDIS LEWIS PARKANS EMANU ELDERS FUND
To provide programs for Emanu Elders
In Memory of
Donald Peaceman
Susan & Ed Septimus

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND
To feed the hungry of Houston
In Honor of
Barry Goodfriend – Baylor Alumni Award
Bernie Feld
Naomi Pryzant's Confirmation
Roanne & Bill Stern

In Memory of
Connie H. Martay Leo Martay
Lynne & Alan Martay

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND
To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials and underwrite leadership programs and speakers
In Honor of

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Marilyn Caplovitz
Bernie Feld
Sandy & Don Harris
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William Spitz
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In Memory of
Randy Holste Melvyn Wolff
Myra Lipper

FREDELL LACK EICHHORN CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND
To enhance musical programming
In Honor of
Ann Frohbieter's 50th Anniversary at Congregation Emanu El
Sara Astrich
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Maureen & Jody Proler
Judy & Richard Stein

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND
To provide for the general needs of Emanu El and its facilities
In Memory of
Randy Holste
Kathy & Garey Marks

GERARD & PAULINE LECHENGER MORGENSTERN ADULT EDUCATION FUND
To provide adult Hebrew Education programs
In Honor of
Rabbi Dan Aronson
Susie Askanase

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To support Greene Family Camp
In Memory of
Ilse Marcks
Diane Puschett

JULIA KAPLAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND
To enhance Helfman Religious School programs
In Honor of
Myra Lipper – 2017 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year
Nanette & Barry Putterman

In Memory of
Donald Peaceman
Kathy & Stephen Parven

**JULIUS NATHAN
MUSIC FUND**
To provide musical programs
In Honor of
**Ann Frohbieter's 50th
Anniversary at
Congregation
Emanu El**
Susan & Ed Septimus

JULIUS ZINN FUND
*To provide and enhance
congregation programs*
In Memory of
**Maryann Hoffer
Melvyn Wolff**
Harriet Zinn

**RABBI ROY WALTER
ENRICHMENT FUND**
*To support spiritual and
cultural enrichment*
In Honor of
**Myra Lipper – 2017
Ernest Krautkopf
Congregant of the
Year**
Jane & Jon Pollock
Milton Wagner &
Brad Wagner
**Rabbi Roy Walter's
Birthday**
Sara Astrich
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**RABBIS' GOOD
WORKS FUND**
*To provide Emanu El's
clergy with funds to help
individuals in need and to
support organizations that
benefit the community*
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American Leadership
Forum**
Marilyn Waldman
**Myra Lipper – 2017
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Congregant of the
Year**
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Birthday**
Lucille Gidseg
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**The Speedy Recovery
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Camp scholarships*
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that assist people in the
community*
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*To maintain and enhance
the Robert I. Kahn Gallery*
In Honor of
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**RONALD BROCHSTEIN
EARLY CHILDHOOD
FUND**
*To enhance preschool
education*
In Honor of
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Anniversary**

**Royce Ann & Rick
Slone**
**Carol & Michael Wilk's
Anniversary**
Phyllis Turkel

In Memory of
Peggy & Louis Ashe
Sharon & Herb Cohn

**ROSE GOODFRIEND
ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE**
*To help send Confirmation
students to Israel*
In Honor of
**Nelson Block –
National Boy Scout
Award**
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*To purchase and maintain
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Year**
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**SHIRLEY & BERNARD
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*To provide and enhance
congregation programs*
**The Bar Mitzvah of
Broadwell**
Rebecca & Ben Miller

**SHIRLEY & MARVIN
BARISH TEACHER
ENRICHMENT FUND**
*To provide training programs
for Emanu El teachers*
In Honor of
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Birthday**
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Goodfriend
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**SHIRLEY BARISH
MEMORIAL ISRAEL
EXPERIENCE FUND**
*To send Helfman Religious
School high school students
to Israel*
In Honor of
**Marvin Barish's
Birthday**
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Judith Fixler**
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FOR FAMILY
PROGRAMMING**
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Lila Rauch
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TEMPLE FUND
*To support the needs of the
Temple and to fulfill the
mission of Congregation
Emanu El*
In Honor of
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Helfman
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Being Honored by The
World Union for
Progressive Judaism**
Steven Fenberg

In Memory of
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Monster Garage Sale



Coalition, Houston Food Bank, the Lions Club, SEARCH, Second Servings and more from its efforts at the garage sale or throughout the year.

Brotherhood of Emanu El Launches Garage Sale Pickups

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El is preparing for its annual garage sale and inviting members of the community to donate items for their event. Starting on July 1st and continuing every weekend through August 5th, members of the Brotherhood will be heading out into the community to pick up items for the garage sale.

To schedule a pickup or arrange a drop off, please call or email Steve Moskowitz at moskose@swbell.net or (281) 495-7795.

This year's garage sale will be held on **Sundays, August 13th and 20th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** at 8620 Stella Link (in the old Sellers Brothers location).

Proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Brotherhood, enabling the organization to make a difference at Emanu El and in the community. Over the years, the Brotherhood has assisted organizations including the Emergency Aid



Three Boy Scouts from Emanu El's Troop 1190 Earn Their Eagle Scout Rank



From left to right: Jacob Arnold, Joseph (Joey) Engelhart and Ari Rotenberg.

Ari Rotenberg, Jacob Arnold and Joseph (Joey) Engelhart from Troop 1190, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El, were honored with the rank of Eagle Scout at an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, June 11th.

These young men started Boy Scouts, first earning the Scout badge and then progressing through the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life, before reaching Eagle. Along the way, they each earned the 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 their Eagle Scout service projects. In all, each has completed approximately 325 different requirements.

Ari, son of Leah and Dr. Joshua Rotenberg, graduated from Carnegie Vanguard High School in 2016 and has been on a gap year program with Young Judaea in Israel. In the fall of 2017, he expects to enter the University of British Columbia as a freshman.

Interested in environmental sustainability, Ari's Eagle project involved supervision of 22 youth and 14 adults to clear out the overgrown plants and root systems in the courtyard flower beds at Kolter Elementary and then to plant azalea bushes and apply mulch to the beds.

Jacob, son of Marci and Mark Arnold recently graduated from Emery Weiner School. He plans to attend Cornell University in the fall, majoring in Operations Research & Information Engineering.

For his Eagle project Jacob chose to help Aishel House, a Jewish organization that provides housing and support for patients and their families who are receiving treatment at the Texas Medical Center. Jacob agreed to create an herb garden. He researched the appropriate herbs for the area before planting. Jacob supervised 7 youth and 6 adults to accomplish his project.

Joey, son of Eva and Judge Mike Engelhart recently graduated from Emery Weiner School. He will attend The University of Texas at Austin as a computer science major in the fall. For his Eagle project, Joseph chose to help the Nature Discovery Center. He set up a pollinator garden of native plants, first confronting the challenge of removing the non-native/invasive plant species growing in the designated area. Joey supervised 10 youth and 12 adults to accomplish his vision.

Only 6% of boys starting their scouting career achieve the highest rank, Eagle Scout, nationwide. The young men honored this past June bring the total to 55 Eagle Scouts awarded in Congregation Emanu El's Troop 1190.



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BOOK OF MEMORY – 2017

The *Book of Memory* is printed outside the Temple and all names memorialized must be submitted on the form below **by Wednesday, August 23rd. Names submitted after that date will be published in a future *Bulletin*.** We suggest a minimum donation of \$15 per name. The *Book of Memory* will become available for distribution on the afternoon of Yom Kippur, with additional copies available at the synagogue following Yom Kippur.

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