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From Rabbi Hayon



Every year during our worship services on the High Holy Days, the words of our prayer book reassure us that “repentance, prayer, and charity temper judgment’s severe decree.” This promise comes as a soothing comfort after the intense processes of personal confession that come along with these holy days, and it offers a calming reminder that the power to bring

about forgiveness for our misdeeds is always in our own hands.

However, while these three primary Jewish behaviors comprise the core of the redemptive process outlined by the High Holy Days, I have often thought that there is one ingredient missing from this list of three. In my experience, Jewish learning – just like repentance, prayer, and charity – stands at the center of our experience during the High Holy Days, and provides a firm and vital plank in the foundation of a Jewish life well-lived.

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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 – Monday, October 17th.**

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 as Cantor Simmons will be around to socialize during Sukkot on Sunset on **Sunday, October 16th at 4:00 p.m.** and joining the clergy for the Erev Sukkot service to be held at 6:30 p.m. in the Sukkah. Her last appearance of the weekend will occur at our Sukkot Service on **Monday, October 17th at 10:30 a.m.**

This 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.

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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.



WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Friday, October 7th

6:00 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah, Barish Sanctuary
D'var Torah by **Ann Friedman, Ph.D.**

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

Sunday, October 16th

6:30 p.m., Erev Sukkot Service, Sukkah

Monday, October 17th

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

Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot, Exodus 33:12-34:26

Friday, October 21st

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

Saturday, October 22nd

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **Braden Burgan**, son of Rachel & David Burgan

Sunday, October 23rd

6:00 p.m., Simchat Torah, Barish Sanctuary

Monday, October 24th

10:30 a.m., Simchat Torah Yizkor, Proler Chapel

Shabbat B'reishit, Genesis 1:1-6:8

Friday, October 28th

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Abby Bronicki**, daughter of Katie & Ron Bronicki and **Lily Pesikoff**, daughter of Tracy & Joshua Pesikoff

Saturday, October 29th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of Abby Bronicki & Lily Pesikoff

Shabbat Noach, Genesis 6:9-11:32

Friday, November 4th

6:00 p.m., Shabbat on the Green, Colonial Park
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, November 5th

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

Shabbat Lech L'cha, Genesis 12:1-17:27

Friday, November 11th

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Sarah Wechsler-Kelly**, daughter of Adriana Wechsler & Patrick Kelly

Saturday, November 12th

10:30 a.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Wechsler-Kelly

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

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From Rabbi Hayon

During the Days of Repentance, our capacity for learning (both intellectually and spiritually) opens

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an iterative process of repentance and self-improvement. Each year brings us new insights about ourselves, and a further refinement of the curriculum for personal growth we need to undertake if we are to live up to our potential for continual improvement in the year ahead. And as we all know, education is most powerful when undertaken as part of a

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OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

group; while the spiritual work we do during these holidays is intensely private and individualized, it is especially effective because of how we approach it as a part of a community, side-by-side with fellow seekers and fellow learners.

Fortunately, the year ahead will provide us a number of rich and rewarding opportunities to study together, in both formal and informal ways. I am so excited about all of the rigorous and inspiring opportunities that lie before us which will offer wonderful new modes and topics of study: this fall's engaging iEngage course (an in-depth and rigorous examination of the spiritual values underlying the Israeli-Palestinian conflict), which I will be team-teaching with Rabbi Kahn; our annual Mitzvah Day, which provides the wonderful hands-on opportunity to put Jewish learning into action; and next summer's congregational trip to Israel, which will offer the unparalleled experience of learning about the timeless legacy of our people by walking through the holiest and most precious sites in Jewish history.

In addition to all of these opportunities for us to study together as a community, we have already begun the early phases of the search for a new extraordinary full-time educator to join our staff team. Exciting and expansive thinking is now underway about how our next synagogue educator might build upon the existing strong foundations in the Helfman Religious School while undertaking a broad, integrated approach to congregational learning as a whole. Over the coming weeks and months, I will be convening a number of conversations with individuals and small groups to help refine the process by which we will search for and secure an outstanding professional to lead the next phase of our synagogue's life as a community of learners.

One of the greatest gifts of this holiest season of the Jewish year is the unique way in which it invites us in to candid self-appraisal and radical self-transformation. As always, the mechanism for growth and improvement can be accessed by the reliable tools of repentance, prayer, and charity. This year, it is my hope that the reflective work of repentance you undertake during these holy days will be accompanied – in these days, and in the days ahead – by the restorative and enlightening work of Jewish learning. I wish you and your loved ones a season of inspiration and a new year of enduring sweetness.



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Cantor Rollin Simmons To Make Visit During Sukkot

Information on her two springtime visits will be shared via the Temple *Bulletin* and other Emanu El correspondence.

David Askanase became a Bar Mitzvah for the first time, August 26th, in Austin, together with his granddaughter, who became a Bat Mitzvah at the same time.

Scott Hertz, son of Susan Hertz and the late Barry Hertz, has joined the Jewish Community Project in downtown New York City as Director of Marketing and Communications.

WEDDING

Mallory Balkin & Harrison Botwin

BIRTHS

James Arthur Amburgey, son of Hilary & Thomas Amburgey; grandson of Kathleen & Michael Amburgey, Laurie & Larry Weiss, David Goldberg; great grandson of Naomi Given

Hannah Whitcomb Mosbacher, daughter of Lucy and Peter Mosbacher

DEATHS

Earl Amundsen, husband of Jan Amundsen; father of Jeri Amundsen & Arthur Feldman, Kristin & Lisa Amundsen, Erin & James Fleming, Eric Amundsen; grandfather of Ben, Harry & Norah Feldman, Lindsey Amundsen, Louisa Amundsen Cox, John Amundsen, Charlotte, James & Abby Fleming; great grandfather of 2

Caryl Connolly Camberg, mother of Leslie & Brett Tatar, Renna & Jonathan Rauch, Patti & Robert Kessler; grandmother of Bryan Tatar, Rachel Tatar Almeida, Evan Rauch, Meredith Rauch, Arielle Kessler and Jacob Kessler; great grandmother of Kennedy Almeida

Evelyn Finkelstein, mother of Lynette Borrel & Steven Smith, Marlene & Mark Finkelstein, and Larry Finkelstein; grandmother of Desiree Finkelstein & Brandon Phillips, Lauren Finkelstein, Amy & Adam Minberg, Michael & Mariel Borrel, Melissa & Danny Gutman, Melanie & Joseph Lipp; great grandmother of Charlie Minberg and Savanna Phillips; sister of Haskell Sheinberg and Pauline & Ed Sheinberg

Joyce Goldberg, mother of Andrea & Thomas Goldberg; grandmother of Brooke, Rye, Abigail, Molly & Blake Goldberg

Sylvia Kasner, mother of Bonnie & Marc Kasner, Marcia Kasner; grandmother of Cindy & Lewis Kasner, Emily Bogenschutz & Andrew Kasner; great grandmother of Levi and Josephine Kasner

Richard Kutner, father of Ryan Kutner, grandfather of Beau Zalenski; brother of Kathy Friedman, Charlotte & Marvin Heffler

Shirley Clopton Schlueter, wife Alvin J. Schlueter; mother of Denise Purcell Leisten & Robert Leisten, Jacque Desterbecq, Colleen Lurie & Andrew Dieringer, Cathy Funk, Debbie & John Purcell, Kiki & Pat Purcell; grandmother of Rachael Leisten, Sarah Leisten, Rebecca Leisten, Jennifer & Robert Funk, Justin Funk, Brandon Lurie, Samantha Lurie, Nick Desterbecq, Kinsey Purcell, Chelsea Purcell, Amanda & Marc Stankoski, Rusty Purcell; great grandmother of Jack Shafto Caleb Stankoski Cody Stankoski

Ann Friedman, Ph.D To Deliver Shabbat Shuvah Sermon



Congregation Emanu El will have an opportunity to learn from special guest and congregant Ann Friedman, Ph.D, during Shabbat Shuvah on **Friday, October 7th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Barish Sanctuary.

Members of the Houston Jewish community are familiar with Friedman through her work in teaching mindful meditation throughout the city for adults and for parents and children.

She is one of a rotating group of meditation teachers at Emanu El on Saturday mornings at 9:30 a.m. as well as teaching through her company Mindful Being at the Rothko Chapel, The John McGovern Houston Health and Medical Science Museum, as well as three other synagogues in Houston.

These classes combine Mindfulness Meditation with related Jewish teachings and are open to people of all synagogues and faiths. While taught somewhat differently than secular mindfulness, mindfulness practices are deeply embedded in Judaism.

A Licensed Psychologist who has served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Houston Counseling Psychology Graduate Program for over ten years, Friedman holds both a Doctorate in Counseling Psychology and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from the University of Houston. She completed her Residency in Clinical Psychology at U.T. Medical School and her Post-Doctoral Fellowship in Clinical Neuropsychology at Baylor College of Medicine.

Since 2007, Friedman has studied mindfulness intensively with various national teachers. In 2015, she received a Certification in Mindfulness Facilitation from the Mindfulness Awareness Research Center of the Semel Institute of Neuroscience and Behavioral Medicine at UCLA. She is now in a program to become an affiliate teacher with UCLA.

In addition to her work, Friedman has been an active community volunteer. For over ten years, she was a member of the Boards of the Boys and Girls Clubs of Greater Houston (Board Chairman), the Houston A+ Challenge (Board Chairman), and the Children's Defense Fund. She continues to serve on the Advisory Boards of these nonprofits. She has also served as a Board member of the Houston Proud, Serve Houston Youth Corp, Tax Reinvestment Zone Nine, Holocaust Museum Houston, The Forum Club, Texas Lyceum Association and the Avondale House for Autistic Children. She has chaired numerous school programs, charity galas and civic events, and has been honored for her volunteer service by a number of organizations.

Friedman lives in Houston, Texas, with her husband, J. Kent Friedman, General Counsel and Chief Administrative Officer of Morae Legal, LL.P. They are the parents of five young adults and the grandparents of eight.

BOARD NOTES – SEPTEMBER 2016

Members of the Board of Trustees attended a Board Retreat in August at which several topics were considered, including Rabbi Hayon's vision for Emanu El; the Bylaw Committee's suggested revisions to the current Bylaws; and the revamped curriculum to be implemented at Helfman.

The Board held its regular monthly meeting on September 13, 2016. At the September meeting, the Board approved a Resolution authorizing a "partnership" with Principle, a branding boutique, to guide Emanu El toward a more cohesive approach for its marketing, communication and web design and presence.

The Security Task Force recommended, and the Board approved, installation of a public address system that will cover the complete building.

Rodney Roth, Senior Vice-President and Chair of the Endowment Fund Board, reported that Steven Fenberg, also a member of the Endowment Fund Board, spearheaded the creation of a new marketing brochure listing all of the funds maintained at Emanu El. Rodney also reported that Emanu El held a reception for all families that have established Emanu El endowment funds.

Three new members have joined the Endowment Fund Board: Dora Klaff, Annie Stein and Gordon Goodman. Rabbi Hayon provided a staffing update: Cantor Sharon Colbert is the cantorial presence on the bimah at B'nei Mitzvah services; Cantor Rollin Simmons will be here for Sukkot; and Rabbi Dan Aronson is our new B'nei Mitzvah coordinator. Rabbi Aronson will also provide administrative support for Helfman.

– Submitted by Rachel Gutow-Ellis, Board Secretary



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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From the President



As I write this in late September, it's a lovely day – if it were the Fourth of July. All the heat, none of the pretty fireworks. Fall begins and our thoughts turn to Teshuvah, T'filah and Tzedakah. And wishes for just a little cooler weather before we all suit up, spiritually and physically, to be in community in the Days of Awe. If my favorite news programs and my Facebook page are any indication, our political atmosphere is quite heated as well. I may have a solution, one that is pretty cool.

There are many ways to demonstrate one's preferences. The *Wiktionary* (it's a thing) defines a common idiom: To express one's preferences through one's actions, by voluntarily participating in . . . an activity, group, or process. Our High Holy Days are one Emanu El example of this expression – we show up in great numbers and participate with our families and friends and those with whom we might become closer, know better, at this time next year.

We have a few groups who campaign throughout the year on our behalf and in the greater community, our auxiliaries – Sisterhood, Brotherhood, Helfman Religious School Committee, and our Youth Groups. We formally recognize their importance as each group has representation on the Board of Trustees. Who they are and what they do is of great value.

Each of Sisterhood's is on the ballot with major programs that will include a community service project. All the organizations chosen enable the empowerment of women and help families in need in our community. The Opening Membership Event, August 31st, had dinner and music celebrating Israel, supporting Dress for Success Houston, an organization that strives to empower women by helping them achieve financial independence through employment. November 2nd will be Women's Day – a day filled with compelling speakers and lunch. Sisterhood will be partnering with Becker and Helfman collecting gently used clothing and toys for the House of Tiny Treasures, the family division of SEARCH (founded by Congregation Emanu El members).

In November and January, Houston Food Bank is the beneficiary. Sisterhood will provide food for the holiday season and, in January, serve hot meals at the new Food Bank kitchen. They hope this will become a year-round mitzvah project. On March 23rd, Sisterhood's major fundraiser features an evening with Kinky Friedman (the entertainer, not as a politician), including a food drive for Jewish Family Service to enable them to provide for those in need. Whether at Emanu El (New Traditions Gift Shop, Emanu Elders Monthly Luncheon, Linda Walter Greene Family Camp Scholarships), in the community or beyond (Women of Reform Judaism projects, Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion Rabbinic Scholarships in honor of Rabbis Robert I. Kahn and Roy A. Walter), they are on the trail.

Their platform: Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood Is guided by the principles of our faith and teachings of the Torah We are fully committed to providing meaningful opportunities for continuous learning and warm social relationships while supporting our synagogue in its endeavors to serve the congregation, the community and the world. Sisterhood is having a membership drive. Membership in and support of Sisterhood enables them

to fulfill their commitments to the congregation, schools, community, nation and the world as they have done for the past 73 years. Contact Marci Weinstein by email at: Marci103@aol.com.

Carrying the political theme forward, Brotherhood's slogan is "Do Something that Means Something." Recently Brotherhood members cooked and served our Opening Day Helfman Hot Dog Lunch. We will receive their assistance with High Holy Days as ushers and with captioning then and throughout the year. Each month they sponsor Torah @ Sunrise with Rabbi Hayon, October 20th, November 7th. Many organizations (Furniture Bank, Goodwill, etc.) benefit directly and others throughout the year through donations raised by the summer Garage Sale. Each May Brotherhood conducts the Congregation of the Year Dinner, not just your typical rubber chicken dinner. In alternate years, the Chicken Soup Cookoff raises our profile and support for the Houston Food Bank and the Emergency Aid Coalition. Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah, do Mitzvah Day projects, support our Cub Scout and Boy Scout Troops, and provide Greene Family Camp Camperships, making meaningful connections. Contact Lewis Kalmans at: lewis.kalmans@ms.com.

I have a soft spot for Helfman's Religious School Committee. I began volunteering at Emanu El many years ago with what was then PTA. This is a great way for parents to be involved in the school and to learn more about curriculum and events. They will be on the stump selling honey to support their efforts this year. School will be in session for Mitzvah Day, a change from recent years. Students will participate in projects and there will be opportunities for their families to join them. Watch for their call for volunteers for latke cooking on December 4th. And put December 30th on your calendar for our Congregation's Latke Supper, volunteers needed to help them with set up and serving. Committee meetings are set for October 23rd, and December 11th. Contact Melissa Carson at: melissa.carson624@gmail.com

Our Youth Groups may be unconventional (pun intended) this year. Under the leadership of Rabbi Kahn and our new Experiential Education Coordinator Jamie Aaron, new leadership opportunities exist for a team of student interns that will support existing Temple programming by finding new and innovative ways to incorporate the teen voice, as well as develop and implement new programs and projects geared towards the Emanu El teen community. Additional activities will include: Ultimate Maccabee Warrior, TEFTY's inflatable fight competition, with latkes and candle lighting; Great Afikomen Adventure, April 9th, a city-wide scavenger hunt to find the Afikomen; and College Survival Boot Camp, May 3rd, a program for our high school seniors to help them plan for and gather important Jewish items to take to college with them. Our youth can participate in NFTY/TOR programming, an expanded LOFT experience, and Rosh Hodesh and Shevet achim for 7th – 10th graders. Contact Jamie Aaron at: jamiea@emanuelhouston.org

I am asking you to make the easiest Decision 2016 you will have this year - vote for all of the above worthy and noncontroversial candidates. If you would like to be part of one or more of these communities, attend a meeting or make contact. No matter your party affiliation, vote your support with a donation or membership – just request a link or form from the contact person today. I strongly approve this message.

Wishing you and yours a sweet year.

– Jeff Basen Engquist, Board President

EMANU EL – AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-NOVEMBER

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 NOVEMBER 18TH

13th – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.

16th – Sukkot on Sunset, 4:00 p.m.

19th – Kids’ Meals, 9:30 a.m.

(please note change of date)

20th – Torah @ Sunrise, 7:00 a.m., Corner Bakery

25th – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

30th – Brotherhood’s 4th Annual Collectors Car Show
& Food Truck Event, 11:00 a.m.

NOVEMBER

1st – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.

2nd – Sisterhood’s Women’s Day, 9:30 a.m.

6th – Brotherhood’s 4th Annual Collectors Car Show
& Food Truck Event, 11:00 a.m. (RAIN DATE)

9th – Shredding Event, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

9th – Israel Prospective Participants Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

10th – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.

10th – Book Review: *Uncovered*, by Leah Lax, 7:00 p.m.

13th – Mitzvah Day, 9:00 a.m.

17th – Torah @ Sunrise, 7:00 a.m. – Corner Bakery

18th – Classic Connections Shabbat Dinner,
7:15 p.m. (after services)



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, NOVEMBER 1st

Emanu El’s Minyan Leaders Honored At Brunch

Our marvelous daily minyan service leaders recently gathered for a beautiful appreciation brunch held in their honor. These dedicated volunteers give so much of themselves each time they lead our daily service. Our amazing leaders are: David Bozarth, Pat Baker, Barbara Coleman, Ed Kuntz, David Livitz, Dawne Meijer, Scott Mermelstein, Judy Myers, Kenny Weiss, Richard Schechter and Rabbi Walter.

If you’re comfortable with prayer book *Hebrew*, and would like to find out more about becoming a member of this amazing service leading group, please contact Rabbi Silk.



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 new comers as they become a part of our community.

Alex Bagley
Richard Gruen
Emily Henson
Loren and Karin Hoffman,
daughters **Rebecca and Leah**
Orit Gonik Levi,
daughters **Michelle and Leigh**
Marjorie Reed
Andrew Rochman
Joshua Shapiro and Ilana Rotmensch
Michael and Jodi Rubenstein,
daughter **Evie**
Ephraim and Gail Shapiro
Rachel Tova Winer

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.

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.

Congregation Emanu El Travels to Israel June 1-12, 2017 – Registration Open!



At Israel Unity Shabbat this past May, Rabbi Oren Hayon announced an inter-generational Congregational trip to Israel. A meeting for prospective families was held in September and our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 9th at 6:30 p.m.** This meeting will include a chance to ask questions of an ARZA World representative.

Registration is currently open and an itinerary for the trip is also available at www.EmanuElHouston.org. To express your interest in the interim or to gather more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



Emanu El to Host “An Empty Place at the Table” Throughout October

During the month of October, Congregation Emanu El is one of several synagogues in the greater Houston area that will exhibit “An Empty Place at the Table” in recognition of October serving as National Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The exhibit which will be housed just outside the Robert I. Kahn Gallery at Emanu El, is presented by Shalom Bayit, a program of Jewish Family Service.

Sandra Goldman, Project Chair, stated, “This place setting on table displays will depict the lost lives of women and children due to domestic violence homicide and the effect on families, friends and communities across the country. Shalom Bayit will exhibit this memorial for those who lost their lives due to acts of domestic violence homicide as a remembrance that they will no longer be joining their families during this holiday season.”

Shalom Bayit is a volunteer group dedicated to work toward creating peace in homes, particularly within the Jewish Community, and to dispel the myth that abuse does not occur in Jewish homes.

The table image will consist of a place setting, a Yahrzeit candle, as well as a placard describing the person being remembered at the “Empty Place at the Table.”

For more information about “An Empty Place At the Table,” please contact Babe Green, JFS Special Projects Manager, (713) 667-9336, ext. 210 or go to Shalom Bayit’s home page, www.jfshouston.org.

Schedule

Please see the Yom Kippur schedule on page 2 of this edition of the Temple *Bulletin*.



Passes

All members 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 Zions at (713) 529-5771, ext. 255 or EvonZ@emanuelhouston.org.



Off-Site Service Location for Yom Kippur

Our Yom Kippur Youth Service has been moved to First Presbyterian Church, 5300 Main Street, 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 are 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 and Alexander Plislin, 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!



ACCESSIBILITY 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#

Kol Nidre – Tuesday, October 11th, 5:55 p.m.

Yom Kippur – Wednesday, October 12th, 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 website. 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 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 First Presbyterian Church, therefore there is no bus transportation for these alternative locations.



Captioning Available At Emanu El Throughout High Holy Days

Brotherhood provides closed captioning for our High Holy Day worshipers who are hearing impaired. The Brotherhood provides this service at Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah morning, Kol Nidre (early service only) and all Yom Kippur services on-site at Emanu El (sans the children's service).



High Holy Day Prayer Books – *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.

MITZVAH DAY 2016

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. It is our hope that after working with their child in the classroom at the beginning of their Helfman Religious School day that parents involved in on-site projects will make their way to other projects within the building. Please register if you plan to join your child(ren) so that we can plan accordingly! Register today by visiting www.EmanuElHouston.org or calling (713) 529-5771.

ON-SITE PROJECTS

Blankets & Toys for CAPS

Team Captain: Cindy Reiner & Brenda Sherman **9:00 a.m.**, Ages 8 & Up

Help make blankets and toys for animals at CAPS. Cutting and braiding fleeces for dogs. Crafting small toys for dogs and cats utilizing household products. Bring your old t-shirts and infant/children's socks for creating the toys!

Care Packs for SEARCH

Team Captains: Amara, Armyn & Jessica Freedson, Bonnie & Debbie Robbins **9:00 a.m.**, Ages 10 & Up

Assemble donated personal care item packets for SEARCH homeless individuals. For more information about this agency, visit www.SEARCHhomeless.org. The goal is to have 10 travel-sized items per bag and to assemble 100 bags. Bags will include new personal travel-sized care items such as: razors, shaving cream, shampoo, toothpaste, toothbrushes, lotion, hand sanitizer, deodorant, soap, body wash, sunscreen, tissues, chap stick. This is a family friendly project! We need the items listed above. If you would like to donate, please bring them in a clearly marked bag or box "Mitzvah Day – SEARCH care packs" to the Temple's Rotunda area (near the gift shop).

Kids' Meals

Team Captain: Ron Nodler **9:00 a.m.**; Ages 7 and up

A community-based approach to ending hunger amongst children, the goal of Kids' Meals is to break the cycle of poverty. This group will prepare 2,000 sack lunches for children in need in our community.

Knitzvah Day

Team Captain: Donnie Bundman **9:00 a.m.**, Ages 15 and up (under 15, with a parent)

Knit or crochet 12" x 12" squares in advance and plan to assemble blankets on Mitzvah Day for clients of SEARCH. For more information about this agency, please visit: www.searchhomeless.org.

Sisterhood Packing Donations for House of Tiny Treasures

Team Captains: Sandy Harris & Shelley Cyprus **9:00 a.m.**

Sisterhood is collecting clothing, diapers and toys ahead of Mitzvah Day for House of Tiny Treasures, a family division of SEARCH. The greatest need of this organization is disposable diapers and children's clothing size 2T. Members of Sisterhood, as well as members of the Congregation who partake in the project will pack the donations by size and gender on Mitzvah Day.

Stock AIDS Foundation Pantry

Team Captain: Janice & Jerry Spencer **9:00 a.m.**

Help sort & pack food donations! We need non-perishable items for this project! Please make sure items are not expired. Bring donations clearly marked "Mitzvah Day – AIDS food pantry" to the Rotunda area (near the gift shop). Suggested donations include the following: proteins such as canned beef, stew, chicken, chili, peanut butter and tuna, canned vegetables, canned and dried fruit, starches such as dry cereals, crackers, oatmeal, pastas, rice and instant potatoes.

OFF-SITE PROJECTS

Professional Experts for Bethel's Place, 12660 Sandpiper Dr. – Resume Assistance

Team Captain: Melissa (Rubenstein) Levin **1:30 – 3:30 p.m.**

Looking for lawyers, financial experts, CPA's and editors with resume writing expertise! Help give professional guidance and empower a community to be more self-sufficient and successful. Two hours of your professional advice for will go a long way for this congregation located at 12660 Sandpiper Dr. (off of Hillcroft, near West Airport) in southwest Houston who may never connect with experts as regarded as those found in our own community.

Brotherhood at Emergency Aid Coalition, 5401 Fannin

Team Captain: Alford Bleeker **8:00 a.m.**

In addition to registering, the Brotherhood annually does a construction/renovation project in the community and once again will be heading to the Emergency Aid Coalition, which is in need of basic repairs, moving items and some carpentry. Please contact Alford Bleeker at vableeker@yahoo.com if there's a special skill or tool(s) you can bring to make the project a success.

Boy Scouts at Vita Living

Team Captain: Wanda Raucher, Joshua Rutenberg & Richard Stanley

Fall Festival at TIRR

Team Captain: Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart **10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

With the help of volunteers we will host a Fall Festival for the patients at TIRR. Painting pumpkins, playing bingo and creating special fall crafts are just a few of the activities planned that will bring smiles to the patients. Our volunteers will also "pick up" the patients from their rooms and bring them to the Festival. We are looking for some special volunteers who are 16 or older to join us for this project as many TIRR patients have rather severe injuries.

Undies for Everyone

Team Captain: Amy Weiss 9:00 – 11:00 a.m.
Christ Church Presbyterian, 5001 Bellaire Blvd.

Help Undies for Everyone pack boxes of underwear for distribution to 440 Houston area school nurses who serve disadvantaged elementary and middle school students. We all take for granted the "spare pair" our parents provided when we were little, but these children have none when they have an accident at school. UFE gives nurses an emergency supply for kids in need. Ages 14 and up; limit 25 able bodied people.

Volunteer Choir at Seven Acres & Medallion

Team Captain: Richard Zoll & Ann Frohbieter **2:30 p.m.**, Seven Acres

A Mitzvah Day tradition! The Volunteer Choir makes their annual appearance at Seven Acres & the Medallion.

Young Professionals to Serve Hot Meals to the Homeless (2009 Commerce) with Direct HOPE

Team Captain: Young Professionals Committee **2:00 – 3:30 p.m.**

Our designated Young Professional project! Help serve hot meals, non-perishables and hydration to Houstonians who are suffering from homelessness. Arrive at 2009 Commerce (on Commerce under I-59 between Chartres and Hamilton). Direct HOPE will provide all the meals and items, we just need volunteers to serve! Please RSVP by Tuesday, November 8th so Direct HOPE can plan accordingly!

For more information about each of these projects,
go to the website:

www.emmanuelhouston.org/MitzvahDay

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL MITZVAH DAY PROJECTS

Pre-K Makes Hospital Waiting Room and Homeless Snack Bags

With direction from Jessica Segal, volunteers will assist in assembling waiting room kits that are used in Harris Health System's Emergency Center, surgery waiting areas, radiology, labor and delivery family area and community health centers. Kits provide comfort for homeless patients and patients and families in need or waiting on news of loved ones. For more information about this agency, see www.harrishealth.org Kits will include the following: Bottle of water, Granola Bar, Peanut Butter/Cheese Crackers, napkin.

Kindergarten Makes Bubble Kits for Kids at Homeless Shelters

Today, over 150,000 children are homeless, and are exposed to more stress than children with homes. The Solution – stress during childhood is especially harmful, but breathing in and out slowly has been shown to reduce it. Blowing bubbles is a fun way for kids to practice this! Our kindergarten classes will make bubble-blowing kit from household items that will be delivered to local shelters.

First Grade – Snack Bags for VA Hospital Patients

Our kids will assemble snack bags and other items for the VA hospital, its patients and family members.

Second Grade Makes Cookies for Local Firehouse

Our local firefighters play a key role in the safety of children and families throughout the community. Our second graders will be cooking and decorating cookies that will be distributed to some of our local firehouses in appreciation for all they do.

Third Grade Makes Toys for Houston Pets Alive

The third graders will be making dog toys for Houston Pets Alive. Houston Pets Alive creates programs to save animals at most at risk of euthanasia, with the goal to prevent animals from entering a shelter, and for those that do, get them out alive. To make the dog toys, we're asking the students to bring strips of fabric scraps and old t-shirts.

Fourth Grade to Houston Food Bank

Our fourth graders will make their annual trip to the Houston Food Bank to learn about the operations of this great facility as well as sort inventory for all the clients who benefit. We ask that parents register by November 8 to insure that Houston Food Bank has all of the names in advance. Parents who intend to ride the bus along with their children are encouraged to email Gail Shapiro, GailS@emanuelhouston.org, so proper space is available.

Fifth Grade Creates Menorahs for Keren-Or Jerusalem Center for Multi-Handicapped Blind Children

Rosa Castiel, the Texas contact for Keren-Or Jerusalem Center for Multi-Handicapped Blind Children, will be on-site. The fifth graders will learn about the challenges of those who are blind and how this center makes a difference in the lives of blind children. The project will include creating Menorahs for the children they have learned about.

Sixth Grade Sort and Stock Food for AIDS Pantry

Emanu El will be collecting non-perishable food items during Yom Kippur and through Sukkot on Sunset for Stone Soup, the Houston AIDS Foundation's food pantry for those impacted by AIDS. Congregants Jerry & Janice Spencer will lead the sixth graders in an effort to pack the various donations, which can also be left in the Rotunda area (near the gift shop) clearly marked Mitzvah Day – AIDS Food Pantry.

Seventh Grade Goes to Richmond State School

Due to new security protocol, all parents joining their children for this trip must register by November 8th. Participants must wear shirts, long pants and closed toe shoes with socks (no shorts, tank tops, flip flops, etc.) Parents who intend to ride the bus along with their children must also email Gail Shapiro, GailS@emanuelhouston.org, so proper space is available.



The whole community is invited to enjoy and schmooze.

Sunday, October 30th – 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
(Rain Date will be November 6th)

**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.**)

Confirmed food trucks as of press date include Snow Cone Angels, the Thai Food Truck, Tila's Taco Truck and Wokker Tx Ranger. We anticipate several other food trucks to join the fold.

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

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 not businesses. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

EMANU EL SCRAPBOOK



Cantor Simmons and Cantor Cohn Perform Together in Colorado

Cantor Rollin Simmons and our visiting High Holy Day Cantor Richard Cohn performed together at Cantor Simmons' summer concert in Colorado. We're excited to share that the first of three visits by Cantor Simmons is scheduled for Sukkot weekend (October 14th-17th), which will include a Saturday study session and a chance to meet and greet with the Cantor at Sukkot on Sunset. More details can be found in this edition of the Temple *Bulletin*.

Teens Open Year with Foam Party

Driving past Emanu El recently? You may have seen some foam floating down the street! Our Emanu El teens hosted a successful foam party to kickoff their year. Want to make sure you're in the loop about other upcoming events for teens at Emanu El? Contact Jamie Aaron, our Experiential Education Coordinator at the Temple.



Cub Scouts from Emanu El's Pack 1190 Honored

Our Emanu El Pack 1190 received recognition at the recent Jewish Scouting Award ceremony. At the ceremony, several members of the pack, both cub scouts and adult leaders, were recognized for their accomplishments. Aleph Award honorees included Joshua Rosenblum, Noah Friesen, Nathan Seelig and Jared Goldberger. Service Award recognition went to adult leaders Gus Mendoza, Kyle Friesen, Robert Rosenblum and Lisa Singhanian. Mazel Tov!



CALLING ALL DADS, BROTHERS, SONS, UNCLES AND
GRANDPAS THAT LOVE GREENE FAMILY CAMP OR LOVE
SOMEONE THAT DOES! WE INVITE YOU TO:

MEN'S SERVICE WEEKEND

OCTOBER 21-23 AT GFC

WWW.GREENE.ORG

Weekend Activities At Camp for Men, Scouts

Greene Family Camp Hosting Men's Service Weekend

Calling all men who love GFC or love someone that does: we're looking for a group of great guys to help improve Greene Family Camp. We've got a bunch of projects that camp has designated that requires our help to ensure a better, more beautiful GFC for generations to come. The weekend will also involve male bonding time, expect good brews, poker games, and the chance to enjoy the great outdoors. To register, visit <https://greene.org/event/mens-service-weekend/>.

18th Houston Jewish Scout Retreat to Be Held Friday, October 28th – Sunday, October 30th

Congregation Emanu El's Scouts will be taking part in the 18th Houston Jewish Scout Retreat, which will take place **Friday, October 28th to Sunday, October 30th**, at Bovay Scout Ranch near Navasota. Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of all ages and their parents and siblings will enjoy a weekend of camping at this beautiful facility, with meaningful Shabbat services and delicious kosher food. Fun activities will include our theme program "Sustainability – Kinus Goes Green" and lots of outdoor adventures – hiking, BMX, archery, fishing, canoeing, campfire, climbing and rappelling (for older Scouts) and much more! For details and registration, go to: www.houstonkinus.com.

Adult Learning Opportunities In October and November At Emanu El

Brotherhood's Torah @ Sunrise

Come and join the men of Congregation Emanu El for breakfast as we have an opportunity to eat, schmooze and study a little bit of text with Rabbi Hayon. This year's series entitled 'Holy Texts and Holy Times' started in September and continues on **Thursday, October 20th** and **Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 a.m.** at Corner Bakery, 2615 Southwest Fwy.

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. in the Proler Chapel 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**. Registration is open on the www.EmanuElHouston.org website.

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.

Rabbi Kahn Teaches at ReJEWvenate



Congregation Emanu El provides multiple opportunities to learn with the Rabbis from Saturday morning Torah study to the classes listed above or as pictured, Rabbi Samantha Kahn teaching at our recent ReJEWvenate program held at the Houston Arboretum.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

RESCHEDULED! Sisterhood Goes Cruisin'

Join Sisterhood on **Wednesday, October 26th** 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 **12:00 p.m.** and **1:00 p.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, October 10th** indicating your preferred departure time. Your payment is your reservation. The day will include a 'dutch treat' lunch at The Kitchen at the Dunlavy (3422 Allen Parkway) before or after pending your schedule. Please call the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 with any questions.

Sisterhood Celebrating Sukkot with a 3-Course Vegetarian Meal

Sisterhood is invited to enjoy a 3-course vegetarian meal, featuring the bounty of the harvest at Arcodoro, an Italian restaurant with Sardinian accents on **Tuesday, October 18th at 7:00 p.m.** Our hostess, Lori Farris, will entertain us telling about Sardinia, the restaurant, eating locally and Succoth. The cost is \$35 pp, includes iced tea, water, American coffee and gratuity. Cash bar. Checks made out to Sisterhood will reserve your space and must be in by October 10th. The location is 5000 Westheimer at Post Oak.

Women's Day: Empowering Women

Join us on **Tuesday, November 2nd from 9:30 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.** for our annual Women's Day program. This stimulating, entertaining event is a must. Featured are stage star **Sarah Gaston**, who will perform excerpts from her one-woman play, *Red Hot Patriot: The Kick*** Wit of Molly Ivans*. She will also enlighten us on her profession and empowering through coaching.

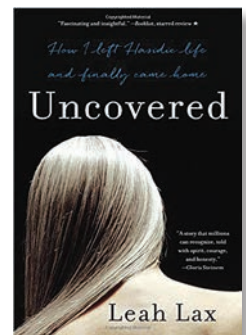
Anat Ronin, who has emigrated from Israel with her family, has empowered herself to be an acclaimed "street artist" and muralist. She is self-trained and has colored Houston with her creativity and art works. You have seen her art everywhere, but may not know the source. She will tell us her personal story and about her art.

The last speaker is **Dr. Richard Murray**, who will enlighten us on the upcoming election. As empowered women, we have the privilege and responsibility to vote. Dr. Murray will tell us the candidates running for office currently and some other unprecedented races in the past. Dr. Murray teaches Political Science at University of Houston and is Director of the Center for Public Policy.

Please call the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 with any questions and/or to make your reservation.

Book Review: *Uncovered* by Leah Lax Thursday, November 10th at 7:00 p.m.

Presented by the author; *Nonfiction, Autobiography*: A college student raised as a Reform Jew, Lax and the man who will become her husband deliberately choose a Hasidic way of life. She and her husband commit to a sect of Judaism that is strictly governed by rabbinical interpretation of Jewish law and concomitant community shaming for any deviation from codes of conduct governing every aspect of their personal lives. Over a time span of 27 years of marriage that includes the birth of seven children, Lax dutifully remains a "covered" woman – no male, other than her husband, sees her hair. More importantly, Lax herself gradually acknowledges her growing need to reveal the essence of her soul, unencumbered, open, and honest. The event is followed by a reception catered by the Emanu El Sisterhood in honor of Leah Lax.



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 other projects can be found in this Temple Bulletin or on www.EmanuElHouston.org.

ACCESS FOR ALL

To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people

In Honor of

Steve Brody

Caren & David Cowan

Paul Franks's Birthday

Todd Franks & Nancy Bodinet

Caren & David Cowan

BARBARA & MARK BROOKNER CAMPERSHIP FUND

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

In Memory of

Allan Pogach

Barbara & Mark Brookner

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide & enhance Becker Early Childhood Center

In Honor of

Sherry & Barry

Sandler's Birthdays

Kathy & Garey Marks

In Memory of

Earl Amundsen

Marci & Mark Arnold

BEN NOBLE CAMPERSHIP FUND

To send an outstanding Confirmation year TEFTY member to a NFTY event

In Memory of

Sylvia Kasner

Barbara Maidenberg

CANTOR-STONE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Honor of

Paul Franks's Birthday

Scott Cantor & Lisa Stone

Marna Meyer's 23 years of service

Lisa Stone & Scott Cantor

CAPLOVITZ

LECTURESHIP FUND

To present programs on contemporary moral issues

In Honor of

Marilyn Caplovitz's

Birthday

Jean & Sandy Beckman

Laurie & Milton Boniuk

Eileen Cersonsky

Jeanette & Philip Getz

Carol & Barry

Goodfriend

Punkin & Walter Hecht

Doris Kalmin

Sheila Moser

Marsha Wallace

Dolores Wilkenfeld

Harriet Zinn

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain & enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Cecile Phillips

Diana & Mark Phillips & Family

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston

In Honor of

Raymond Kalman's 50 years of practicing law

Cheryl & Haran Levy

In Memory of

Sylvia Kasner

Karen & Larry Feld

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials & underwrite leadership programs & speakers

In Honor of

Myra Lipper for The Sheila Newar/Myra Lipper Confirmation/Consecration Photo Gallery

Carol & Larry Fradkin

In Memory of

Earl Amundsen

Joyce Goldberg

Joan Karff

Richard Kutner

Myra Lipper

FREDELL LACK EICHHORN CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

To enhance musical programming

In Honor of

The B'nai Mitzvah of The Askanase Family

Lindy & Sam Dorn

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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

In Memory of

Earl Amundsen

Cheryl & Haran Levy

Isabell & Max

Herzstein

Sandy & Randy

Herzstein

Pauline Esther Spitz

Irene Tepper

William Spitz

JASON & DAVID MARCUS PLAYSPACE FUND

To maintain & enhance the playground

In Honor of

Arthur Kotlen's Birthday

J. Desey & Carol

Desenberg

RABBI ROY WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND

To support spiritual & cultural enrichment

In Honor of

Marilyn Caplovitz's Birthday

Nanette & Barry

Putterman

Mallory Robinson

Rabbi Roy Walter

Tom, Andrea, Brooke &

Rye Goldberg

Nanette & Barry

Putterman

In Memory of

Joyce Goldberg

Tom, Andrea, Brooke &

Rye Goldberg

Kate Greenberg &

Irving Greenberg

Lynda & Dan Greenberg

Ward White

Barbara & Irv Levine

RABBIS' GOOD WORKS FUND

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

A Donation

Goldie Mann

In Honor of

Paul Franks's Birthday

Rebecca & Jost

Lunstroth

Julien & Ike

Rosenthal's Wedding

Anniversary

Nora Laufman

The Birth of Lucy

Mika Schwartz

Suzanne & Maurice

Leibman

The Speedy Recovery of Buster Feldman

Sheila & Jerry Kaplan

In Memory of

Joyce Goldberg

Gail Stalarow

Sadye Rosmarin

Marie Brochstein

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Honor of

Gail Shapiro

Julie & Rabbi Hayon

RICKY SCHNURR CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

In Memory of

Bradley Cyprus

Don, Larry, Benji &

Michelle Barr-Meyer

Balfurya Porat

Gayle Schnurr

**RIVA BURSTEN CARING
CONGREGATION FUND**

*To support programs
that assist people in the
community*

In Honor of

**Marilyn Caplovitz's
Birthday**

**Sheila & Jerald
Kaplan's Wedding
Anniversary**

**The Speedy Recovery
of Sara Astrich**

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

In Memory of

Albert Worth

Freddie & Paul Croft

**ROBERT I. KAHN
SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

*To send congregants to the
Consultation on Conscience
at the Religious Action
Center*

In Memory of

Elaine Maas

Pam Kaufman & Dennis
Keierleber

**RONALD BROCHSTEIN
EARLY CHILDHOOD
FUND**

*To enhance preschool
education*

In Honor of

**Sharon & Herb Cohn's
Anniversary**

Phyllis & Bernie Berman

In Memory of

Earl Amundsen

Tracey & Dean
Blumrosen

Marvin Brener

Sandy & Richard
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**Emanu El's My Generation
Starts A New With Sweet Beginnings
for the New Year**

Are you 65 and older? Then, My Generation is for you! Singles, couples, everyone welcome!

A social club sponsored by Congregation Emanu El, My Generation is hosting a pot luck dinner on **Saturday, October 8th at 6:30 p.m.** in the Heights area. To get the address for this dinner, please RSVP to Brenda Lind at breect@yahoo.com and let her know if you would like to bring an appetizer, entrée, salad or dessert.

This is a great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones.

The My Generation committee includes Lindy Dorn, Susie Askanase, Sharon Ettinger, Elaine Lowenstein, Rose Marie Wagman and Brenda Lind. The group's professional staff contacts at Congregation Emanu El are Jill Patir and Jason Plotkin. Patir can be reached at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillP@emanuelhouston.org and Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

**Classic Connections Shabbat Dinner
In November**

Are you in your 50's or 60's? Want to meet some new friends and reconnect with old friends – join Classic Connections on **Friday, November 18th at 7:15 p.m.** (immediately following Kabbalat Shabbat with our very own Shabbatones) for dinner and a program, featuring personal trainer Ron Mattox on the subject, "Fit After 50."

Your payment of \$11.00 is your reservation for dinner 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, November 14th.**

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 emailing classicconnectionsemanuel@gmail.com.

**Other Upcoming Happenings
For Classic Connections**

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 classicconnections-emanuel@gmail.com.

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



BOOK OF MEMORY

These submissions were not included in the *Book of Memory* that will be distributed on Yom Kippur afternoon and are shared as part of our Temple *Bulletin*.

In loving memory of:

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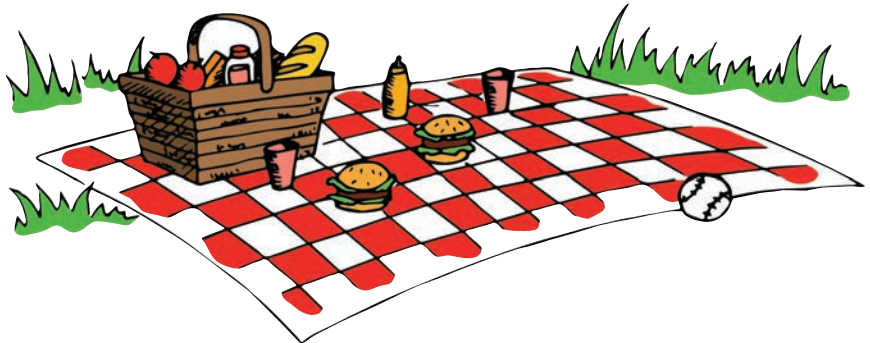
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**Shabbat on the Green
Heads To Colonial Park**

Come celebrate Shabbat on **Friday, November 4th at 5:30 p.m.** 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 and the Shabbatoners, 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.



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