

From Rabbi Hayon



Is Voting a Mitzvah?

One of the features that distinguishes our faith from other world religions is the uniquely Jewish concept of mitzvot: a shared set of sacred obligations that shape our religious and communal life. In Judaism, spiritual belief is not sufficient; one's life must also include a commitment to spiritual action.

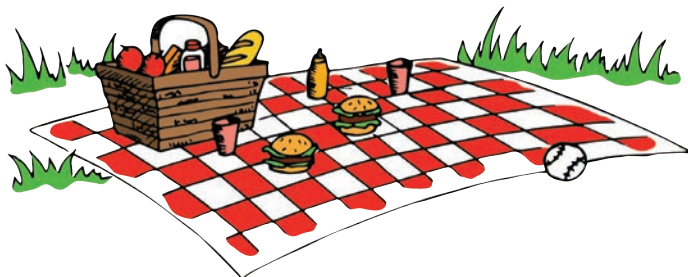
All of us can recite a long list of mitzvot without much difficulty: celebrating Shabbat and holidays, commemorating milestone moments in the lifecycles of individuals and families, giving tzedakah and promoting justice in our communities, and so on.

If a mitzvah is a shared communal obligation that elevates a Jew's spiritual identity, then, the national pre-occupation of our civic lives this month might lead us to wonder: Is it a mitzvah for American Jews to vote? The suggestion is not as fanciful as it might first seem. Centuries of Jewish thought and writing support the conclusion that democratic participation is not merely admirable, but that it in fact constitutes a religious ob-

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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.



Emanu El's Annual Mitzvah Day Takes Place on Sunday, November 13th



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

There are plenty of projects on-site and off-site for members of our community to take advantage of. Registration is available on www.EmanuElHouston.org and a listing of projects can be found within this article, with detailed descriptions available online.

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.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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

Shabbat Vayera, Genesis 18:1-22:24

Friday, November 18th

5:45 p.m., Shabbat & Play

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

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

B'not **Mitzvah of Lindsay Frankfort**, daughter of Michelle & Ben Frankfort and **Zoe Hirschfeld**, daughter of Betsy & Elliot Hirschfeld

Saturday, November 19th

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of Lindsay Frankfort & Zoe Hirschfeld

Shabbat Chayei Sarah, Genesis 23:1-25:18

Friday, November 25th

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

Saturday, November 26th

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

Shabbat Toldot, Genesis 25:19-28:9

Friday, December 2nd

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

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

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

Saturday, December 3rd

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

Shabbat Vayetze, Genesis 28:10-32:3

Friday, December 9th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Jack Kloseck**, son of Tama & John Kloseck

Saturday, December 10th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Kloseck

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

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.



Holiday Shuk (Market) to Take Place on November 30th at Emanu El

On **Wednesday, November 30th from 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.**, Feld Hall at Congregation Emanu El will transform into a holiday shuk (market) and become the perfect place to find a gift for family, friends, co-workers and yourself!

Within a week of announcing the event in early October, more than 25 vendors signed on to participate.

The list of vendors covers everything from jewelry, accessories, gifts for the home, gifts for your pet, stationery, food, toys and much more! Food will also be sold. Please note that some vendors will only be set up to handle cash and checks.

Admission is free for guests and vendors are welcome to sign-up to take part in this special day. A portion of the proceeds will be go to scholarships for our Becker Early Childhood Center and Helfman Religious Schools, as well as a portion to the Temple Fund.

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ligation incumbent upon all who are eligible to do so.

We must acknowledge that Jews have been granted the right to vote in our home nations for only a tiny fraction of our history. Nevertheless, throughout the Jewish past, our sacred texts have repeatedly urged us to structure our societies such that power may be shared and the citizenry be given a role in guiding the selection and decision-making of its leaders. The *Book of Exodus* tells the story in which Moses recognizes – immediately after assuming sole responsibility for the Israelites' welfare – that the work of governance is too weighty for him to bear alone; he is counseled to distribute the responsibility of leadership among a set of trusted elders, advisers and religious counselors. And soon afterward, the *Book of Leviticus* instructs him to permit even wider access to democratic participation far beyond that inner circle: "You shall have one law for the stranger and the citizen alike."

In late antiquity, the spiritual leaders of Jewish populations throughout the Middle East reaffirmed the obligation for Jews to become engaged with the political work of their home communities. The great Rabbi Hillel instructed his followers: "Do not separate yourself from the community," and his colleague Rabbi Yitzhak cautioned those who aspired to positions of leadership: "A ruler may not be appointed unless the community is consulted first."

And when the global Jewish community was finally permitted to bask in the warmth of Enlightenment, we eagerly and enthusiastically embraced the developing processes of legislative and electoral inclusion. We received with near-religious glee the right to vote as citizens in those modern nations whose democracies were exemplified by their commitments to free and fair elections. During our history in North America, in Western Europe, and around the world, we Jews have worked to reinforce the impulse toward tolerance and inclusion; in many communities (including our own), Jews played outsized and influential roles in the civil rights struggle to grant marginalized communities their rightful access to the voting booth. (Many people are unaware that the Voting Rights Act of 1965 was drafted in the conference room of the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism!) We have for many years considered it our religious duty to ensure that all citizens – not simply our fellow Jews – are afforded the opportunity to have their voices heard as part of the democratic process.

Today, there is no unanimity among rabbis across the denominational spectrum about whether or not to consider it a mitzvah for American Jews to vote. Nevertheless, our many years of Jewish text and teaching have delivered to us a clear and unequivocal message that we ought to do so. The right to vote is a unique blessing deriving from our life in this free nation, and we must not spurn it. If we take seriously our heritage as Jews (and I hope that we do), and if we cherish the rights that are ours as Americans (and I hope that we do), I want to urge all who are eligible to take this responsibility seriously. Please take part in this great and powerful democratic process; please take proud ownership of the civic responsibility – and, yes, the great spiritual value – of exercising the right to vote this week.

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

WEDDING

Amy Blumrosen & Shari Heyen

Ayli Meyer & Roy Uri

BIRTHS

Madeleine Kate Indelli, daughter of Robyn Nutik & John Indelli; granddaughter of Rickie & Gordon Nutik, Mary & Joseph Indelli

Charlie Levit, son of Grace Stearns & Ryan Levit; grandson of Lindy & Bobby Levit, Suse & J.R. Stearns; great grandson of Grace McMahon

Shoshana Eleanor Oshman, daughter of Lindsay Oshman & Daniel Moss; granddaughter of Tania & Rick Oshman, Sandra & Robert Moss

Max Adrian Perin, son of Becca & Andrew Perin; grandson of Susan & Steven Perin, Denny & Gary Ticker

Stav Perry, son of Eden & Uri Perry; grandson of Elana & Yehuda Ben-Uriah, Nechama & Daniel Perlman

Adah Annise Stein, son of Emily & Brandon Stein; grandson of Rochelle & Ned Stein, Melissa & Ralph Ballard

DEATHS

Frank Milliken, husband of Faye Milliken; father of Anna & Brad Eastman, Donna & Barry Fallin, Diane & David Garza, Renee Milliken, Marika & Martin Milliken, Rose & Greg Milliken, Kate & Matthew Milliken; grandfather of Elizabeth and Alexandria Garza Zachary, Matthew, Eleni, Sara, Violet and Ruby Milliken, Nathan and Faith Chandler, Ely, Abigail and Daniel Eastman; great grandfather of Alex Siemens Emma William; brother of Anna Elizabeth and Betty Davis

Mina Pashkoff, significant other of Perry Vann; mother of Benjamin, Beverly & Brian Pashkoff

Ruth Sherman, mother of Brenda & Barry Sherman and Chelle & Steve Sherman

Gerald Silber, father of Renee & Brent Silber, Suellen & AJ Rosmarin, Reagan Silber, Heidi & Bobby Bazarsky; grandfather of Lindsey & Matthew Putterman, Marci & Jeffrey Gilbert, Shannon Silber, Shelley Rosmarin, Reagan, Will, Brett and Taylor Bazarsky, Rome Silber; great grandfather of Logan and Graham Gilbert

Naomi Warren, mother of Helen & Andy Spector, Joy & Benjamin Warren, Geri & Jim Roper; grandmother of Elyse & Lewis Kalmans, Shelley & Matt Spector, Jessica Schaeppi, Julia & Craig Sampsel, Whitney & Hunter Poarch, Jed Roper, James Roper, Will Roper; great grandmother of Aerin Kalmans, Kendall Kalmans, Talia Kalmans, Lindsey Spector, Laine Spector, Asa Schaeppi and Mason Sampsel

Emanu El's Annual Mitzvah Day continued

ON-SITE PROJECTS

Blankets & Toys for CAPS

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

Care Packs for SEARCH

Team Captain: Amara, Armyrn, Jessica Freedson
& Bonnie & Debbie Robbins
9:00 a.m., Ages 10 & Up

Kids' Meals

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

Knitzvah Day

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

Sisterhood Packing Donations for House of Tiny Treasures

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



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.

Brotherhood at Emergency Aid Coalition

Team Captain: Alford Bleeker
**8:00 a.m.
5401 Fannin**

Boy Scouts at Vita Living

Team Captains: Wanda Raucher, Joshua Rutenberg
& Richard Stanley
9:00 a.m.

Fall Festival at TIRR

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

Undies for Everyone

Team Captain: Amy Weiss
9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

**Christ Church Presbyterian,
5001 Bellaire Blvd.**

Volunteer Choir at Seven Acres & Medallion

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

Young Professionals to Serve Hot Meals to the Homeless with Direct HOPE

Team Captain: Young Professionals Committee
**2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.
2009 Commerce**



HELFMAN PROJECTS

Pre-K Makes Hospital Waiting Room and Homeless Snack Bags

Kindergarten Makes Bubble Kits for Kids at Homeless Shelters

First Grade Snack Bags for VA Hospital Patients

Second Grade Makes Cookies, Gifts for Local Firehouse

Third Grade Makes Toys for Houston Pets Alive

Fourth Grade to Houston Food Bank

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

Sixth Grade Sort & Stock Food for AIDS Pantry

Seventh Grade Goes to Richmond State School

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

www.emanuelhouston.org/MitzvahDay

Cantor Cohn to Kick Off 2016-17 Endowment Fund Speaker Series



Congregation Emanu El will kick off its 2016-17 Endowment Fund Speaker Series entitled Pathway to the Future on **Thursday, December 8th at 7:30 p.m.** as our community will have the opportunity to learn from Cantor Richard Cohn, Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR.

Cantor Cohn – who served as Emanu El’s “Visiting Cantor” for the High Holy Days – will present, *Music for Prayer: Inspiration and Innovation* and will speak on the Reform Movement’s ability to sustain a diverse and vibrant musical culture.

Director of the Friedman School of Sacred Music since July 2015, Cantor Cohn previously served thirty-four years of service to Reform communities. He was most recently Cantor of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, where he was influential in helping to integrate traditional and contemporary aspects of congregational life, while sustaining a diverse and vibrant musical culture.

For nineteen years he was Cantor of North Shore Congregation Israel in Glencoe, Illinois, where his areas of specialization included programming for teens and for adult learning. He previously served Oak Park Temple-B’nai Abraham Zion in suburban Chicago, where he developed personalized approaches to b’nai mitzvah studies. He has been vibrantly involved in worship transformation, and he has had an innovative impact on Jewish choral music as a conductor, arranger and composer.

From 2001 to 2007, Cantor Cohn was president of the American Conference of Cantors (ACC), the professional organization of the Reform cantorate. He was co-leader of the Shabbat morning service at the Biennial Convention of the Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) in 1997, and he led the URJ Biennial Choir in 2003. He was an active member of the URJ Board and of the URJ Commission on Music, Worship and Religious Living.

Cantor Cohn is involved in the work of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality (IJS), which seeks to cultivate practices of contemplative Judaism as portals to spiritual growth. Having participated in the first cantorial cohort of the Institute, he is now an IJS Fellow, as well as a faculty member of its Clergy Leadership Program. He was a member of the IJS Prayer Project Working Group, and he has taken particular interest in the integration of spiritual practice with areas of prayer, music and education.

All three speakers in this year’s series are part of a year-long preparation for Emanu El which will transition from the *Gates of Repentance* to *Mishkan Hanefesh*, the Reform Movement’s new High Holy Day machzor (prayer book). Emanu El will make this transition in 2017 and each of the speakers will focus on Reform Judaism’s dynamic approach to meaningful liturgy and inspiring music:

The remaining speakers are Rabbi Elaine Zecher on **Wednesday, January 18th at 7:30 p.m.** and Rabbi Samuel E. Karff on **Thursday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m.**

Rabbi Zecher is Senior Rabbi of Temple Israel in Boston. She will share how prayer is shifting in the Reform Movement and offer ‘insider insight’ into our new machzor. Rabbi Zecher served as an editor for the new prayer book and played an integral role in helping rabbis – including our own – learn how to integrate the machzor into their home synagogues.

Rabbi Karff serves as Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Beth Israel. A past President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Journal of Reform Judaism’s former editor, Rabbi Karff will speak to the rich history of the Reform Movement and how it has progressed to its current place.

The Endowment Fund Series is underwritten by grants from the Caplovitz Lectureship, Eleanor & Frank Freed Lectureship, Helen & Harry Reichek Fund, Milton Popkin Endowment, Susman Family Programming Fund, Rabbi Walter Legacy Fund and Friends of the Endowment Fund. We are grateful to be the beneficiaries of their generosity and extend our thanks to the following Friends (as of press date): Susie & David Askanase, Jacquelyn Barish, Marvin Barish, Karen & Jeff Basen-Engquist, Laurie & Milton Boniuk, Gloria & Larry Brenner, Barbara & Mark Brookner, Rochelle Cyprus, Sheryl & Bernard Feldman, Carol & Larry Fradkin, Julie & Robert Goodfriend, Sandy & Don Harris, Wendy Hawkins & Avrim Fishkind, Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart, Elyse & Lewis Kalmans, Ellen & Lewis Krinsky, Rhonda & Eric Lipper, David Odle, Becky Proler & Gretchen Gemeinhardt, Barbara & Donald Roseman, Robin & Rodney Roth, Richard Schechter, Helen & Andrew Spector, Linda Susman, Dianne & Ellis Tudzin, Eileen & Richard Westerman, Dolores Wilkenfeld and Linda & Richard Zoll.

It’s not too late to add your name to this growing list by calling Jason Plotkin at (713) 529-5771, ext. 216 or via email at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

All speaking engagements are free and open to the community. Each will include an opportunity to ask questions of the guest and be followed by a reception.

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.



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 DECEMBER 15TH

NOVEMBER

- 2nd** – Sisterhood’s Women’s Day, 10:00 a.m.
- 6th** – Brotherhood’s 4th Annual Collectors Car Show & Food Truck Event, 11:00 a.m. (RAIN DATE)
- 8th** – Coffee Talk: “The Kumon Complex: Raising Confident Children”, 9:15 a.m.
- 9th** – Shredding Event, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 9th** – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 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.
- 10th** – Young Professionals at JCC Book Fair, 8:00 p.m. (7:00 p.m. Happy Hour)
- 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)
- 20th** – Mental Health – let’s talk about it (at the JCC Merfish Center), 2:00-5:00 p.m.
- 20nd** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 27th** – Young Professional Reunion, 10:30 a.m. at Dish Society, 5740 San Felipe
- 30th** – Holiday Shuk, 9:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

DECEMBER

- 2nd** – Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 6th** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 8th** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 8th** – My Generation Tours NRG Stadium (and Lunch), 10:15 a.m.
- 8th** – Speaker Series: Cantor Richard Cohn, 7:30 p.m.
- 14th** – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 12:00 p.m.

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.

Daniel and Elizabeth Aronson, son Jake & Katie
Michael and Tatiana Alshan
Aric Bakshy and Lan Wang, son Rowan
Barry Baumgarten
Oleg and Julia Barsky
Karen Brandreth
James and Rochelle Cabe, daughter Brynn & son Miccah
Gregg and Elena Davis, sons Hudson & Harry & daughter Julia
Austin Hoffman and Allison Israel
Asha Rajagopal and Collin Thomas, son Owen & daughter Anna
Gary Maltz and Claudia Garcia
Jenny Mayants and Carlos Sanchez
Alan Prossin and Julie Kaplow, sons Jonah & A.J.
Tatiana Schnur, son Aleksei & daughter Sofia
Phillip and Amanda Racusin, daughter Madeline
Erez and Anna Shabtay, son Eytan & daughter Eliya
Ronny and Yvonne Spolane, son Adam & daughter Rikki

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.

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, DECEMBER 6th

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.



PARENTING PROGRAMS

Coffee Talk (formerly Brown Bag Parenting)

This year's Coffee Talk series includes three events, beginning on **Tuesday, November 8th at 9:15 a.m.** with *The Kumon Complex: Raising Confident Children*. Other sessions also begin at 9:15 a.m. and include **Thursday, January 26th**, *Work It Out Yourself: Adventures in Raising Siblings* and **Thursday, March 23rd**, *Confident Parenting: Staying Positive and Remaining Sane*. Please join us for coffee and good conversations.



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.

Rosh Hashanah Message from Jeff Basen-Engquist, President

*As read from the bimah in the Barish Sanctuary on Sunday,
October 2nd during Erev Rosh Hashanah services*



Shana tova u'metukah my friends, a good and sweet year for you and your family from Karen and me.

Concerts often open with the performer shouting the name of whatever city one is in. "It's great to be back in BOSTON!", followed by the reflexive shouts of the audience. We are together tonight with more sober intent, to greet 5777 with reflection and prayer. While I find myself ready to shout, "It's great to be here, Congregation Emanu El!", instead I will share with you why I feel that way.

On a personal note, you have given me the privilege and responsibility to be on this pulpit today and I thank you. In the past five months I have witnessed the hard work and dedication of our staff, professional and lay leadership. From event set-up and take-down to teaching our children, we have a devoted staff.

I have witnessed the on-call response from our clergy team and their agility and sincerity as they move from a meeting to a solemn moment. I have a complex chart that captures the lay leadership's broad involvement and much of our volunteers' activities. And I am frequently reminded of the generosity of treasure and spirit provided by our congregants. To each of you who make up these four interwoven groups, thank you for your heartfelt daily commitment to our community.

Tonight, I will focus on one example that demonstrates how we depend on each of these groups and one another to move us forward.

In late August, our Board of Trustees and Senior Staff met on a Sunday for a retreat. For one segment, I invited Rabbi Hayon to report on his first year and to share his vision for Emanu El. He reminded us that he takes up the mantle of Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, of blessed memory, subsequently nurtured by Rabbi Walter, Rabbi Scott, and Rabbi Disick and each of our other clergy. He recognizes he is a caretaker of this history. Rabbi Hayon reflected on what he learned during the previous year from four hundred congregants at dozens of meet and greets, as well as from his clergy team, staff, committee members, in private conversations, and while reading items from our archives. He laid out this vision statement to guide our future.

Congregation Emanu El will have a visible and consequential impact on Houston's moral and spiritual, cultural and intellectual life.

The Board of Trustees response was, at first, analytical and cautious, and then, enthusiastic. After some discussion, the Board endorsed it.

Questions were raised and addressed. Allow me to illustrate very briefly.

This Vision Statement reflects our tradition of community involvement and outstanding programming. There are many examples: Rabbi Kahn's vocal participation in the Civil Rights movement; our members who founded SEARCH Homeless Services; Myra Lipper and other's early leadership in the Reform Movement's Sisterhood programs; and our award winning Young Professionals Group's JED Talks. Each of these illustrations profoundly impacted our congregation and had broader recognition and effects.

The focus of the statement is on excellence. Rabbi Hayon suggested our neighbors as exemplars – one of the best medical centers, world-class art museums, and a leading university. (I think he particularly favors the last one, as a graduate of Rice.) Whether considering the effectiveness of an in-house program or in planning our civic Tzedakah, we should assess each as it will affect our congregants and beyond.

In the coming year, we have significant opportunities for each of the groups I described earlier to work within this framework. Staff, congregants and lay leaders will be working together with experts to examine our internal and external communications and messaging. Clergy and lay leaders will be listening to representative stakeholders in each of our education programs seeking to understand our needs and how best to meet them from childhood through maturity. And, as you will see in the materials at your seats, we are actively seeking broader participation in our endowment to support our yearly programming and further secure our future. To have a visible and consequential impact on Houston's moral and spiritual, cultural and intellectual life, we will begin in-house and build outward.

As we pray and study together during these Days of Awe, let us remember to care for ourselves, one another, and the interconnected communities to which we belong. *Chazak chazak v'nit-chazeik*, may we go from strength to strength together.

Congregation Emanu El 2016 High Holy Day Survey

In order to help Congregation Emanu El determine the effectiveness and reach of our High Holy Day services, we are conducting a brief survey of our membership. We urge you to take the time to respond to this survey and take part in this important process so that our congregation can remain on a successful path of continual improvement. Thank you for your participation!

1. This year, I attended [select all that apply]:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> ReJEWvenate | <input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur Morning Service (at Emanu El) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Selichot | <input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur Youth Service (at First Presbyterian Church) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Erev Rosh Hashanah | <input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur Afternoon (Confession & Forgiveness) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosh Hashanah Children's Service | <input type="checkbox"/> Inside the Rabbi's Studio (in the Barish Sanctuary) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosh Hashanah Morning (at Emanu El) | <input type="checkbox"/> Healing & Restoration |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rosh Hashanah Morning (at the Bayou Center) | <input type="checkbox"/> Yizkor |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Tashlich | <input type="checkbox"/> Ne'ilah |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Kol Nidre | <input type="checkbox"/> Break the Fast |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Yom Kippur Children's Service | |

2. To what degree do you agree with the following statement:

This year's High Holy Day experience was meaningful and fulfilling for me personally.

Please elaborate on your answer if you would like.

- Totally disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree

Comment:

3. To what degree do you agree with the following statement:

I would recommend the High Holy Day experience at Congregation Emanu El to a friend or relative.

Please elaborate on your answer if you would like.

- Totally disagree Somewhat disagree Neither agree nor disagree Somewhat agree Somewhat disagree

Comment:

4. What else would you like us to know about your High Holy Day experience this year?

Comment:

Please only fill out the information below if you would like a member of our temple staff to contact you regarding your feedback on this High Holy Day survey.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Forms can be mailed back to Congregation Emanu El (1500 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX, 77005) or dropped off in a box available at the rotunda. An e-mailed version of this form was sent to all congregants who have an e-mail on file with the temple.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

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 Shabbatoners) 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 e-mailing classicconnectionsemanuel@gmail.com.

Other Upcoming Happenings for Classic Connections

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



My Generation Touring NRG Stadium Ahead of Super Bowl

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 will head to tour NRG Stadium, just weeks before the facility hosts the Super Bowl.

Participants will have a chance to visit the locker room of the Houston Texans, see how millionaires will watch the Super Bowl from the luxury boxes, get a peek inside the NRG Stadium media center and much more.

The cost of the tour is \$5 which must be paid at NRG Stadium on the day of the tour and free parking is available on the south side of the stadium (enter the property on Kirby Dr.). The tour will be followed by a 'pay your way' lunch nearby at Pappadeaux's, 2525 South Loop West and all are strongly encouraged to wear comfortable shoes for the 45-minute walking tour.

To RSVP for the tour, please e-mail MyGenerationEmanuEl@gmail.com or fill out the form linked below. To RSVP for the lunch, your cost is \$25 per person, which can be paid by filling out the information linked below or by check to Congregation Emanu El. The deadline for **RSVPs for the tour and lunch are due by Friday, December 2nd.**

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.



Egg Foo Shabbas Returns on Friday, December 23rd

What's the holiday season without some Chinese food? We started a tradition in 2015 and are continuing this year with a special Oneg following our 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat service. Grab a quick bite on your way as our Oneg will have a few popular Chinese staples!



Annual Chanukah Latke Supper to be Held Friday, December 30th

Our annual Chanukah Latke Supper and Chanukah Service is one of the highlights of the year! A brisket dinner on **Friday, December 30th at 6:00 p.m.** in Feld Hall including the popular latkes made by our Religious School Community will lead off our night with a special Chanukah service (at 7:00 p.m.) to follow.

RSVPs are a must for the Chanukah Supper with the proceeds going to benefit our Helfman Religious School program. The service will be led by our clergy and feature a community lighting of the menorah! The cost for dinner is \$6 for children, \$12 for adults and \$36 for families of 4.

EMANU EL SCRAPBOOK

My Generation Ushers in New Year with Pot Luck

Committee members for My Generation – Rose Marie Wagman, Elaine Lowenstein, Brenda Lind, Susie Askanase, Lindy Dorn – chair – and Sharon Ettinger, who opened her home for a ‘Sweet New Year’ potluck event in early October. The group plans a tour of NRG Stadium in December. More information in this Temple *Bulletin*.



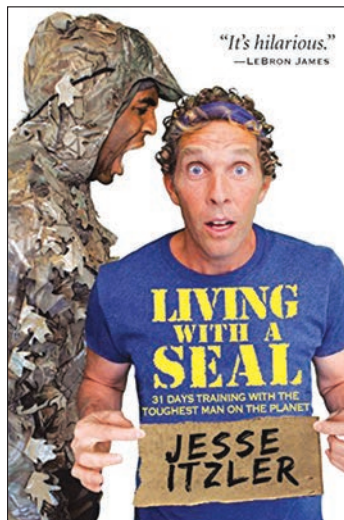
Cantor Simmons at Sukkot on Sunset

Cantor Rollin Simmons – who will formally join our clergy team in the summer of 2017 – joined Emanu El for Sukkot weekend. Her participation included Shabbat worship, Saturday morning Torah study and helping usher in Sukkot with the Congregation at Sukkot on Sunset and Sukkot morning services.

Clergy Visit Brookdale for Sukkot

Our clergy team visited our Emanu El members or family members of Emanu El members residing at the Brookdale to help celebrate Sukkot. If you have a family member residing at the Brookdale or any of our local senior living establishments, please make sure to notify the Temple.





Emanu El Partnering to Host JCC Book Fair Program

Join us on **Thursday, November 10th at 8:00 p.m.** at the JCC (preceded by a Happy Hour reception in the bookstore at 7:00 p.m.) for Jesse Itzler's *Living with a SEAL: 31 Days Training with the Toughest Man on the Planet*. Itzler will try almost anything. He ran a 100-mile race in Spanx to get the attention of the company founder and ended up marrying her. His life is about being bold and risky. When Jesse felt himself on autopilot, he hired a rather unconventional trainer to live with him for a month – an accomplished Navy SEAL. Living with a SEAL is like a buddy movie if it starred the Fresh Prince of Bel-Air . . . and Rambo. Itzler co-founded Marquis Jet, is a co-owner of the Atlanta Hawks, and helped to pioneer the coconut water craze with Zico, which was acquired by Coca-Cola.

Mental Health- let's talk about it

On **Sunday, November 20th from 2:00-5:00 p.m.** at the JCC's Merfish Center, Emanu El's Young Professionals are teaming with other agencies in our community for a panel discussion about suicide and mental health in our young adult community. Planned by and for Jewish Young Professionals 22 to 45.

Register at www.jfshouston.org/YPStampOut



Reunion Brunch

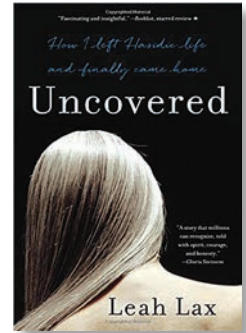
We're having a reunion! With high school reunion season approaching, we want to invite you to join your Emanu El friends, past and present for a reunion brunch. Enjoy good food, good conversation, and some great reminiscing! This event will be held on **Sunday, November 27th at 10:30 a.m.** at Dish Society, 5740 San Felipe. For more information, contact Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org. Register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.



SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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

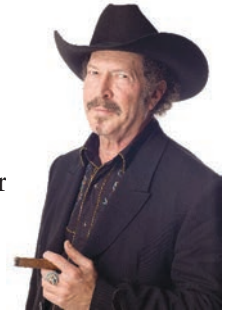
Sisterhood will be participating in Mitzvah Day in support of House of Tiny Treasures - the family division of SEARCH. The activity will kick off at Women's Day on **Wednesday, November 2nd**. The greatest needs of this organization are disposable diapers and children's clothing size 2T. Chaired by Sandy 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.



Save the Date – Sisterhood Annual Fundraiser

Be sure to save the date as on **Thursday, March 23rd at 6:30 p.m.**, Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood proudly presents its' 2017 annual fundraiser – an evening with singer songwriter/novelist/humorist and occasional Texas politician **Kinky Friedman**.



Mah Jongg Cards for 2017 – Now On Sale

2017 Mah Jongg cards are now on-sale! By purchasing your card from Congregation Emanu El's Sisterhood, you are helping support the Sisterhood in their projects. Cards are \$8 for regular size cards and \$9 for the large-print. **Checks or cash payable by January 25, 2017** to Sylvia Brody, 2004 Vermont, Houston, TX 77019.



Sisterhood Contributes to House of Tiny Treasures

As a representative of Sisterhood's “Work of our Hands” group of volunteers, Donnie Bundman accompanied Sandy Harris to the House of Tiny Treasures (SEARCH) to present hand knit and crocheted hat/scarf combos for 2-5 year olds.

Each child picked and modeled their hat and scarf. Hat/scarf combos were made by Donnie Bundman, Joy Jacobs, Gretchen Gemeinhardt and Doreen Mosier.

Work of our Hands knits and crochets hats, scarves and blankets for SEARCH, healing shawls for patients at MD Anderson and tiny premie hats and baby blankets for Texas Children's Hospital.

The group is always open to new volunteer knitters and crocheters, as well as yarn donations. For more information, contact Donnie Bundman at dbundman@gmail.com



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Ward White
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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 with a session in October. The final opportunity for the fall is **Thursday, November 17th at 7:00 a.m.** at Corner Bakery, 2615 Southwest Fwy.



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