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From Rabbi Hayon



Many centuries ago, when the holiday of Chanukah was first established as a part of the Jewish calendar, the ancient rabbis conferred at length about how best to commemorate the victories of the valorous Maccabees. All agreed that an eight-day festival, with lamps or candles lit on each night, was the proper way to acknowledge the well-known miracle of the oil. When it came time to establish the specifics of how the Chanukah

candles ought to be lit, however, a significant dispute arose between the two major academies of Jewish antiquity.

According to the first, the Academy of Shammai, one ought to light eight flames on the first night of the holiday, and then decrease that number, one candle at a time, over the successive nights. In this way, they reasoned, one can easily keep track of how many days of Chanukah remain. The Academy of Hillel, however, disagreed, insisting that one rather ought to increase the lights, one at a time, until the final night is illuminated by the brightness of eight flames. When pressed for the reasoning behind their decision, the Academy of Hillel offered a simple explanation: "In matters of

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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. RSVP at www.EmanuElHouston.org or call in your credit card over the phone at (713) 529-5771. 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.

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

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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 Klosek**, son of Tama & John Klosek

Saturday, December 10th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of Jack Klosek

Shabbat Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4-36:43

Friday, December 16th

5:45 p.m., Shabbat & Play

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

Saturday, December 17th

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

Shabbat Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1-40:23

Friday, December 23rd

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

Saturday, December 24th

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

Shabbat Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1-44:17

Friday, December 30th

6:00 p.m., **Chanukah Latke Supper**, Feld Hall

7:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat & Chanukah Service, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, December 31st

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

Shabbat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27

Friday, January 6th

6:00 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

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

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

B'nai Mitzvah of **Wyatt Cyprow**, son of Jarrod Cyprow & Laura Mayer and **Aidan Buchman**, son of Jason Buchman & Shelley Buchman

Saturday, January 7th

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

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

B'nai Mitzvah of Wyatt Cyprow & Aidan Buchman

Shabbat Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28-50:26

Friday, January 13th

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Ronnie Ostrin**, daughter of Lisa & Edwin Ostrin and **Bailey Silverman**, daughter of Brandy Silverman & Josh Silverman

Saturday, January 14th

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of Ronnie Ostrin & Bailey Silverman

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 Seeks Nominees For Board of Trustees

Emanu El President Jeff Basen-Engquist appointed Rebecca Lunstroth, Past President as chair of the Nominating Committee for the coming fiscal year. We invite you to submit the names of qualified candidates for Officers or Board Members for consideration by the Nominating Committee.

To be qualified as an Officer, a candidate must have served at least two years on the Board of Trustees. To be qualified as a Trustee, a candidate must have been a member of Emanu El for at least three years and served at least one year prior to nomination as a member on one of the committees of the congregation or as a member of the Board of one of our Auxiliaries.

Rebecca is asking you for recommendations for nominees. You may recommend yourself or someone else. Please submit names and qualifications to David Lamden at DavidL@emanuelhouston.org by **Friday, January 27th**.

Nominations Sought for 2017 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year

Each year, Brotherhood selects the Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year, honoring an outstanding member of Emanu El. Named for Ernest Krautkopf, a longtime member of Emanu El who served this congregation and the community without concern for recognition, this award is given each year to a congregant who has devoted years of service to the Emanu El community and to the community at large.

We invite the congregation to nominate deserving congregants for our 2017 award. If you are interested in doing so, please submit your nomination in the form of a letter describing the person and explaining why he or she should be Congregant of the Year. Please describe the nominee's service both to the Emanu El community and to the community at large. You may mail the letter to Brotherhood's attention at the Temple, email it to brotherhoodemanuelhouston@gmail.com, or leave it in an envelope in the Brotherhood box. Sitting members of the Emanu El executive board, members of Emanu El senior staff, and posthumous nominees are not eligible. **Nominating letters must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 31st.**

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holiness, one always ought to increase – not decrease.” – [Babylonian Talmud, Shabbat 21b]. The community was persuaded by their reasoning and we follow their practice to this day.

This simple principle – that one always ought to aim toward increasing in holiness – remains a helpful guide for how we conduct ourselves all year long, not just during the holiday of Chanukah. I have always admired those individuals who consistently prioritize the work of self-improvement. Some processes of growth and improvement can be tracked easily: how much weight we can lift or how far we can run, the size of our 401k or the number of sales we have made in a given year. But what does it mean to increase in holiness, and how might we quantify our progress in this area?

It's a difficult question to answer. Certainly, we can (and should) keep track of our charitable giving and the amount of time we spend volunteering, and strive to increase those numbers over time. But what about the more intangible ways in which a life is considered “holy”? Maintaining kindness to our neighbors, inward concern for the most vulnerable, spiritual

connectedness to the rhythms and insights of Jewish life, and an enduring commitment to the people of Israel and the State of Israel – all of these are indicators of a holy life from a Jewish point of view. The teaching of Hillel continues to challenge and encourage us to ask ourselves at all times: What makes my life holy, and how can I make it more so?

The goal to constantly increase in holiness, to remain committed to spiritual growth and improvement, is a helpful guideline for a Jewish life well-lived. Unlike the process of improving our physical (or fiscal) fitness, however, staying hard at work on increasing the holiness of our lives is not fatiguing or risky – or even very difficult, for that matter. On the contrary, the path toward an increasingly holy life requires only that we stay attentive and obedient to the voice of conscience within. Furthermore, the rewards of a commitment to increasing holiness are enormously fulfilling.

And so Hillel's principle remains as a bright beacon during these months of the year when nights are longest and darkest, and the lesson from that first Chanukah ages ago stays with us, urging us to strive continually to increase the holiness of our lives. In this way, our lives comes to resemble the Chanukah menorah, casting an ever-increasing light on the world and the people around us.

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Bill Spitz was featured in the *Houston Chronicle* in an article entitled, “A path away from trouble: Entrepreneurs program helps inmates reach success after release by becoming employees or owners.” Bill serves as a mentor in the “Prison Entrepreneurship Program” (PEP), which has helped more than 200 ex-offenders start business, collaborating with a non-profit called Silver Fox Advisors, a group of retired CEO's who mentor small business owners.

WEDDING

Jenny Rochkind & Brandon Mark

BIRTHS

Willow Louise Cowan, daughter of Jennifer & Michael Cowan; granddaughter of Caren & David Cowan, Lucia & Dave Byrns; great granddaughter of Donald Peaceman, Joan Dames, Norma Simon

Sadie Pearl Firestone, daughter of Allison & Drew Firestone; granddaughter of Vicki & Herb Pasternak, Resa & Rick Firestone

Holland Rose Madeleine Gentry, daughter of Erica Helaine Rose & Willem Galen Gentry; granddaughter of Cindi Harwood Rose & Franklin Rose, Hal Gentry

Davis Fee Hyatt, son of Melissa Phillips and Robert Hyatt; grandson of Diana and Mark Phillips, Cathy and Hartley Chelin, Donna and Robert Hyatt

Hunter Levi & Charlotte Reese Miller, son & daughter of Lisa & Mason Miller; grandson & granddaughter of Lynne & Frederic Spector, Ilene & Michael Miller

Eva Helene Saghian, daughter of Rachel & Michael Saghian; granddaughter of Mindy & Lee Rosenthal, Robyn & Sion Saghian; great granddaughter of Julien & Morris “Ike” Rosenthal

Hannah Beth Spinner, daughter of Emily & Joey Spinner, granddaughter of Cheryl & Haran Levy, Helen & Stanley Spinner; great granddaughter of Carol & Barry Goodfriend, Paula & Joe Levy, Esther Moszkowicz and Lotty Spinner

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

DEATHS

Ronald D. Cohen, husband of Sherry Summerlin; father of Josh Summerlin, Daniel Summerlin and Alex Cohen; grandfather of Grayson Cohen, Leah, Ike, Jack, Jake and Evan Summerlin; brother of Farryl Bernell, Amy Shannon and Laurie Fickman

Sam Keeper, husband of Cele Keeper; father of Lauren Keeper

Denise Krause, mother of Jennifer Johnson, Kevin Krause, Alan Krause; sister of Linda Todar, David Berg

Raya Meyerson, mother of Linda & Arthur Meyerson, Jerry Meyerson, Chrissy & Sandy Meyerson and Pauline & Alfie Meyerson; grandmother of Jessica & Jay Neufeld, Dylan Meyerson, Ashley & Zachary Meyerson, Heidi & Bill Meyer, Sonia & Dustin Meyerson, Rachel & Zack Jamail, Billie & Ryan Haas and Anna and Caroline Meyerson; great grandmother of Bethany Meyer, Judah Meyerson, Sarah Ann Meyerson and Gavin Haas; sister of Fredell & Bobby Deutser and Sarah Faye Freedman

Phyllis Schaffer, mother of JoAnn & Robert Schaffer, Barbara & Mark Schaffer, Denise & Jeffrey Schaffer, Suzy & Jack Schaffer; grandmother of Anne-Elisa & Jared Yaeger, Anne & David Schaffer, Jared, Alyssa, Lauren, Jeremy, Michael, Jonathan, Shelly and Alexander Schaffer; great grandmother of Tesla and Rex Yaeger

Elisa Benoff-Weed, wife of Kevin Weed; mother of Beth Weed; sister of Mindy & Lee Anderson

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

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, Myra Lipper, 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, Becky & Joe Williams, 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.



6th Annual Kiddush Cup Classic – Monday, March 6th

Now in its sixth year, Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce that its annual Kiddush Cup Classic will be held on **Monday, March 6th** at Braeburn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet St.

This year's 18-hole scramble event will begin with **lunch at 11:30 a.m.** followed by a **12:30 p.m. shotgun start**. Space is limited to the first 30 teams.

In addition to prizes for the low scoring teams, the Kiddush Cup will also feature a hole-in-one prize and contests for the longest drive and closest to pin. The "Pink Ball" contest, which has been a hit will also be back.

To register or get more information, visit EmanuElHouston.org.

The entry fee is \$175 for individual players. Sponsorship levels begin at \$450, prior to the December 31st deadline in which all in which any individual, organization or company purchasing sponsorships are entitled to 10 percent off the cost.

The Kiddush Cup has been Congregation Emanu El's primary fundraiser and we are thankful to all individuals, agencies and corporations that have continued to support this great day of community.

Congregation Emanu El Tabs Chef Smirnov Catering As 'Preferred Caterer'

Congregation Emanu El is pleased to announce that Chef Smirnov Catering has been named the 'preferred caterer' of the synagogue.

The Board of Trustees unanimously approved this exciting decision at its November Board of Trustees meeting.

Smirnov Catering is run by Vladimir Smirnov, a certified Executive Chef with over 25 years of experience. A chef at Rice Epicurean for 11 years, Smirnov launched his own catering service in 2005 and has been serving the Houston Jewish community and beyond ever since, displaying a sense of professionalism along with quality food offerings.

Smirnov Catering will be the caterer utilized for all synagogue planned functions ranging from board meetings to Becker lunches; from Passover Seder to Egg Foo Shabbas and more.

We remain committed to and protective of the long-standing Emanu El tradition of our members coming together as a community to cook whether it be a Sisterhood donor event, the Gathering Place, Emanu Elders, the Religious School Community Committee's latke making or the Brotherhood's hot dog luncheons.

Congregants and community members hosting events at Emanu El are encouraged to use Smirnov Catering for their events, simchas and outside rentals in which a portion of the proceeds from these events will benefit the synagogue. Our new agreement will help ensure a smooth planning process and beautifully executed events.

Most recently, Smirnov Catering initiated an easy-to-use donation function on their web site or with donations made by phone for purposes of individuals planning shiva/memorial receptions held at the synagogue.

The Board of Trustees also approved a \$250 outside catering fee – an increase of \$150 from the previous catering fee, which was last updated more than 15 years ago. Starting in January 2017, all events not presently under contract will be charged the increased catering fee. These fees will cover ongoing costs of kitchen maintenance and provide funds for future upgrades to the kitchen.

Emanu El will recognize the "Sisterhood Caterers" team in an upcoming *Temple Bulletin* for their years of serve to the Congregational community.

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.

BOARD NOTES

November Board of Trustees Meeting

As the October meeting fell on Yom Kippur, the Board did not meet in October. At the November 3rd meeting, the Board adopted a resolution approving Smirnov Catering as Emanu El's new in-house catering service. Details will be published shortly. The Board recognized Anne Joachim, Rita Wilkenfeld and Inez Taylor for their 40 years of service to the Congregation. The Board approved expenditures for plumbing improvements to address problems that arose in the past month. Repairs will require a brief closing of part of the west lot.

Rebecca Lunstroth reported that the Leadership/Nominating Committee will begin seeking recommendations for members of our Congregation to be considered for leadership positions on our Board. Work will begin soon on developing our Leadership Training Program.

Rabbi Hayon asked the Board to participate in a group exercise to create a vision of what we would do with a significant contribution. The recurring themes included hiring a Director of Development, updating and expanding our building to accommodate more programming, and encouraging more opportunities for community cohesiveness.

President Jeff Basen-Engquist noted that we are in our sixth month together as a Board. He shared many of our accomplishments to date: successful opening of Helfman Religious School with initial enrollment above our projection, continuing work on bylaws, working with Principle on the branding audit of the Congregation, approving the new catering contract, and hiring our new Executive Director David Lamden (who started on November 7th). He shared that we have covered our recent unplanned physical plant expenses with the generous voluntary contributions of our members and that our membership is increasing.

– Submitted by Rachel Gutow-Ellis, Secretary



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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 JANUARY 18TH**

DECEMBER

- 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.
- 20th** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 23rd** – Egg Foo Shabbas, 7:15 p.m. (services at 6 p.m.)
- 27th** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 29th** – Winter Break College Student Gathering, 12:00 p.m.
- 30th** – Chanukah Latke Supper, 6:00 p.m. services at 7:00 p.m.

JANUARY

- 4th** – *Judaism through the Arts*, 1:00 p.m. at MFAH
- 6th** – Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 8th** – Lisa Loeb in Concert, 10:00 a.m.
- 11th** – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 12:00 p.m.
- 12th** – Book Review: *The Marriage of Opposites*, 12:30 p.m.
- 17th** – Kids’ Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 18th** – Speaker Series: Rabbi Elaine Zecher, 7:30 p.m.

*NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED:
TUESDAY, JANUARY 3rd*

EMANU EL COLLEGE STUDENTS

**Winter Break Gathering to Be Held
Thursday, December 29th
from 12:00 – 1:30 p.m.**

Join your Emanu El friends and rabbis for a lunch treat while you’re home for winter break! A location will be announced soon. Make sure to check the Emanu El Facebook page and your email for more information.

Current Mailing Addresses

If we don’t have your current mailing address – or if you’re not sure – email it to Alisha Klapholz, alishak@emanuelhouston.org so we can include you in this year’s mailings. This is the best way to find out about events specific to our college students!

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**
- Lori & Ken Berger**
- Camille Bermann**
- Laurie Fickman**
- Jonathan Fleck**
- Stephen Fox & Megan Heenan**
- Marvin & Renee Gerber**
- Greg & Suzy Kopel, daughters Caroline & Grace**
- Ryan & Rima Soroka, son Saul**

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.

**Congregation Emanu El’s
Cub Scout Pack 1190**

The past few weeks have been full of activities and fun for the Cub Scouts. We had our first camp out with the Houston Jewish Scouting Retreat - Houston Kinus. The Cub Scouts and family had a great time at the Bovay Scout Ranch focusing on sustainability while taking aim with bows and arrows and BB guns too. In addition, we had the annual rocket launch, where the Scouts built and launched their own rockets. A great time was had by all.

Cub Scout Pack 1190 is a family-oriented organization which develops character, leadership, communication skills, and good citizenship in accordance with our Jewish traditions. All boys in first through fourth grade and their parents are invited to sign up, it is never too late! Feel free to contact us at emaunelpack1190@gmail.com with any questions.



**Congregation Emanu El
Heads To Israel June 1-12, 2017
Registration Open!**



The countdown is on to Congregation Emanu El's trip to Israel!
Two meetings were held in the fall and members of our community are registering to join Emanu El this summer. Registration and a \$300 non-refundable deposit are due to ARZA World **by Wednesday, February 1st** with a **full payment due by Saturday, April 1st**.
For more information and an itinerary, please visit 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.



**Israel Meeting Lead By
Rabbi Oren Hayon and Adam Mazo**



Utilizing technology, Adam Mazo of ARZA World was able to join Rabbi Oren Hayon in leading a session for individuals interested in traveling to Israel in early November. Adam answered questions and gave tips to the perspective participants.

**Greene Family Camp (GFC)
Camperships**

If you are planning to send your child to Greene Family Camp this summer, this is for you! All camperships are for 1/2 of tuition. Campership applications are **due by Sunday, January 22nd**.

**4th Grade Drawing Contest:
*My Own Personal Enthusiasm for Judaism***

This topic can mean many different things to different people, so the completed drawing must be accompanied with a short paragraph describing the drawing and its meaning.

5th Grade Essay Writing: *My Very Own Program for Greene Family Camp*

Imagine developing a unique program of your very own for camp. What kind of program would it be? What would it involve and how would you involve others? (1-2 pages, double spaced)

6th & 7th Grade Essay: *Why I wish to spend my summer at GFC*

A summer spent at GFC can be one full of excitement, friendship, and Judaism all rolled into one. What draws you to the camp atmosphere? One essay will be chosen from each grade. (2 pages, double-spaced)

8th Grade Drawing Contest: *My Own Personal Enthusiasm for Judaism*

This topic can mean different things to different people, so the completed drawing must be accompanied with a short paragraph describing the drawing and its meaning.

9th Grade Poetry Contest: *Being Jewish*

Express your thoughts and feelings creatively by writing a poem. In verse or rhyme, enlighten us with what "being Jewish" means to you.

Camperships include: Brotherhood Camperships, Sisterhood Camperships, Chester Marcus Religious School Community Committee Campership, Connie Reischer Campership, Ricky Schnurr Campership, Adele Buchman Campership.

Children who have previously won a campership are not eligible to win again.

For outside scholarship opportunities please visit:

- www.onehappycamper.org
- www.bunkconnect.org
- www.jewishhouston.org

You can also contact Renee Lovitt at the Houston Jewish Federation by calling (713) 729-7000, ext. 334 or by email at rlovitt@houstonjewish.org. If you need additional assistance in order to attend summer camp, please email Matthew Silverman at MatthewS@emanuelhouston.org.

From the President – Jeff Basen-Engquist



One lesson I was reminded of early on in this leadership position is the importance of listening and being present. Each congregant, volunteer, committee chair, Trustee and member of the clergy has a unique point of view both in their role and as an individual. Conversations require both attentiveness and analysis to ensure that both the message and the messenger are understood to the best of one's ability.

Attending to others is one of the obligations of leadership, which applies in most situations. Whether one is in a verbal transaction with strangers or close friends, listening is a precondition and fundamental to relationship. We have witnessed and felt the strain of recent divisive political events. Listening may be difficult but it may lead to thoughtfulness and kindness. Beyond that I'll leave the moral implications to our rabbis and instead provide exemplars more in my bailiwick.

One ongoing and two new projects that will affect our organization are underway. In each instance, constituencies are being sought out for input. In the first instance, all congregants were invited to provide feedback following High Holidays. As Rabbi Hayon instituted last year, the survey will provide guidance for our Ritual and Music Committee and clergy. A report is forthcoming.

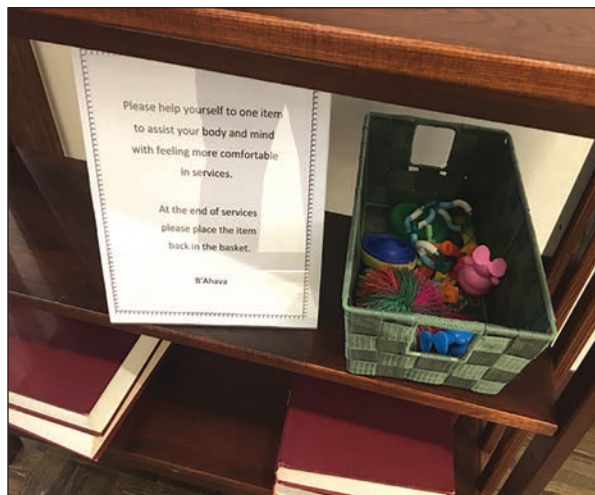
Second, the Board of Trustees recently approved a working agreement with a local organization, Principle. From their website – It's our mission to deliver beautiful design grounded in smart thinking, by impeccable standards, with the purpose of helping good people bring their brand to the next level. Phase One, a brand audit, began with their team interviewing staff, Board members and others. It is hoped their recommendations will lead to a consistent look, feel and message about us within our space and facing outward, in print and online. There are many potential benefits to this working relationship. You may expect to hear more about this in the spring. Note that what may be a far-reaching project begins with their learning about us.

Finally, rather than planning solely for the leadership of our religious school for next year and beyond, input is being sought from stakeholders in all our education programs, from Becker to Helfman as well as B'nai Mitzvah through adult education. Gathering these experiences and broad aspirations for our education activities will guide the plan for obtaining new and effective leadership in this area.

Bernard Baruch, advisor to seven Presidents, said "Most of the successful people I've known are the ones who do more listening than talking." I believe this applies as well to communities like ours.

RITUAL & MUSIC NEWS

Fidgets Now Available at Services



With support from the "Access for All" Fund that supports inclusion/accessibility initiatives, we are proud to announce the arrival of fidgets for services!

Fidget toys are self-regulation tools to help with focus, attention, calming, and active listening. There are a lot of "special brained" kiddos in our midst and we want to accommodate them and recognize their needs so they can fully participate in services and Jewish learning.

A basket with a variety of fidgets are available both outside the Barish Sanctuary as well as the Proler Chapel.

You are welcome to borrow one for services, then please return it to the basket to keep our new fidget collection intact. If you have an interest in supporting this on-going collection through monetary donation or otherwise, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El Celebrates Consecration

On Sunday, October 23rd our Kindergarten students were Consecrated during Simchat Torah service in front of family and friends. The children held their individual Torahs and sang songs and were blessed by Rabbi Hayon. We danced with the Torah and after the service and an Oneg was enjoyed by all.



First row (l-r): William Heinz, Gabriel Rose, Rowan Riben, Dominic Miller, Jackson Eisenbaum, Annie Blitz, Isaac Tenenbown, Lindsey Cersonsky, Cayla Yoburn, Maya Sacks, Noa Hayon, Brynn Cabe and Miriam Silverman; second row: Lorelei Goldman, Simon Rose, Henry Kass, Emerson Brynes, Eli Sussman, Owen Blumberg, Natan Saber, Hadley Barrow, Alexander Mayer, David Jacobs, Zack Podolsky, Eva Boshernitzan, Emma Bray and Nathan Kruger; third row: Mason Mendelovitz, Halle Jacobs, Julia Ziff, Shai Penchas, Eden Sussman, Merlyn Friesen, Rosalind Friesen, Shane Gordon, Oliver Friedman, Oliver Garfield, James Miller, Julia Brooks, Dylan Rovelli and Hazel Harrington; back row: Todd Weiss, Teacher, Rabbi Pamela Silk, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Samantha Kahn and Cathy Shelley, Teacher; Not pictured: Jake Blumrosen, Levi Blumrosen, Jesse Gordon, Charlotte Kneese, Max Leiman and Noe Ostrin.

Emanu El Hosts Community-Wide Demographic Study Presentation

Please join us for a special Community Wide Demographic Study Presentation at Congregation Emanu El on **Wednesday, December 7th at 7:00 p.m.** Demographer, Dr. Ira Sheskin, will be presenting the results of the study conducted earlier in the year. The purpose of the presentation is to inform our community and its leaders of the current state of our community, number of Jewish families, individuals, ages and geographic location. At the end of the presentation there will be time for questions and answers and we highly encourage that you take advantage of this opportunity. This information will help shape decisions made by our leaders regarding services offered, where they are offered, school and synagogue locations, etc. Looking forward to having you join us.



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 on **Friday, December 23rd.** Grab a quick bite on your way as our Oneg will have a few popular Chinese staples!



Twenty years after her platinum-selling hit song “Stay (I Missed You),” Grammy®-nominated singer/songwriter Lisa Loeb has channeled her wit, wacky humor, and sparkling creativity into the world of children’s music.

Lisa will bring this enthusiasm, as well as her original and classic songs for children into the Barish Sanctuary of Congregation Emanu El on **Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m.**

Inspiring kids with creative sing-along fun ever since her first children’s book Lisa Loeb’s Silly Sing-Along: The Disappointing Pancake and Other Zany Songs was released, Lisa’s unconventional and whimsical spirit promises to delight the whole family.

This is a treat that is FREE and OPEN to all in the community. You will not want to miss!



Emanu El Seeking To “Restart” 50s & 60s Social Group, Seeking Committee Members for Launch

Congregation Emanu El is currently looking to ‘restart’ and ‘rebrand’ our Classic Connections social group for those members of our Congregation and community in their 50s and 60s.

Are you interested in being a part of this effort and taking part in a committee to launch an exciting year of activities for this age demographic? Contact Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 to have your name added to the list.

EMANU EL SCRAPBOOK



Emanu El Celebrates Shabbat on the Green

Emanu El headed to Colonial Park in West University for Shabbat on the Green in early November. Over 200 attendees had a chance to enjoy the Sabbath with our clergy and The Shabbatoners. Emanu El will continue its Shabbat on the Green tradition next fall at a location to be determined.

Brotherhood's Collectors Car Show, A Success

45 cars, a pair of food trucks and hundreds of guests descended on the front lawn of Congregation Emanu El in late October. A great time was had by all! Thanks to our Brotherhood volunteers for helping make this event a success and for donating canned goods from the day to the Houston Food Bank.



Emanu El Makes a Difference on Mitzvah Day

Over 500 members of our community participated in Mitzvah Day this November impacting agencies including Undies for Everyone (pictured), Emergency Aid Coalition, Houston Food Bank, Richmond State School, AIDS Houston Food Pantry, DirectHOPE, Bethel Empowerment Center and the list goes on! We hope you had an opportunity to see the coverage in the Houston Chronicle, on KTRK-TV (ABC 13) and CW 39 NewsFix. Additional photos from Mitzvah Day can be found on the Emanu El Facebook page.



Emanu El Young Professionals To Serve Dinner To Ronald McDonald House On Christmas Eve

On **Saturday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.**, our Young Professional group will head over to the Ronald McDonald House on Holcombe to share in our tradition of eating Chinese food on Christmas and Christmas Eve. We will serve a catered meal to families from all over who are currently living at the facility and seeking pediatric treatment in the medical center for a wide variety of health issues. We will also be doing a fun craft with the kids who are currently receiving treatment and their siblings, as well. Space is limited to first 15 people who sign up, as RMH limits the group

number. Email Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org to secure a spot.

A little bit about the Ronald McDonald House: Holcombe House is a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are being treated at a Texas Medical Center member institution. The House has 50 private bedrooms equipped with two queen size beds and a full bath. Dedicated volunteers provide frequent meals and family activities for residents of the House. The House also has a Houston Independent School District schoolroom for patients and school bus transportation for siblings to area public schools. Additionally, families staying at Holcombe House are provided scheduled weekday van service to Texas Medical Center hospitals and a near-by grocery store.

Ellen Penner Religious School Fund Established

The Ellen Penner Religious School Fund was recently approved by the Congregation Emanu El Endowment Board.

This fund was established as part of Ellen’s legacy gift to Congregation Emanu El with the goal “to promote the spiritual growth of Helfman Religious School students.”

A long-standing, active and devoted member of the congregation, Ellen served with dedication and distinction as the twenty-ninth President of the synagogue. She lived a life of service based on the values of Judaism, contributing her energy and resources to causes that would benefit the Jewish community locally and abroad.

Individuals within the congregational community can follow the lead set by Ellen and others before her who have left legacy gifts.

Emanu El recently 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.

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](mailto:ElyseKalmans@elysekalmans@gmail.com).

Emanu El Announces Continued Enhancements to Campus Security

In the coming weeks, Congregation Emanu El will take another step forward in enhancing the security around its campus and preparing to improve the traffic flow to better accommodate the needs of congregants and visitors.

As part of a Homeland Security grant, a new vehicle and pedestrian gate will be installed on the west side of the campus, extending from just outside the board room to the fence north of the west surface lot. In addition, new access control devices will be installed on the east gate (entry closest to Main St.) as well as the new west vehicle and pedestrian Gates.

The new gate will enclose the west side to better protect this side of the facility and provide better control of vehicles that do not have CEE stickers.

Other recent upgrades to Emanu El include the installation of additional security cameras to the perimeter of the building. One of the recent security cameras installed was purchased by Rice University to help monitor pedestrian traffic coming through our facility by students of the Rice Graduate Apartments.

In an upcoming Temple *Bulletin*, we will share information pertaining to changes to traffic flow around our campus. When these changes occur, the ‘east gate’ (entry closest to Main St.) will become our primary point of entrance. These changes, in conjunction with the recognition of CEE stickers, will improve congregant’s and visitor’s access to our facility.

– Submitted by Security Taskforce

Rice “Running Loop” Security Notice

We know many of our congregants and community members take advantage of the beautiful “running loop” around Rice’s campus. As a reminder, Congregation Emanu El and Rice University’s Police Department urges those who utilize the “running loop” to be aware of their surroundings at all times, but especially after dark and in the early morning hours.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Judaism Through the Arts 10: Degas and the Dreyfus Affair: the Darker Side of Art and Politics

Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood and the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston, invite you to ***Judaism Through the Arts 10***, an illustrated lecture related to the museum's current exhibition of the works of Edgar Degas. Our speaker, Jane Evans of the MFAH curatorial staff, will discuss *Degas and the Dreyfus Affair: the Darker Side of Art and Politics*. The program will take place on **Wednesday, January 4th, from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** in the American General Conference Room, Mezzanine Level of the Beck Building, Museum of Fine Arts, 1001 Bissonnet.

The subjects covered will include: A falsely accused Jewish military officer. An artistic circle cleaved. A nation divided. We will weave together two true stories: the Dreyfus Affair, one of the greatest political and judicial scandals in French history and the life and work of one of the most prolific artists of the period, Edgar Degas. We will examine the details of Alfred Dreyfus' wrongful conviction and the subsequent effects on French society as well as on Degas and the Impressionists.

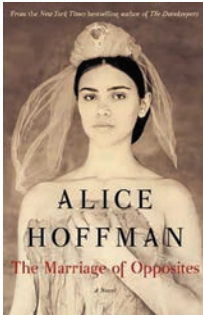
Sisterhood will serve refreshments and there will be an opportunity for questions. After the program you may join a special tour through the exhibition Degas: A New Vision focusing on works of art featured in the lecture.

There is no charge for the program or tour, but places are limited. Please reserve now for the lecture and if you wish to join the tour you may reserve at the same time. RSVP to sishood@emanuel.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.

Covered parking is available in the MFAH garage at 5600 Binz at Fannin for a small fee; uncovered parking is free directly across from the Law Building on Bissonnet.



Book Review: *The Marriage of Opposites*, by Alice Hoffman – Thursday, January 12th at 12:30 p.m.

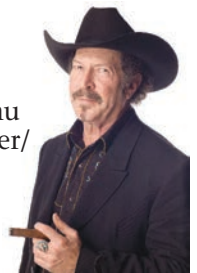


Reviewed by Ellen Grabois; Historical Fiction: "The Marriage of Opposites" is a carefully-researched, imaginative novel about a community of Jews who fled European persecution to the idyllic setting of St. Thomas. Hoffman introduces the reader to Jewish life on the island in the early 1800s. The main character, Rachel, is a passionate "rebel" who dreams of life in faraway Paris. Instead, Rachel is promised in marriage to an older widower with three children. When her husband dies suddenly, the family sends his handsome, much younger nephew, Frédéric Pizarro, to reinvigorate the family business. Rachel begins her story on her terms as she embarks on a lifetime love affair with and marriage to Frédéric. Fulfilling her girlhood dream, Rachel travels to Paris, where her youngest son, Camille Pissarro, becomes a famous painter. Pissarro, a son of Rachel Pomie and Frédéric Pizarro, is considered the father of the Impressionist style of painting.



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 25th** to Sylvia Brody, 2004 Vermont, Houston, TX 77019.



Partner With Sisterhood by Shopping at New Traditions Gift Shop

Chanukah is just around the corner. Time to start thinking about holiday gifts. New Traditions Gift Shop is ready to wow you with a variety of spectacular merchandise that is arriving daily. You will find unique serving pieces, beautiful trays and bowls to grace your table and complement those family meals. Visit the gift shop for Judaica, jewelry, home decor and books in addition to easy and convenient shopping with gifts for all occasions. Don't wait! Things are selling quickly. Your purchase at the gift shop supports Sisterhood's many commitments to the activities of Congregation Emanu El and the community and is greatly appreciated.

ACCESS FOR ALL

To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people

In Honor of

Harold Goldstein's Birthday

Paula & Lenny Holzband
Frances Kaminitz
Ginny & Gerald Kaminitz
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CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide & enhance Becker Early Childhood Center

In Honor of

Richard Plumb's Birthday & good health

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To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Honor of

The Bat Mitzvah of

Sarah Wechsler Kelly

Lisa Stone & Scott Cantor

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BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain & enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Harry Fradkin

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

CHESTER MARCUS

CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

In Memory of

Mina Pashkoff

Rabbi Allison, Charlie & Isaac Vann

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To provide programs & services for special needs children

In Memory of

Bobby Egalnick

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To enhance Emanu El's

communications with congregants

In Memory of

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Dolores Wilkenfeld

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EMANU ELDERS FUND

To provide programs for Emanu Elders

In Honor of

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Rabbi Allison, Charlie & Isaac Vann

In Memory of

Evelyn Finkelstein

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HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston

In Honor of

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Anniversary

Rici & Harold Miller

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of Royce Ann Slime

Barbara Feldman

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM

LEADERSHIP FUND

To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials & under-write leadership programs & speakers

In Honor of

The Speedy Recovery of Gladys Schnurr

Myra Lipper

In Memory of

Dan Gerson

Jay Karkowsky

Sam Keeper

Naomi Warren

Myra Lipper

GENERAL ENDOWMENT

FUND

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

In Honor of

Randy Herzstein's

Birthday

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GOCHMAN BECKER

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To provide for Transportation Fair & the librarian in Sugar's Library

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Joel Levy

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To provide prayer books for worship

In Memory of

Gena Goodfriend

Ruth Sherman

Felice & Ed Klein

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ENRICHMENT FUND

To support spiritual & cultural enrichment

In Honor of

Meredith & John Arms

The Bar Mitzvah of

David Askanase

Rici & Harold Miller

In Memory of

Marian Siegel

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Dan Gerson

Naomi Warren

Carol & Ronnie Rauch

RABBIS' GOOD WORKS FUND

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

In Honor of

Richard Plumb's

Birthday & Good Health

Marvin Cohen

Richard Plumb's Birthday

& Bar Mitzvah

Marianne & Larry

Greenfield

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Rabbi Samantha Kahn

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The Family of Naomi Warren

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To maintain & enhance the Robert I. Kahn Gallery

In Honor of

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*To help send Confirmation
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Rici Miller & Gena's Girl
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*To purchase & maintain Emanu
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In Memory of

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EXPERIENCE FUND**

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School high school students to
Israel*

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SISTERHOOD FUND

*To enhance the programming of
the Sisterhood*

In Honor of

The Speedy Recovery

of Carol Sue Zionts

Rici & Harold Miller

In Memory of

Ruth Sherman

Naomi Warren

Linda & Richard Zoll

**SUSMAN FUND FOR
FAMILY PROGRAMMING**

To support programs for families

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Pamela & Andrew Susman

TEMPLE FUND

*To support the needs of the
temple to fulfill the mission of
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YOUTH CORNER

2016-2017 Teen Interns

This year we are excited to be offering intern positions for a great team of Emanu El teens to work closely with our Experiential Education Coordinator Jamie Aaron: Autumn Russell, Marisa Papell, Noah Mattiuzzi, Rachel Feldman. We will highlight the teens' work here in future Temple *Bulletins*.

Ultimate Maccabee Warrior (9th-12th grade) Saturday, December 17th, 6:00– 8:00 p.m.

Save the date! All 9th-12th graders are welcome to come and battle it out in TEFTY's inflatable fight competition to see who the real Ultimate Maccabee Warrior is! With latkes and candle lighting, what more do you need for a complete Hanukkah celebration? For more information, contact Rabbi Samantha Kahn, RabbiSOK@emanuel houston.org, (713) 529-5771, ext. 203 or Jamie Aaron, jamiea@emanuelhouston.org, (713) 529-5771, ext. 204.

Community-Wide Jewish Heritage Tour of the South (8th-9th grade) December 18th-21st


Join 8th and 9th grade students from across Houston for this great Community-Wide Jewish Heritage Tour of the South! Keep an eye out for updated information on registration, cost and other details in Youth Event emails.

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Congregation Emanu El Hosting Yom Limmud

The community-wide Day of Jewish Learning known as ‘Yom Limmud’ will take place at Emanu El on **Sunday, February 19th**. Scores of seminars featuring presentations by clergy, Jewish educators, college professors and more will be facilitated throughout the day. Yom Limmud is generously underwritten by the Barish family and The Chair King.

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