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From Rabbi Hayon



Welcome to January and to 2017!

For a long time, historians and classicists worked under the assumption that this month took its name from the Roman god Janus, whose mythology assigns him dominion over transitions in both time and space. In ancient Roman cities, Janus's likeness was affixed to doorways, gates and

bridges, and offerings would be brought in his honor during the first days of each month. Janus is easily recognizable in ancient art, architecture and coinage by his most defining characteristic: he has two faces, one on the front of his head and one on the back. For this reason the two-faced god seemed to serve as a logical namesake for the month of January, the time when all of us simultaneously look forward and back. During the first days of this month, we hope to peer into the future that lies ahead of us, but can never restrain ourselves from looking backward as well, either with pride or with regret.

Interestingly, however, the most recent generation
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Rabbi Elaine Zecher To Speak As Part of Endowment Fund Speaker Series

Congregation Emanu El's 2016-17 Endowment Fund Speaker Series will take a turn from the musical to the liturgical as Rabbi Elaine Zecher will present, *The High Holy Day Prayerbook: Nurturing Our Inner Lives During the Days of Awe*, on **Wednesday, January 18th 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 Mishkan Ha'Nefesh.

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 Zecher is the second of three speakers in this year's series that 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

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Lisa Loeb In Concert at Emanu El on Sunday, January 8th at 10:00 a.m.

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!



Lisa Loeb

WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

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

Shabbat Sh'mot, Exodus 1:1-6:1

Friday, January 20th

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

Saturday, January 21st

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

Shabbat Va-eira, Exodus 6:2-9:35

Friday, January 27th

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

Saturday, January 28th

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

Shabbat Bo, Exodus 10:1-13:16

Friday, February 3rd

6:00 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman MP Room

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

Saturday, February 4th

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

Shabbat B'shalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16

Friday, February 10th

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

Saturday, February 11th

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

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

Bat Mitzvah of **Mackenzie Tobor**, daughter of Stephanie Tobor & Robert Tobor

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

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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 speaker is Rabbi Samuel E. Karff on **Thursday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m.** Cantor Richard Cohn, Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR visited in December.

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 Reichel

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, Wendy Hawkins & Avrim Fishkind, Sandy & Don Harris, Elyse & Lewis Kalmans, Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart, Ellen & Lewis Krinsky, Myra Lipper, Rhonda & Eric Lipper, David Odle, Becky Proler & Gretchen Gemeinhardt, Barbara & Donald Roseman, Robin & Rodney Roth, Richard Schechter, Phyllis & Steven Segal, 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.

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of scholarship about ancient Rome has revealed a fascinating finding about the month of January. Although “January” and “Janus” do share an etymological connection (and with the Latin word *ianua*, meaning “door”), the Romans’ patron deity of this month was not Janus, but Juno – the goddess of marriage, fertility and childbirth. Whereas Janus embodies a sense of ambivalence, of hesitant and reluctant travel through time and space, Juno is quite the opposite: she represents pure, exuberant, fruitful creation. Juno represents decisive, irrepressible creativity; hers is the most primal celebration of humanity’s generative capacity. Janus cannot help himself from looking backward; Juno insists on looking forward, only forward, toward what will be born, what will be created, what will spring joyfully into being in the year ahead.

Although Jewish tradition unambiguously rejects the suggestion that either Janus or Juno were divine, the differences in their respective mythologies can help us clarify our thinking as we enter this new month and this new month on the secular calendar. Are we beginning 2017 full of hope, joy and optimism, eager to see what wonderful things the future holds for us and excited for each new experience that lies ahead? Or are we stepping uncertainly into this year, unable to face the future without looking back regretfully at the past?

As in many cases, the proper way forward probably lies in what Maimonides called the *shvil ha-zahav*: the “golden path,” veering neither to one extreme nor to the other. For some of us, turning over a new page on our calendars this month provides us the opportunity to break free from regrets or disappointments we may have felt over the past year; others will find rewarding wisdom in tempering our New Year’s celebrations with some thoughtful self-reflection in order to ensure that we will not just be happier in 2017, but wiser as well.

Here at Emanu El, the wonderful temple staff and I are spending a great deal of time on similar work these days as we look back on our successes from 2016 and roll up our sleeves to plan for the next year of programming (would you believe we’ve already begun talking about the High Holy Days?). We are doing our best to be thoughtful and analytical about the lessons we have learned over the past year in order to bring about another year’s worth of inspiring and fulfilling experiences for our entire congregational community.

January will be especially exciting for me personally, as we begin a series of conversations this month about the search for our new congregational educator. Our lay and professional staff are working together to facilitate a series of small-group meetings in which we’ll have the opportunity to learn from each other about our members’ most memorable and impactful educational experiences (here at Emanu El and in other settings as well). I expect that these conversations will help broaden my understanding of the ways in which our community has created the most successful learning moments in its past; in this way, we will be poised to continue our strong legacy in the future as a congregation committed to ongoing, relevant, transformative Jewish learning. A listing of

the small group meetings and their intended audience are listed below.

I hope that 2017 will be a year filled with goodness, growth and blessing for you and for us all.

Congregational Educator Small Group Meetings (No RSVP required)

Saturday, January 7th at 9:15 a.m. –
Shabbat morning with Adult Learners

Sunday, January 8th at 9:00 a.m. –
Helfman Religious School parents

Wednesday, January 11th at 9:00 a.m. –
Becker Early Childhood Center parents

Thursday, January 12th at 5:00 p.m. –
B’nei Mitzvah parents

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Dee Dee Dochen was elected to the National Board of the American Leadership Forum board. In addition, Dee Dee and **Rabbi Oren Hayon** were named to the board of Jewish Family Services of Greater Houston.

Program Director **Jason Plotkin** was elected to the board of PEP-RJ (Program & Engagement Professionals of Reform Judaism) at the group’s annual conference held in San Antonio last week. **Andy Wayne** of Baltimore, son of our congregants Ed Wayne and Tatjana Poplvc completed his Presidency at the same conference and was elected Immediate Past President.

DEATHS

Florence Bahme, mother of Karen Mantel, Susan & Glenn Blumenfeld, Jennifer Bahme & Alberto Alvarez; grandmother of eight

Seymour Kovnat, husband of Beverly Kovnat; father of Brad Kovnat, Ellen & Steven Gemberling, Susan Cherry and Eileen Dadon; brother-in-law of Linda & Richard Zoll; brother of Lawrence Kovnat; grandfather of six; great grandfather of three

Elaine Tenenbaum, wife of Stan Tenenbaum; mother of Donna & Philip Tenenbaum; grandmother of Lisa & Alan Tenenbaum, Robyn Tenenbaum; great grandmother of James and Hazel Tenenbaum

Thomas Turpie, husband of Judith Lewis Turpie; father of David Spence Turpie; son-in-law of Marcia Brooks Lewis; brother of Libby & Steve Turpie, Ralph Lewis, Mitchell Lewis, Cynda & Stephen Lewis, Andrea & Dan Cook

Lawrence (Buddy) Bernard Weiser, brother of Alice Weiser Berkman & Ralph Berkman; father of Brandi & Daniel Bogar; grandfather of Hunter and Nia

Houston Community Takes Advantage of Congregation Emanu El's Holiday Shuk



Over 50 vendors filled both Feld Hall and the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room with the opportunity to sell items ranging from household goods and clothes to jewelry and Judaica at Emanu El's first-ever Holiday Shuk on Wednesday, November 30th. Several area non-profits were also on hand to promote their agencies and sell products.

A steady flow of shoppers visited the synagogue throughout the day, some spending hours perusing through both event spaces. Each of the 'for profit' vendors paid a minimal entry fee with a guarantee that 15 percent of their sales would be donated to Emanu El.

A portion of the proceeds from the event will be evenly split amongst scholarship funds at Emanu El's Becker Early Childhood Center and Helfman Religious School, in addition to the congregation's Temple Fund.

Following the success of this November's event and utilizing feedback taken in a survey of vendors, Emanu El has scheduled its second annual Holiday Shuk for **Wednesday, October 25, 2017**. More details will be announced in the coming months with vendor registration to begin shortly.

Rabbi Hayon Represents Emanu El at Mayor Turner Press Conference

On Monday, December 12th, Rabbi Oren Hayon represented Congregation Emanu El at a press conference hosted by Mayor Sylvester Turner announcing the creation of the Office of New Americans to help Houston residents, especially immigrants and refugees, to access City services with more ease.

Mayor Turner also announced at the press conference that he was developing the "Welcoming Houston" program, which will aim at improving the coordination between the City and community organizations to provide services to newcomers.

To watch the press conference, visit: <https://youtu.be/N4Zlar1SY8w>

Earlier this year, Mayor Turner was an invited guest to the Congregation's Rosh Hashanah services and has met with Rabbi Hayon on several occasions throughout his current term as Mayor of Houston.



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.

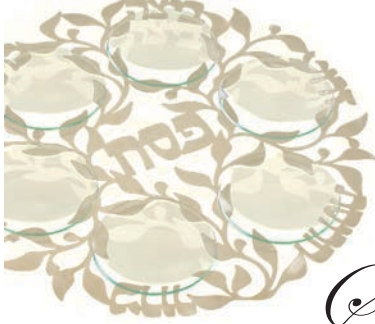
This year's 18-hole scramble event will begin with **lunch at 11:30 a.m.** followed by a **12:30 p.m. shotgun start**. Space is limited to the first 30 teams.

In addition to prizes for the low scoring teams, the Kiddush Cup will also features 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 \$500.

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.



Please join
Rabbi Oren Hayon
Rabbi Samantha Kahn
Rabbi Pamela Silk



for Congregation Emanu El's

Second Night Seder

Tuesday, April 11, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Kindly RSVP By Monday, April 3, 2017

Reserve your spot online at emanuelhouston.org or by returning the form below to:
 Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, Texas 77005

I (we) would like to reserve:

- Individual Seating
 Members: Adults (\$35 each) _____ Non-Members: Adults (\$40 each) _____
 Number of children 10 & under (\$18 each) _____
- Family Table of 10 – \$360
 Name on Table _____ Number of Tables _____
- Dietary Information (please indicate the number in your party)
 Vegetarian _____ Gluten-Free _____
- In my absence or in addition to my reservation, I (we) would like to donate \$_____ to allow our Seder to be accessible to those in need of financial assistance or are new to our community.

Payment Information:

Name _____
 Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

- Enclosed is my check for \$_____, made payable to Congregation Emanu El.
- Please charge my ticket(s) / table(s) to:
 - Visa MasterCard American Express Amount \$_____

Cardholder Name _____ Expiration _____
 Card Number _____ Security Code _____
 Phone _____ Email _____

Preferred Seating:

If available, I (we) wish to be seated with:

EMANU EL – AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-FEBRUARY

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 FEBRUARY 15TH

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.
9th – Gathering Place, 10:30 a.m.
11th – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 12:00 p.m.
12th – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
12th – Book Review: *The Marriage of Opposites*,
12:30 p.m.
18th – Kids' Meals, 9:30 a.m.,
(date change due to MLK Holiday)
18th – Speaker Series: Rabbi Elaine Zecher, 7:30 p.m.
20th – Shabbat & Play, 5:45 p.m.
24th – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
26th – Parents Series: Coffee Talk, 9:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 2nd** – Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
7th – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
8th – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 12:00 p.m.
9th – Sisterhood @ Celebration Company, 6:30 p.m.

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED:
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

COLLEGE STUDENT CORNER

Rabbi Kahn Visits College Station on Wednesday, February 8th

Rabbi Samantha Kahn is heading to College Station/Bryan to visit our students attending Texas A&M University at Napa Flats on Wednesday, February 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Napa Flats, 1727 Texas Ave. S, College Station, TX 77840. Are you an Emanu El college student at Texas A&M or know one? Make sure to invite them to this event! We look forward to seeing everyone there!

Houston Area College Students

Rabbi Kahn is looking to plan a dinner with y'all in March. 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.

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



There's less than a month remaining to secure your spot on 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.



MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome Our Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest members to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Lindsay & Jordan Hirsch, daughter Reeve, son Ledger

Adam Hollander & Adele Reeder, daughter Eila

Diana Murakhoushaya & Krishantha Goonetillene, daughter Ophelia

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.

Two Boy Scouts from Troop 1190 Earn Their Eagle Scout Rank



Matthew Nelson and Adam Glombicki from Troop 1190, sponsored by the Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El, were honored at an Eagle Court of Honor on Sunday, December 4th. Only 6% of boys starting their scouting career achieve the highest rank, Eagle Scout, nationwide.

These young men started Boy Scouts at age 11 and earned the Scout badge and then the ranks of Tenderfoot, Second Class, First Class, Star and Life, before reaching Eagle. Along the way, they each earned 13 required merit badges and at least nine elective merit badges, served in troop leadership positions for a total of 16 months, and spent at least 13 hours on service projects, not including the many other hours spent on each one's Eagle Scout service project. In all, each has completed approximately 325 different requirements. Both of the young men earned Jewish Scouting awards and both were also elected to Scouting's honor society, the Order of the Arrow.

Matthew, son of Phyllis and Robert Nelson, is a senior at The Energy Institute High School, an HISD Magnet STEM school, where he has excelled academically. Matthew wants to pursue a career in astronautical engineering. His career goal is to become an astronaut. For his Eagle Project, Matthew chose to convert a room at the Evergreen Pool in Bellaire into a lifeguard room. The project consisted of repairing a large 2' X 3' hole in the wall, constructing 3 work tables, and 3 shelves, and painting the inside and outside of the building.

Adam, son of Dr. Alan Glombicki and the late Dr. Sheri Ratoosh, is a senior at Emery Weiner School. Adam is an honor student who has been quite active in the Student Government Association, Model United Nations and Computer Science Club. Adam has also been a theater cast member and varsity cross country/soccer team player. He has served as an elected leader to BBYO. After graduation, Adam intends to pursue an Information Technology/ Intellectual Property Law career.

Adam's Eagle Project involved the construction of multiple raised garden beds at the Beth Yeshurun Day School.

All of the Scoutmasters who have served Troop 1190 during these boys' scouting careers were present for the ceremony: Peter Christie, Wayne Vincent, and current Scoutmaster Josh Rutenberg. Adam's two brothers who are also Eagle Scouts traveled to attend the ceremony. We are very proud of the 51st and 52nd Eagle Scouts for Troop 1190!

– Submitted by Wanda W. Rauscher, Troop 1190 Committee Chair

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Helfman Religious School Resumes on Sunday, January 8th and Wednesday, January 18th

Helfman Religious School Sunday classes resume on **Sunday, January 8th**. There will not be a morning chapel service. All students should go directly to class. Please join us at 10 a.m. in the Barish Sanctuary where Lisa Loeb will be performing live. It is going to be an entertaining and fun show. Wednesday classes resume on **Wednesday, January 18th**. We look forward to seeing your smiling faces in January!

Congregation Emanu El's Continued Commitment to AniMeals



Congregation Emanu El continues to partner with Interfaith Ministries for AniMeals, a program that provides local seniors with proper means to care for their pets. Canned dog and cat food, new flea collars, unused packaged toys, blankets, beds, bowls for eating are being accepted in bins in the school lobby and in the north foyer. For more information, contact Ellie Morse at eymorse@gmail.com.



CanCare Volunteer Training In February

Emanu El is an active partner with CanCare, a non-profit cancer support network with a mission to improve the quality of life for cancer survivors and their families. The next CanCare volunteer training class is scheduled for **February 10-12, 2017**.

Cancer survivors or caregivers of cancer survivors may be interested in offering one-on-one emotional support to others as they go through cancer treatment. The volunteer application can be found at cancare.org/volunteer along with more information about our program.

From the President – Jeff Basen-Engquist



As the light of the days lengthens and the vortex visits, we typically take time to look forward to exciting events. There is no shortage of important occasions on our calendar, of course, many of which I eagerly await. There are three significant items that first come to mind.

At the top of my list is the arrival of Cantor Rollin Simmons. On the heels of her informal debut at Sukkot, two springtime visits will bring us to July when she moves in to her Emanu El office. Our initial year together will include the first High Holidays with our clergy team as well as her installation. There will be introductions with congregants and B'nai Mitzvah students and the ongoing mutual exchange of experiences. As one who often seeks prayer through music, I look forward to learning from her and observing the blending of our rich

musical tradition with her knowledge and touch.

We also will begin our journey with the new Reform Movement machzor, Mishkan HaNefesh. This new prayer book is designed to parallel Mishkan T'filah. Feedback from our recent survey suggests the portion of it included in this year's services was very well received. Soon our clergy will begin extensive planning for next year's high holiday services to make our experience uplifting and comfortable. Cantor Cohn, who beautifully elevated our prayer this year, spoke at our recent Endowment Fund Series about how so much 'new' music is constructed to reflect both the specific prayer and our familiar refrains. Cantor Simmons will join our clergy in helping us comfortably cross this bridge. As a reminder, free copies of Gates of Repentance may be acquired by contacting the office.

Third, as I mentioned last month, we anticipate having new leadership for our education program, including Helfman Religious School. Our rabbis are examining extant models from across our movement. Rabbi Hayon is meeting with representative stakeholders from all levels of our education programs, child and youth through adult, to assist him in better understanding their experiences of our current offerings and aspirations for education programming. Needless to say, our rabbis and cantor will have an active role in this area alongside the new leader.

And I look forward to many of our traditional and newer yearly offerings. Our Sisterhood Annual Fundraiser this year stars Kinky Friedman. Our Brotherhood's Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year Dinner always is a highlight. Both auxiliaries will present and support numerous meaningful and fun community events. From Shabbat on the Green to Holiday Shuk, we will be in the community and inviting them to our home. Emanu El will host Yom Limmud **Sunday, February 19th**. Program Director Jason Plotkin, Membership and Outreach Coordinator Jill Patir, clergy and lay leaders work with diverse groups (Young Professionals, Emanu Elders, meditators, Mitzvah Day and sack lunch for Search volunteers, Torah studiers, etc.) throughout the year to help us perform service and deepen our religious experience and understanding.

Please join me in this moment of reflection and renewal. As the darkness diminishes, our common hopes are exposed and the glow of shared experiences to come brightens our path.

My Generation Wraps Tour of NRG Stadium, Prepares for February Shabbat Dinner

'My Generation' – a social group for those at least 65 years of age – recently toured NRG Stadium before heading to lunch at Pappadeaux's. The NRG Stadium tour included a look on the field, in the locker rooms and in the press box just weeks before the city of Houston prepares to host the Super Bowl!

The next event will come on **Friday, February 17th** as My Generation enjoys Shabbat with the Shabbatoners in the Proler Chapel at 6:00 p.m. before staying for dinner and good company at approximately 7:15 p.m. – another great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make news one.

The cost is just \$12 and registration can be completed on the www.EmanuElHouston.org web site. For more information, contact Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262. The My Generation committee includes Lindy Dorn, Susie Askanase, Sharon Ettinger, Elaine Lowenstein, Rose Marie Wagman and Brenda Lind.



High Holy Day Survey Recap

For a second straight year, several hundred Congregation Emanu El families took the time to respond to our High Holy Day survey that was issued shortly after Yom Kippur via e-mail and again in the November edition of the Temple Bulletin.

In general, feedback remained very positive. Approximately 83% of those surveyed indicated that they would agree with the statement "this year's High Holy Day experience was meaningful and fulfilling for me personally" and roughly 84% agreed that they would recommend the High Holy Days at Emanu El to a friend or relative.

Nearly all the participants in this year's survey took advantage of the space enabling congregants to submit specific comments or feedback. These helpful comments will assist the clergy in refining the liturgical, musical and intellectual content of the holidays as we prepare for a transition to Mishkan Ha'Nefesh, the Union for Reform Judaism's new machzor.

Additionally, the comments enabled our clergy and administrative teams to get a sense of areas we improved on based on the 2015 survey while creating a road map from both a ritual and administrative perspective for how we can best plan for 2017.

Our Emanu El team is very grateful to everyone who took the time to offer their input and comments, and remain committed to an ongoing process of self-review in order to meet the many needs of our large and robust community of faith.



Minyan Leaders Sought

Add a new mitzvah to your life in 2017. Become part of the terrific team of daily minyan service leaders. Leading our daily minyan service is a beautiful way of getting involved in our congregation. If you are comfortable with the regular prayers you likely have what it takes to be a special service leader. Contact Rabbi Silk for more information and personalized training.

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 Tuesday, January 31st.



Deadline for Financial Aid for Jewish Summer Camp – Sunday, January 22nd

We are pleased to be able to extend financial aid for Jewish summer camp in the form of need-based grants which allow our congregation's children – who would otherwise be unable to attend to have Jewish summer camp experiences. Families in need of financial assistance should contact Matthew Silverman in our Helfman Religious School at MatthewS@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 239 by Sunday, January 22nd so that aid can be made accessible to all who are in need.

PARENTING PROGRAMS

Coffee Talk (formerly Brown Bag Parenting)

This year's Coffee Talk series continues on Thursday, January 26th with Work It Out Yourself: Adventures in Raising Siblings and will conclude on Thursday, March 23rd, Confident Parenting: Staying Positive and Remaining Sane. Both gatherings are at 9:15 a.m. Please join us for coffee and good conversations.



Congregation Emanu El Hosting Yom Limmud, Barish Limmud Scholar Rabbi Naomi Levy



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.

As part of the festivities surrounding Yom Limmud, Emanu El will be hosting Barish Limmud scholar, Rabbi Naomi Levy throughout the weekend as our scholar-in-residence.

Rabbi Levy is founder and spiritual leader of Nashuva, a groundbreaking Jewish outreach organization based in Los Angeles which is a unique and passionate voice in the contemporary Jewish world.

During her weekend at Emanu El, Rabbi Levy will give a guest d’var Torah on Friday night during **Friday, February 17th** Kabbalat Shabbat worship at 6:00 p.m. before leading a study session at 9:15 a.m. on **Saturday, February 18th**. She will conclude her weekend of appearances as one of the featured speakers at Yom Limmud.

Through Nashuva, Naomi has been involved in drawing hundreds of unaffiliated Jews back to a Judaism that is soulful, committed to social justice, meaningful, relevant and fun. The Jewish Forward listed Rabbi Levy as one of the 50 most influential Jewish leaders in the nation. Newsweek Magazine named Rabbi Levy in its “Top 50 Rabbis in America” list.

A nationally famous author and speaker, Naomi attended Cornell University where she graduated Phi Beta Kappa and Summa Cum Laude. She was in the first class of women to enter The Jewish Theological Seminary’s rabbinical school. At the seminary, Naomi received honors as outstanding underclass student of Talmud and outstanding underclass rabbinical student. She became the first female Conservative rabbi to head a pulpit on the West Coast.



Yom Limmud Seeks Volunteers to Make Day A Success

Emanu El is hosting the Federation’s community-wide day of learning, Yom Limmud, this year on **Sunday, February 17th**. Yom Limmud brings together over 1,200 Jews from all denominations to one place at one time to learn, shop, schmooze, nosh, sing and play. There are classes and activities for learners of all ages. As you might imagine, many volunteers providing diverse services are needed in order to make Yom Limmud 2017 as great a success as it has been in the past. We hope you will join us as an active member of the Yom Limmud team! For more information, visit houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud or contact Barbara Loeser at bloeser@houstonjewish.org or (713) 729-7000, ext. 321.



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

Latke Making Team Helps Usher in Chanukah

Kudos to our Latke making team led by Terri Cominsky for frying up over 1,200 latkes for this past month's Chanukah Latke Supper. We are grateful to those individuals who take part in this annual tradition of coming together and making latkes.



Rachel Stern of ISJL Visits for Weekend in December

Congregation Emanu El hosted Rachel Stern of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) during the first weekend of December. Rachel lent some muscle to our Tot Shabbat on Friday night, before leading a study session on Saturday morning and an in-service with our Helfman Religious School teachers on Sunday during her stay. Thanks Rachel!

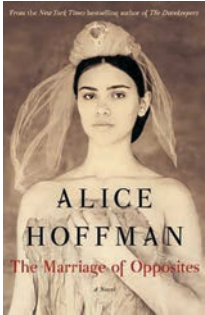
Wolf Scouts from 1190 Launch Chanukah Celebration

The Wolf Scouts from Emanu El's Troop 1190 found a unique way to help launch Chanukah festivities around Emanu El. The group designed menorahs out of various boxes and other household items.



SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

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 Pizarro, becomes a famous painter. Pizarro, a son of Rachel Pomie and Frédéric Pizarro, is considered the father of the Impressionist style of painting.



Sisterhood to Have An Evening at Celebration Company

On **Thursday, February 9th at 6:30 p.m.**, the Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood will have a social evening and do a mitzvah all at once. We will be meeting at Celebration Company, located at 4131 South Braeswood, enter on Linkwood, to roll beeswax candles and enjoy each other’s company, and some nibbles and wine. The shop at Celebration Company will be open for your gift buying needs as well. We sell their products in the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

Celebration Company is part of Jewish Family Service. It is a social entrepreneurial program for adults with disabilities. This organization provides life skills and meaningful employment to individuals who, with joy and purpose, provide services and create products that celebrate the good of life.

Head to the doors by the sunflowers and menorah. We can’t wait to see how you roll!



An Evening with Kinky Friedman on Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood invites the community to our annual fundraiser, “Presenting an Evening with Kinky Friedman” on **Thursday, March 23rd at 7:00 p.m.** at the synagogue, located at 1500 Sunset Blvd.

A delicious Texas dinner will add just the right touch and kickoff the festivities. We will share a rowdy, rambunctious and wickedly entertaining evening with Kinky, the legendary one-of-a-kind colorful Texas personality, who is equal parts singer, songwriter, humorist, cowboy and best-selling mystery writer. An outrageous, irreverent and thought-provoking evening is guaranteed.

Kinky has received rave reviews from sold-out audiences. His comments have appeared in *The New York Times*, *Texas Monthly* and *Playboy*, and he has been a regular on cable networks of every stripe. His books have been read around the world from Bill Clinton to Nelson Mandela. Reviews of Kinky’s shows have been off the chart.

Plan on being a part of this special event and mark the date on your calendar as Kinky is looking forward to entertaining and connecting with his Houston friends. You don’t want to miss it!

Contact Sisterhood office for more information at (713) 529-5771 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Tickets and patron opportunities are available now at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

This co-ed event is rated MA. (Intended for Mature Audiences, 21 and up only, please). Very opinionated views on controversial topics – guaranteed to offend.



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

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.



Sisterhood Caterers Acknowledged for 40 Years

The 'Sisterhood Caterers' team of Anne Joachim, Inez Taylor and Rita Wilkenfeld recently completed a run of over 40 years of service to the congregation in their roles working in the kitchen.

Sisters Anne and Inez followed the examples of their parents Louise & Edward Nagel, who contributed greatly to the synagogue during their lifetime. The Nagels showed their daughters at an early age how important it was to volunteer and provide service to Emanu El.

Along with the sisters' good friend Rita, the 'catering trio' stepped into the Sisterhood catering role, which expanded greatly under their leadership, developing into an important fundraising branch of the Sisterhood.

Over the last four decades, Anne, Inez and Rita played a large part in Emanu El's national reputation for its warmth and hospitality, serving up meals to thousands upon thousands of individuals from congregants to community members and beyond.

Kiddush luncheons and other simchas always provided the outlet for guests to Emanu El to enjoy such popular recipes such as 'Sisterhood chicken' and cheese soufflé. The popular beef tenderloin always awaited guests at the Brotherhood's Congregant of the Year and their cookies represented a personal favorite of Emanu El board members dating back years.

To commemorate the conclusion of over four decades of involvement with catering at Emanu El, the Board of Trustees wrote personal 'thank you' messages to the trio at their recent board meeting, in addition to contributing to a gift to honor the Sisterhood catering trio. The Sisterhood Board will recognize the 'Sisterhood Caterers' at their January board meeting.

The Board of Trustees, staff and membership of Congregation Emanu El would like to thank Anne, Inez and Rita for their significant contributions over the last 40-plus years.



From left to right: The "Sisterhood Caterers" team of Inez Taylor, Rita Wilkenfeld and Anne Joachim at the 25th anniversary celebration of Rabbi Walter's tenure at Emanu El.

ACCESS FOR ALL

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

The Birth of Willow Cowan
Sara Astrich

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHER ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants

In Memory of
Frank Fishman
Melinda & Steven Gordon & Family

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

To support small & emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houston

In Honor of
Shel Vedlitz
M. L. Shniderson

In Memory of
Sam Keeper

Sylvia & Aubrey Farb
Phyllis Schaffer
Steven Fenberg

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships

In Honor of
Allen Becker
Ricki & Milton Frankfort

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide & enhance Becker Early Childhood Center

In Honor of
Peri Patel
Brooke & Jonathan Reichek

In Memory of
Florence Bahme

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CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain & enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of
Max Jacobson
Rozelle & Herman Schultz
Raya Meyerson
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CHESTER MARCUS CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

In Memory of
Tom Turpie
fredi & Paul Franks

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston

A Donation
Shelia Heimbinder

In Honor of
Shel Vedlitz

Sara Astrich
The Birth of Hannah Beth Spinner

The Speedy Recovery of Royce Ann Slime
Sara Astrich

In Memory of
David S. Kaufman
Pamela Kaufman & Dennis Keierleber

ELLEN HURWITZ PENNER RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

To promote the spiritual growth of Helfman Religious School students

In Honor of
Ellen Kleinman being named Volunteer of the Year for Aishel House
Shari Penner

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

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

In Honor of
The Speedy Recovery of Sandy Lusky
Myra Lipper

In Memory of
Raya Meyerson
Myra Lipper

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To enhance musical programming

In Memory of
Sandra Diane Kuper
Ivan Koop Kuper

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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

In Honor of
Betty Rosenthal's 80th Birthday
Donna & Philip Tenenbaum

In Memory of
Florence Bahme

Brenda Lind
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HAROLD REINGOLD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

To enhance Helfman Religious School programs

In Memory of
Arthur Zidel
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To maintain & enhance the playground

In Memory of
Raya Meyerson
Gay Yellen

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To provide arts programs for children

In Memory of
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Jean Goldberg
Sondra Ross

JULIUS NATHAN MUSIC FUND

To provide musical programs

In Honor of
The Speedy Recovery of Kathy Parven
Sara Astrich

JULIUS ZINN FUND

To provide & enhance congregation programs

In Memory of
Phyllis Schaffer
Harriet Zinn

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To maintain & enhance the Kagan Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of
Hal Lapidus
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To support mitzvah projects that improve life for Houstonians

In Honor of
All the Sixth Graders, Teachers, Jason Plotkin & Rabbi Pam Silk
Janice & Jerry Spencer

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To enhance Helfman Religious School programs & provide funds for teachers to attend conferences

In Memory of
Phyllis Schaffer
Betty Rae & Ralph Cohen

PRAYER BOOK FUND

To provide prayer books for worship

In Memory of
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Ruth Datz, Marilyn & Michael

RABBI ROY WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND

To support spiritual & cultural enrichment

In Honor of
Shel Vedlitz
Lillian Putterman
The Speedy Recovery of Kathy Parven
Hilda & Bobby Frank

In Memory of
Florence Bahme

Family of Florence Bahme
Raya Meyerson
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Rici & Harold Miller, Dena & David Linda & Katie & Adam Miller

RABBIS' GOOD WORKS FUND

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

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In Honor of
Bernie Berman's 80th Birthday

Marianne & Larry Greenfield
Betty Rosenthal's 80th Birthday

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To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

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In Memory of
Ronald Cohen

Joel Levy
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RIVA BURSTEN CARING CONGREGATION FUND
To support programs that assist people in the community
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Pat & Aaron Fradkin

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In Honor of
Bernie Berman's 80th Birthday
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In Honor of
The Birth of Hannah Beth Spinner
Nancy Peskin

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To present annual lectures by Reform scholars
In Memory of
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To send Helfman Religious School high school students to Israel
In Honor of
Betty Rosenthal's 80th Birthday
Marlene Rubin

SISTERHOOD FUND
To support Sisterhood programming
In Honor of
Betty Rosenthal's 80th Birthday
Phyllis Gresser

Diane Puschett
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Rita Wilkenfeld
Sara Astrich
The Bat Mitzvah of Lindsay Frankfort
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In Memory of
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Ann Oppman
Joe Segel
Linda & Richard Zoll

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To support programs for families
In Honor of
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Pam, Andrew, Aron, Olivia, Braden, Zachary & Alexis Susman

In Memory of
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Linda Susman

TEMPLE FUND
To support the needs of the temple & to fulfill the mission of Congregation Emanu El
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Jackie & Monroe Cutler
Barbara Hurst's Birthday
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Lawrence "Buddy" Weiser
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YOUTH CORNER

January 13th-16th – GreeneSki 9th-12th Grade Winter Park, Colorado

Ready for an adventure? Seasoned and first time skiers alike are invited to join us in Winter Park, Colorado for our third annual GreeneSki. Spend time on the slopes with other Jewish teens from Texas and Oklahoma. We will stay at a Winter Park ski resort condo, make our meals together, celebrate Shabbat, and of course spend lots of time on the mountains! More information and registration here: <https://greene.org/event/greeneski/>.


January 27th-29th – NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave 9th-12th Grade Fort Worth, Texas

FWFTY in Fort Worth, Texas hosts Winter Conclave: an exciting NFTY weekend planned and led by teens from around Texas and Oklahoma, spend time in the Fort Worth area, participate in a social action project, and celebrate Shabbat as a community. More information and registration here: <https://greene.org/event/winter-conclave/>.

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A Comedic Purim Evening with Keith Barany

On **Saturday, March 11th at 7:00 p.m.**, we'll begin the evening with Havdalah and the reading of the *Megillah* before enjoying the comedic antics of Keith Barany. A Jewish comedian with a quality shtick, Keith was a contributing writer on *Seinfeld* and currently contributes to *The Jimmy Kimmel Show*. Keith's set will be followed by a reception. Free and open to the community.

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