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From Rabbi Hayon



The Hidden Messages of Purim

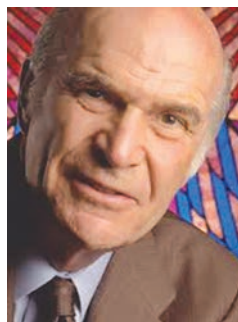
This time of year is always a favorite for Jewish families – and especially for those of us with young children. How many of us still have vivid memories from our own childhoods about the joy of Purim – dressing up in costume, enjoying sweet treats and giggling at the Pu-

rim Spiel? Every time Purim rolls around again, we are reminded of those joyful experiences of youth – but at the same time, we ought not to overlook the more mature elements of the holiday.

While Purim is generally experienced as a children’s holiday, its core messages are relevant and meaningful even to the most sophisticated and mature among us. Haman’s brutality, Ahasuerus’s simple-mindedness, Mordecai’s subtle advocacy, and Esther’s impassioned pleas for the salvation of her people – the words and deeds of these ancient characters remain compelling in our own day. Our

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Rabbi Samuel Karff to Close Out Endowment Fund Speaker Series on Thursday, March 9th



Congregation Emanu El’s Endowment Fund Speaker Series entitled *Pathway to the Future: A New Look at Reform Jewish Worship* concludes on **Thursday, March 9th at 7:30 p.m.** as Rabbi Samuel Karff presents, *The Changing Face of Reform Judaism – An Eye Witness Account*.

Rabbi Karff serves as Rabbi Emeritus at Congregation Beth Israel and is a past President of the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and the *Journal of Reform Judaism’s* former editor.

During his presentation, Rabbi Karff will speak to the rich history of the Reform Movement through his eyes as it changed from ‘Classical Reform’ to ‘Post-Modern Reform’. He will also share how both are authentic expressions of Liberal Judaism in their time.

Rabbi Karff formerly served as Associate Director and visiting professor in the Department of Family Medicine at UT Health. After retiring from the rabbinate in

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Sisterhood Hosting An Evening with Kinky Friedman

Congregation Emanu El’s Sisterhood will be hosting an evening starring Kinky Friedman on **Thursday, March 23rd beginning at 7:15 p.m.** Friedman is a singer, songwriter, novelist, humorist and an occasional Texas politician.

A pre-event patron reception begins at 6:30 p.m. with dinner in Feld Hall starting at 7:15 p.m.

The program with Friedman will kick off at 8:00 p.m.

The dinner event with Friedman is a change from the past for the Sisterhood, which has historically hosted a luncheon for its annual fundraiser.

The Sisterhood utilizes the funds raised at the fundraiser and through

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat T'ruman, Exodus 25:1-27:19

Friday, March 3rd

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Cory Kardesch**, son of Katherine & Matthew Kardesch & **Abigail Goldman**, daughter of Erin & Brian Goldman

Saturday, March 4th

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of Cory Kardesch and Abigail Goldman

Shabbat T'zaveh, Exodus 27:20-30:10

Friday, March 10th

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

Saturday, March 11th

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

Shabbat Ki Tisa, Exodus 30:11-34:35

Friday, March 17th

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

Saturday, March 18th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Dylan Canfield**, son of Steven Canfield & Cara Foldes

Shabbat Vayak'heil/P'kudei, Exodus 35:1-40:38

Friday, March 24th

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

Saturday, March 25th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Colton Schwartzberg**, son of Sheri Schwartzberg

Shabbat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1-5:26

Friday, March 31st

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

Saturday, April 1st

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Hannah Dunnam**, daughter of Ruth & Jeffrey Dunnam and **Madelaine Rose**, daughter of Vivian Rose

Shabbat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1-8:36

Friday, April 7th

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'not Mitzvah of **Bonnie Robbins**, daughter of Debbie & Samuel Robbins and **Amara Freedson**, daughter of Jessica & Arwyn Freedson

Saturday, April 8th

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of Bonnie Robbins and Amara Freedson

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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Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El Hosting An Evening with Kinky Friedman

its New Traditions gift shop for hospitality around Emanu El, providing programs for its Emanu Elders seniors group, support for several local charities (including SEARCH, House of Tiny Treasures, Jewish Family Service, Undies for Everyone, Houston Food Bank, Dress For Success), scholarships at Hebrew Union College, camperships at Greene Family Camp and more.

In addition to the fundraiser, Sisterhood is also asking community members for assistance in collecting items to restock the Jewish Family Services (JFS) which is need of items for emergency relief kits and necessity bags for seniors. The emergency relief kits will provide

those in need with food for three-to-four days in case of an emergency while the necessity bags provide items needed by senior clients in their daily lives.

Items requested by JFS include Kosher food items (K, O or U on the label) such as cracker and cheese sandwiches (Austin brand), unsalted saltine crackers, fruit cups, granola bars, peanut butter, tuna, unsweetened applesauce and low sodium soups. Non-food items include hand or battery can openers, flashlights, toilet paper, paper towels, plastic bags, plastic silverware, unscented soap, shampoo, dental floss, deodorant, razors, shaving cream and incontinence pads. These items can be dropped off outside the Sisterhood office at Emanu El.

For information on the donor fundraising event or the JFS project associated with the event, contact the Emanu El Sisterhood at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or Sisterhood@emanuelhouston.org.

Registration for the fundraiser can be done at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

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modern lives can find powerful resonance in the timeless messages of the *Book of Esther* – but only if we open ourselves up to its truth. Like all Jewish observances, we can only fully appreciate the grown-up power of Purim if we immerse ourselves in it and make room in our busy lives for its moral commands. Every one of us is called by the imperative of Esther 9:22: *Send gifts to one another, and give charity to the poor!*

Mishloach manot (sending gifts to one another) and *matanot la-eyyonim* (giving charity to the poor) are among the central commandments of this holiday, reminding us of our core Jewish responsibilities to live life joyfully and share our blessings with those who are in need. Even though Purim invites light-heartedness, fun and silliness, it is undergirded by these very serious commandments to recommit ourselves to the sustenance of our community. Giving to the needy is always a core Jewish value, but this commandment takes on a new power when rooted in the context of Purim. It reminds us not to be distracted by surface appearances; the farcical nature of the holiday drives home this deep truth in a way no other holiday can. Lest we forget that “there is always more than meets the eye,” Purim hastens to remind us of this eternal Jewish truth. Leading ourselves deeper into the practice of generosity – on Purim, of all times – reminds us that even at times of great levity and celebration, we must remain sensitive to the needs of others.

And so, as we enter into this most joyous time of the Jewish year, let us recommit ourselves to the great gifts of Jewish life: celebrating the reassuring warmth of community, and doing all we can to ease the burdens of others. However we engage with it, as children or adults, Purim presents a time of joy and celebration and an invitation to recommit ourselves to the needs of others in our community.



Hosting An Oneg To Honor A Simcha

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

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

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

BIRTHS

Hana Adira Braunfeld, daughter of Mara & Daniel Braunfeld; granddaughter of Rabbi Matt Michaels, Bertha & Charley Braunfeld; great granddaughter of Molly & Hal Friedman

Prianna Elise Jackson, daughter of Leanne & Shawn Jackson; granddaughter of Mima Jackson, Phyllis Kolnick, David Vladimir Kolnick; great granddaughter of Perry Lloyd Jackson, Hyman Blechman, Esther Kolnick

Sadie Dylan Callow, daughter of Natalie Naughton Callow & Craig Callow; granddaughter of Lana & Craig Armstrong, Karen & Don Naughton, Elaine Callow

WEDDING

Hilary Rosenstein & Blake Helfman

Ashly McKinney & Asher Braunig

DEATHS

Yetta (Babe) Green, mother of Kenneth Green

Meyer Lewis, husband of Anita Lewis; father of Felice & Ed Klein and Rhonda & Randy Hardaway; grandfather of Marlee and Janelle Klein and Lauren Hardaway; brother of Ruth & Ben (Buddy) Lewis

Albert Stein, husband of Emily Weingarten-Stein; father of Marsha Stein Schooler & Lonnie Schooler, Paula & Rick Stein, Ronnie Stein, Joanne Stein Letlow & John Letlow; step-father of Steve Weingarten & Grant Hester, Irene Weingarten, Shelly & Vic Wisner, Sharon & Mike Segal; grandfather of Jolie & Larry Schooler, Lauren Schooler, Katie Stein, Meghan & David Stein, Julie Stein Feldman & Mat Feldman, Justin Stein, Mandy Stein, Kyle Stein; step-grandfather of Jonathan and David Wisner, Shawn Segal, Elaine & Mark Weingarten, Whitney & Daniel Weingarten, Adam Weingarten, Lauren Weingarten; great grandfather of four

YOUTH CORNER

Are Your Kids Going to Camp? We'd Love to Have their Information!

Are your children going to camp this summer? Our clergy would love to keep in contact! Please write to Alisha Klapholz, alishak@emanuelhouston.org, with your children's name(s), the camp name, camp address, bunk information and the dates that they will be there.



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Rabbi Samuel Karff to Close Out Endowment Fund Speaker Series

1999, he founded the Health and Human Spirit Program, the precursor to the McGovern Center. He co-created the Sacred Vocation Program and previously served as the program's co-director and instructor. A widely-published author, he has lectured extensively in this country and abroad.

Rabbi Karff earned an A.B., Magna Cum Laude, from Harvard College and a Doctor of Hebrew Letters from the Hebrew Union College. Before joining the McGovern Center, he served for over two decades as the senior rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel, Texas' oldest synagogue. A former president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis, he also taught in the Department of Religious Studies at Rice University.

Rabbi Karff is the third and final speaker 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 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 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.

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This speaking engagement is free and open to the community. It will include an opportunity to ask questions of the guest and be followed by a reception.



6th Annual Kiddush Cup Classic – Thanks To Our Sponsors

Congregation Emanu El was scheduled to host its sixth annual Kiddush Cup Classic on **Monday, March 6th** – weather permitting – at Braeburn Country Club.

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 – a listing of which can be found below. A write-up of the day will be shared in the April edition of the Temple *Bulletin*.

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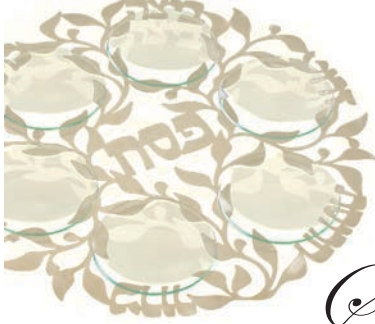
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Please join
Rabbi Oren Hayon
Rabbi Samantha Kahn
Rabbi Pamela Silk



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:

PASSOVER EVENTS & HAPPENINGS AT EMANU EL

Passover Worship Schedule

Monday, April 10th
Passover Eve – 5:00 p.m.
Tuesday, April 11th
Passover Service – 10:30 a.m.
Tuesday, April 11th
Second Night Seder – 6:00 p.m.
Sunday, April 16th
Passover Service – 5:00 p.m.
Monday, April 17th
Passover Yizkor – 10:30 a.m.

Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.

Come roll up your sleeves and gather with other men (as well as their kids and special friends) at Emanu El on **Thursday, April 6th at 6:00 p.m.** just before Passover to make yummy chocolate matzah treats! Your friends and family will thank you for bringing these awesome treats to your seder! Matzah and awesome toppings provided at no cost! Just bring your creativity and love of food and fellowship.

This event including a pizza dinner is sponsored by the Brotherhood. For more information, contact Brotherhood president Lewis Kalmans at lewis.kalmans@ms.com.



Sisterhood New Traditions Is Ready for Passover

The Sisterhood's New Traditions gift shop can help you prepare for ALL your Passover needs. Seder plates, cookbooks, children's books, toys and more are all available. Need new Haggadots? We have lots, from *Sammy Spiders First Haggadah* to the *60 Minute Seder* and many more. Stop by New Traditions as you get ready for your families Seder.

Proceeds from purchases made at New Traditions benefit the Sisterhood. For more information, contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.



The New Traditions gift shop has plenty of Passover items on sale from Seder plates to haggadah and more! Proceeds from the sales benefit the Sisterhood and in turn, the entire Congregation.

Second Night Seder at Emanu El Tuesday, April 11th at 6:00 p.m.

The congregation and community are invited to join us for our Fourth Annual Second Night Seder (an RSVP form is on page 5 of this Temple *Bulletin* or on EmanuElHouston.org).

A Passover Seder led by our clergy, this fun-filled Seder will feature all of your great Seder staples from matzah ball soup to gefilte fish, the four questions to Diyenu! Registration is open and donations are appreciated in order for the synagogue to make Seder accessible for everyone. The registration deadline is Monday, April 3rd.

For more information, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuel-houston.org.

EMANU EL – AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-APRIL

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 our weekly Wednesday eLetter, on the Emanu El website: www.emanuelhouston.org and/or on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS THROUGH APRIL 15TH

MARCH

- 7th** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 8th** – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 12:00 p.m.
- 9th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.
- 9th** – Book Review: *Fields of Exile*, 12:30 p.m.
- 9th** – Endowment Speaker Series:
Rabbi Samuel Karff, 7:30 p.m.
- 11th** – Emanu El's Purim Celebration, 4:30 – 8:30 p.m.
- 13th** – Gathering Place, 10:30 a.m.
- 21st** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 23rd** – Parenting Series: Coffee Talk, 9:15 a.m.
- 28th** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 31st – 1st** – Cantor Rollin Simmons Visit

APRIL

- 2nd** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 6th** – Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah, 6:30 p.m.
- 6th** – YP: Let My People Drink, 7:30 p.m.
- 9th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.
- 9th** – My Generation: Messina Hof Tour & Lunch,
8:45 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- 9th** – GFC Reunion & Meet-Up, 12:00 p.m.
(after Religious School)
- 10th** – Gathering Place, 10:30 a.m.
- 11th** – Second Night Seder, 6:00 p.m.
- 12th** – Age-ing & Sage-ing, 12:00 p.m.
- 13th** – *Work of Our Hands*, 10:00 a.m.

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, APRIL 4th

Upcoming Programs At Emanu El

A Fun-Filled Afternoon, Evening of Purim Activities for All Ages at Emanu El

Congregation Emanu El will have a wide-range of activities to celebrate Purim on **Saturday, March 11th beginning at 4:30 p.m.** The afternoon begins with family-friendly magician Robert Berry at 4:30 p.m. before continuing with our 2nd annual 'Purim & Pasta' dinner at 5:30 p.m.

The event continues at 6:30 p.m. with Havdalah, the reading of the Megillah and the annual Purim Schpiel before concluding at 7:30 p.m. with an adult-comedy show featuring the antics of Keith Barany. There is literally something for every age and stage – with all encouraged to dress up in costumes to join in on the festivities!



Magician, Robert Berry

Robert has been entertaining audiences professionally for over twenty years and is one of the most highly recommended performers in the market.

Robert's magic has been called strong, engaging and entertaining by

top industry leaders. He has a friendly, engaging style that will keep the youngest of attendees actively entertained throughout his show!

"Purim & Pasta" and Megillah and Schpiel

The "Purim & Pasta" dinner is \$5 for children and \$10 for adults with payment accepted via EmanuElHouston.org with an RSVP deadline of **Wednesday, March 8th.**

The *Megillah* reading and schpiel at 6:30 p.m. are free and open to the community and will be followed by a chance to nosh on some fantastic hamantashen!

Comedian, Keith Barany

Keith Barany is our nightcap for the festivities and is a Jewish comedian with a quality shtick and was billed by the *New York Post* as the "wittiest comic working today!"



A contributing writer on *Seinfeld*, Keith currently contributes to the *Jimmy Kimmel Show*. He has toured overseas nine times entertaining our U.S. troops and in 2004, co-wrote Gary Shandling's monologue for the 2004 Emmy Awards. His show is a mix of Jewish themed and mainstream routines, so in other words . . . you don't have to be Jewish to love his show.

A proud graduate of the Ramaz Orthodox Day School, Keith nonetheless describes it this way, "I served 14 years in a minimum security yeshiva for a crime I didn't commit!"

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

Cantor Rollin Simmons to Make Visit During Final Shabbat of March



We are delighted to share the news that Cantor Rollin Simmons will be joining Congregation Emanu El during Shabbat weekend, **Friday, March 31st and Saturday, April 1st.**

Cantor Simmons will begin her Shabbat weekend with our Becker Early Childhood Center students and their families on **Friday, March 31st at 9:30 and 10:00**

a.m. during their weekly Shabbat celebration.

On **Friday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m.**, Cantor Simmons will join Rabbi Silk and Barbara Loeser in leading our Shabbat worship. In the spirit of the Final Four being held that weekend, guests are encouraged to wear their college shirts and/or colors. A special "game day bites" Oneg will take place following services held in Cantor Simmons' honor.

Cantor Simmons' weekend with Emanu El will close as she joins Rabbi Hayon on **Saturday, April 1st at 10:30 a.m.** for Saturday morning Shabbat services.

Our Congregation looks forward to welcoming Cantor Simmons, who will officially join our clergy team in July 2017. Several opportunities for our community to meet Emanu El's new Cantor upon her official arrival including a special performance at Emanu El's annual "Night Out at the Ballpark" will be announced in the coming months.



Congregation Emanu El's Continues 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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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.

**Scott and Renee Bayer, daughter Harper
Jonathan and Noa Enav, son Ethan
Richard and Kathryn Rabinow
Larry and Jane Wagner**

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.

From the President – Jeff Basen-Engquist



“What’s in a name? That which we call a rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” A name is one data point, often the first in getting to know another person. If we take the time, there is so much more we can learn about and from each other.

And what of monthly observations? February is Black History Month. This time of study and celebration marks the significant role black Americans have played in the story of the United States. It evolved from “Negro History Week”, first brought to prominence by historian Carter G. Woodson and other eminent African Americans. We are familiar with the month of Elul as a time of preparation and study which we do not stop with the arrival of Rosh Hashanah. Similarly, do we put down that biography of Rosa Parks or collection of essays by bell hooks when March beckons?

February is Jewish Disability Awareness and Inclusion month. The URJ website describes it as “a unified initiative to raise disability awareness and support efforts to foster inclusion in Jewish communities worldwide.” Since its establishment in 2010, Congregation Emanu El’s Inclusion Committee has educated us and advocated for important modifications to our space, our understanding, and our hearts.

I have come to appreciate this group’s work during my term. Committee Chair Sandy Block and its long-standing members have persisted, producing several lists of needed steps our community should take to better serve all our congregants. Over the past two months, Executive Director David Lamden and I have worked with Sandy to capture the needs the committee has identified, to prioritize and plan. During February, coincidentally, we completed a report which I hope will chart a path for the committee and our community. It is my sincere hope we continue learning beyond the labels, never closing the book on our understanding and appreciation of the fullness of one another.

– Submitted by Jeff Basen-Engquist

My Generation Hits the Road for Messina Hof Winery Tour, Lunch on Sunday, April 9th



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

A social club sponsored by Congregation Emanu El, My Generation will head to Messina Hof Winery in Bryan, Texas for a tour, lunch at the Vintage House Restaurant and a chance to see the bluebonnets on **Sunday, April 9th**.

The group will meet at Emanu El at 8:45 a.m. in order to depart at 9:00 a.m. by way of an air-conditioned Harris County Precinct One bus with an opportunity to see the

bluebonnets in bloom along the way.

A tour of Messina Hof will commence at 11:30 a.m., the group will have a chance to see how seven generations of winemakers have created this beautiful winery, finished off with a visit to the tasting room to sample wines and walk away with a souvenir glass.

A 12:30 p.m. seated luncheon at Vintage House Restaurant continues the day with a choice of one of six entrees, coffee and tea. The group anticipates being back to Emanu El around 5:00 p.m.

Space is limited to the first 39 people who register. The cost is \$33 per person, which includes transportation, lunch and gratuity. **The deadline for registration is Thursday, March 30th or upon sellout.**

For more information, contact event chair Rose Marie Wagman at (281) 497-7254 or rosemariewagman@gmail.com. To register, visit www.EmanuElHouston.org or call (713) 529-5771.

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

BOARD NOTES

Treasurer Richard Schecter and Executive Director David Lamden presented the proposed 2017-2108 Budget for the Board's review. Work on the budget began in December when each department submitted their proposed budgets. Following department head presentations to the Budget Committee, a final version was approved by the committee. The Board will review the document in anticipation of its vote on a final recommended budget to be presented to the congregation for its approval at the Annual Meeting.

The Cemetery presented its report and the Board approved a recommendation to **increase prices May 1st.**

Nicole Longnecker presented a brief update for the Social Action Committee. Research continues to identify a significant project for the congregation to volunteer that is in conjunction with goals set from the Board Retreat.

Honorary President Rebecca Lunstroth reported on the schedule for the Nominating Committee. Having received nominations from the congregation in response to *Bulletin* notices and other inquiries, the committee will present a slate to the Board at its March meeting. The Board's recommended slate will be presented to the congregation at the Annual Meeting in April.

Executive Director David Lamden noted that Shel Vedlitz led a training for the staff on responding to phoned threats. President Jeff Basen-Engquist thanked Lamden, Trustee Nicole Longnecker and the Security Task Force for their ongoing work in updating all our safety and security protocols.

Senior Rabbi Hayon reported on his trip, with David Lamden and Jeff Basen-Engquist to Dallas for the Union for Reform Judaism Large Congregations meeting. Data from a benchmarking study we participated in will be presented to the Board at a future meeting. He also reported on his trip to Los Angeles with Jeff Basen-Engquist and Helen Dreyfus, Chair of the Open Tent

Committee, which is assisting Rabbi Hayon with the logistics in his selection of our new Assistant Rabbi. Initial candidate interviews were productive. A few candidates will be invited to visit during February. Offers may be made beginning March 7th. Rabbi Hayon attended the conformation student retreat in Galveston and praised Jamie Aaron for her work with this group.

– Submitted by Jeff Basen-Engquist, President

Emanu El Seeks Participants for Create a Legacy

Congregation 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-life-time 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.



EMANU EL YOUNG PROFESSIONALS



Young Professionals to Host 2nd Annual Let My People Drink

Let My People Drink, a Young Professional night at 8th Wonder Brewery, 2202 Dallas St, 77003, will take place on **Thursday, April 6th from 7:00-10:00 p.m.**

Join us as we say goodbye to hametz before Passover begins the following week. Come hang out and enjoy some local craft beer- complimentary first two drinks! For more information, contact Jill Patir at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillP@emanuelhouston.org.



HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Helfman Religious School Registration

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

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

Emanu El Retains Strong Connection to Greene Family Camp; Awards Annual Camperships

Congregation Emanu El's strong connection with Jewish camping is deeply engrained in the fabric of the institution.

Early in the life of the synagogue, Emanu El under the direction of Rabbi Robert I. Kahn served as one of the pillars in establishing the Union for Reform Judaism's Greene Family Camp (GFC) in Bruceville, Texas.

Throughout the years and to the present time, Emanu El has annually sent one of the largest delegations to GFC from across the region and routinely been amongst the more active synagogues participating in camp programs throughout the year.

Many of the Congregation's campers go on become counselors and unit heads at camp while Emanu El's clergy and education team makes it a priority to maintain a visible presence throughout the summer.

This spring, the tradition of Emanu El's involvement with GFC continued as the synagogue and its auxiliaries were able to provide camperships and/or financial aid to over 20 students from the Helfman Religious School program.

Emanu El is able to provide these camperships to the Union for Reform Judaism's Greene Family Camp with the assistance of all three of the synagogue's auxiliaries – the Brotherhood, Sisterhood and Religious School Community Committee.

Additionally, several funds within the temple's endowment including the Barbara & Mark Brookner Campership, the Chester Marcus Campership, the Ben Noble Campership, the Connie Reischer Scholarship, the Ricky Schnurr Campership aid in adding to the total count of dollars provided to our students.

Congregants and community members alike are encouraged to give to these funds as well as the general Greene Family Camp Fund to enable future campers to benefit from the experiences that attending a Jewish summer camp provide.

To learn more about Emanu El's involvement in GFC or connect with parents who have sent their children to a URJ-affiliated summer camp, please contact one of our camp committee members – Daniel Pesikoff at daniel@pesikoff.com or Morgan Warren at morganwarren@utexas.edu.



Emanu El's Campership Award Winners

Caption (from left to right): Jason Buchman; Shirley Burkom; Evelyn Arouty – Sisterhood Campership; Caden Warren, Sisterhood Campership; Noah Frieson, Adele Buchman Campership; Jonathan Curl, Ricky Schnurr Campership; Alex Mantel, Brotherhood Campership; Rabbi Oren Hayon (not pictured: Camryn Kleiman, Connie Reischer Campership; Hannah Turner, Chester Marcus Campership; Sydney Kasman, Religious School Community Committee Campership).

Greene Family Camp Reunion & Summer Camp Meet Up

Calling all 1st-5th grade Greene Family Camp campers! Bring your parents and join us for a fabulous pizza and ice cream party after Helfman Religious School on **Sunday, April 9th**.

Generously hosted by GFC, it will be the perfect afternoon to tell stories about time you've spent at camp, see the amazing camp video, and get excited about this summer. New campers can ask returning campers questions about camp life and see which of their temple friends will be at camp when they are there this summer. Parents will have an opportunity to schmooze and connect as we all prepare for an awesome 2017 summer at GFC.

To help ensure we have enough pizza and ice cream, please RSVP by Wednesday, April 5 to Elizabeth Townsend at ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771.



EMANU EL SCRAPBOOK

Emanu El Team Heads to HUC for First Round of Assistant Rabbi Candidates

Rabbi Oren Hayon, 'Open Tent' committee chair Helen Dreyfus and Board of Trustees president Jeff Basen-Engquist pictured at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion in Los Angeles in early February. The trio spent three days interviewing candidates for the position of Assistant Rabbi. News regarding this position vacated with Rabbi Samantha Kahn's move to San Francisco will be shared with the Congregation as it becomes available.



Sisterhood Partners with NCJW to Host Hannah's Vision

Emanu El's Sisterhood teamed with NCJW to host 'Hannah's Vision' in mid-February. The program featured Pulitzer Prize-winning journalist Lisa Falkenberg of the Houston Chronicle and lawyer Alex Hunt of Hunt Law Firm sharing insight into the Texas foster care system and how people could act to bring about change. Pictured above from left to right are Deedee Ostfeld, Alex Hunt, Lisa Falkenberg, event chair (and Emanu El member) Aliza Plotkin and NCJW President (and Emanu El member) Bari Fishel.

Cub Scout Campout

Emanu El's Cub Scout Pack 1190 Camps Out at Dies State Park What a weekend it was for our Emanu El Cub Scouts, who took advantage of a weekend off from Helfman Religious School due to Yom Limmud and camped out at Martin Dies, Jr. State Park.



SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

Book Review: *Fields of Exile* by Nora Gold – Thursday, March 9th at 12:30 p.m.



Reviewed by Charlotte Berkowitz; Fiction: In her debut novel, Nora Gold writes about the experiences of Judith, a young woman who lived in Israel for a decade, then returns to her native Canada, in order to care for her ailing father. She promises him that she will complete her coursework for a masters degree in social work before she returns to Israel. Enrolling for her final scholastic year at the local university, Judith is confronted with hate-filled, anti-Israel activism by her professors and fellow students that coalesces into a toxic, anti-Semitic atmosphere currently present on many college campuses throughout the world. Our reviewer, a professor of English Literature, will speak about her own experiences in regard to the BDS (Boycott, Divest, Sanction) Movement that is prevalent throughout academia.

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Coffee Talk (formerly Brown Bag Parenting)

This year's Coffee Talk series concludes on **Thursday, March 23rd at 9:15 a.m.** with *Confident Parenting: Staying Positive and Remaining Sane*. Please join us for coffee and good conversations.

Basic Judaism Begins on Sunday, March 26th

Have you ever wondered why the Shabbat Challah is braided? Would you like to become more familiar with the worship service liturgy and better understand its history and structure? Have you had a chance to explore Jewish theology and find where what you believe fits in? Join our rabbis on **Sunday mornings at 9:00 a.m.** for Basic Judaism, a fabulous multi-session class designed for Jews seeking to learn more about our traditions, rituals, texts, and history as well as an introduction for those considering conversion. Pre-registration is required for this free class. Contact Donna Fraley in Rabbi Silk's office to register and for more information at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212.

Food Truck Havdalah Taking Place Saturday, April 29th



Our second annual Food Truck Havdalah will take place on **Saturday, April 29th from 4:30-7:00 p.m.**

We're excited to announce that we will be joined by popular local food trucks "It's a Wrap" and "KurbSide EatZ" in addition to the dessert truck "Snowcone Angels."

In addition to the food trucks and a 6:30 p.m. Havdalah service, there will be plenty of activities for children including inflatables! Rachel Stern of the Institute of Jewish Southern Living (ISJL) will also be at the event and adding to the activities.

This event is absolutely FREE (minus the cost of buying food from the food trucks) and open to the community. For any questions, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



SAVE THE DATE!

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

Congregation Emanu El will host its Third annual 'Night At the Ballpark' on **Wednesday, August 2nd** as the Sugar Land Skeeters face the Somerset Patriots at **7:05 p.m.** at Constellation Field. \$18 subsidized tickets by the Brotherhood and Emanu El include an all-you-can-eat buffet, a shaded area to watch the game, a pool area and chance to hear Cantor Rollin Simmons perform the national anthem. More details to come!

IN OUR COMMUNITY

Pillars of Reform Judaism Tribute To Honor Dolores Wilkenfeld, Stephen Breslauer

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) will be honoring two outstanding individuals in our community who truly are Pillars of Reform Judaism. Dolores Wilkenfeld from Congregation Emanu El, and Stephen Breslauer of Congregation Beth Israel will be honored for their contributions to organizations too numerous to name, in support of Reform Judaism throughout their lives. Please come support WUPJ and honor these two outstanding individuals, and enjoy a gala tribute on the evening of **Saturday, April 22nd**. The event will be held at the Omni Hotel, Houston.

Please visit <http://pillarsofreformjudaism.org/> for more information and to register for the event.

In addition, Wilkenfeld will be honored at Shabbat Services at Emanu El on **Friday, April 21st at 6:00 p.m.**, and Breslauer at Beth Israel, the same evening **at 6:30 p.m.** Rabbi Oren Hayon and Rabbi David Lyon are honorary co-hosts of the evening and Congregation Emanu El is partnering with Beth Israel and WUPJ as partners in the event.

Congregation Emanu El Joins Community for Annual Yom HaShoah Service

Join Congregation Emanu El and the Holocaust Museum Houston at Beth Israel on **Sunday, April 23rd at 3:00 p.m.** for the annual Yom HaShoah commemorative service in memory of all who died in the Holocaust and to pay tribute to those who survived. The service is free and open to the public.

The event is co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu El and many of our community synagogues and Jewish agencies. Emanu El looks forward to hosting Yom HaShoah again in 2018!

Friendly Reminders

Our clergy want to know...

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

If you would like to add someone's name to our *Misheberach* list please contact Donna Fraley at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212 or DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org. We are able to add names only when an individual has given permission for their name to be read aloud. To ensure that our list remains accurate and up-to-date, names can remain on our list for a month. Individuals can continue to add the same name each month, as needed, for continued prayers for healing.

Contribute to the Emanu El Flower Fund

The beautiful flowers on our bimah are generously provided by donations to the Sisterhood's Flower Fund. Making a donation to the Flower Fund is a meaningful way to honor the memories of your loved ones, as well as to honor important simcha's in your lives, such as anniversaries and birthdays. Donations may be made to the Flower Fund by contacting Donna Fraley at DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 212.

Smirnov Catering – Emanu El's New Preferred Caterer

We are excited that Smirnov Catering is Emanu El's new "preferred caterer." Smirnov Catering has already catered multiple events since becoming the synagogue's "preferred caterer" from board meetings to minyan receptions and in a few weeks, the Sisterhood's fundraising dinner featuring Kinky Friedman.

Congregants choosing Smirnov for events and simchas at the synagogue will experience personalized service, beautiful presentations and delicious food. As was the case with our preferred Sisterhood caterers, congregants are always welcome use another caterer. In these cases an outside catering fee of \$250 applies. Smirnov Catering can be reached at (713) 838-2433.

For questions or to book an event at Emanu El, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 535-6414.

Seeking Holiday Shuk Vendors for Fall

Congregation Emanu El has over 20 vendors for the 2017 Holiday Shuk scheduled for **Wednesday, October 25th from 4:00-7:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, October 26th from 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**

If you know of potential vendors or have ideas for what you would like to see, please contact Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

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In Memory of
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*To support the needs of
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Myra Lipper Named Congregant of the Year

Brotherhood is pleased to announce that Myra Lipper will be our 2017 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year. Myra has been an active volunteer in our community for decades, and we are delighted to honor her at our Congregant of the Year Dinner which will be held on **Wednesday, May 17th**. Please save the date to join us in honoring Myra. Watch your mailbox for an invitation, which should arrive in March.

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