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FROM RABBI HAYON



One year after Harvey, we have a new sense of Houston's resilience and our strength, our willingness to stand up for each other, and our eagerness to lend a helping hand.

As we prepare to greet the new Jewish year, our tradition charges us to look back over the past twelve months to undertake a “*cheshbon nefesh*” – an “accounting of the soul.”

This practice invites us to contemplate the ways we have fallen short of our best potential selves and to commit ourselves to the changes necessary for self-improvement.

Of course, having just passed the one-year anniversary of Hurricane Harvey and the destruction which followed, none of us can realistically look back over the past year without also noting the ways in which our community has changed over the past year. This year, the exercise of communal recollection can also serve as a resource as we undertake our spiritual work of personal reflection.

How are we different, one year after Harvey?

After last August, it quickly became clear that the damage Houston would suffer from Harvey would become astronomical. Within the Jewish community and beyond it, the losses of things precious to us continued to mount: homes and vehicles, businesses and community institutions, valuable belongings and

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Stephanie Wittels Wachs to Share with Congregation on Shabbat Shuvah



Shabbat Shuvah has historically served as an opportunity for the congregation to learn from and with a member of our community.

On **Friday, September 14th at 6:00 p.m.**

during our Shabbat Shuvah services, the congregation is invited to hear from author, actress, public speaker and fellow congregant Stephanie Wittels Wachs as she shares the story of how she got herself up after the darkest moments of her life and how Jewish ritual helped her to find the strength to move forward.

She will connect the High Holy Days to the themes of her 2018 book, entitled *Everything Is Horrible and Wonderful: A Tragicomic Memoir of Genius, Heroin, Love, and Loss*.

Come Join Us For Sukkot on Sunset, Our Annual Sukkot Celebration

Sunday, September 23rd

Come join us for Sukkot on Sunset – our annual Sukkot Celebration. The fun begins at **4:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 23rd** for our annual Sukkot Celebration!

Family entertainment abounds – BBQ supper – music and lots of fun for every age and stage. Hayrides, bounce houses, ponies and a rock wall! This year's music will feature Mike Kahn's band Double Vision. The evening will conclude with our Erev Sukkot Service in the Sukkah along with s'mores provided by our Brotherhood and Scout troops.

There's no charge for this event, but reservations are a must! Reserve by calling the Temple at (713) 529-5771 or by registering on EmanuElHouston.org.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Shabbat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9-30:20 Friday, September 7th

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

Saturday, September 8th

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

Rosh HaShanah

Sunday, September 9th

5:30 p.m., Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, Barish Sanctuary
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *I Will Not Let You Go Until You Bless Me*; NOTE: Rabbi Hayon's remarks at the 5:30 Rosh HaShanah Unplugged service will be an abbreviated version of the sermon he will deliver at the 7:30 service.

7:30 p.m., Erev Rosh HaShanah Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *I Will Not Let You Go Until You Bless Me*

Monday, September 10th

9:00 a.m., Young Children's Service – A New Beginning, Barish Sanctuary

Story by Rabbi Fixler: *The Curse of Blessings*
10:30 a.m., A Time to Rejoice, a Rosh HaShanah Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Sermon by Rabbi Silk: *I Didn't Sign Up for This*
5:00 p.m., Tashlich, Brays Bayou (across from the ERJCC)

Shabbat Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 31:1-30 Friday, September 14th

6:00 p.m., Shabbat Shuvah, Proler Chapel
D'var Torah by congregant Stephanie Wittels Wachs

Saturday, September 15th

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

Sunday, September 16th

5:00 p.m., Cemetery Memorial Service, Emanu El Memorial Park
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *Still Warm from an Old Coat*

Yom Kippur

Tuesday, September 18th

7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre, Barish Sanctuary
Sermon by Rabbi Hayon: *Settling with Old Ghosts*

Wednesday, September 19th

9:00 a.m., Young Children's Service – It's Better to Be Better, Barish Sanctuary
Story by Rabbi Silk: *Boo Boo Bag*
11:00 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Sermon by Rabbi Fixler: *Choosing Hope: Judaism in the Future Tense*
1:30 p.m., Afternoon Experience, various locations around Emanu El
3:15 p.m., *Hineini: Confessions and Comfort for Today's World*, Barish Sanctuary
4:30 p.m., Yizkor & N'ilah, Barish Sanctuary

Shabbat Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32:1-52 Friday, September 21st

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

Saturday, September 22nd

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

Sukkot

Sunday, September 23rd

6:30 p.m., Erev Sukkot Service (held at conclusion of Sukkot on Sunset), Sukkah

Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot, Exodus 33:12-34:26 Friday, September 28th

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

Saturday, September 29th
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel

Simchat Torah

Sunday, September 30th

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

Monday, October 1st

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

Shabbat B'reishit, Genesis 1:1- 6:8 Friday, October 6th

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat 2.0 Dinner, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat 2.0, Barish Sanctuary Upper Bimah

Saturday, October 7th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Evelyn Arouty**, daughter of Heidi & Stuart Arouty and **Ellie Pogach**, daughter of Andrea & Adam Pogach

Shabbat Noach, Genesis 6:9 – 11:32 Friday, October 13th

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

Saturday, October 14th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Anna Ferber**, daughter of Amy & Daniel Feber and **Josie Pulaski**, daughter of Alana & Alan Pulaski

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on EmanuElHouston.org in addition to our Emanu El Facebook page and Roku channel. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nai Mitzvah are streamed on the Emanu El website and Roku channel.

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irreplaceable heirlooms. Many of us found with dismay that the financial resources we had hoped would last for many years were quickly depleted, and others were concerned to learn that pangs of anxiety would continue for months each time the weather report warned of a coming storm.

At the same time, without minimizing the losses Houston has suffered, we can also look back over the past year and catalog the many things we have come to feel proud of. One year after Harvey, we have a new sense of Houston's resilience and our strength, our willingness to stand up for each other, and our eagerness to lend a helping hand. All of us – the Emanu El community and the Jewish community more broadly – are grateful to those who stepped up to help when they were able. We remain thankful to our community partners at the Jewish Federation for Greater Houston, and the many generous supporters around town and around the country whose tzedakah helped strengthen our ability to help those in need.

Every year, the approach of the High Holy Days presents us with a fresh opportunity for reflection. The things we have done, and the things we have gone through, offer us chances to grieve and to grow. This year, when we step forward into the High Holy Day season, I hope that our resolve will be strengthened and our vision sharpened by the experiences we have shared and the private convictions that belong to each of us individually. And as the new year begins, I will pray that it, and every subsequent new year to follow, will be sweeter and happier than the last.

May your new year be a sweet one, and may you and your loved ones be inscribed for blessing in the year 5779.

Uber Discounts for High Holy Days

Ride shares are becoming increasingly popular on the High Holy Days. In recognition of congregants that utilize these services and to assist those who may not have another method to get to the synagogue, Congregation Emanu El is delighted to extend a \$5 coupon code for each one-way Uber ride during Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

The following promo codes can be entered under "Promotions" in the payment tab of your Uber app. In order to claim your Rosh HaShanah discount, utilize the code **e1u60yn** when making your purchase. For Yom Kippur, the discount code is **exk9um9**.

Our clergy want to know . . .

If you or a loved one is sick or hospitalized please let us know.

Contact the synagogue at (713) 529-5771, so that our rabbis can reach out and visit and be a source of strength and support.

Visiting the sick and praying for those who are ill are important and meaningful mitzvot.

Thank You

Congregation Emanu El would like to thank the following individuals who intend to leave a legacy gift to the temple:

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If you would like more information or if you intend to make a gift, please contact Jeri Amundsen at jeri.amundsen@gmail.com or Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.



HIGH HOLY DAY GENERAL INFORMATION

EMANU EL ADMINISTRATION – SPECIAL HOURS SURROUNDING HIGH HOLY DAYS

Please note that the synagogue's administration will close on **Friday, September 7th at 4:30 p.m.** ahead of Rosh HaShanah. Any passes not picked up from the synagogue at that time will be available at "will call" located at the Sunset Blvd. entrance of the synagogue. Will call will open at **4:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 9th.** The synagogue's administrative offices will be closed on **Monday, September 10th** in observance of Rosh HaShanah.

On **Tuesday, September 18th at 12:00 p.m.,** the synagogue's administrative offices will close as the building gets ready for Kol Nidre. Similar to Rosh HaShanah, any passes not claimed at that point will move to the "will call" entry located at the Sunset Blvd. entrance of the synagogue. Will call will open at 6:30 p.m. on **Tuesday, September 18th.** The synagogue's administrative offices will be closed on **Wednesday, September 19th** in observance of Yom Kippur.

HIGH HOLY DAY PASSES

Two guest passes are enclosed with the booklet that our congregants received prior to the High Holy Days. We encourage you to offer them to anyone who wishes to attend a single High Holy Day service. **Please note that these passes may not be used on Kol Nidre.** We accept passes from other congregations and also welcome military personnel, college students with ID, and out-of-town patients receiving treatment in the Texas Medical Center along with their families. If you know someone who has moved to Houston within the last six months, please contact Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or jillk@emanuelhouston.org to arrange for a newcomer pass.

PARKING

Only individuals with High Holy Days passes or handicap placards will be permitted entry to the Emanu El campus. All parking on Floors 1 and 2 of the Gaylor Parking Facility will be reserved for handicap-accessible use. The West Lot is reserved for Rabbi's Circle members with a required pass. Because there is limited garage parking on Floors 3 and 4, we encourage you to park at the satellite locations. Buses will run continually from the satellite parking lots to and from Emanu El.

For Erev Rosh HaShanah and Kol Nidre, park at the Medical Clinic of Houston, 1707 Sunset Blvd. The parking garage entrance is on Rice Blvd. On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Day, park at Rice University. Due to construction on the west side of the Rice campus, we will use the Rice South Stadium Lot (with overflow in the Greenbriar Lot). A special entrance to the South Stadium Lot will be open between Gates 8 and 9, specifically for our Emanu El guests. This entry point is located on University Blvd. between Montclair and Stockton.

CHILDCARE

Childcare for children ages 15 months to 8 years is available during all High Holy Day services, with the exception of the 5:30 p.m. service on Rosh HaShanah. Registration and advance payment **MUST** be received in order

to prepare for the appropriate number of caregivers. The cost is \$10 per service per child. A light snack will be provided; however, children with allergies are encouraged to bring their own snacks.

The registration deadline for Rosh HaShanah is **Wednesday, September 5th**; the Yom Kippur registration deadline is **Friday, September 14th.** To register, visit us online at emanuelhouston.org, or contact Evon Zions by phone at (713) 529.5771, ext. 255 or by email at evonz@emanuelhouston.org.

SPECIAL NEEDS ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, contact Elizabeth Townsend at (713) 529.5771, ext. 222 or elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org and include the services you plan to attend. Preferred seating will be provided to those who give advance notice. Those requesting special-needs seating may be granted a maximum of four additional seats for family members. Special-needs seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services. The deadline for Rosh HaShanah is **Wednesday, September 5th**; Yom Kippur deadline for requests is **Friday, September 14th.**

LIVE STREAMING

You can watch all High Holy Day services live-streamed three ways: **1.** Emanu El's website: emanuelhouston.org; **2.** Facebook: [facebook.com/emanuelhouston](https://www.facebook.com/emanuelhouston); **3.** Roku device: search for the Congregation Emanu El Houston channel.

Archived videos of the services will be made available within minutes of the conclusion of services. Sermons will be shared in the same digital locations in the days following the services.

HEARING LOOP

The Barish Sanctuary is equipped with an Induction Loop System, which transmits audio signals directly to one's telecoil (T-coil)-equipped hearing aid.

CLOSED CAPTIONING

Brotherhood provides closed captioning for all on-site Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services (with the exception of the children's services) for all who are hearing impaired.

USHERING

Interested in being an usher for the 2018 High Holy Days? Be a friendly face, be an extra set of eyes and a helpful hand during these holiest of days. Open to men and women of the congregation, we are looking to expand our pool of ushers. Contact Steve Moskowitz at moskose@swbell.net or (832) 236-7307 to find out how you can become part of our team.

HIGH HOLY DAY WORSHIP INFORMATION

EREV ROSH HASHANAH, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 9TH

5:30 p.m., Rosh HaShanah unplugged (New)

Led by our clergy team and members of the Shabbatones, this one-hour innovative service is designed for those

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looking for a more creative and contemporary prayer experience. Worshipers of all ages are welcome.

7:30 p.m., Evening Service

During our traditional service, our clergy and professional choir will lead us in familiar and timeless melodies.

ROSH HASHANAH, MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 10TH

9:00 a.m., Children's Service: A New Beginning

This service is designed for children ages 8 and under.

10:30 a.m., A Time to Rejoice (New)

We are excited to introduce a new, intergenerational morning service, which combines traditional sounds and words with graceful new liturgical writing, stirring poetry, transliteration and full translation of the Hebrew texts. The service includes an inspiring and engaging collection of music led by Cantor Simmons and Barbara Loeser. During the service, we offer all 3rd through 5th grade students a unique opportunity to participate with Emanu El teachers in an age-appropriate High Holy Day celebration at an alternate location while the adults remain in the Barish Sanctuary.

5:00 p.m., Tashlich, 5601 S. Braeswood Blvd.

We gather at Brays Bayou across from the ERJCC and symbolically cast our sins into the water while singing traditional melodies and reflecting on beautiful poetry.

SHABBAT SHUVAH, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14TH Service, 6:00 p.m.

During this special Shabbat between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, Stephanie Wittels Wachs will deliver a message of inspiration. More information on Stephanie can be found on the front page of this edition of the *Bulletin*.

KOL NIDRE, TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH

7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre

Our traditional Kol Nidre service will be led by our clergy accompanied by our professional choir and Brinton Smith, Principal Cellist, Houston Symphony.

YOM KIPPUR, WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH

7:30 p.m., Yom Kippur

9:00 a.m., Children's Service: It's Better To Be Better

This service is designed for children ages 8 and under.

11:00 a.m., Morning Service

Afternoon Service Options (New)

In place of our traditional afternoon service, we will offer several options to provide special meaning and to enhance your Yom Kippur afternoon experience.

Study, 1:15 p.m.

Take an in-depth look at the Book of Jonah and encounter new facets of this familiar text.

Healing, 1:15 p.m.

Find wholeness through poetry, song and prayer.

Community Conversations, 1:15 p.m.

Share stories about "home" that will inspire and shape Emanu El's year of social justice programming.

Study, 2:15 p.m.

Explore Jewish texts on sin and repentance, and discover new ways of thinking about the spiritual work of repentance on the High Holy Days.

Meditation, 2:15 p.m.

Experience a guided journey of mindfulness utilizing the themes of the Days of Awe.

Stories of Inspiration, Hope & Perseverance, 2:15 p.m.

Gather to hear the personal narratives of three of our members and learn about the unique roles that Judaism has played in their lives' journeys.

3:15 p.m., Hineini: Confession and Comfort for Today's World (New)

This new service will combine the beloved tradition of Confessions for our Times with contemporary, relatable and stirring music, silent reflection and relevant readings that speak to the issues of the day.

4:30 p.m., Yizkor & N'ilah

Our traditional Yizkor Memorial Service will be followed by our concluding N'ilah Service, where we will hear the final blast of the shofar.

Break the Fast – Bagels & Schmears immediately following N'ilah

Our Break the Fast was started four years ago by our members Greta and Alexander Pliskin, who have continued this tradition since its inception in loving memory of their grandmothers Riva Grinman and Leah Pliskin. All are invited to come together at the end of Yom Kippur for a nosh.

Rosh HaShanah Morning Program for Children in Grades 3-5

During the Rosh HaShanah Morning service, children in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to participate in a special interactive experience led by our Helfman Religious School faculty. Children will sit with their families for the first portion of the service, then be led by staff to the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room (MPR) following an announcement at the beginning of the Torah service. The program will include a snack, as well as meaningful, hands-on activities designed to help the students engage with the themes of the holiday. Parents should pick up their children in the MPR after services.

There is no cost for this program, and children do not need to be registered in Helfman Religious School to participate, but pre-registration is required. Please register at www.emanuelhouston.org **by Wednesday, September 5th**. For more information, please contact Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning, at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771.

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.

Mike & Judy Dane, daughters Mia & Layla
Diane Garber
Guy & Elly Gribov, son Ari & daughter Orly
Roberta Grossman
Shelia Harrison
Bram Welch-Horan & Jessica Horan, son Oliver & daughter Phoebe
Jason & Kisha Itkin, daughter Alia
Janet Jackson-McCulloch & Thomas McCulloch
Cindy Kaplan
David & Brett Waller, daughters Emory & Lilly, son Jack
Jeffrey & Ellen Kottler
Esta Kronberg
Joanna LeFebvre
Brian & Marlene Lord
Herb & Alice Marchand
Douglas & Marcy Newman, son Aniston, daughter Indiana
David Proler
Art Pronin
Maureen Tiras
George & Kendall Vincent, daughters Channing & Honey, son George III
Marty & Maria Weisman, son Leo
Brian & Elina Weissman
Jeffrey & Betsy Widelitz, son Max & Jacob

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 Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillK@emanuelhouston.org.

Membership Portal Currently Unavailable; New Website Launched – One Step Closer!

Our new website has launched! What does this mean? We're now one step closer to making the membership portal available again.

We continue to apologize for the inconvenience but our membership portal is currently unavailable as part of our transition to a new membership database software for the first time in over a decade. Our staff is currently in the process of familiarizing themselves with our new software so that they can better serve you upon launch of the membership portal. Additional information will be shared here as it becomes available.

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH OCTOBER 17TH

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

SEPTEMBER

- 9/4** – Sisterhood New Traditions' Resumes Regular Hours, 9:00 a.m.
- 9/4** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 9/6** – Emanu El Mahjong Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 9/7** – Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m. (service only)
- 9/13** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 9/13** – Book Review: *Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg*, 7:00 p.m.
- 9/14** – Shabbat Shuvah with guest D'var Torah by Stephanie Wittels Wachs, 6:00 p.m.
- 9/16** – Blood Drive @ Emanu El, 8:30 – 12:30 p.m.
- 9/16** – First Day of Helfman Religious School, 9:00 a.m.
- 9/16** – Emanu El Girl Scouts Parents Meeting, approx. 10:00 a.m. (after Helfman opening program)
- 9/23** – Sukkot on Sunset, 4:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- 9/25** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 9/26** – Sisterhood Mahj, 1:00 p.m.

OCTOBER

- 10/2** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 10/3** – Flu Shots (9:00– 11:30 a.m.) & Shred Day (9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.)
- 10/3** – Chai Mitzvah Mussar Class – Opening Class, 12:00 p.m.
- 10/3** – First Day of Helfman Middle & Upper Schools
- 10/4** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 10/5** – Tot Shabbat, Dinner at 5:45 p.m. and Service at 6:30 p.m.
- 10/6** – The Ten Commandments, Rabbi Walter's New Class – First Class, 9:15 a.m.
- 10/6** – Parents Night Out, 6:00 p.m.
- 10/7** – My Generation/Trip to Bush Library, 9:45 a.m.
- 10/8** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 10/11** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 10/11** – Ed Emmett, Jeff Lindner & Harris Country Flood Recovery, 7:00 p.m.
- 10/14** – Scientists in the Synagogue Symposium, 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 10/16** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 10/17** – Kindergarten Panel Discussion, 9:15 a.m.

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OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

BIRTHS

Miles Bennett Collins, son of Michelle Weisman & K.C. Collins; grandson of Jackie Barish, Ann & Garry Weisman, Pam & Ken Collins; great grandson of Marvin Barish

Matthew Hill, son of Jaclyn & Bradley Hill; grandson of Joanne & Dick Hill, Meryl & Jeffrey Rosenblum; greatgrandson of Arthur Rosenblum

Cameron Michael Klupchak, son of Melissa & Max Klupchak; grandson of Joan & Steve Brown, Amy Berne & Rick Klupchak; great grandson of Edie & Harvey Brown, Fanchon & Donald Kanter

Madison Brooke Muscat, daughter of Michelle & Adam Muscat; granddaughter of Fillis & Henry Friedman, Janice & Joel Muscat; great granddaughter of Sonia Friedman, Freeda Friedman

Isaac Bear Nicolayevsky, son of Jessica Zachary & Marco Nicolayevsky; grandson of Norma & Sam Nicolayevsky, Lila Nicolayevsky, Madeleine & Robert Zachary

Robert Gerald Putterman, son of Lindsey & Matthew Putterman; grandson of Nanette & Barry Putterman, Renee & Brent Silber; great grandson of Celine Kaplan, Lillian Putterman

Aspen Rose Sanders, daughter of Erica Rose Sanders & Charles Sanders, granddaughter of Cindi & Franklin Rose, Elizabeth Yonks Novy & Murray Novy, Beth & Mark Hobbs Sanders; great granddaughter of Irwin Yonks, Irving Epstein

WEDDINGS

Marlee Janice Klein & John David Angle

DEATHS

Rita Atlas, mother of Nancy & Scott Atlas, Debra Atlas, Lauren Atlas Silverblatt & Alan Silverblatt, Lisa Atlas Genecov & Jeff Genecov; grandmother of Alison & Ryan Atlas, David Atlas, Nathaniel Silverblatt, Adam Genecov, Rebecca Genecov

Jeffrey Allan Einhorn, Sr., husband of Kathy Einhorn; father of Kimber & Jeffrey Einhorn, Jr., Jennifer & Allen Zachry; brother of Eric Einhorn, Cynthia & Stan Einhorn; brother-in-law of Matthew Michaels, Mark Richards; step-son of Margaret Grunnet; grandfather of Zoe and Leah Zachry, Ripley Einhorn

Sarah Erenwert, mother of Ruth & Don Maierson, Pansy & Josef Erenwert, Lisa & Martin Erenwert, Debra & Barry Erenwert, Sharon & Michael Erenwert, Dory & Hal Ridings; grandmother of Shari, Mark and Jeff Maierson, Raechel Bippert, Brent Erenwert, Ashleigh DeLafuente, Angela Leach, Mandy Garner, Ethan, Drew and Leah Erenwert; great grandmother of 18; sister of Albert and Deiter Pross, Inge Greschner

Jeanette Finger, mother of Doris & Ronnie Shapiro, Suzy & Herbert Shapiro, Jr.; grandmother of Shannon & Harry Shapiro; great grandmother of Parker and Ryder Shapiro; sister-in-law of Charlotte Klein

Bryan Howell, son of Anita & Marvin Howell; brother of Amber & Damon Howell and Tamma & Matthew Howell

Harold Sylvan Goldstein, father of Robbie & Stephen Moskowitz, Susan Schiffer & Mitchell Goldstein, Adele & Jay Scherotter, Barbara & Steve Walling; father-in-law of Phyllis & Steven Halpin; grandfather of Jennifer & Matt Long, Stephanie & Geoffrey Camp, Lauren & Emerson Yenokida, Katie & Geoffrey Moskowitz, Alyssa Moskowitz, Samuel Goldstein, Leah & Sach Kirpalani, Nathan Scherotter, Sarah Walling and David Walling; great grandfather of Larkin and Layne Long, Truman and Audrey Camp, Alexandra and Anderson Yenokida and Ethan Moskowitz; brother of Frances Kaminitz

Vicki Silvestain-Kennedy, wife of Rod Kennedy; daughter of Carol & Dan Silvestain; mother of Sarah Reid, Matthew Reid and Tazman Kennedy; sister of Mark Silvestain and Dan Silvestain.

Mark Van Gelder, husband of Frances Van Gelder; father of Rosanne & Gary Van Gelder, Marsha Laviage & Charles Sam Laviage; grandfather of Amy & Randy Van Gelder, Melissa & Jason Geffs, Jennifer Laviage, Kelly Van Gelder; great grandfather of Tristan, Naomi and Oliver; brother of Anita Simmons; brother-in-law of Anita Samson

Warren Wachter, husband of Sylvia Wachter; father of Raquel Dicoste & Michael Wachter, Julie & Greg Smith; grandfather of Dari and Cady Smith; brother of Ellen Wachter; brother-in-law of Loraine & Jerry Finkelstein, Robert Finkelstein, Patsy & Melvyn Finkelstein

Daniel Weiss, husband of Michelle Kay Weiss; father of Lewis, Hannah, Sophie, Miles and Talia Weiss; son of Roberta Harris, Marilou Rippner-Cades & Melvin Cades, Ellie Wolf & Leon Weiss, and John Kay Harris; grandson of Edith Weiss



Brotherhood Wraps Up Annual Garage Sale

The Brotherhood and its teams of volunteers were joined by Rabbi Silk during the first weekend of the garage sale. The garage sale was able to successfully raise thousands and thousands of dollars for its organization, the synagogue and the various community partners that it helps to assist.

Emanu El Youth Choir Contributes to 75th Anniversary Piece

The Emanu El Youth Choir along with Cantor Rollin Simmons headed to Sugar Hill Recording Studios in August to record their part of a song commissioned by the synagogue in honor of the Congregation's 75th anniversary. The song commissioned was written by Noah Aronson with guidance from members of the Emanu El clergy team and will be performed in January at a celebratory kickoff concert to the congregation's 75th year.

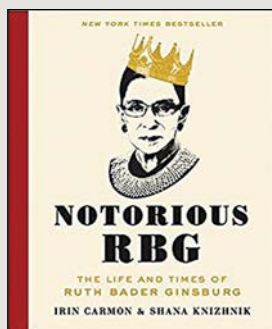


Kids Meals Celebrates 11 Years at Emanu El

Happy 11th anniversary to our Kids Meals project! On August 21st, our volunteers celebrated 11 years of being a part of this effort. All are invited to join this group which on the third Tuesday of each month at 9:30 a.m. prepares over 1000 sack lunches and even more sandwiches for children in the greater Houston community in need of food. This project at Emanu El is underwritten by the Ed Wayne Hunger Fund.

Sisterhood News & Happenings

September 2018



BOOK REVIEW:

Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg,

by Irin Carmon & Shana Kniznik

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH

7:00 PM

Congregant Todd Slobin, an attorney who is Board Certified in Labor and Employment Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization, will review the book. Todd is planning an interactive discussion of Justice Ginsberg's landmark cases and decisions regarding equal protection before the law, highlighting those pertinent to gender discrimination.

The authors compiled a charming picto-biography of US Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, champion of the right of equal protection of law for all persons. This book review is free and open to the public. A reception will take place following the review. For more information, contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

Sisterhood New Traditions to Resume Regular Hours

Tuesday, September 4th

The Sisterhood gift shop – New Traditions – will resume its regular hours of business beginning **Tuesday, September 4th. The hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., Monday through Friday and Sunday from 9:00 a.m – 12:00 p.m. when Helfman Religious School is in session.**

New items are arriving and we look forward to you visiting! The month of September will feature 25 percent off on all tallitot. We have a wonderful selection of both men's and women's tallitot.

Your purchases help Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to the support of our congregation and the community. For more information, contact (713) 529-5771, ext. 234.

Mah Jongg With Sisterhood

Wednesday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m.

Sisterhood invites you to a delightful afternoon of Mah Jongg on **Wednesday, September 26th at 1:00 p.m.** Bring friends, cards, Mah Jongg sets and enjoy the fun with good company and plenty of snacks at no charge. Crack open your Mah Jongg set and let the Winds blow Jokers your way. All are welcome. We hope you will join us. RSVP to Sisterhood by Thursday, September 20th at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.

Donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

For donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund (for the Shabbat handout) please make checks payable to "Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood" and mail or drop off to Donna Fraley at the synagogue, 1500 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005.

Donations can also be made online at www.EmanuElHouston.org. Please make sure to specify which Shabbat service(s) you would like your flower fund donation listed. In order to ensure the donations are listed, we ask that they be at the synagogue no later than the Wednesday before Shabbat.

Emanu Elders Hosting Barbara Jennings – One Woman Broadway Show on Tuesday, October 2nd

Join Congregation Emanu El and the Emanu Elders for Barbara Jennings – a One Woman Broadway Show – on **Tuesday, October 2nd at 11:30 a.m.** The cost to attend is just \$7. Reserve your seat today by calling (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or by mailing a check to Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd., Houston, TX 77005.

This program is generously underwritten by the Edis Lewis Parkans Emanu Elders Fund. To get notified of future Emanu Elders events, contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.



Helfman Religious School

Come be part of “Our Emanu El Stories” at Helfman Religious School!

The 2018-19 Helfman Religious School year will begin on **Sunday, September 16th at 9:00 a.m.** with an all-school assembly for students in grades Pre-K through 7 and their families, featuring our clergy, staff, TAs, and special musical guest, Joe Buchanan. We are delighted to be welcoming Joe back to Emanu El to help kick off our learning theme for the year, “Our Emanu El Stories,” in story and song. You won’t want to miss this fun and informative program!

Our faculty has spent the summer preparing for another terrific year of learning and growing together in our learning community, and is looking forward to getting the year off to a great start. Our traditional first-day hot dog luncheon, hosted by the Religious School Committee,

will follow dismissal at noon.

Signups for our new Chugim (electives) program for students in grades 4-6 are currently underway. Options include Youth Choir, Technology/Coding, Modern Israeli Dance, Hebrew Enrichment, and a “Taste Track” of our classic specials (art, music, Israeli dance and cooking). Midweek Hebrew for grades 4-6 and Upper School classes for grades 8-12 begin after the High Holy Days, on **Wednesday, October 3rd.**

It’s not too late to register! To register online, please visit www.emanuelhouston.org, or contact Gail Shapiro at gails@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 535-6400 for more information.

Helfman Religious School Faculty Participates in Yom Moreh

Our Helfman Religious School faculty participated in Yom Moreh, a community-wide day of learning for Religious School teachers. The keynote presenter was Eliana Light, the author of the “Hebrew In Harmony” curriculum which our 5th and 6th grade Hebrew classes will be debuting this year.



UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERINGS FOR AFFINITY GROUPS AT EMANU EL

Congregation Emanu El is actively seeking to create groups within our community that serve different ages, stages and interests. Are you interested in forming a group like the offerings listed below?

Contact Jill Kaplan or Jason Plotkin at the synagogue. Jill can be reached at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillK@emanuelhouston.org and Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

My Generation Bus Trip to the Bush Library in College Station Sunday, October 7th

Take a special step back into our nation's history when My Generation takes a bus tour to the George H.W. Bush Presidential Library in College Station on **Sunday, October 7th**.

The full day of activities for our social group for members of our congregational community that are 65 and older will leave from the synagogue on an air-conditioned bus at 9:45 a.m.

Upon arriving in College Station, the group will lunch at the Olive Garden. This lunch includes bread, salad, an entrée, dessert and drink before heading to the Presidential Library for a self-guided tour. The tour will

take approximately 90 minutes.

Time permitting, the group will walk to Barbara Bush's gravesite before returning to the synagogue by approximately 5:00 p.m.

The cost for the entire trip including lunch and admission to the Presidential Library is \$25 per person. Space is limited to the first 40 people who register due to limitations on the bus. Please note that the trip as a whole features a fair share of walking.

To secure your space, please register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or call (713) 529-5771 to pay over the phone. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414.

Houston Jewish Dog Play Group

Calling all pups . . . bring your humans to Houston Jewish Dog Play Group. The new Houston Jewish Dog Play Group. It's really cool. We get to play at the dog park (sometimes there is even water involved) and our humans kibbitz with each other. After, we even get to go for drinks.

If you're interested, have your human give Pam Kutner a ring and she'll send the details when available – pamelaekutner@gmail.com.

Emanu El Volunteer Choir

The Emanu El Volunteer Choir has been active group this year, holding performances at various venues across town and taking part in the congregation's Purim Schpiel. An active fall and spring are in the works!

All members of the congregation are invited to join the choir by contacting Richard Zoll at Richard.Zoll@yahoo.com. The choir traditionally rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. at the synagogue. Please make sure to contact Richard to verify the rehearsal schedule for the month.



Emanu El Monthly Mahj

First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Next Gathering on Thursday, September 6th

We will meet on the **first Thursday of each month at 5:30 p.m.** in the Stillman-Lack Library or in the Board Room, unless otherwise noted. There will be a nominal \$5 fee to cover drinks and dinner. Novice and advanced players welcome!

For more information and to RSVP, please email Jill Kaplan at JillK@emanuelhouston.org or call (713) 529-5771, ext. 262. RSVPs can also be handled on the Emanu El website at www.emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El Hosting Blood Drive

Sunday, September 16th, 8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

In-conjunction with the first day of Helfman Religious School, Congregation Emanu El will host a blood drive from **8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. on Sunday, September 16th** in the Board Room. This blood drive is being held in partnership with the Gulf Coast Blood Center, which services 170-plus facilities in Harris County and the surrounding 26 counties. They are required to collect 1,000 units a day to meet the need of those in this area. Requirements for giving blood are: 16 or older, well hydrated and have eaten a meal prior

Flu Shots & Shred Day at Emanu El

Wednesday, October 3rd

The Texas Vaccine Institute will be at Emanu El to give flu shots from **9:00 – 11:30 a.m.** The price is \$25 for the flu shot. Those with Medicare as a primary insurance do not have to pay anything. Others will be given a receipt to claim reimbursement with their insurance provider. Please be prepared to present your insurance card. No RSVP required.

That same day – we will host our annual “shred day” from **9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.** As we provide this service for free to our congregants, please note that businesses are not allowed to take advantage of this service as the shred company offers the synagogue a non-profit rate.

Parents Night Out at Emanu El

Saturday, October 6th from 6:00-9:30 p.m.

Parents: Drop your K-5th grader off at temple for the most fun night of the year!

Pizza dinner, camp games, a bounce-house, and more! Our teens will be babysitting with teacher supervision, and they are donating their hours to a great cause.

The cost is \$20 for the first child and \$15 for each additional children. Register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org. For more information, contact Jamie Aaron at (713) 529-5771, ext. 204 or JamieA@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El, Emma Lazarus Hadassah Hosting “Harris County – One Year after Harvey”

Thursday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m.



Judge Ed Emmett

Congregation Emanu El will host “Harris County – One Year after Harvey.” The event, co-presented by the Emma Lazarus Hadassah chapter, will feature Harris County Judge **Ed Emmett** and Harris County Flood Control District meteorologist **Jeff Lindner**.

The duo will provide an intimate look at how Harris County communicates during an event such as Harvey and what the impact from Harvey means for how Harris County will operate during future weather events impacting the area.

Judge Emmett will also share what residents of the county can expect following the recent bond election and how our area is getting equipped to better handle large amounts of rainfall.

Attendance is open to the community but RSVPs are required at www.EmanuElHouston.org to ensure proper planning for the crowd.

Judge Emmett has served as Harris County Judge since 2007 and along with the county commissioners, manages the nation’s third largest county. By virtue of his position, Judge Emmett serves as the director of Harris County’s Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and chairman of the Harris County Juvenile Board. He also serves as chairman of the Conference of Urban Counties Policy Committee.

A graduate of Bellaire High School, Judge Emmett received his undergraduate degree in Economics at Rice and Masters’ of Public Affairs degree at the University of Texas at Austin. A former member of the Texas House of Representatives, Judge Emmett has received numerous awards and honors during his accomplished career including Distinguished Alumnus of Rice University, the Distinguished Public Service Award from the Lyndon B. Johnson School of Public Affairs, and the Presidential Call to Service Award.

Lindner raised to local and even national notoriety during Hurricane Harvey. The meteorologist served as a reassuring voice during the storm, calmly updating millions via news conferences and Twitter about rising water levels across the greater Houston metropolitan area.

A 2003 graduate with a degree in meteorology at Texas A&M University, Lindner started at the Harris County Flood Control District as an interim in 2003 before coming on full-time a year later. He has since risen to the ranks of Harris County’s chief meteorologist.

The program is presented by the Emma Lazarus chapter of Hadassah, which is a group of working and non-working women from southwest Houston. The co-presenting organization Emanu El is a Reform synagogue with over 1750 families.

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

Science in the Synagogue Symposium: The End of Illness?



On **Sunday, October 14th from 8:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**, we are so excited to invite you to a unique morning of learning at our congregation. Rabbi Hayon and Rabbi Fixler have teamed

up with some of the brilliant folks within our congregation who work in the sciences to bring you a program that we think will challenge and inspire you.

Over the course of the morning, we will seek to answer the question: Can and should science eradicate disease – and what will it mean for our humanity? We live in a unique moment when science and technology are poised to seize control of the human genome and perhaps even make disease a distant memory. This exciting new program invites leading scientists and thinkers from our community and around the country to address the spiritual, ethical and moral dimensions of cutting edge scientific technologies.

Here is our exciting program for the morning: We will begin at 8:45 a.m. with a catered breakfast.

OPENING PRESENTATION: Understanding BRCA: Are Ashkenazi Jews uniquely susceptible to breast cancer and what can we do about it? (9:15 a.m.)

PRESENTER: Simona Shaitelman, MD, is Associate Professor, Department of Radiation Oncology, Division of Radiation Oncology, The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center

MODERATOR: Rebecca Lunstroth

KEYNOTE LECTURE: Is CRISPR Magic? What is it, and can we really use it to hijack our genes and destroy disease? (10:10 a.m.)

PRESENTER: Dana Carroll, PhD, Distinguished Professor in the Department of Biochemistry at the University of Utah School of Medicine and member of the National Academy of Sciences.

MODERATOR: Rabbi Oren Hayon

PANEL DISCUSSION: Making Sense of It All: Scientists respond to the challenges and opportunities of the moment. (11:15 a.m.)

PANELISTS:

Steven J. Frank, MD, Endowed Tenured Professor and Deputy Head, Division of Radiation Oncology, and Medical Director of the University of Texas MD Anderson Proton Therapy Center

Rebecca Lunstroth, JD, MA, Assistant Professor of Family Medicine and Associate Director of the McGovern Center for Humanities & Ethics

Anna Newman, PhD., Lecturer in Genetics., University of Houston Honors College

The panel discussion will respond to what we have learned and reflect on how the issues raised in the morning's presentations are reflected in their own professional work and research. Then the panel will open the floor to community conversation.

MODERATOR: Rabbi Joshua Fixler

We hope you will join us for this innovative program. This event is free and open to the public, so please share it with your friends and colleagues, and encourage them to pre-register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

This program is part of Scientists in Synagogues, run by Sinai and Synapses in consultation with the AAAS Dialogue on Science, Ethics and Religion, and funded by the John Templeton Foundation.

Emanu El Hosting Special in Uniform Director Lt. Col. Tiran Attia Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m.



Several years ago, a sermon by Congregation Emanu El's Rabbi Roy Walter given on a Shabbat evening shined light on a division of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) called "Special in Uniform" that aimed to integrate young people with autism and other disabilities into the IDF.

On **Wednesday, October 24th at 7:30 p.m.**, Emanu El and the Jewish National Fund (JNF) will host the director of Special in Uniform, Lt. Col (Res.) Tiran Attia. This program held in the Barish Sanctuary at Emanu El is co-sponsored by Jewish Family Services, the Texas Region of the Friends of IDF and Kehillah High School.

Attia serves at the helm of this program which is sponsored by JNF and not only allows young people with autism and disabilities to serve in the IDF, provides them with a sense of nationalism.

Following their service, Special in Uniform helps usher its graduates towards a self-sufficient life, through employment or other meaningful societal involvement. Over the course of his distinguished 28-year career in the IDF, Attia has commanded a tank, the IDF's Technology & Logistics Forces training program and the Sar-El program for army volunteers around the world.

For Emanu El, this brings full circle and experience that a group of teens from the congregation's religious school had this past summer as they visited a Special in Uniform base during the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience.

A chance for questions and answers will follow the program. The program is free and open to the public.

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

The visit by Attia is one of three programs that will bring a taste of Israel to Emanu El during the 2018-19 programming year. Two additional programs are planned for the spring.

New Roof Installation Underway; Two Parking Areas Impacted During Project

The installation of the new roof began the week of July 22nd. The most significant impact on our congregants will be the closure of the small parking lot adjacent to the Proler Chapel and the parking spaces behind the temporary buildings – primarily utilized for ‘accessible parking’ – during the duration of this project. These areas will be used by our roofing company for their needs throughout the installation including, but not limited to storage of materials. Occasional updates including videos provided by drones will be shared on the Emanu El Facebook page.

Emanu El Collecting Items for SEARCH to Coincide with World Homeless Day

**Assembly Date to be Announced;
Sandy Harris Leading Effort**

Every year in October, cities across the globe observe World Homeless Day. Its purpose is to draw attention to the needs of people experiencing homelessness and provide opportunities for communities to get involved in responding to this urgent humanitarian issue.

Congregation Emanu El is a member of the Council of Congregations that supports SEARCH Homeless

Services, one of a coalition of services that has helped Houston reduce its homeless population by 50% since 2011. Our own Shelly Cyprus was the impetus behind the founding in 1989 and growth of this amazing organization that has been providing hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for thousands of men, women, and children who are trying to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

Life is a daily struggle for those who are experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. Instead of giving money, we are asking our members to help by assembling a “survival kit” with helpful items and information for people living on the streets. You can keep these kits in your car, and the next time that you see someone in need, you can make a difference by giving it to them.

If you are not inclined to make your own, you are welcome to purchase and bring to the temple any of the following items: bottled water, granola bars or other non-perishable snack items, Kleenex, toothbrush, toothpaste, comb, lip balm, socks, rain poncho

There will be an assembly day where the items will be placed in bags ready to be distributed to our homeless neighbors. Together we can make a difference in the lives of these vulnerable people who are experiencing homelessness. For more information, contact Sandy Harris, sdharr@comcast.net. We thank you for your caring and commitment.

YOUTH & COLLEGE STUDENT NEWS

College Student Addresses Sought for 2018-19 School Year

Is your child away at college this year? We send care packages and organize student meet ups at various times throughout the year. Send us your child’s contact information so we can help keep them connected to Congregation Emanu El! (Even if you have sent us your child’s information previously, please send it again because we use new lists each year.) You can send the contact information to collegestudents@emanuelhouston.org.

YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

Upcoming Tot Shabbats at Emanu El

The first Friday of each month we are pleased to have a special Tot Shabbat service, geared towards families with little ones ages 0-6. Each Tot Shabbat presents a rare opportunity for families to interact with each other and get to know our clergy on a more personal level.

Tot Shabbat – Friday, September 7th at 6:00 p.m.

Please note that due to final High Holy Day preparations around the building, the September Tot Shabbat on **Friday, September 7th begins at 6:00 p.m.** and there will not be a dinner option.

Tot Shabbat on Friday, October 5th Dinner at 5:45 p.m. & Service at 6:30 p.m.

Our October Tot Shabbat will take place on **Friday, October 5th** with dinner at 5:45 p.m. and the service to follow at 6:30 p.m.

In an effort to emulate the Shabbat experience at home, we will join together towards the conclusion of dinner to recite the traditional Shabbat blessings over the challah, candles and juice.

Our October dinner will feature fried & grilled chicken with sides. Based on the feedback from families at our August Tot Shabbat, we will continue to feature a create-

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your-own salad bar. Vegetarian options are available. The cost is \$4 for children and \$8 for adults.

While we will be serving kid-friendly food, we also welcome you to bring your own dinner and join us if that makes it easier to accommodate your family's specific dietary needs.

A short and sweet dessert oneg will immediately follow the service.

Calling Young Families! Emanu El Seeks Tot Shabbat Hosts

Are you looking for a way to get more involved? Do your kids want to lead blessings at Friday night services? Is your son or daughter having a birthday and you'd like to honor them in a unique way? We also invite you to pair up with other families and host as a cohort if that's what you'd prefer. For more information on hosting responsibilities and what this may entail, contact Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or JillK@emanuelhouston.org.

Kindergarten Panel Discussion Wednesday, October 17th from 9:15 - 10:30 a.m.

This program provides information on a range of topics that help you make the importation decisions about kindergarten for your child. The panelists are M.S. Educational Consultant Dee Dee Halpin, Annunciation Orthodox School's Director of Admissions Rob Wise and Lynn McLean, LCSW-S. They each have many years of experience in the field and will review kindergarten readiness, the admissions process for private schools, choosing private versus public schools, individual needs, and finding the right match for your child and family. For more information, contact Leslie Strug at leslies@emanuelhouston.org.

HISD Facts Wednesday, October 24th from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.

Learn about the many options available for kindergarten and when you can tour or attend open house events. Information provided will help you as you begin the

process of choosing a kindergarten. A HISD Magnet Coordinator will explain the process for applying to kindergarten magnet programs including gifted and talented programs. Contact Leslie Strug for more info at leslies@emanuelhouston.org.



Congregation Emanu El Launching Girl Scout Troop for 1st Grade Girls

Thanks to the generous support from Congregation Emanu El, Girl Scout Troop 146118 for 1st grade girls will be starting this year on Sundays after Helfman Religious School!

We will meet once a month (except twice in March) for lunch, fun and engaging Girl Scout activities. Please see dates and confirm your calendar before signing up. We will be capping the troop at 10 girls and enrollment is first come, first serve. If enrollment is capped, please reach out and we can see about extending the opportunity to more girls.

Enrollment can be done online at <https://www.gssjc.org/en/about-girl-scouts/join.html> using our troop number. Please note that the registration fee is \$25/girl and the troop annual fee (used for activities) is an additional \$25/child. Parent involvement will be necessary for our troop to thrive and there will be many opportunities both large and small to get involved.

Troop leaders will be Leah Madof (Penelope's mom) and Jody Sweed (Braelyn's mom). Please feel free to reach out with any questions: Lreins@gmail.com and jody_nadler@hotmail.com.

A parent information session on September 16th following the opening Helfman Religious School program.

The dates for meetings are as follows (all on Sundays): **September 16th** (parents' meeting), **September 23rd**, **October 14th**, **November 11th**, **December 9th**, **January 13th**, **February 10th**, **March 3rd**, **March 31st**, **April 14th** and **May 5th**.

We look forward to "growing" our Daisy garden at Emanu El! – Leah Madof & Jody Sweed

A warm thank you (todah rabah) to those who continue to support us through enhanced commitment levels

(as of August 6, 2018)

Thanks to those who have committed to enhanced levels of support for the current fiscal year. Our clergy and staff work tirelessly to create worship experiences, educational opportunities, and additional programming to make Congregation Emanu El increasingly relevant to current and prospective members. We also strive to ensure that Emanu El is accessible to all who want to worship, learn and celebrate alongside us regardless of financial circumstances.

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Becker Bingo Night – Peace, Love & Bingo Saturday, October 20th at 7:00 p.m.

Brush up on your Bingo lingo and join us for an evening of fun! This year's Becker Bingo theme is Peace, Love and Bingo.

In addition to Bingo, Becker Bingo Night will feature dinner, drinks, prizes and a silent auction.

As Becker's primary fundraiser for 2018-2019, we would greatly appreciate your support and consideration of becoming a sponsor for this unforgettable event. All proceeds will go toward important initiatives at Becker School, including playground enhancement and teacher training.



If you would like to donate an item for the silent auction, please contact Meredith Kottler at meredith.kottler@kinkaid.org.

Registration and additional information can be found online at emanuelhouston.org.



Becker had a very successful camp program traveling through Central and South America. The children enjoyed many different activities including the Dinky Drummers, an in-house field trip with some creepy crawly snakes, splash day Fridays with shaving cream and popsicles and so much more.

The Becker teachers and staff are now preparing for the new school year as they welcome back our returning children and look forward to meeting our new children and their families. The teachers have been hard at work getting their classrooms ready and participating in many teacher trainings. The teachers had an in-depth study of fine motor development with a focus on building and strengthening the muscles for handwriting as well as an understanding of children's need for sensory input and how to create that in the classroom.



We have many great things to look forward to this school year, including our second Bingo Night scheduled for October 20th. We are also planning great parenting programs that are open to everyone.

Baby Break resumes on **Wednesday, September 5th at 9:00 a.m.** for children 4 months – 2 years with a caregiver.

Adult Hebrew

Hebrew is for you! Whether you're an absolute beginner or seeking to improve your ability to read more proficiency, we have two great year-long Hebrew classes beginning in late September. Learn the alef-bet and read simple words in the beginning level class on **Sunday mornings from 10:30 a.m. –12:00 p.m.**

For those who know the Hebrew alphabet and are seeking to increase their reading fluency and ability to participate more actively in services, the intermediate level class meets on **Sundays from 9:00-10:30 a.m.** Both classes are taught by Nomi Barancik, a skillful and experienced instructor of adult Hebrew. Contact Donna in Rabbi Silk's office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212 or DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org for more information and to register. A \$180 fee applies.

Basic Judaism

Sunday school isn't just for kids! Explore the origins and rituals of Shabbat, the highlights of Jewish history, and the diversity and beauty of Jewish expression and more in our Basic Judaism class. Taught by our clergy, this learning opportunity is for those looking to refresh their Jewish knowledge and serve as an introduction for those new to Jewish learning. **Sunday mornings, 9:00-10:30 a.m.** from **October 7th-November 11th.** Contact Donna in Rabbi Silk's office at (713) 529-5771, ext 212 or DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org for more information and to register.

Chai Mitzvah Mussar Study

First Class on Wednesday, October 3rd

Join us for a monthly study class as we delve into Mussar, a Jewish spiritual practice that gives concrete instructions on how to live a meaningful and ethical life. Using the Chai Mitzvah curriculum, we will discover how cultivating our inner virtues, like generosity, compassion, patience and humility, we can improve ourselves and engage in opportunities for personal transformation through a Jewish lens.

Taught by our clergy and director of congregational learning Stefani Carlson, bring your own lunch and be prepared to be nourished spiritually and intellectually. Spaces are limited, registration is required, \$36 materials fee applies. Classes will meet **12:00-1:00 p.m. on 10/3, 11/7, 12/5, 1/9, 2/6, 3/6, 4/3 & 5/8.**

Contact Donna in Rabbi Silk's office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212 or DonnaF@emanuelhouston.org for more information and to register.

Ten Commandments: The Rabbis Have More to Say Than You Can Imagine – Rabbi Walter's New Class Begins Saturday, October 6th

Exodus 20, the chapter containing the Ten Commandments, is likely the richest vein in the Bible for mining the basic principles of a moral life. Rabbinic commentators over the last ten centuries have written extensively and probingly about the meaning and application of the Ten Commandments to Jewish living.

Join Rabbi Walter on **Shabbat mornings at 9:15 a.m. beginning October 6th** for a lively, participatory class welcome to all who are eager to learn. Together you will read through the commentaries in English translation and discuss the timeless values of the Ten Commandments and how, though centuries have passed, they still form the foundation for morality today.

Melton & More Adult Jewish Learning Classes at Emanu El

Congregation Emanu El will once again serve as home to a series of courses offered in collaboration with the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston and created by the Florence Melton School of Adult Jewish Learning as well as local Houston faculty. Each of the classes is offered on **Mondays from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.**

Information about Melton & More at the J, specifics about the cost of registration or how you can register for this class at Congregation Emanu El can be found at www.erjchouston.org/cjll with discounted pricing available through the month of August.

Becoming Americans: The Jewish Immigrant Experience in America

Dr. Joshua Furman – 10 Sessions; October 8th–December 17th

Examining the forces that drove Jewish immigrants to American shores over the past three and a half centuries, we will discover the opportunities and challenges that America presented for new Jewish arrivals and consider how this history informs our understanding of what it means to be and become Americans in the 21st century.

Sustainable Eating: What Your Jewish Mother Never Told You

Ms. Nancy Pryzant Picus – 10 Sessions; January 28th - April 1st

This course will explore food-related issues through the lens of Jewish values and Jewish texts. Topics will include kashrut (Jewish dietary laws), food justice, vegetarianism and veganism, sustainability, blessings, and more.

Resilience: In Search of an Ancient Virtue

Rabbi David Segal – 6 Sessions; April 8th – May 13th

What does it take to find a new normal after a trying time? We all carry stories of tragedy and rebuilding, from personal hardships to communal suffering. In the books of *Lamentations*, *Ecclesiastes*, and *Job*, we find many diverse and authentically human responses to suffering. What can these ancient writings teach us about surviving struggle and loss – and even finding joy?

Tremendous Talmudic Texts

Rabbi Josh Fixler – 4 sessions; November 29th–December 20th

In addition to the Melton offerings listed above that will occur at the synagogue on Mondays, Rabbi Josh Fixler is teaching the below class to be offered on **Thursdays from 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.** from **November 29th-December 20th** at the Merfish Teen Center. The cost of the four-session class is \$54 per member (JCC or Emanu El) and \$81 for the public.

Talmud can be a deep and broad sea. Wade in with Rabbi Josh Fixler and discover Talmudic stories and discussions that will surprise, challenge, and inspire you. We will explore what these texts teach us about the worldview of the ancient Rabbis and how their thinking can help us tackle challenges today. No previous Talmud study experience necessary as we bring these texts into our own lives. Rabbi Fixler will teach in memory of one of his favorite courses at the Hebrew Union College, taught by Dr. Aaron Panken z"l.



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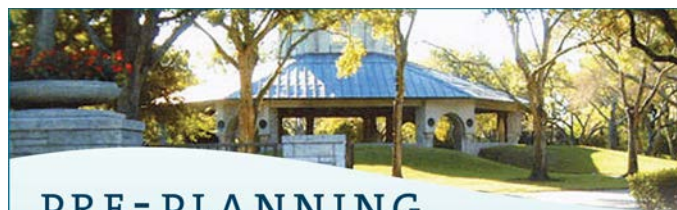
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Homeless Memorial Service

Save the date and make plans to join Emanu El on **Thursday, November 29th at 5:30 p.m.** as we host an interfaith homeless memorial service. Spearheaded by our partners at the Ignatian Spirituality Project, a coalition of faith leaders including Rabbi Hayon will lead a service that remembers the many people who find themselves without a home and to honor the homeless who have died on Houston streets this year. A light meal will follow.

To volunteer or for more information, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 535-6414.



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