



# Bulletin

## FROM RABBI HAYON



This year, the first night of Chanukah falls on **Tuesday, December 12th**. On that night, in households all over America and across the world, Jewish homes will be illumined by the small glow of the festival's first lone candle.

As the nights pass and the holiday progresses, more and more candles will be added to our menorahs and the light will grow and grow.

Interestingly, there has not always been unanimous agreement among Jewish authorities about how the candles on our Chanukah menorahs should be kindled. About two thousand years ago, a great rabbinic sage named Shammai taught a different tradition: that on the

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## Emanu El to Celebrate Cantor Simmons Installation December 15-16th with Family Menorah Lighting Shabbat Service and Concert

This Chanukah, Congregation Emanu El will celebrate the installation of Cantor Rollin Simmons at *Let It Shine*, a Shabbat service and family Menorah lighting on **Friday, December 15th** and an evening concert on **Saturday, December 16th**. Open to the public, the weekend events will highlight the inspiring voice of the new cantor alongside her mentor, Cantor Richard Cohn, Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR/New York, and her esteemed colleague, Elana Arian, New York City-based multi-instrumentalist and singer/songwriter.

“The installation weekend is a time to honor Emanu El’s sacred partnership with Cantor Simmons through a meaningful, music-filled weekend,” said Rabbi Oren Hayon, Senior Rabbi. “We invite our congregants and guests to bring menorahs and candles (five candles, including the shammas for the fourth night) for a

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Cantor Rollin Simmons

## FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jeff Basen Engquist  
Board President

Thank you for your charitable gifts to Congregation Emanu El and your support of our community’s vision. Emanu El counts on the assistance of supporters like you to maintain a robust schedule of

programs and services of the highest possible quality that appeal to our broad constituency.

The survey feedback about your recent High Holy Days experience was very positive, especially regarding our clergy team and new prayer books. And there are numerous events and programs to be a part of in the next few months, with details about many described elsewhere in this *Bulletin*.

**December** is highlighted by Cantor Simmons’ Installation & Community Chanukah Celebration on the **15th** planned for families of all ages (with a special Oneg – even latkes!), and Cantor’s Saturday evening concert with Elana Arian. Come in from the cold(?) for Egg Foo Shabbos after services on **December 22nd**. Brotherhood hosts their four-part adult education series November through February with clergy leading discussions including Race & Racism, Justice & Injustice, Mercy & Punishment, and Home & Homelessness. January brings our very timely Endowment Series Speaker Carl Bernstein of Watergate and CNN fame as well as the kickoff of our new Social Action & Justice initiative with Community

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

### Friday, December 8th

Shabbat Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1 – 40:23

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

### Saturday, December 9th

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

### Friday, December 15th

Shabbat Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1-44:17

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

### Installation of Cantor Rollin Simmons & Community Chanukah Celebration

### Saturday, December 16th

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

### Friday, December 22nd

Shabbat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18-47:27

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

### Egg Foo Shabbos Oneg following services

### Saturday, December 23rd

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

### Friday, December 29th

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

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

### Saturday, December 30th

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

### Friday, January 5th

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

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

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

### Saturday, January 6th

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Ryan Dorfman**, son of Grant Dorfman & Kathie Sherborne and **Max Ginsburg**, son of Deborah & Burt Ginsburg

### Friday, January 12th

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

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

### Saturday, January 13th

6:00 p.m., Morning Service, *Proler Chapel*

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on [EmanuElHouston.org](http://EmanuElHouston.org). Saturday morning services featuring a B'nai Mitzvah are also streamed.

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first night of the festival of Chanukah, one should begin with eight candles, and diminish the number of lights on one's menorah, one at a time, as a sort of countdown timer marking the number of days until Chanukah ends. Our current tradition – beginning with a single candle and adding lights over the course of eight nights – was established by Shammai's contemporary (and frequent debate partner) Rabbi Hillel.

Hillel insisted that we add candles to our menorah during the eight days of Chanukah, not subtract them, because, he reasoned, one should always be ma'alim ba-kodesh – seeking to increase holiness day by day. Hillel's guidance is still relevant today, and his instruction remains a helpful touchstone for Jewish life: we should live in such a way that our words and deeds increase light and holiness in the world around us.

This year, our congregation's celebration of Chanukah presents us with a new opportunity to be ma'alim ba-kodesh, increasing holiness and light in our temple community. Our Shabbat service on **December 15th** will include the Service of Installation for our extraordinary new cantor, Rollin Simmons. All of us who have had the opportunity to be led in prayer and song with

Cantor Simmons take great joy in the way she "lights up" a room or a circle of prayer – and so it is altogether fitting that the theme of this very special Shabbat on which we celebrate her official congregational installation, will be "Let it Shine." Friday night's service will include Cantor Richard Cohn, the Director of the Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music at HUC-JIR in New York (and a familiar face at Emanu El!); the main event on Saturday evening will be a spectacular concert featuring singer-songwriter Elana Arian performing alongside Cantor Simmons. I hope that you will plan to join us for all of these events! See page 4 for more information and sponsorship opportunities.

For many centuries, our spiritual community has cherished the tradition of warming and brightening our homes during this time of year by adding a small bit of light, one flame at a time, for the eight nights of Chanukah. This year, I eagerly invite you to join us in the celebration of Cantor Simmons's beautiful and inspiring musical glow as we "Let it Shine" together.

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## Emanu El Joins Instagram

Congregation Emanu El has joined the world of Instagram! Be sure to follow us on Instagram to catch snapshots of happenings around the synagogue. From camel sightings to social action, a thriving youth group to clergy in action and more! Find us on Instagram at [www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston](http://www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston) or if you are already a member, find us at @emanuelhouston.



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## OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

**Alford Bleeker** was elected President of the Houston Area Retired Teachers Association.

**Andrew Friedberg** was elected as Mayor of Bellaire for a second term during the November elections.

**Elyse and Lewis Kalmans** along with their three daughters, Aerin, Kendall and Tali received the “Faith and Humanity” Award from the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW)’s Greater Houston Section in November.

### BIRTH

**Jacob Charles Edelman**, son of Sara & Mark Edelman; grandson of Carol Silverman, David Silverman, Bev & Ken Edelman

### WEDDINGS

**Amy Alexander & Ryan Bowen**

**Elisabeth Hennessy & Benjamin Milgram**

**Tiffany Schreiber & Michael Krieger**

### DEATHS

**Mark Bodzin**, husband of Sandra Bodzin; father of Erin & Nate Karlin, David Bodzin; grandfather of Jacob and Micah; son of Evelyn Bodzin; son-in-law of Charlotte Frucht

**Doris Coleman**, mother of Barbara & Dell Coleman, Ruth Coleman, Dana & Ira Coleman and Patty & David Coleman; grandmother of Mark Coleman, Kristin & Darin Rigby, Elizabeth & Andy Green, Tina & Casey Cary, Chris Coleman and Sharon & Eric Cohan; and great grandmother of several

**Helaine Grogin**, wife of Gerald Grogin; mother of Gary Grogin, Gail Elconin, and Courtney Grogin-Dieckman; grandmother of Bailey Dieckman and Garret and Brooke Elconin; and sister of Melanie Fogel

**Martin Keeler**, husband of Rita Keeler; father of Stephen Keeler, Andrew Keeler, Kenneth Keeler and Elissa Miller; grandfather of Cory Keeler, Rachel Keeler, Westray Keeler, Alex Miller and Amanda Milller

**Harry Mellon**, husband of Judy Mellon; father of Rebecca Mellon Kay & Arthur Kay, Michelle & Mark Mellon-Werch, Cathryn & Stephen Mellon, Beth & Michael Kendrick and Jill Nussbaum & Oscar Montesdeoca; grandfather of Howard and Hannah Kay, Mordecai Zev and Natasha Mellon-Werch, Sophia, Sam and Sadie Mellon, and Leah Montesdeoca; brother of Sharon & Sidney Mellon and Rochelle Mellon

**Ronald Suchart**, husband of Joan Suchart; father of Laurie & Jeff Rosenberg, Tammy & Dan Feldstein; grandfather of Jacob and Rachel Rosenberg, Aaron and Ben Feldstein; brother of Roz & Norm Suchart

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## Inclusion Committee News

Did you know? Congregation Emanu El has a committee which focuses on ensuring that we are accessible to people with varying abilities, and works to make certain that members of the Emanu El community are able to participate fully in all spiritual, educational, celebratory, and life events here at the congregation.

To that end, we’re happy to report some of the notes from the Inclusion Committee’s most recent meeting. We made some recommendations to the staff about wheelchair seating, we’ve requested and received step stools in the major restrooms so that everyone is comfortable using the sinks, and requested that the building and grounds committee look into providing a ramp to the bimah in the chapel. We’re planning a festive Oneg in February to mark Jewish Disability Awareness month. If you have mobility issues and need assistance while in the building, please look for a staff member or security guard who will be happy to help you. We have wheelchairs avail-

able for use in the building. Just ask!

We want to hear from you. We want to know your requests, needs, or concerns. And we are always looking for additional help towards our mission.

Contact [inclusion@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:inclusion@emanuelhouston.org) and one of the committee members will reply promptly.

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## Emanu El Available For Outside Rentals

Over the last two years, Emanu El has hosted several outside events ranging from an American Alzheimers Association workshop to a YMCA line dancing competition and a Texas Women’s Hospital nurses’ pinning ceremony. Are you a part of a non-profit or an organization that is looking to utilize a great space? Contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org).



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Family Centers. February brings Purim, the Megillah and Purim Schpiel. In March shout *Fore!* at our annual Kiddush Cup Golf Tournament, Dance with the Stars at Sisterhood's annual fundraiser and close with the Passover Seder. Eat and vote at our Annual Meeting in April. All the while, you can enjoy Tot Shabbat, Shabbat and Play, Young Professionals, Classic Connections, web streaming services and events, Emanu Elders, Book Reviews, Work of Our Hands, Gathering Place, preparing Sack Lunches for SEARCH and Kids Meals. And we are hosting the community gatherings Yom Limmud and Yom HaShoah.

We remain committed to fiscal responsibility and oversight, continuing to implement physical plant changes and management tools that reduce expenses and increase efficiency. With a generous response from congregants to contribute to the Temple Fund and careful oversight of remediation and repairs, we continue closing the deficit created by Hurricane Harvey. With your gifts to the Clergy Good Works Fund and those from across the Reform community, our clergy continue to assist members affected by the storm materially as well as spiritually.

As we enter our budget writing season for fiscal year 2018-19, there will be many new opportunities discussed to capitalize on the creativity and intelligence of our clergy, staff, lay leaders and volunteers. You can help us continue and expand our offerings.

Our future is bright. We can keep Congregation Emanu El in the forefront of the Reform movement, in the awareness of our community, and on solid financial footing. If you are able, please consider making a contribution in the coming days to take advantage of a 2017 tax deduction. A year-end contribution to Congregation Emanu El is one way to invest in our collective future. Appreciated securities that you have held for more than one year could qualify for a charitable deduction while bypassing capital gains taxes. Contact Executive Director David Lamden ([davidl@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:davidl@emanuelhouston.org)).

With sincere thanks for your generous support and with every good wish for you and yours at Chanukah, Shalom.

## CANTOR SIMMONS INSTALLATION *continued from page 1*

community menorah lighting on Shabbat, enjoy latkes at the Oneg Shabbat and participate in a soulful and spiritual concert Saturday night featuring a range of music, old and new, that will focus on the theme of light. The **Saturday, December 16th** concert is set for **7:00 p.m.** Tickets are available for \$18 and may be purchased online at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org) or at the door. Sponsorships are available.

In anticipation of the upcoming celebration, Cohn praises Simmons as "a highly creative and influential presence among the emerging leaders of the cantorate in North America. It is a special pleasure for me to participate in her installation as both colleague and friend."

A vertical poster for Congregation Emanu El's Chanukah events. At the top is the congregation's logo, a stylized menorah, followed by the name "Congregation Emanu El". Below that, it says "INVITES YOU TO" in a bold, sans-serif font. The main headline "let it shine" is written in a large, elegant, black cursive script. The background features a glowing yellow sun or moon behind a dark, textured wall. The event details are listed in white, bold, sans-serif text, separated by horizontal lines. The first event is on Friday, December 15th at 6 PM, featuring the installation of Cantor Rollin Simmons and a Chanukah celebration with special guest Cantor Richard Cohn, including menorah lighting and a festive oneg. The second event is on Saturday, December 16th at 7 PM, a concert with Cantor Simmons featuring singer/songwriter Elana Arian. Tickets are \$18 and available for purchase online. At the bottom, it mentions sponsorship opportunities and provides the RSVP website: [EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG](http://www.emanuelhouston.org). The poster is framed by orange bars at the top and bottom.

The music of this concert will take you on a journey, from building community and spiritual connection to a celebration of light. Simmons and Arian have collaborated on concerts for the last six years, bringing their audiences creativity, warmth and inspiration. There will be moments of singing together as a community with melodies – new and old. There will be moments of listening to well-known works and new originals. You will leave this concert uplifted and changed for the better.

For further information on Cantor Simmons's Installation Weekend, please go to [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org) or call (713) 529-5771.

### Clergy Team, Brotherhood Series of Adult Education Learning Sessions Continues in December

A series of adult education learning sessions which will focus on the Jewish perspective on current social issues has been announced by the clergy. The sessions are sponsored by the Brotherhood and open to the Congregation.

A listing of sessions can be found below. Locations for each of these gatherings will be announced in synagogue communications as we get closer to the date.

**Wednesday, December 13th** – Lunch with Rabbi Pam Silk – *Punishment & Mercy* at 12:00 p.m. (held at Emanu El – lunch provided)

**Thursday, January 11th** – Breakfast with Cantor Rollin Simmons – *Justice & Injustice* at 7:00 a.m.

**Wednesday, February 7th** – Lunch with Rabbi Josh Fixler – *Housing & Homelessness* at 12:00 p.m.

### Brotherhood to Host Monthly Supper Club

**Next Gathering – Thursday, December 28th**

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce the formation of a monthly supper club to meet on the fourth Thursday of each month. The first gathering was at Cyclone Anaya in September with the second at Hops Meets Barley in October. The next gathering will take place on **Thursday, December 28th** due to November's being canceled in observance of Thanksgiving. A location will be shared in forthcoming synagogue communications.

This is an opportunity for men of the congregation to gather for a social evening featuring a happy hour or a 'pay your way' dinner at a different restaurant each month. Most establishments will either be new, 'hole in the walls' and/or near the congregation. For more information, contact [brotherhoodemanuelhouston@gmail.com](mailto:brotherhoodemanuelhouston@gmail.com).

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## YOUTH CORNER

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### Winter Break College Gathering Thursday, December 21st at 6:30 p.m.

Home from college for Winter Break? We've missed you! Come catch up with your rabbis and all your friends from Congregation Emanu El. Join us for a reunion dinner at **6:30 pm on Thursday, December 21st** at Mia's Table, 3131 Argonne Street, Houston, TX 77098. Dinner's on us – hope to see you there!

### Emanu El Delegation Attends GFC Fall Weekend Retreat



Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson and Experiential Education Coordinator Jamie Aaron were joined by a group of Helfman Religious School students at URJ Greene Family Camp in early November for a fun weekend.





## What's new at Becker



The children learned all about Fall and Thanksgiving. Each class participated in different activities related to Fall and Thanksgiving from exploring what is inside a pumpkin to using cranberries for art projects. Lots of baking and cooking took place and the smell of roasted pumpkin seeds, pumpkin muffins, pumpkin pies and much more filled the halls of Becker. Some of the classes took part in experiments which included chemical reactions with pumpkins and various liquids. Others used their sensory tables to explore the different scents and textures of pumpkins, cranberries, and corn. As a mitzvah project the Pre-K and Bridge children baked pumpkin loaves and they were delivered to the Star of Hope's Women and Children's' shelter for a Thanksgiving treat.



## Becker Priority Registration

If you are interested in enrolling your child at Becker for the 2018-2019 school year, **Priority Registration begins on Monday, January 29th**. Priority registration is open to members of Congregation Emanu El and current students. If you have not done so, please submit an application to the school.

For additional information, please contact Judy Lazor at (713) 535-6400 or [judy1@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:judy1@emanuelhouston.org).

## Baby Break

Baby Break is back in full swing. Join other moms, dads, grandparents or caregivers **each Wednesday from 9:00-11:00 a.m.** for a morning of visiting, playing, and music with Ms. Julie. There will be **NO Baby Break December 27th and January 3rd**.

## EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH MID-JANUARY

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](http://www.emanuelhouston.org), and on our Facebook page.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(through January 24, 2018)

#### DECEMBER

- 12/5 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 12/6 – Sisterhood's Fused Glass Workshop, 1:00-3:00 p.m. or 7:00-9:00 p.m.
- 12/6-12/10 – URJ Biennial, Boston
- 12/10 – Latke Making Morning, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 12/11 – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/13 – Brotherhood Adult Ed Series: *Punishment & Mercy*, 12:00 p.m. (TBA)
- 12/14 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/15 – Service of Installation for Cantor Simmons & Chanukah Celebration, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/16 – Special Musical Concert with Cantor Simmons & Elana Arian, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/19 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 12/19 – Sisterhood's Macaroon Baking, 7:00 p.m.
- 12/21 – Winter Break College Gathering, 6:30 p.m. (at Mia's Table)
- 12/22 – Egg Foo Shabbos III, 6:00 p.m. (Oneg following service)
- 12/24 – Volunteer Opportunity at Ronald McDonald House, 5:00 p.m.
- 12/28 – Brotherhood Supper Club, 6:00 p.m.

#### JANUARY

- 1/2 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 1/3 – Community Family Center Partnership Informational Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
- 1/5 – Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 1/8 – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/10 – Womens' Day
- 1/11 – Brotherhood Adult Ed Series: *Justice & Injustice*, 7:00 a.m. (Corner Bakery)
- 1/11 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/11 – Book Review: *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem*; Reviewed by Rabbi Silk, 12:30 p.m.
- 1/16 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 1/21 – Community Family Center Partnership Informational Meeting, 10:30 a.m.
- 1/23 – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 1/24 – Endowment Speaker Series: Carl Bernstein, 7:30 p.m.

**NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, JANUARY 9th**

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### We have a new Membership Database!

For the first time in over two decades, Congregation Emanu El has upgraded to a new membership database. Our new database – ShulCloud – has significant technological advances over our former software and will in the near future allow our members to register for more things online, see their own accounts, receive emailed statements and directly make payments on their accounts. These and other new features will be rolled out over the coming months, once the staff has been fully trained on each of the many new tools.

In the meantime, please know that the former member portal is no longer functional, as it was part of the old system. We look forward to sharing this technological leap with you in the very near future!

### 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.

**Michael & Danielle Carlson**, sons Jonah & Ari  
**Bradley & Jaclyn Hill**, son Joseph  
**Daniel & Shoshana Jackofsky**, daughter Maya  
**Susan Nerlove & Joe Naccache**  
**Avishai & Danna Sivan**, daughter Maya & son Adam  
**Aedan Sprung**

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](mailto:JillP@emanuelhouston.org).

## 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.





## Shabbat on the Green Rocks Evelyn's Park

Rabbi Silk and Cantor Simmons led a fun-filled Shabbat on the Green service at Evelyn's Park in early November. The weather played its part as congregants and community members took in the service on the "green" at Evelyn's Park.

## Fifth Annual Collector & Classic Car Show at Emanu El

The congregation held its fifth annual Collector & Classic Car Show in late October. Over 40 cars participated in the annual event which had to weather a one-week delay due to rain. Several hundred guests attended the event, which will continue on next fall at Emanu El.



## Emanu El Provides Meals for Nechama – Jewish Disaster Relief Organization

Members of NECHAMA – a Jewish disaster relief organization which has come to Houston to help with the ongoing recovery efforts – alongside a dinner delivered by Emanu El congregants. Emanu El has offered to help support NECHAMA by recruiting people to provide dinners for their tired and hungry volunteers. Special thanks to Linda Susman for driving these efforts!



# Sisterhood News & Happenings

Fall 2017



## BOOK REVIEW:

*The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem*,  
by Sarit Yishai-Levi

THURSDAY, JANUARY 11TH  
12:30 PM

Reviewed by Rabbi Pam Silk

Join us on **Thursday, January 11th at 12:30 p.m.** as Rabbi Pam Silk reviews *The Beauty Queen of Jerusalem* by Sarit Yishai-Levi. This fictional book tells the story of four generations of women – members of a Sephardic family who experience life, love, and loss in the Moshe Yemen neighborhood of Jerusalem. The novel is “as sensuously infused with sights, sounds, and smells as a Jerusalem market, and as finely detailed and colorful as a Levantine tapestry.”

All book reviews are free and open to the community. Guests are encouraged to bring their own sack lunch for the daytime book reviews. Desserts are provided.

## Fused Glass Workshop

Wednesday, December 6th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.  
or 7:00-9:00 p.m.

Join Sisterhood as we get together for a fun and crafty time creating works of art with fused glass! Our instructor, Debi Mishael, has generously offered her time and her home for two sessions. Space is limited, so be sure to reserve your place by contacting the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or via email at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) and to indicate which session you would like to attend. Cost for the class is \$10 (to cover materials).

## Macaroon Baking with Sisterhood

Tuesday, December 19th at 7:00 p.m.

Join Sisterhood for a delightful evening at Congregation Emanu El on **Tuesday, December 19th, 7:00 p.m.** when Baker Noel (Rebecca Adler) will teach the art of baking Macaroons. Rebecca teaches classes at Central Market and is well known for baking thousands of delicious macaroons for her Houston clients. Not only will you learn how to make these delectable treats, but you will take home awesome macaroons that you have created. A light dinner will be served. The fee of \$20 will include the class and a light dinner. Please submit your check or credit card information **by December 13th** to Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood, 1500 Sunset Blvd. Houston, TX 77005 or by calling (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.

## Mah Jongg Cards on Sale for 2018

It's time to get your mah jongg card for 2018! For just \$8 (regular) or \$9 (large-size print), you can purchase the new card for 2018. Checks or cash can be made payable to Sylvia Brody, 2004 Vermont, Houston, TX 77019 **by Saturday, January 20th**. By purchasing your card from Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood, you aid us with our projects. Thank you for supporting the Sisterhood!

## Sisterhood is going to the Theatre

Sunday, February 25th at 2:30 p.m.

Join Sisterhood on **Sunday, February 25th at 2:30 p.m.** for an enjoyable production of the hilarious play ANN at Stages Theatre 3201 Allen Pkwy. This solo performance, written by Emmy award winner, Holland Taylor is a portrait of Ann Richards, the legendary late Governor of Texas, described as “tough as nails and funny as hell.” After playing to sold-out audiences in Texas, ANN went on to win critical acclaim in New York, Chicago and at the Kennedy Center in Washington, DC.

Reduced price for tickets are \$29, and may be purchased by calling the box office (713) 527-0123 from 12:00-6:00 p.m. The code number for the special price tickets for our group is 66. You may also call Christa Ruiz at (346) 701-8861 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and use the group code number 66. **Tickets must be purchased by Monday, December 18th for the special rate.**

Dinner arrangements are in progress following the show at an additional charge. We hope you will share this delightful event with us.

## Chanukah is Coming December 12th – Visit New Tradition to Prepare for the Holiday!

New Traditions Gift Shop is ready to supply your every need for the holiday. From an array of menorahs, dreidels, decorations and candles to jewelry, gifts for the home, toys and books for the children, we have it all. Stop by from **9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Sunday** for one-stop shopping. All proceeds from the gift shop support Sisterhood's commitment to our synagogue.

NEW at New Traditions: Vintage baseball cards from a private collection are for sale in sets and wrapped packs.

## How A World Series Wager Was A Win for Our Communities

Article written by Emanu El program director Jason Plotkin published on the ReformJudaism.org website in mid-November.



Rabbi Oren Hayon enjoys the taste of Factor's Famous Deli, the result of a World Series wager with Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles. The deli delivery included a personal note from Rabbi Yoshi Zweiback of Wise Temple.

What do good deli, Talmudic teaching, tzedakah (using money to do the work of world-repair or, literally, justice) and the 2017 World Series have in common? For a pair of rabbis in the Reform Movement, plenty!

Moments after the Houston Astros clinched their World Series berth with a Game 7 victory over the New York Yankees in the American League Championship Series, I messaged the senior staff at Congregation Emanu El in Houston: "We need to make a wager against Stephen Wise Temple in Los Angeles."

The team chimed in instantly; they were in. Senior Rabbi Oren Hayon agreed to reach out to Yoshi Zweiback, his rabbinic colleague at Stephen Wise. Would our friends in California accept? The answer was affirmative! What to bet on...? What could be included?

In addition to having their beloved baseball teams headed into the World Series, the two communities shared something else: disasters and devastation. Though it did not suffer the extensive damage of other synagogues in the Houston community, Emanu El suffered several hundred thousand dollars of damage to our campus during Hurricane Harvey,

including a roof leak and significant moisture in the walls of its school building. Additionally, more than 150 of the 1800 families that make Emanu El their spiritual home sustained damage related to the hurricane. For some, it was the second or third time in as many years.

For our friends in California, the 485-acre URJ Camp Newman in Santa Rosa, CA, sustained significant structural damage in the recent fires in Northern California. Many families at Stephen Wise had sent their kids to the site ravaged by the fires, which was bought in 1997 and serves more than 1,400 children each summer. (The camp recently announced plans to operate at Cal State University – Maritime Academy during the upcoming summer.

With a friendly wager and the vehicle that is social media, we could remind our own communities and those beyond that Hurricane Harvey relief is still much needed and how difficult it is for those in California not to have access to their beloved camp site for the summer of 2018.

The wager was simple. If the Dodgers won, Emanu El would treat the Stephen Wise staff to pecan pies from Goode Company, a popular barbecue restaurant that ships its pies throughout the country. It also would donate to Camp Newman. Rabbi Zweiback accepted Emanu El's challenge on behalf of Stephen Wise and countered with this: if the Astros win, Stephen Wise would send a platter of meat from Factor's Famous Deli and donate to Emanu El's Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

Throughout the closely contested World Series, Rabbis Hayon and Zweiback had fun with the wager, trading videos back and forth on their respective synagogue's Facebook pages. Some of Rabbi Zweiback's videos featured Dodger Stadium in the background and in others, he jokingly took phone calls from congregants in need of rabbinic advice, all the while touting the Dodgers' Jewish star Joc Pederson. Hayon, in his videos, scarfed down pecan pie and made a visit to Houston's Kenny & Ziggy's Deli, all in hopes of celebrating what Emanu El would not send, and in anticipation of the forthcoming deli treats from Los Angeles. The videos, a mix of Talmudic teachings and comedic antics, went viral, and were featured on KHOU-TV in Houston and KCAL-TV in Los Angeles, as well as in several Jewish publications.

After the series, Zweiback paid up on the promise of Stephen Wise Temple, which included the deli platter and a donation for to the congregation's Hurricane Harvey relief fund. In honor of his colleague, Hayon announced in his "victory video" that a donation would be made to Camp Newman on behalf of Emanu El.

Though the World Series is over, and the Astros have their first-ever World Series title, the work in both communities is far from done. The Reform Jewish community prays for Camp Newman's recovery, renewal, and restoration, citing a Jewish star on the hill overlooking the camp that survived the fire, as a sign of hope for the future. Our community in Houston is still very much in recovery mode. At Emanu El, the remediation work required following the aftermath of the storm is nearly complete, and our member families continue to rebuild their homes and their lives.

To contribute to Camp Newman, visit the camp's website. To contribute to Emanu El's hurricane relief fund, can visit the congregation's website.



### Upcoming Programming Offerings for 50s & 60s, 65+ and Singles

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 Patir or Jason Plotkin at the synagogue. Jill can be reached at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or [JillP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillP@emanuelhouston.org) and Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

### Classic Connections' Last Night of Chanukah Pot Luck Tuesday, December 19th

Save the date and make plans to join Classic Connections – Emanu El's social group for those in their 50s and 60s – on **Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m.** with time to visit before a candle lighting at 6:30 p.m.

Dinner will be a pot luck buffet. We will change tables during the meal to enable people to move around and visit. While the main course and beverages will be provided, everyone is encouraged to bring a favorite starter, side dish or dessert to share. We will also have a "white elephant" wrapped gift exchange in which you can pick, pass or trade. This is the perfect time to find a home for the ultimate re-gift that you have been longing to part with, a gag gift or anything that strikes your fancy, but please keep the value under \$10. More information to come!

### My Generation to Host January Shabbat Dinner Friday, January 19th

'My Generation' – a social group for those at least 65 years of age will host their next social gathering on **Friday, January 19th** as the group will enjoy Shabbat with the Shabbatones in the Proler Chapel at 6:00 p.m. before staying for dinner and good company at approximately 7:15 p.m. – another great opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make news one.

The cost is just \$12 for Italian dinner and registration can be completed on the [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) website. Vegetarian options will be available.

For more information, contact Jill Patir at [JillP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillP@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262. The My Generation committee includes Lindy Dorn, Susie Askanase, Marilyn Waldman, Elaine Lowenstein, Rose Marie Wagman and Brenda Lind.

Other programs offered by My Generation for the coming year include a Shabbat dinner in January, a pre-Pesach cooking class with Rabbi Pam Silk in March and a table for the Second Night Seder at Emanu El in April. More information about these and additional upcoming programs, will be shared at a later date.

### Emanu El, HCRJ Teaming Up for Jewish Singles Initiative

First Mixer for Jewish Singles in their 50s and 60s to be Held in February; Lay Leaders Sought to Steer Initiative

Congregation Emanu El and Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism (HCRJ) are teaming up to launch a new singles' initiative for members of the Houston Jewish community in their 50s and 60s.

The legwork in putting together a collaborative effort featuring lay leadership from across the Houston area, representative of various synagogues and agencies is underway.

This committee of lay leaders will work with the synagogues on programming and publicity efforts. To learn more on how to get involved in this initiative, please contact Jill Patir at [jillp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jillp@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 535-6414.

The group's first event is scheduled for Arcodoro, 5000 Westheimer, on **Thursday, February 1st at 6:30 p.m.** More details will be shared in the coming weeks about this initial mixer.

To add yourself or a friend to the mailing list to receive information about future events for Houston area Jewish singles in their 50s or 60s, please contact Justin Deutsch at [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org) or (713) 782-4162.

### My Generation Completes All Day Adventure in Galveston



Our My Generation group for those 65 and older went on a tour of Galveston packed with Jewish historical highlights and Galveston history. Pictured are the wonderful guides, Buddy and B.J. Herz with the My Generation committee. Interested in upcoming MyGen events? Check the Temple *Bulletin* or email Jill Patir at [JillP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillP@emanuelhouston.org)

## Calling All Latke Makers!

Sunday, December 10th from 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Share your time and talent as we fry up the famous Emanu El latkes for our congregation's Shabbat Chanukah celebration on **Friday, December 15th**. Sign up for one of three shifts. There will be two 90-minute latke frying shift to begin at either **9:00** or **10:30 a.m.** There will also be a **12:00 – 1:30 p.m.** "cleanup and closeout crew" shift. Please contact Gail Shapiro in the Religious School office to reserve your spot at (713) 535-6400, ext. 261 or gails@emanuelhouston.org.

## Egg Foo Shabbos III

Friday, December 22nd at 6:00 p.m.

What's the holiday season without some Chinese inspired food? We'll have a special Oneg following our Kabbalat Shabbat service on **Friday, December 22nd** at **6:00 p.m.** Fortune cookies, Chinese classics and more await!

## Volunteer Opportunity at Ronald McDonald House

Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.

For a second straight year, members of the Congregation will head over to Ronald McDonald House, 1907 Holcombe, on Christmas Eve to spread holiday cheer.



Join us on **Sunday, December 24th at 5:00 p.m.** as we will serve a catered meal to families from all over who are currently living at the facility and seeking pediatric treatment in the medical center for a wide variety of health issues.

We will also be doing a fun craft with the kids who are currently receiving treatment and their siblings, as well. Space is limited to first 15 people who sign up, as RMH limits the group number. Email Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org to secure a spot.

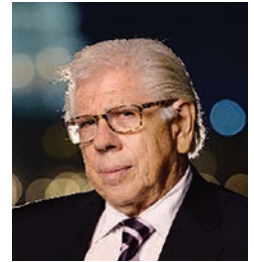
The Ronald McDonald Holcombe House is a home away from home for families whose seriously ill children are being treated at a Texas Medical Center member institution.

The House has 50 private bedrooms equipped with two queen size beds and a full bath. Dedicated volunteers provide frequent meals and family activities for residents of the House. The House also has a Houston Independent School District school room for patients and school bus transportation for siblings to area public schools. Additionally, families staying at Holcombe House are provided scheduled weekday van service to Texas Medical Center hospitals and a near-by grocery store.

## Endowment Fund Speaker: Carl Bernstein

Wednesday, January 24, 2018 at 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El's featured Endowment Fund Speaker in 2017-18 is renown journalist Carl Bernstein who will speak about "Evolving Role of the Media in Dealing with 'Washington'" on **Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m.**



Carl Bernstein

No stranger to the grind of Washington, Bernstein began part-time work at the *Washington Star* at the age of 16 and later dropped out of the University of Maryland to work full-time as a reporter. Bernstein made a historic name for himself when along with Bob Woodward, he uncovered the Watergate scandal which led to the resignation of U.S. President Richard Nixon.

Bernstein shared a Pulitzer Prize with Woodward for their coverage of Watergate for *The Washington Post*. Bernstein's most recent book is the acclaimed biography, *A Woman in Charge: The Life of Hillary Rodham Clinton*. He is the author, with Woodward, of *All the President's Men* and *The Final Days*, and, with Marco Politi, of *His Holiness: John Paul II and the History of Our Time*.

He is also the author of *Loyalties*, a memoir about his parents during McCarthy-era Washington. He has written for *Vanity Fair* (he is also a contributing editor), *Time*, *USA Today*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The New Republic*. He was a Washington bureau chief and correspondent for ABC News. At *The Washington Post*, Bernstein also was a part-time rock critic, and he still occasionally writes about music.

This program is underwritten by the Congregation Emanu El Endowment Fund through grants from the Caplovitz Lectureship Fund, Eleanor & Frank Freed Lectureship Fund, Helen & Harry Reichek Lectureship Fund, Rabbi Roy A. Walter Legacy Fund and the Friends of the Endowment Fund.

We are grateful to be the beneficiaries of their generosity and extend our thanks to the following Friends (as of press date): Joel Abramowitz and Rita Bergers, Susie and David Askanase, Jacquelyn Barish, Marvin Barish, Karen and Jeff Basen-Engquist, Gloria and Larry Brenner, Barbara and Mark Brookner, Claire and Dick Brooks, Shelly Cyprus, Marcia and Keith Fiman, Carol and Larry Fradkin; Robin and Rodney Roth, Linda and M. Michael Shabot, Helen and Andrew Spector, Carol and Michael Wilk, Linda and Richard Zoll.

Arrangements for the appearance of Carl Bernstein made through Greater Talent Network, Inc., New York, NY.

"Friends of the Endowment Fund" will be shared in upcoming publications. If you have not yet become a "Friend of the Endowment Fund", please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



## Emanu El to Host Pair of Informational Sessions on New Social Action Partnership



Come learn about an important new social justice program in partnership with Community Family Centers – volunteers needed!

Congregation Emanu El is excited to be partnering with Community Family Centers (CFC) as part of our ongoing commitment to social action.

CFC is a Houston based non-profit organization that has provided community-based social and education services to low income families in Houston's Greater East End since 1972. CFC provides a full range of services from its long running Friday Food Fair to Adult Education and a fully accredited early childhood Montessori.

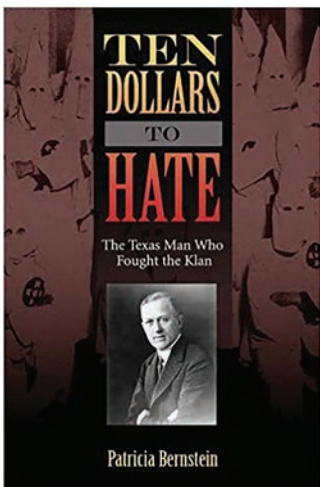
The Social Action Committee will be hosting two information sessions about getting involved with this program.

- **Wednesday, January 3rd at 6:30 p.m.**
- **Sunday, January 21st at 10:30 a.m.**

If you are interested, please attend. We will be teaming up to provide volunteers to help host CFC Adult Education Classes at Emanu El as well as volunteer for other services CFC provides to its constituents. This is your chance to help to change lives with this remarkable community of people.

## Patricia Bernstein Presents “Ten Dollars to Hate: The Texas Man Who Fought the Klan”

**Wednesday, February 21st at 7:00 p.m.**



The issues of organized hate that were so prevalent in the early 1920s are front and center in terms of what we are dealing with today. Congregant Patricia Bernstein shares from the book she wrote about the Ku Klux Klan in the 1920s, how the group was combatted and how it is an excellent segue into how to fight hate. This event is free and open to the public.



## 7th Annual Kiddush Cup Classic Monday, March 5th

Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce that its annual Kiddush Cup Classic will be held on **Monday, March 5th** at Braeburn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet St. Sponsorship levels begin at \$450, prior to the **December 31st deadline** in which all in which any individual, organization or company purchasing sponsorships are entitled to 10 percent off the cost.

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

## Nominations Sought for 2018 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year

Each year, Brotherhood selects the Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year, honoring an outstanding member of Emanu El. Named for Ernest Krautkopf, a longtime member of Emanu El who served this congregation and the community without concern for recognition, this award is given each year to a congregant who has devoted years of service to the community within Emanu El and the community at large. We invite the congregation to nominate deserving congregants for our 2018 award.

Last year's award recipient was Myra Lipper.

If you are interested in making a nomination, please write a letter describing the person and explaining why he or she should be Congregant of the Year.

You may mail the nomination to Brotherhood at the Temple, email it to [brotherhoodemanuelhouston@gmail.com](mailto:brotherhoodemanuelhouston@gmail.com) or leave it in an envelope in the Brotherhood box in the synagogue's mail room. Sitting Emanu El presidents and Emanu El senior staff are not eligible. Nominating letters **must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 31st.**



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions.

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*To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people*

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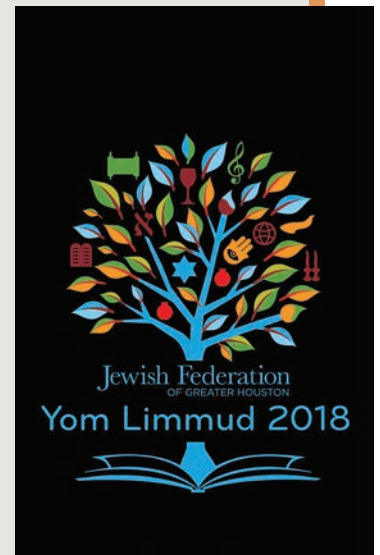
Emanu El to Host Yom Limmud

Due to Hurricane Harvey recovery at our neighboring synagogues, Congregation Emanu El has stepped up to host Yom Limmud 2018 on **Sunday, February 18th!** The Federation of Greater Houston’s annual Yom Limmud – or Day of Jewish Learning – provides a unique opportunity for Jews from all denominations and walks of life to come together in one place at one time to learn, exchange ideas, and share experiences.

Scores of seminars featuring presentations by rabbis, cantors, Jewish educators, college professors, cultural arts specialists and other experts are facilitated throughout the day. The event also provides special programming for teachers.

Volunteers are sought to make Yom Limmud 2018 a success. We hope you will join us as an active member of the Yom Limmud team! If you would like to volunteer, visit <https://www.houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud>.

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