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FROM RABBI HAYON



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Carl Bernstein

Welcome to 2018!

As it does every year, the month of January offers us promise and possibility: the simultaneous opportunity to make new commitments and resolutions and to pack away the successes and struggles of a year now ended.

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Rabbi Brad Hirschfeld writes: "It's no surprise that the images of the Grim Reaper and Father Time look alike and that the symbol for the New Year is a baby. We cut

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Endowment Fund Speaker: Carl Bernstein

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

Congregation Emanu El's featured Endowment Fund Speaker in 2017-2018 is renown journalist Carl Bernstein who will present "An Evening with Carl Bernstein – Washington, the media, the presidency, from the Age of Nixon to the Age of Trump" on Wednesday, January 24th at 7:30 p.m.

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.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jeff Basen Engquist Board President

It snowed in Houston and I missed it. There it was, on social media and in the newspaper. It even stuck, briefly. It snowed in Boston, too, where Karen and I were in early December with a contingent of

congregants and staff from Emanu El attending the sold-out (6,000) Union for Reform Judaism Annual Conference.

"The URJ builds community at every level – from the way we collaborate with congregations, organizations, and individuals to how we make connections across North America to advance contemporary and inclusive Jewish life. Providing vision and voice to transform the way people connect to Judaism, we help congregations stay adept and agile, motivate more young Jews to embrace Jewish living, agitate for a more progressive society, and foster meaningful connections to Israel."

You probably are familiar with the typical conference routine. Workshops, exhibits, social events and, of course, chicken. They were all present and accounted for. It's the particular lens that made this a worthwhile trip.

Reform Judaism, liberal Judaism, encourages not only study but also questioning. We approach each day open-minded and alert to life's wonders and blessings. It is a comforting touchstone in somber and challenging times.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat Va-eira, Exodus 6:2-9:35 Friday, January 12th

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

Saturday, January 13th

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

Friday, January 19th

Shabbat Bo, Exodus 10:1 – 13:16 6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, January 20th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel 10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary Bar Mitzvah of **David Dror**, son of Gabriela & Daniel Dror

Friday, January 26th

Shabbat B'shalach, Exodus 13:17-17:16 6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, January 27th

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

Friday, February 2nd

Shabbat Yitro, Exodus 18:1 – 20:23 6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel 6:00 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, February 3rd

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel 10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary Bar Mitzvah of **Elijah Levit**, son of Sarah & Johnathan Levit

Friday, February 9th

Shabbat Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 – 24:18 6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, February 10th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel Bar Mitzvah of **Noah Siegel**, son of Tess Siegel & Richard Tijerina

Friday, February 16th

Shabbat T'ruman, Exodus 25:1 – 27:19 6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel Guest Artist-in-Residence Noah Aronson Oneg Follow Services in Honor of "National Jewish Disability & Awareness Month"

Saturday, February 17th

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

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

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down some of the old and make space for something new." Each beginning is exciting, and each clean slate is invigorating – but we cannot truly appreciate them without remembering the things that have been lost in order to make space for them. Moreover, I would argue, without an honest and earnest accounting of the past, we cannot fully grasp the opportunities that lie ahead.

2017 was a year of great loss for so many of us; I hope that by honoring and remembering our losses – not merely by covering them up with new projects or new possessions – we will find that the newness of 2018 will bring longlasting joy and sustainable peace.

As 2018 begins, I'm wishing you and your families a year of fulfillment and success, built upon all the ways we have learned and grown over the past twelve months – and poised to deliver us to new heights of meaning and well-being in the months ahead.

ENDOWMENT FUND SPEAKER: CARL BERNSTEIN continued from page 1

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; fredi and Paul Franks, Martha and Donald Freedman, Amy and David Kapiloff, Linda Kates, Karen and Murry Penner, Robin and Rodney Roth, Linda and M. Michael Shabot, Helen and Andrew Spector, Linda Susman, Becky & Joe Williams, Carol and Michael Wilk, Dolores Wilkenfeld, Lorraine & Ed Wulfe, Linda and Richard Zoll.

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

If you have not yet become a "Friend of the Endowment Fund", please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or Jason P@emanuelhouston.org.

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 Jewish 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. A full schedule will be made available on the Yom Limmud web site in mid-January.

Volunteers are sought to make Yom Limmud 2018 a success. If you would like to volunteer, visit https://www.houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud – Yom Limmud is generously underwritten by the Barish family and The Chair King.

Noah Aronson to Serve as Artist-in-Residence at Emanu El during Yom Limmud Weekend



Congregation Emanu El will welcome the talented Noah Aronson as an 'Artist-in-Residence' the weekend of February 16th-18th.

Aronson will join Cantor Rollin Simmons and the Shabbatones

for a musical Shabbat worship experience on **Friday**, **February 16th at 6:00 p.m.** The Shabbat service will be followed by an Oneg hosted by the Inclusion Committee to acknowledge "National Jewish Disability & Awareness Month".

The weekend will continue on **Sunday, February 18th at 3:15 p.m.** as Aronson will perform a free concert as part of Yom Limmud at Emanu El. The concert and the Greater Houston Jewish Federation's Yom Limmud are generously endowed by the Barish family and The Chair King.

Aronson released his first solo Jewish album in May 2011, and the title song, *Am I Awake*, was a winner in the New Voices song competition at New CAJE in 2011. His album *Left Side of the Page*, released in 2013, has received widespread acclaim for its musical settings of poetic selections from the Mishkan Tefilah Prayer Book.

Aronson is currently serving as the Creative Director of Sacred Music NY, a nonprofit organization he helped to create that organizes concerts around New York City, bringing together spiritual musicians from diverse backrounds to inspire interfaith dialogue and social change.

Aronson's music is now sung in progressive communities and summer camps worldwide and has been included as part of the Cantorial curriculum at the Hebrew Union College's Debbie Friedman School of Sacred Music in New York City where he currently resides.

OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Andrew Edison, son of our members Reva & Bruce Edison, has been appointed a United States Federal Magistrate Judge for the Southern District of Texas – Galveston Division.

BIRTHS

Ford Carroll Thomas, son of Anna & Clay Thomas; grandson of Peter & Julie Johnson

Benjamin Nathan Kessler, son of Sarah & Ari Kessler; grandson of Madgelyn & Richard Pesin, Barbara & Mark Kessler

WEDDINGS

Amy Alexander & Ryan Brown

Therese Harding & Edward Brook

Jennifer Lessey & Ross Cooper

Erica Rose & Charles Sanders

DEATHS

Rachel Tatar Almeida, daughter of Leslie & Brett Tatar; mother of Kennedy Almeida

Melvin Cagan, father of Debra & Yossi Gavri, Barry Cagan; grandfather of David, Rachael & Aaron Gavri.

Morris Edelson, husband of Melissa Bondy; father of Emily & Jacob Edelson

Beppino Giovanella, husband of Wendy Giovanella; father of Cory & Carly Giovanella, Micol & Barry Rosen; grandfather of Samantha Rosen & Marcello Giovanella

Jed Howard, husband of Ellen Howard; father of Karen Howard, Michael Howard, Jed Howard, Jr.; grandfather of Jordan, Jed III, Thomas, James & Levi

Rozelle J. Schultz, wife of Herman J. Schultz; mother of Maxine H. Levy, Janet L. Marshal & Ronald W. Schultz; grandmother of six; great-grandmother of one

Cecile Wexler Schuman, mother of Sandy & Michael Wexler, Debbie & Yale Wexler; grandmother of five; great-grandmother of 12

Donna Elise Wilsker, wife of Ira Wilsker; sister of Michelle & Gary Garbis; mother of Tammy & Scott Mermelstein, Amanda Wilsker, Lesley & C.J. Wallace & Dara & Chris Connor; grandmother of six

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I attended many interesting and useful workshops covering topics ranging from navigating our political waters in a diverse congregation (listening is a key) and leadership development to membership engagement and a presentation by Abagail Pogrebin about her book My Jewish Year: 18 Holidays, One Wondering Jew. (I highly recommend it.) The Honorable Elizabeth Warren, U.S. Senator from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts was a stirring keynote speaker. Rabbi Rick Jacobs, URJ President and a recent visitor to our building, gave a moving Shabbat sermon. I had opportunities to speak with others from large congregations as well as Presidents from near and far. We shared experiences, successes and failures. Each of us brought back new ideas and encouragement to continue working hard.

Food is central to Jewish life. As the conference was about to begin, the Emanu El delegation gathered for a dinner organized by Linda and Richard Zoll. We assembled again with thousands of our closest friends for Shabbat dinner.

And Boston offered a few reasons to eat and socialize.

I find music pulls me into prayer, opening me up. Musicians and singers as well as rabbis from across the Reform movement led services and other song sessions and concerts. Services with 6,000 Jews – incredible. URJ acknowledged and honored those organizations and their members who suffered in the recent hurricanes and fires. URJ recently donated \$10,000 toward our building costs from Hurricane Harvey. At Shabbat services, I was truly privileged to carry Torah, joined by fredi Franks, on our behalf. Maybe you noticed I was thinking about you.

Shared principles, networking, listening to one another, working in small groups, prayer, not being afraid to try new things, and offering a community of support. These all are practices we can benefit from by incorporating them in our communal experience. Together we can be prepared for whatever weather may come.



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Religious School Mid-Year Update & Survey

The 5778 school year is off to a terrific start at Helfman Religious School. While our official theme for the year is "Israel@70," this fall we have been exploring an unofficial theme of *Hinei Ma Tov* – how good it is to be together. Our students have learned several new arrangements of this song in their T'fillah sessions this year with Cantor Simmons and our rabbis, including versions set to *The Lion Sleeps Tonight* and *Will You Be There*. If you haven't been to a Religious School service in a while, please join us on a **Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m.** or a **Wednesday afternoon at 4:30 p.m.** in the Proler Chapel to experience the tremendous ruach (spirit) of our students, families, faculty and clergy.

We are excited to have added two new programs to our school this year. Youth Choir, for students in grades 3-7, has been meeting weekly with Cantor Simmons since October, and had its debut performance at her installation service in December. Students in Pre-K through grade 2 are engaging in weekly sessions of Hebrew through Movement, an enrichment program that utilizes simple commands and actions to expose children to Hebrew vocabulary before they begin learning to read – much as children learn their first language. Our HTM specialists (Ms. Kyndhal Stewart in the fall; Ms. Marlene Rubin in the spring) are joined by our specialists in Music, Dance, Art, Cooking and Technology in providing opportunities for our students to explore their Judaism through many

different media and lenses. This year, our students have also been visiting the Stillman-Lack Library, assisted by our Librarians and TAs, to enrich their learning.

Our school is growing! We now have more than 420 students in grades Pre-K through 12 and nearly 50 faculty members, supported by more than 40 teen TAs. We welcomed 56 new students into formal Jewish learning at our Consecration ceremony this fall. We have enjoyed lots of experiential education opportunities and special programs this year, including family education days; an 8th grade overnight, Holiday Happenings for the High Holy Days, Sukkot and Hanukkah; field trips; a visit from the Zoo Mobile; and joint programs with religious schools from throughout the Houston Jewish community in conjunction with the JCC Book Fair. Our Upper School students even joined together to watch the World Series – Mazel Tov Astros! We are looking forward to many more programs and special activities this spring to bring us together as a school community. Hinei Ma Tov – how good it is to be together!

In order to continue the process of evaluating and continually improving our programming for Helfman Religious School, we are conducting a mid-year survey of our families, staff, and other interested stakeholders. To participate, please visit https://tinyurl.com/helfman5778 We'd love your input!

Submitted by Stefani Carlson,
 Director of Congregational Learning



Greene Family Camp (GFC) Camperships

If you are planning to send your child to Greene Family Camp this summer, this is for you! All camperships are for 1/2 of tuition. Campership applications are due by Sunday, January 21st.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

9th Grade Poetry Contest: "Being Jewish"

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

Camperships include: Brotherhood Camperships, Sisterhood Camperships, Chester Marcus Religious School Community Committee Campership, Connie Reischer Campership and Ricky Schnurr Campership, Children who have previously won a campership are not eligible to win again.

For outside scholarship opportunities please visit:

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston is once again offering grants and scholarships for children seeking to attend overnight camp or to participate in trips to Israel.

For all local Jewish children, the Federation provides two forms of need-based scholarships for overnight camp and Israel experiences: general financial assistance, and scholarships for campers whose families were affected by Hurricane Harvey.

For families whose children are not currently enrolled in a daily Jewish educational program (such as a Jewish day school), the Federation's One Happy Camper program offers \$1,000 incentive grants that are not need-based for first-time campers attending for 19 or more consecutive days, and \$700 grants for first-time campers attending for 12-18 consecutive days.

For questions regarding One Happy Camper grants, contact Devorah Cohen at dcohen@houstonjewish.org. For questions regarding scholarships, contact Elizabeth Garza at egarza@houstonjewish.org or (713) 729-7000, ext. 309.

If you need additional assistance in order to attend summer camp, please email Matthew Silverman at MatthewS@emanuelhouston.org.

Afternoon Dreidel at Helfman Religious School



Experiential educator Jamie Aaron is joined by Helfman Religious School students in a Wednesday afternoon game of dreidel before they head into the Chapel for their weekly religious school service.



Becker Celebrates Chanukah

Becker celebrated Chanukah with many different events and activities.

A large group of girls from Temima High School in Atlanta, Georgia visited and performed their famous production of Twirl & Zip. The musical production is aimed to teach the real story of Chanukah and bring its message to Jewish children. The girls raised money to visit Houston as a gift for the Houston community affected by Hurricane Harvey. The children were mesmerized watching the young girls sing, dance and tell the story of Chanukah.

Chabad Outreach visited Becker with their amazing Olive Press program which incorporates both modern and ancient instruments that recreate the art of pressing and refining olive oil. The children watched a video and were then able to pit pretend fresh olives and squeeze them in a hand press.

The Annual Chanukah Happening was a hit with many fun activities including a latke toss, icing Chanukah cookies, dancing to Israeli music and much more.

Bridge Preview

Wednesday, January 18th, 9:15 a.m.

Join us to learn about the Becker Bridge Class on Wednesday, January 18th at 9:15 a.m. The Bridge program provides children the opportunity to learn academics, social skills, and creative expression in a small, structured environment that supports the growth of independence and confidence. It is designed for children who would benefit from a small class environment to continue to grow academically and socially.

- Student driven learning
- Individualized and small group instruction
- Curriculum includes all academic areas as the class builds confident, successful students
- Kindergarten or 1st grade placement
- M-F 9:00 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

For more information, contact Judy Lazor at judyl@ emanuelhouston.org.

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 judyl@emanuelhouston.org.





Becker School Parenting for Life Presents ... Parenting 101: Setting the Foundation

Presenters: Veronique Vaillancourt, LCSW, and Marcia Fiman, Family Therapist

To be held on Mondays, January 29th, February 5th and February 12th at 9:15 a.m.

Join with other parents to explore different philosophies to create your own approach for raising your children. There is so much information available today on the right way to discipline children that it can be confusing and overwhelming. Discuss and learn about many successful parenting techniques and to develop your system of guidance and discipline for your family. What you learn from others can help you enjoy your role as a parent, and help you gain confidence in your ability to teach your children self-discipline, responsibility, cooperation, and problem-solving skills. The concepts discussed will help you establish a base that will last throughout your years as a parent. You and your children will benefit from any continuing efforts to stay informed as your children journey through their ages and stages.



EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH FEBRUARY 27th

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 on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(through February 27, 2018)

JANUARY

- 1/2 Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 1/5 Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 1/8 Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- **1/10** Womens' Day, 10:00 a.m. 2:00 p.m.
- 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.
- 1/12 Chicken Soup Cookoff Organizational Meeting, 12:00 p.m.
- 1/17 Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m (different date due to MLK holiday)
- 1/18 Bridge Preview, 9:15 a.m.
- 1/19 My Generation's Shabbat Dinner, following services
- 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.
- 1/29 Becker School Parenting for Life . . . Parenting 101: Setting the Foundation, 9:15 a.m.

FEBRUARY

- 2/1 Houston Area Jewish Singles (50s & 60s) at Arocordo (5000 Westheimer), 6:30 p.m.
- **2/2** Tot Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- Becker School Parenting for Life . . . Parenting 101:
 Setting the Foundation, 9:15 a.m.
- 2/6 Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 2/7 Brotherhood Adult Ed Series: Housing & Homelessness, 12:00 p.m (location TBA)
- **2/8** Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 2/8 Judaism Through the Arts, TBA (at Museum of Fine Arts Houston)
- **2/12** Becker School Parenting for Life . . . Parenting 101: Setting the Foundation, 9:15 a.m.
- **2/12** Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- **2/16** Shabbat Services with Artist-in-Residence Noah Aronson, 6:00 p.m.
- 2/18 Yom Limmud, All Day
- **2/20** Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- **2/21** Patricia Bernstein Presents *Ten Dollars to Hate: The Texas Man Who Fought the Clan*, 7:00 p.m.
- 2/27 Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome Our Newest Members

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

Charles Sanders & Erica Rose, daughter Holland

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.

Membership Portal Currently Unavailable

We apologize for the inconvenience but our membership portal is currently unavailable as we transition to a new membership database software for the first time in over a decade. Stay tuned for information on how you can access the member portal as part of a new website in the coming months.

Emanu El Joins Instagram

Congregation Emanu El has joined the world of Instagram! Be sure to follow us on Instagram to catch snap shots 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 or if you are already a member, find us at @emanuelhouston.



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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.



Rabbi Oren Hayon at Installation of Christ the King's Reverend Larson

Mazel Tov to our friend and neighbor Rev. Duane Larson of Christ the King Lutheran Church on his installation as Senior Pastor! Larson (not pictured) was joined by First Christian Church of Houston pastor Michael Dunn (center), Rev. Neil Willard from Palmer Episcopal (left) and our very own Rabbi Oren Hayon at his installation on November 26th.

Cantor Rollin Simmons Visits Episcopal High School

Cantor Rollin Simmons recently visited Episcopal High School to talk about Chanukah. The Cantor is pictured alongside chaplain Beth Holden of Episcopal High.



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Latke Making for Chanukah at Emanu El

Congregation Emanu El has a tradition of congregants coming together just before Chanukah to make latkes for our congregational Chanukah celebration. Here's a snapshot of some of this year's volunteers who played a part in getting latkes ready for our Let It Shine weekend.

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.

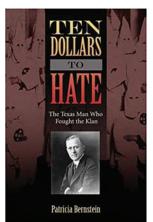
Chicken Soup Cookoff Organizational Meeting on January 12th at 12:00 p.m.

Volunteers Sought For Bi-Annual Event Benefitting Houston Food Bank & Emergency Aid Coalition

Great news, the much-anticipated 2018 Chicken Soup Cookoff is scheduled for Sunday, April 8th. Proceeds from the cook-off are donated to the Houston Food Bank and the Emergency Aid Coalition.

We are forming an organizing committee for this year's event and we need your help. If you like to be part the Chicken Soap Cookoff team you are cordially invited to an organizational meeting. We will meet for lunch at 12:00 p.m. on January 12th at Emanu El. Please RSVP to Jill Patir at jillp@emanuelhouston.org or contact Bruce Lessey at Bruce@houston4lease.com with any questions.

Patricia Bernstein Presents *Ten Dollars to Hate: The Texas Man Who Fought the Clan* 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 which tells the story of the massive Ku Klux Klan of the 1920s – by far the most "successful" incarnation since its inception in the ashes of the Civil War – and the first prosecutor in the nation to successfully convict and jail

Klan members. Dan Moody, a twenty-nine-year-old Texas district attorney demonstrated that Klansmen could face serious punishment for taking the law into their own hands – in this case, for the vicious flogging of a young World War I vet suspected of having illicit relations with a local widow.

Moody's story is one of how the group was combatted and serves as an excellent segue into how to fight hate in today's society.

Bernstein was born in El Paso and grew up in Dallas, a member of Dallas' Temple Emanu-El congregation. She graduated from Smith College with a Degree of Distinction in American Studies. She founded her own public relations agency, Bernstein & Associates, in Houston in 1983, now in business for over 30 years. She has published numerous newspaper and magazine articles in such venues as Texas Monthly, Cosmopolitan and The Smithsonian Magazine, and three books. Her first book was Having a Baby: Mothers Tell Their Stories with Simon & Schuster, a collection of first-person accounts of childbirth from the 1890s to the 1990s. Her second book was The First Waco Horror: The Lynching of Jesse Washington and the Rise of the NAACP with Texas A&M University Press.

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 \$500.

The Kiddush Cup has been Congregation Emanu El's primary fundraiser and we are thankful to all individuals, agencies and corporations that have continued to support this great day of community. For sponsorship information or to register as a participant, visit www.emanuelhouston.org or call (713) 529-5771.

Congregant Created Art Work Goes Up in Kahn Gallery



Congregant Noel Foreman's piece *Remember Me* given in honor of Rabbi Roy Walter can now be found in the Robert I. Kahn Art Gallery.

"Knowing the Museum of Fine Arts faculty exhibition would be coming up, the piece about the Holocaust was my subject," said Foreman. "As I wanted the art to be authentic and symbolic, my research began."

Foreman explains the artwork, "The numbers of railroad tracks are the tattoos of real people. The page of names on the green paper are real people. I tried to emulate the paper that was used. You will see real barbed wire, which I made after studying many pictures. There are many symbolic pieces; the broken doll, the baby hat, the Rabbi and the dress with broken pearls. However, the glasses belonged to my grandmother. *Remember Me* is about never forgetting what happened."

Congregation Emanu El at URJ Biennial

Several members of the Emanu El delegation at the URJ Biennial got together for dinner during the Union for Reform Judaism's biennial gathering. More information on Emanu El's trip to the URJ Biennial can be found below.



Members of Emanu El Lay Leadership, Staff Attend URJ Biennial

Members of Congregation Emanu El recently returned from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Boston. Comprising the largest delegation from the greater Houston area, Emanu El representatives were an active part of the Biennial, which returned to Boston for the first time since 2001.

Highlights included a pair of presentations by members of the Emanu El professional staff to attendees of the conference, which drew a record of over 6,000 participants.

Executive director David Lamden joined URJ staffer Larry Glickman and Temple Am Shalom (Glencole, IL) president Greg Miller in leading a presentation entitled, "Collaboration Techniques to Improve Your Congregation". The trio focused on ways congregations can collaborate with synagogues across North America with a demonstration on means of which to communicate internally amongst staff, lay leaders. Later during the Biennial, Lamden teamed with Emanu El program director Jason Plotkin to present "Are You Ready? Planning for and Keeping Connected During Disasters." With Hurricane Harvey's recent impacts on the greater Houston area, Lamden and Plotkin shared how preparation is a '365 days a year' initiative and how synagogues could utilize low-budget, effective ways to handle a disruption.

Emanu El board member fredi Bleeker Franks was recognized twice during the Biennial – once by the PJ Library and a second time by the URJ.

PJ Library saluted Franks and fellow Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) colleague Sara Charney at a reception during the Biennial for the duo's dedication and passion of engagement of families with young children. Franks would then join Emanu El President Jeff Basen-Engquist as representatives of the congregation during the hakafah at Saturday morning Shabbat worship. The URJ recognized congregations impacted by the recent storms and fires with this honor.

Emanu El joined colleagues from Congregation B'nai Israel (Galveston), Congregation Beth El (Missouri City), Temple Sinai and Congregation Beth Israel in the greater Houston area contingency.

Prior to the Biennial, Emanu El's staff members attended their professional conferences.

Lamden attended the National Association of Temple Administrators (NATA) conference while Plotkin joined Jill Patir at the Program & Engagement Professionals of Reform Judaism (PEP-RJ) conference. Lamden and Plotkin are board members of their respective national organizations.

The next URJ Biennial will be held in December 2019 in Chicago.

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 and Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

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 website. Vegetarian options will be available.

For more information, contact Jill Patir at Jill P@ 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, Area Synagogues 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 synagogues have been joined by colleagues from Congregation Jewish Community North, Congregation B'nai Israel, Congregation Beth El, Congregation Beth Shalom of the Woodlands and Temple Beth Tikvah on the initiative.

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 or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or Jason Plotkin at 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 or (713) 782-4162.

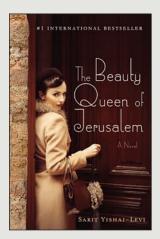
Classic Connections Holds Chanukah Potluck

A 'white elephant' gift exchange with all sorts of fun and zany gifts were part of a Classic Connections Chanukah pot luck held in mid-December. Classic Connections is Emanu El's social group for those in the Jewish community in their 50s and 60s. The group's recent activities included a wine, cheese and mineral water tasting and a post-Thanksgiving social outing. More events are planned for the months' ahead. Stay tuned for more details!



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.

Women's Day to be held Wednesday, January 10th

Please join Sisterhood for a special day on **Wednesday**, **January 10th**. We will start with coffee and registration at 9:30 a.m., and the program will take place from 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. at Congregation Emanu El. The topic of our fascinating program is Health, and three prominent speakers will inform us of some of the most recent advances in medical technology and self-help.

Dr. Edward Reitman has been a practicing clinical psychologist for over 40 years. His topic is "It's All About You" and is about determining self-responsibility. Are you trapped in an unsatisfactory situation? If so, are you there by choice or by accident?

Dr. Amy McGuire is the Leon Jaworski Professor of Biomedical Ethics and Director of the Center for Medical Ethics and Health Policy at the Baylor College of Medicine. She will discuss the potential benefits and risks of learning your genetic make-up.

Dr. Colin Barker is an interventional cardiologist at the Methodist DeBakey Heart and Vascular Center at Houston Methodist Hospital. He will speak to us about current methods of treating diseases of the heart.

A charge of \$20 includes lunch. Please RSVP by contacting the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or via email at sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Checks may be made out to Emanu El Sisterhood, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, Texas 77005.

We look forward to sharing this special day with you!

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 to Hold Annual Judaism Through the Arts at MFAH on Thursday, February 8th

Sisterhood is invited to attend Judaism Through The Arts Series11 at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston, **Thursday**, **February 8th**, at a time to be announced. Helga Aurisch, curator, will present *Passion for Perfection: The Straus Collection*. This wonderful program will be preceded by delicious desserts. Following the presentation we are invited to tour the exhibit. We will learn about the Straus family, founders of Macy's Department Store, and their fascinating family collection. To RSVP or get more information, contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

SAVE THE DATE: Wednesday, March 21st

So you think you can dance? Emanu El's Sisterhood is hosting "Dancing with the Jewish Stars" on Wednesday, March 21st. Four of our very own will team up with professional dancers for a judged dance competition. It's winner-take-all (trophy and bragging rights). You won't want to miss this afternoon of delicious food, fun entertainment and a chance to support the Temple. The contestants will be announced in your formal invitation.

Formal invitations to follow!



BROTHERHOOD NEWS & PROGRAMS

Brotherhood Seeks Nominations for Congregant of 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 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.

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

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.

Each session includes a 'pay your way' breakfast or lunch. 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.

Thursday, January 11th – Breakfast with Cantor Rollin Simmons – Justice & Injustice at 7:00 a.m. at Corner Bakery, 2615 Southwest Freeway

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



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

ACCESS FOR ALL

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

Barry Goodfriend Receiving the Baylor **College of Medicine Distinguished Service Award**

Cyndy Freeman Sax

In Memory of **Melvin Cagan** fredi & Paul Franks

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians

In Memory of **Lillie Farb**

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Martin Keeler Shelly Cyprus

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships In Honor of

Alford Bleeker - Elected President of the **Houston Area Retired Teachers Association** Reva & Bruce Edison

Janet Snider's 20th **Anniversary with Arts**

Judy & Allan Lazor

In Memory of **Harry Mellon** Paula & Happy Katz

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park In Memory of

Ronald Suchart

Linda & Marvin Stein

CLERGY'S GOOD WORKS FUND

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

A Donation

Anonymous

In Honor of Rabbi Oren Hayon

Terre & Eddie Brook Michelle & Michael Eber

Rabbi Pamela Silk

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Donation Gift Cards to Families Impacted by **Hurricane Harvey**

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Carol Lee Seliger

Harris "Rusty" Zainfeld Kathy & Garey Marks

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To provide programs for Emanu Elders

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The Speedy Recovery of **Marcie Weinstein**

Linda & Marvin Stein

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston

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Morris Edelson

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FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

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

In Memory of

Davna Blum Brook

Cyndy Freeman Sax

Harris "Rusty" Zainfeld Ian & Rick Sander

FREDELL LACK EICHHORN **CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND**

To enhance musical programming

In Honor of

The Shabbatones

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To provide for the general needs of Emanu El In Memory of

Martin Keeler

Phyllis & Mudge Miller Rosemary Shepard

GERARD & PAULINE LECHENGER MORGENSTERN ADULT EDUCATION FUND

To provide adult Hebrew education programs

In Memory of Martin Keeler

Susan & Ed Septimus

GREENE FAMILY CAMP FUND

To support Greene Family Camp In Honor of

Susan & Ed Septimus Josh, Ali, Mia & Noah Septimus

JEAN & JULIAN GOLDBERG CHILDREN'S FUND

To provide arts programs for children In Memory of **Harold Weiser**

The Weiser Family

RABBI ROY WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND

To support spiritual and cultural enrichment In Honor of

Nonya Grenader Receiving the 2017 AIA Houston

Chapter Lifetime Achievement Award Barbara & Allen Pauly

Michael Wilk's Birthday

Irv & Barbara Black Levine

Claudia & Joel Selzer

The Speedy Recovery of Marianne Greenfield Dorita & Hertzel Aron

In Memory of

Helaine Grogin

Carol & Barry Goodfriend Susan Levit Hammer & Family Jane & Jon Pollock

Martin Keeler

Jean & Mervin Rosenbaum

Barney Kogen

Linda & Joseph Pulaski Maxine & Bubba Silberstein

Marian Siegel

Barbara & Martin Meyer

RICKY SCHNURR CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

In Honor of

The Speedy Recovery of Michael Abbott

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer

In Memory of **Helaine Grogin Adine Holland**

Gladys Schnurr

Harry Mellon

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer **Ronald Suchart**

Gladys Schnurr

Harris "Rusty" Zainfeld

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer Gayle Schnurr

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To support programs that assist people in the community In Memory of **Jed Howard**

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ROBERT I. KAHN GALLERY FUND

To maintain and enhance the Robert I. Kahn gallery

In Memory of **Adine Holland**

Judy Salmon

ROBERT I. KAHN SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

To send congregants to the Consultation on Conscience at the Religious Action Center

In Memory of

Daniel Jackson

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RONALD BROCHSTEIN EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To enhance preschool education

In Honor of

Marilyn Corn's Birthday

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SUSMAN FUND FOR FAMILY PROGRAMMING

To support programs for families

In Memory of **Helaine Grogin**

Lila Rauch

TEMPLE FUND

To support the needs of the Temple and to fulfill the mission of Congregation Emanu El

In Honor of

Fannette Blum's Birthday

Florence Selber

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Judy Zainfeld

The Kalmans' Family's honor from NCIW

Cheryl & Haran Levy

Jason Plotkin

Talia Diamond & Jay Locke

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Michael Wilk's Birthday

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

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Lindy & Sam Dorn

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The Speedy Recovery of Marianne Greenfield

Beverly Katz Rose Marie & Ron Wagman

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Helaine Grogin

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Second Night Seder to Be Held Saturday, March 31st

The congregation and community are invited to join us for our fifth annual Second Night Seder on Saturday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m. Led by our clergy, this Seder will feature all of your great Seder staples from matzah ball soup to gefilte fish, the four questions to Dayenu!

Registration will open in mid-January and donations are appreciated in order for the synagogue to make Seder accessible for everyone.