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FROM RABBI HAYON



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Recently, I watched *The Wizard of Oz* with my daughters. It was the first time they had seen the classic film and it was such a treat for me to enjoy it with them.

As the movie ended, I was moved (as I am each time I watch it) by the poignancy of Dorothy's final line of dialogue. This year, however, the sweetness of "there's no place like home" was tempered by a touch of sadness when I considered the futility of the hope to return home simply by clicking one's heels together and wishing.

This year, our world has seen a heartbreaking increase in the number of individuals and families unexpectedly finding themselves without a country to call home. All over the world, people are being displaced from their homes for a variety of environmental, economic, and political reasons. As the toll from these humanitarian crises continues to rise, however, I have been heartened to see our Jewish community responding to the needs of the displaced and the homeless with compassion, vision, and generosity.

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FROM THE PRESIDENT



Jeff Basen-Engquist
Board President

So, what do you think about the place? You may recall that when our Senior Rabbinic Search Committee was seeking input from the congregation, one question we asked both at town halls and for responses

collected at a special email address was "What is your best Emanu El?", i.e., meaningful, enjoyable, significant memory here. Once the selection process was complete, we published some of them in the bulletin. Recently, I was thinking about those comments and stories we received almost four years ago. They continue to provide food for thought.

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Heritage Shabbat Friday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m.

We are excited to announce that Congregation Emanu El will host a Classical Reform service on **Friday, March 16th at 6:00 p.m.** in the Barish Sanctuary.

The second 'Heritage Shabbat' of this series, this service's Shabbat worship will be inspired by musical selections from the Golden Age of Classical Reform music composed during the 19th and 20th centuries. Cantor Rollin Simmons will be joined by Emanu El's adult and youth choirs, in addition to our professional octet for the service, creating a beautiful and collaborative sound unique to this event. Attendees will have the opportunity to hear moving and awe-inspiring music in a style traditionally reserved for the High Holy Days.

An Oneg Shabbat follows this service. Plans for future services showcasing different eras of Classical Reform music will be shared in future editions of the Temple Bulletin.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Daily

6:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday

Shabbat Vayak'heil-P'kuedi; Exodus 35:1-40:38 Friday, March 9th

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

Saturday, March 10th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Max Kalba**, son of Sarah Fischer & Gregg Kalba

Shabbat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

Friday, March 16th

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

Saturday, March 17th

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

Shabbat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36

Friday, March 23rd

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

Saturday, March 24th

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Jack Ringold**, son of Melanie & Daniel Ringold

Shabbat Yom Rishon shel Pesach, Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10

Friday, March 30th

5:00 p.m., Passover Eve & Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, March 31st

10:30 a.m., Passover Festival & Morning Service, Proler Chapel

6:00 p.m., Second Night Seder, Feld Hall

Thursday, April 5th

6:00 p.m., Passover Evening Service, Proler Chapel

Friday, April 6th

10:30 a.m., Passover Yizkor, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1 – 10:11

Friday, April 6th

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

Saturday, April 7th

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

Shabbat Sh'mini II, Leviticus 10:12 -11:47

Friday, April 13th

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

Saturday, April 14th

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Katherine & Johnathan De Leef**, children of Dawn & Peter De Leef

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

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Jewish Americans consistently give generously of their time and their resources to support the work of nonprofit organizations, legislative advocates, and interfaith alliances who work to address the challenges faced by refugees and displaced persons around the world. This is Jewish holy work, motivated by the stories of our families and the strength of our spiritual convictions, and it inspires my own spiritual growth and pursuit of tikkun olam.

Of course, one need not look overseas to Syria or Myanmar to see the devastation of losing one's home; as we pass the six-month mark past Hurricane Harvey, the effects of loss and displacement continue here in Houston. Your clergy and staff team continues to look after the pastoral and material needs of our many affected congregants, and we are all well aware that this work will continue for quite a long time in the future.

This year we are also pleased to be able to invite flood-affected Emanu El families to join us as guests at no charge for our Second Night Passover Seder. Passover is, of course, the season when we reiterate our gratitude at having been brought "me'afeilah l'or gadol" – from darkness to a great light – and it is a great mitzvah to assist in brightening up the Jewish lives of those who have known great darkness this year.

I hope that you and your family will join me and mine at this year's Second Night Seder at Emanu El; it will be so wonderful to celebrate our freedom together in friendship and comfort here at temple. After all, there's no place like home.

Many Ways to Follow Worship, Special Events at Emanu El

Congregation Emanu El is working hard to make its services and special events accessible beyond the walls of our synagogue's building.

All Friday night services are available on the synagogue website (<http://www.emanuelhouston.org>), in addition to our Facebook page (<http://www.Facebook.com/emanuelhouston>) and on one of two Roku channels ("Emanu El Houston Proler Chapel" for events from the Chapel and "Emanu El Houston" for events from the Barish Sanctuary).

Any Saturday morning services featuring a B'nei Mitzvah can be found on both our website or the respective Roku channel.

In addition to these regular Shabbat offerings, select special events are also broadcast on the synagogue website and Roku channels and often times on Facebook.

For verification of what events can be found online or if you have any additional questions, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



Brotherhood's Annual Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah

Thursday, March 29th at 6:30 p.m.

Come roll up your sleeves and gather with other men (as well as their kids and special friends) just before Passover to make yummy chocolate matzah treats! Your friends and family will thank you for bringing these awesome treats to your seder! Matzah and awesome toppings provided at no cost.

5th Annual Second Night Seder

Saturday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m.

The Congregation and community are invited to join us for our annual 5th Annual Second Night Seder on **Saturday, March 31st at 6:00 p.m.**

A Passover Seder led by our clergy, our seder features all a fully catered meal that includes all the staples from matzoh ball soup to gefilte fish! Registration is currently open on the Emanu El website, www.EmanuElHouston.org, and a registration form also appears in this issue of the Temple *Bulletin* on page 12.

The cost is \$35 for member, \$40 for non-member. Children are \$18. **The deadline for Seder registration is Thursday, March 22nd.** A very limited number of seats at a cost of \$50 per person will be available for those who register after the deadline.

Those members of our Congregation seeking financial assistance or interested in making a donation to make seder accessible for members of our community are encouraged to reach out to program director Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 535-6414.

Passover Worship Schedule (also listed on Page 2)

Friday, March 30th, 5:00 p.m.

Passover Eve & Kabbalat Shabbat Service, Proler Chapel
Please note that our Shabbat evening service will be held in-conjunction with the Passover Eve service at 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, March 31st, 10:30 a.m.

Passover Morning & Shabbat Service, Proler Chapel

Saturday, March 31st, 6:00 p.m.

Second Night Seder, led by our clergy, Feld Hall
(registration required)

Thursday, April 5th, 6:00 p.m.

Passover Service & Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Friday, April 6th, 10:30 a.m.

Passover Yizkor, Proler Chapel

Please note that there will not be a Tot Shabbat offered in April (due to Passover) or May (due to Leadership Shabbat; instead a 'Family Shabbat Experience' will be held on **Friday, April 27th.**

Exciting New Advertising Opportunity!

Looking for a new way to get the word out about your business? Beginning this May, the Temple *Bulletin* will host ads in a tasteful way, displayed at the rear of our monthly communication.

The Temple *Bulletin* is sent to over 1,750 families, to our various partner organizations in the community, displayed on our Emanu El website and available in our facility to the many guests who frequent our building.

Companies and organizations can purchase a one-time ad or find savings in their purchase by committing to multiple months. The proceeds of these ads will help off-set the cost of the Temple *Bulletin* and other synagogue communications.

Interested in purchasing an ad or acquiring a rate sheet? Contact David Lamden at (713) 529-5771, ext. 221 or DavidL@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.

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For example, one respondent wrote, “Going to classes with my preschoolers . . . My husband and I took each child to their classes and met other parents.” When our (now 23-year-old) daughter Emma was in 6th grade, a group of parents started meeting at Shabbat services and going to dinner together. Friendships both among the children and the parents were formed and strengthened. As the ‘6th at 6’ group, we continued this practice through high school, helping one another navigate adolescence, celebrating B’nai Mitzvot, Confirmation and Graduation, and supporting one another through those complex years. We have many affinity groups here, but as they say at every high schooler’s visit to a college campus, if you don’t see one you would like, you can start one.

Another common genre of response was about leadership, e.g., “through my many years of chairing the Hospital visitation” and “when I was in charge of ushering” and “...was president of the Sisterhood.” Two things come to mind.

First, frequently enough to get my attention, members have told me that the same people and the same families are making all the decisions, just as they always have. In fairness, there always are a few familiar names on the Board of Trustees and involved in activities and committees. My experience is that not only do they not wield undue influence, but also that they are involved for the same reason as the other trustees, because they care enough to commit and work on our behalf. All Board members are involved as committee or task force chairs, members, or both. Each contributes to our discussions on finances, policies and actions. Decisions are made as a group by the entire Board.

Second, there was this coda to one such leadership remark, “It made me feel a part of the synagogue.” There

are many available entry points to involvement. I started as a PTA volunteer. Others have been members of affinity groups and auxiliaries, taken on projects small and large, lent expertise to special events or situations, or told a clergy or staff member or lay leader that they would like to become more involved. And, some have suggested that we do something new or different and were asked the (dreaded or should-have-been-anticipated) question, “Would you like to lead that effort?” Please make your interest known. It is rewarding and will enrich all your Emanu El experiences.

Finally, here is one of my favorites: “The big congregational events define the Temple, but the small ones define my best Emanu El.” As a community, we note the standing room attendance at our recent Endowment Fund Speaker Carl Bernstein, the engaging and inspiring weekend of Cantor Simmons’ installation, and the crowds attending Yom Limmud 2018 in our facility. We also celebrate those visiting The Sheila Newar and Myra Lipper Confirmation/Consecration Photo Gallery after services in search of their family members’ photos, the monthly greetings and socializing among the long-standing volunteers preparing food for Sack Lunches for SEARCH and for Kids’ Meals, and the quiet, informal conversations with friends and clergy.

In addition to any of the above, you can begin or continue your engagement with our community by joining me at the Annual Meeting BBQuorum **Tuesday, April 17th** (free dinner at 6:00 p.m., meeting at 6:30 p.m.). I hope to see you there as Rabbi Hayon and I report on the previous year, we vote on new proposed bylaws (watch for a mailing in March and information meetings), and elect the next Board of Trustees and Officers, including our next President, Rodney Roth.

Purim Carnival Returns at Emanu El!



On Sunday, February 25th, the Helfman Religious School celebrated Purim with a Sunday-morning carnival hosted by the Religious School Committee, led by Melissa Carson and Burton Manne, co-chairs, and Marcia Fiman, fundraising chair. Everyone enjoyed the games, inflatables, crafts, food and fun! A particular hit were the confetti eggs stuffed by volunteers Heidi Kaplan, Terry Cominsky, Carol Orsak, Ila Owers, Suzie and Steve Daum.

The committee would like to extend its appreciation to all of the volunteers, teachers, TAs, clergy, and staff who worked tirelessly to make this event so fun for everyone! Many thanks to our sponsors (as of press time): Jeff and Karen Basen-Engquist, Charles and Melissa Carson, and Keith and Marcia Fiman. Special thanks to Maxed Out Entertainment for providing DJ services for this event.

Marci Fiman, Burton Manne, Devyn & Leighton Wolens help run the food station at the Purim Carnival. The Carnival drew several hundred participants and raised a few thousand dollars for Helfman Religious School.

YOUTH PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMMING

Young Professionals to Host 3rd Annual “Let My People Drink”

Thursday, March 29th

Let my People Drink, a Young Professional night at 8th Wonder Brewery, 2202 Dallas St, 77003, will take place on **Thursday, March 29th from 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

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

Emanu El Young Professionals welcome those who are in their 20s and 30s.

Emanu El’s Award-Winning JED Talks to Feature Stephanie Wittels Wachs

Thursday, April 12th



Join Emanu El Young Professionals on **Thursday, April 12th** for the next installment of our award winning JED Talks series. We are so pleased to be featuring Stephanie Wittels Wachs, Owner and Executive Director of Rec Room Houston, actress, and most recently author of *Everything Is Horrible and Wonderful*:

A Tragicomic Memoir of Genius, Heroin, Love, and Loss.

All are invited to the Rec Room, 100 Jackson St., #130c, to come enjoy dinner (on us!) and drinks as we share in Stephanie’s journey. Dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m. if you’d like to join us early and the program will begin at 7:00 p.m. There is no cost for this event.

About the book: The space between life and death is a moment. But it will remain alive in me for hundreds of thousands of future moments.

One phone call. That’s all it took to change Stephanie Wittels Wachs’ life forever.

Her younger brother Harris, a star in the comedy world known for his work on shows like *Parks and Recreation*, had died of a heroin overdose. How do you make sense of such a tragic end to a life of so much hilarious brilliance?

In beautiful, unsentimental, and surprisingly funny prose, Stephanie Wittels Wachs alternates between her brother’s struggle with addiction, which she learned about three days before her wedding, and the first year after his death, in all its emotional devastation. This compelling portrait of a comedic genius and a profound exploration of the love between siblings is *A Year of Magical Thinking* for a new generation of readers.

A heartbreaking but hopeful memoir of addiction, grief, and family, *Everything is Horrible and Wonderful* will make you laugh, cry, and wonder if that possum on the fence is really your brother’s spirit animal.

YOUTH CORNER

Calling Young Families! Emanu El Seeks Tot Shabbat Hosts

Are you looking for a way to get more involved? Do your kids want to lead blessings at Friday night services? Is your son or daughter having a birthday and you’d like to honor them in a unique way? The first Friday of each month we are pleased to have a special Tot Shabbat service, geared towards families with little ones ages 0-6. Each Tot Shabbat presents a rare opportunity for families to interact with each other and get to know our clergy on a more personal level.

Each month, Emanu El extends the privilege of hosting a Tot Shabbat to our Young Families who may be interested in becoming more involved. We also invite you to pair up with other families and host as a cohort if that’s what you’d prefer. For more information on hosting responsibilities and what this may entail, contact Jill Patir at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

Family Shabbat Experience

Friday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m.

Families, be on the lookout!

Emanu El will host its annual ‘Family Shabbat Experience’ on **Friday, April 27th**. Burgers and tots! Vegetarian options available. An outside Shabbat experience in our sculpture garden.

More information to come! Registration will be available on the EmanuElHouston.org website in the coming weeks.



Becker Bridge Program Accepting Applications for 2018-2019

Our Bridge class is designed for the child with a spring or summer birthday who will benefit from a smaller school environment to grow and mature. The program emphasizes socialization and communication skills, independence, cooperation, and creative expression as well as academic skills.

Our main objective is for the children to develop a strong sense of self-confidence and their own voice. We encourage each Bridge student to work independently, be a problem solver, critical thinker, leader, and work within a group of peers. This will be a year of growth and independence for your child.

- State Standard driven curriculum
- Individualized instruction
- Student directed learning
- Focus on social skills
- Extension of learning through field trips
- Projects integrated with unit curriculum
- Kindergarten or 1st grade placement
- Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. -2:30 p.m.

If you feel that your child is a candidate for this amazing program, please contact Paula Katz by phone (713) 535-6400 or email becdir@emanuelhouston.org.



BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!



Becker School

Movie Night

ADMIT ONE FELD HALL THEATER ADMIT ONE
SUNDAY, MARCH 25
4:00 PM
\$50 PER FAMILY

ALL PROCEEDS GO TO BECKER SCHOLARSHIP FUND
GO TO EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG TO PURCHASE TICKETS



EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH APRIL 17th

The below information contains a listing of events at Emanu El exclusive of our Temple worship and Shabbat schedule, which can be found monthly on page 2.

As a Congregation, we communicate in many different ways: this calendar is supplemented by information that can be found throughout this edition of the Temple *Bulletin*, in the weekly Shabbat program, available in your weekly Wednesday eLetter, on the Emanu El website: www.emanuelhouston.org, and on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

(through April 17, 2018)

MARCH

- 3/6 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 3/7 – Lunch & Learn Series – “Developing Mindfulness through Jewish Text & Tradition”, 12:00 p.m.
- 3/8 – Work Of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/8 – Book Review: *Small Great Things* by Jodi Picoult, 7:00 p.m.
- 3/9 – Widow to Widow Shabbat Dinner, following services (approx. 7:15 p.m.)
- 3/12 – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/16 – Heritage Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/20 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 3/21 – Sisterhood Donor Luncheon: Dancing with the Jewish Stars, 11:00 a.m.
- 3/25 – Helfman Open House, 9:00 – 10:00 a.m.
- 3/25 – Jewish Community Day at Rice (includes EE Youth Choir national anthem performance), 1:00 p.m. (at Reckling Field)
- 3/25 – Becker Movie Night, 4:00 p.m.
- 3/27 – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 3/29 – Brotherhood’s Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah, 6:30 p.m.
- 3/29 – Young Professionals’ Let My People Drink, 6:00 p.m. (at 8th Wonder Brewery)
- 3/31 – Second Night Seder, 6:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 4/3 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 4/4 – Emanu El Lunch & Learn Series – “Developing Gratitude through Jewish text and tradition”, 12:00 p.m.
- 4/8 – Chicken Soup Cookoff, 11:00 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.
- 4/11 – Becker Transportation Fair, 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 4/11 – Sisterhood Tour of GRB & Discovery Green, 10:00 a.m.
- 4/12 – Work of Our Hands, 9:30 a.m.
- 4/12 – JED Talks, 6:30 p.m. (dinner) & 7:00 p.m. (presentation)
- 4/15 – Yom Ha’Shoah, 3:00 p.m.
- 4/17 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 4/17 – Annual Meeting, 6:00 p.m. (dinner) & 6:30 p.m. (Annual Meeting)

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OUR TEMPLE FAMILY

IN THE COMMUNITY

Raime Estes joined with her sons Brauston and Canaan Estes in becoming B’nei Mitzvah in early March at Camp Young Judea.

BIRTHS

Theodore Sage Astrich, son of Suzanna & Jordan Astrich; grandson of Steve Astrich; great-grandson of Sara Astrich

DEATHS

Mark Evan Cyprus, son of Shelly Cyprus; husband of Leah Cyprus; father of Robert and Charles Cyprus and Simon Kim; brother of Audrey & Richard Kauffman, Idalyn & Mark Audas, Lenore & Russ Ferrill, Dean Draper; brother-in-law of Valerie Bossert.

Irwin Goot, father of Betty & Mike Tapick, Steven Goot, Barbara & Michael Gamson; grandfather of Rebecca & Jeffrey Tapick, Lisa & Amir Ansari, Lauren Goot, Mary & Taylor Goot, Emma Gamson, Carly Gamson; great grandfather of Jordan and Allison Ansari, Elijah and Ezra Tapick; brother-in-law of Jeanette Finger, Meyer Kamrass

Perla Filgueira, mother of Carly & Sebastian Filgueira, Natasha Filgueira & Matthew Cottell; grandmother of Luca, Giuliana and Olivia

Milton Kardesch, father of Ellen Kardesch Trovillion & Andy Trovillion, Cynthia & David Kardesch, Katherine & Matthew Kardesch; grandfather of Samantha and Alexander Trovillion, Alison, Nathaniel, Jeffrey and Benjamin Kardesch, Claire, Carter and Cory Kardesch; brother of Sarah Kardesch Goldenberg & Martin Goldenberg; brother-in-law of Jerold Katz

Robert D. Schenberg, husband of Susanne Schenberg; father of Ali & Jeff Kalina, Emily & Kevin Lepine, Chava Schenberg, Dominique Boesch and Colin Boesch; grandfather of Taylor and Gabe Kalina; brother of Sandy & Michael Wexler, Elaine & Carl Knobler

Evelyn Tyser, wife of Fred Tyser; mother of Patti & David Krivo, Evetta & Richard Robbins and Alan Tyser, grandmother of Ariel Krivo, Adam Robbins, Eliza & Justin Stubbs, Sydney Krivo, great-grandmother of Maxwell Stubbs and Aurora Krivo

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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Sisterhood, Brotherhood Present Checks to Synagogue to Assist with Hurricane Harvey Repairs

At the February Board of Trustees meeting, Sisterhood president Diane Puschett (left) and Brotherhood president Lewis Kalmans (right) presented checks from their respective organizations to Emanu El president Jeff Basen-Engquist. The checks are earmarked to assist the synagogue with repairs associated with Hurricane Harvey.

Cantor Simmons, Rabbi Hayon Prepare for Purim Schpiel

Emanu El's Purim Schpiel was "Signed, Sealed, Megillah" in late February. In the adjacent picture, Cantor Rollin Simmons and Rabbi Oren Hayon practice their lines in the Barish Sanctuary during a rehearsal.



Noah Aronson and Youth Choir Flash a Smile Prior to Shabbat

Congregation Emanu El hosted Noah Aronson as its Artist-in-Residence during Yom Limmud weekend. During his stay, Noah took part in our Shabbat worship, led a private house concert and also performed before a packed house during a Yom Limmud concert. In the adjacent picture, Noah clowns around with the Emanu El youth choir prior to Shabbat services. The youth choir joined Noah for a few songs during the worship service.



It's Here! Our New Membership Commitment Process and Form

After more than five years since the original work began on evaluating our “dues” system, we are finally making the move to a much-improved system known as a “Standard Commitment Model.” Our goals are to unify our approach to annual commitments, to make the methodology transparent, to continue a user-friendly process, and to maintain the Emanu El way of working with congregants.

Unified approach: Since 2012, the new members have been using the Standard Commitment model. It has been well-received, and revenues have been comparable. With this change, all members will use the new approach.

Transparency: The article in last month's *Bulletin* outlined that this model sets a “standard” membership commitment amount at the actual cost to keep our wonderful congregation running, on a per family basis, based on our budget. In the simplest and most basic of terms, it is the total budget of the congregation, which is not covered by other sources of revenue, such as tuition, divided by the number of member families at Emanu El. The system also includes four new Enhanced Commitment categories which helps us to both reach our financial goals and allows us to make sure everyone who wishes, can be part of the Emanu El family.

User-friendly: Around the middle of March, all members should expect to receive a large envelope labeled “Membership Renewal.” In it, you will find a cover letter with some information specific to you, and the Commitment Form for our 2018-19 fiscal year which begins on May 1, 2018. We ask that each family return this form which lets our Accounting Office know both how much you are committing for the year and how you would like to be billed during the year.

The Emanu El Way: As always, we remain committed to being accessible to every person seeking a Jewish community. When you review the Commitment Form, if you find that the Standard Commitment or one of the Enhanced Commitment categories are beyond your reach, all you need to do is have a brief confidential conversation with the Executive Director, Program Director or Membership Coordinator. In that conversation you will be able to set your commitment at a comfortable level for you.

We held two congregational informational sessions during the month of February, to both inform members about the upcoming changes and to receive feedback on

it. The feedback we received was both positive and very helpful in assisting us in making sure that the message about the new system is clear.

If you have any questions about the new system, please feel free to reach out to our Executive Director, David Lamden (713) 529-5771 or davidl@emanuelhouston.org. He will be happy to assist you with questions, have a confidential conversation about your commitment or walk you through filling out the Commitment Form if you have any problems.

Thank you for your continued support of our sacred community.

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.

Matthew & Rebekah Bennet, son Jacob and daughter Marisol

George & Erica Hittner, son Henry and daughter Hazel

Rachel Kades, daughter Olivia

Jack & Perla Rubin

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. Our staff is currently in the process of familiarizing themselves with our new software so that they can better serve you upon launch.

Stay tuned for information on how you can access the member portal as part of a new website in the coming months.



7th Annual Kiddush Cup Classic Monday, March 5th

Congregation Emanu El was slated to host its annual Kiddush Cup on **Monday, March 5th** at Braeburn Country Club, 8101 Bissonnet St. Congregation Emanu El's primary fundraiser is the Kiddush Cup and we are thankful to all individuals, agencies and corporations that have continued to support this great day of community. A list of current sponsors (as of press date) is available below:

Silver Sponsor: Holmes Smokehouse

Bronze Sponsors: Absolute Marble & Granite, Butler-Cohen Design & Build, Emanu El Brotherhood, Origin Bank, Philip Tenenbaum, UBS Financial Services, Wilson Cribbs & Goren Law Firm

Closest-to-the-Pin Sponsor: Waldman Funeral Care

Hat Sponsor: Distinctive Life/Houston Jewish Funerals

Hole Sponsors: Door Dash, Hirsch Westheimer PC, Mark Brookner, M. Penner

Hole-in-One Sponsor: Westside Lexus

Long Drive Sponsor: Judge Bob Schaffer

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Congregation Emanu El Begins Three-Part Lunch & Learn Series

Nourish your mind and spirit as well as your body at Congregation Emanu El's monthly lunch and learn generously underwritten by the Brotherhood.

All are welcome for a stimulating hour of learning and text on **Wednesday, March 7th at 12:00 p.m.** as our Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson teaches "Developing Mindfulness through Jewish Text & Tradition." There is no charge for this event. RSVPs for the first gathering are required by Monday, March 5th on www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771 to ensure we have enough food.

Future presentations include "Developing Gratitude through Jewish text and tradition" with Rabbi Fixler on **Wednesday, April 4th** and "Developing Hope through Jewish text and tradition" with Rabbi Silk on **Wednesday, May 9th**.

For more information on the series, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 529-5771, ext. 216 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



Emanu El Youth Choir Participating in "Jewish Community Day" at Rice Baseball

Community Invited to Take Part in Game, Festivities
Rice University will be hosting a "Jewish Community Day" on **Sunday, March 25th at 1:00 p.m.** as the Owls' baseball team takes on Western Kentucky.

As part of the festivities, the Congregation Emanu El youth choir will be singing the national anthem under the direction of Cantor Rollin Simmons just prior to first pitch.

A special event ticket package for the game is available by visiting www.riceowls.com/JCD and utilizing "promo code" JCD. The package includes reserved seating in a designated section, an exclusive Jewish Community Day t-shirt and an opportunity for kids to run the bases post-game. The cost is \$15 for general admission and \$20 for chair backs per person.

Chicken Soup Cookoff

Sunday, April 8th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El is gearing up for its 14th Chicken Soup Cookoff to be held on **Sunday, April 8th from 11:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.**



Over the years, the Chicken Soup Cookoff has featured dozens of Houston's top restaurants representing all cuisines including American, Italian, Japanese, Thai, Jewish deli and more. Tickets are now on sale at www.ChickenSoupCookoff.com with all income from this event going to charities including the Houston Food Bank and the Emergency Aid Coalition.

Soup that is leftover at the end of the day will be given to Second Servings.

Some of the early committed restaurants and caterers include Alexander the Greek, Ambassador Chinese, Buffalo Grille, Chef Smirnov Catering, Frank's Grill, Geo's Catering, Ivy & James, Jonathan's The Rub, Kenny & Ziggy's, the Marriot Marquis, Masraff's, Napoli Italian Restaurant, Patranella's Italian Restaurant, Post Oak Grill, Prima Pasta and Twin Peaks. A host of other

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restaurants and caterers will join by the time of the cookoff and shared in forthcoming promotionals.

Committed judges include local radio food personality Cleverly Stone, Culture Map writer Ken Hoffman, KTRK-TV (ABC-13) traffic reporter Katherine Whaley and Local Houston Magazine food writer Carlos Brandon.

The Chicken Soup Cook Off will also be a site to register potential bone marrow donors to benefit patients suffering from diseases like leukemia and lymphoma whom are in need of a marrow transplant. With Jewish roots, the Gift of Life Marrow Registry is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that was established in 1991. Soup lovers between the ages of 18 and 45 and in general good health, are eligible to be screened and join the worldwide registry for patients in need. A simple easy and painless swab from the inside of your cheek is all it takes to determine if you are someone's life-saving match. For more information about Gift of Life and saving lives through bone marrow donation, please visit www.giftoflife.org or call 1-800-9MALLOW.

The event is organized by the Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El and a team of volunteers from across the Congregation. For more information or to enter a restaurant or caterer, please contact Emanu El's program director Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El Hosting Yom HaShoah Sunday, April 15th at 3:00 p.m.

Holocaust Museum Houston will sponsor a citywide commemoration of Yom HaShoah on **Sunday, April 15th** to be held at Congregation Emanu El.

The commemoration is being held in remembrance of the 6 million Jews who died during the Nazi atrocities of the Holocaust during World War II. An internationally recognized and respected event of solemn commemoration, the service will begin at 3:00 p.m. in the Barish Sanctuary. The service is free and open to the public.

The Yom HaShoah service is coordinated by the Yom HaShoah Steering Committee and Holocaust Museum Houston. As part of Emanu El's hosting the event, the synagogue is represented by Cantor Rollin Simmons and program director Jason Plotkin on the committee.

Cantor Simmons is responsible for the musical direction of the service, which will feature cantors and choirs from across the Houston Jewish community.

Underwriting is provided by the Morgan Family Endowment Fund and other community sponsors. Emanu El is stepping up to host the event out of rotation due to the impact of Hurricane Harvey on our fellow synagogues.

Annual Meeting

Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.

(Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m.)

We look forward to seeing you on **Tuesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.** for our annual meeting.

Help us have a "BBQuorum" for our annual meeting which will feature reports from President Jeff Basen-Engquist and Rabbi Oren Hayon. Congregants will also have an opportunity to vote on the budget, the 2018-19 Board of Trustees and a new set of bylaws. Information on the budget, nominating slate and by-laws will be sent to the Congregation in late March.

The evening will begin with a free BBQ dinner beginning at 6:00 p.m. followed by our annual meeting promptly at 6:30 p.m. RSVPs are needed for the dinner so that we have an adequate amount of food.

Please **RSVP** by visiting www.EmanuElHouston.org or calling (713) 529-5771 **by Thursday, April 12th.**

Childcare will be available for those between the ages of 2 months and eight years by contacting Evon Zions at EvonZ@emanuelhouston.org with a deadline of **Thursday, April 12th.**



4th Annual Emanu El Night at the Ballpark Tuesday, June 5th

For the fourth straight year, Congregation Emanu El is heading out for a 'Night At the Ballpark'.

Join members of the Emanu El clergy and staff on **Tuesday, June 5th** at Minute Maid Park as the defending world champion Houston Astros battle the Seattle Mariners at 7:10 p.m.

The cost of tickets for this evening out is just \$15. All tickets purchased are in the mezzanine section and the cost of a ticket is subsidized through the generosity of the Emanu El Brotherhood.

The Tuesday night ball game is \$1 hot dog night. Please note that this game has sold out both years that it was held at Minute Maid Park. Tickets are available on a first-come, first-serve basis and will be distributed via mail or at the synagogue beginning in early May.

To register, please visit www.EmanuElHouston.org. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.



Please join



Congregation
Emanu El

Rabbi Joshua Fixler, Rabbi Oren Hayon,
Rabbi Pamela Silk & Cantor Rollin Simmons

for Congregation Emanu El's

Second Night Seder

Saturday, March 31, 2018 | 6:00 pm

Kindly RSVP By Thursday, March 22, 2018

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



I (we) would like to reserve:

Individual Seating

Number of adult **members** (\$35 each) _____ Number of adult **non-members** (\$40 each) _____

Number of **children** 12 & under (\$18 each) _____

Beginning March 23, a limited amount of spaces will be available for \$50 per person.

Family Table of 10 \$360

Name on Table _____ Number of Tables _____

Dietary Information (please indicate the number in your party)

Vegetarian _____ Gluten-Free _____

In my absence or in addition to my reservation, I (we) would like to donate \$_____ to allow our Seder to be accessible to those in need of financial assistance or are new to our community.

Payment Information:

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip _____

Enclosed is my check for \$_____, made payable to Congregation Emanu El.

Please charge my ticket(s) / table(s) to:

Visa MasterCard American Express Amount \$_____

Cardholder Name _____ Expiration _____

Card Number _____ Security Code _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Preferred Seating (optional):

If available, please seat me with one of the following Emanu El affinity groups:

Houston Area Jewish Singles (50's and 60's)

My Generation (65+)

Classic Connections (50's and 60's)

Emanu El Young Professionals

EMANU EL AUTO ACCESS PLAN

Beginning **March 12, 2018**, Congregation Emanu El (CEE) will introduce a new traffic flow pattern and gate-access protocol for our campus.

These changes are being put in place for two reasons:

1) Best-practice recommendations from the Department of Homeland Security (DHS); 2) the need to create more efficient and safe entrance and exit flows as traffic increases on Rice and Sunset Boulevards.

The main change is that vehicles will now enter through Gate #1 (Hermann Park / Main Street side) and exit through Gate #2 (Rice Village side).

We want to assure you that the DHS-recommended changes are not a result of any specific threat to our campus. Rather, they are diligent, proactive approaches currently shared by many religious institutions.

We also recognize that these changes will be new for all of us and that it may take a while to get used to them. We hope you will embrace the changes as a statement that Emanu El prioritizes the safety and well-being of our congregants, children, staff and guests – and that providing a safe and secure campus is part of what makes it a welcoming one.

Entrance & Exit Gates

GATE #1 - ENTRANCE (Hermann Park/Main Street side)

Gate #1 is open during peak times and major events only. Peak times include school pick-up/drop-off times, services, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs and major events.

GATE #2 - EXIT (Rice Village side)

Gate #2 opens automatically upon exit.

CALL BOX (Rice Village side)

For access during non-peak times when the gate is closed, we have installed a call box equipped with audio and video.

- Press the call button to reach security for access.
- Security will open the gate to vehicles that have a CEE parking sticker in camera view.
- Vehicles without a visible CEE parking sticker may be required to show ID.
- Your assigned CEE sticker will expedite your entry to campus.

PEDESTRIAN GATE (located at Gate #2)

Equipped with a call box for access, the pedestrian gate may be used as a walking entrance and exit by members and guests who park in the West Lot, located outside the gates.

For a list of frequently asked questions (FAQs) and more information, please visit emanuelhouston.org/accessplanfaq.

Traffic Flow Patterns

FRIDAY NIGHT & SATURDAY MORNING SERVICES

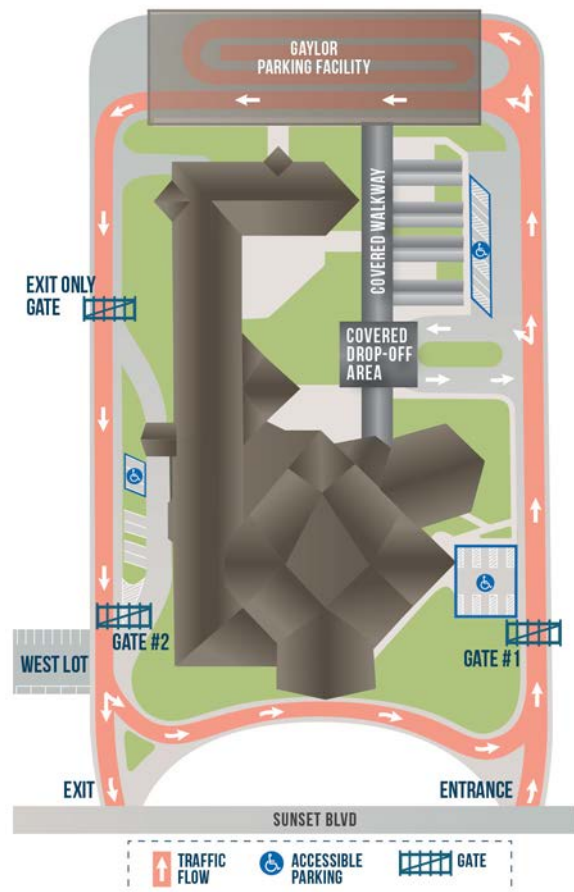
- Pick-ups and drop-offs should take place at the covered turnaround at the back (North) entrance.
- This is new to those accustomed to dropping off and/or picking up at the rotunda entrance.
- If you plan to leave your vehicle on campus during dinner, please relocate it to the West Lot (outside Gate #2) before you leave, as all gates will close and lock for the evening services and events, approximately 30 minutes after programming concludes.

SCHOOL PICK-UP & DROP-OFF

- Becker and Helfman vehicles enter through Gate #1, follow their school-issued protocols, drop off students, then exit Gate #2.
- During peak drop-off/pick-up times, Gate #1 will be open for entry.
- Your vehicle's CEE parking sticker will expedite campus entry.

DELIVERIES, SERVICE CALLS & NON-MEMBER VISITS DURING OPERATING HOURS

Gate #2 may be used as an entrance for deliveries, service calls and office visits during office hours. Vehicles should use the call box for access.



Upcoming Programming Offerings for Widows, 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.

Widow to Widow Shabbat Dinner Friday, March 9th, Services at 6:00 p.m., Dinner Following

Last spring, a group of congregants with the assistance of Rabbi Pam Silk created a group called “Widow to Widow” whose members make a phone call and provide resources to newly identified widows at Congregation Emanu El.

This group will be hosting a Shabbat dinner following services on **Friday, March 9th**. Services begin at 6:00 p.m. with the dinner at approximately 7:15 p.m. All members of ‘Widow to Widow’ as well as widows within our community are invited to join us for dinner, see old friends and make new ones.

The cost of the dinner is \$12 and can be paid on the Emanu El website at www.EmanuElHouston.org by the **RSVP deadline of Wednesday, March 7th**.

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

For more information on “Widow to Widow”, please contact Marlene Rubin at mrubin4@gmail.com.

My Generation: A Pre-Pesach Cooking Experience

Thursday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m.

My Generation is excited to have a unique opportunity!

A social club for singles, couples and all members of the Jewish community over the age of 65, join My Generation on **Thursday, March 22nd at 10:00 a.m.** as we prepare for Pesach. Come join Rabbi Pam Silk and Julie Hayon as they share some Passover-friendly recipes.

You’ll walk away from this delicious program taking home new recipes, enjoy schmoozing with new and old friends and relish the delights we cooked.

Emanu El will provide the supplies and materials, but RSVPs are a must. The class is free, but space is limited to **the first 30 people who RSVP by Friday, March 9th or upon sellout**. To RSVP, visit www.EmanuElHouston.org or call (713) 529-5771.

Please note that those who were originally planning to join us in September for the Harvey-canceled cooking class were sent an invitation to secure their space before registration opened to the public.

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

Save the Date for Community-Wide Jewish Singles Group for 50s and 60s Shabbat Dinner

Congregation Emanu El in tandem with Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism (HCRJ) is spearheading a community-wide Houston Jewish singles’ initiative for those in their 50s and 60s.

On **Friday, May 11th** following our 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services, the group will host a Shabbat dinner at Emanu El. More information and registration is forthcoming!

For more information on the Houston Jewish Singles’ group, contact Jill Patir at JillP@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Teacher, Emanu El Member Judy Ney Named Recipient of Irving L. Samuels Award

Our very own Judy Ney has been named a recipient of the The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's 2018 Irving L. Samuels Outstanding Teacher Awards for Judaic Studies. Judy was selected from teachers nominated from the community and will be honored at a community celebration on **Monday, May 7th at 7:00 p.m.** at the ERJCC. Mazel tov to Ms. Judy!

A video of the surprise presentation which was held on Wednesday, February 21st during Helfman's Wednesday T'filah service can be found on the Helfman Facebook page.

Pre-Registration for Helfman to Kick Off Sunday, March 25th

Pre-Registration for the 2018-19 Helfman Religious School year will kick off on **Sunday, March 25th** with an open house from 9:00-10:00 a.m. Come meet our ISJL Fellow, Education Staff and Religious School Committee and save \$75 on next year's tuition. Update forms will be distributed to current students in advance.

Registration materials will be available online at: www.EmanuElHouston.org. We are looking forward to another terrific year of learning!

Helfman Religious School Holds Annual 4th Grade Mock Wedding

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the Helfman Religious School 4th Grade Wedding. For two decades, our 4th grade students and their families have gathered to learn about the important parts of a Jewish wedding in this beloved experiential learning program. Rabbi Hayon officiated this year's service, which was beautifully re-imagined to be inclusive and reflective of the diversity of today's Jewish families.

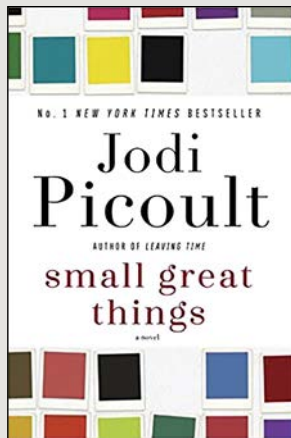
Afterwards, participants celebrated with a reception including traditional Israeli dancing, led by dance teacher Ellie Morse, and delicious refreshments provided by the 4th grade families.

Many thanks to our 4th grade teachers, Judy Ney and Felicia Provada, for all of their hard work and dedication in preparing our students for this event; to our Room Parents, Lisa Ostrin, Dawne Meijer, and Raana Bell, for coordinating the reception and refreshments; to Cindy Johnson, for providing the chocolate fountain; to our accompanist, Julie Sacks, for the beautiful music; to all of our parent volunteers; and to everyone else who helped to make this day of learning so special for our students and their families.



Sisterhood News & Happenings

Spring 2018



BOOK REVIEW:
Small Great Things,
by Jodi Picoult
THURSDAY, MARCH 8TH
7:00 PM

*Reviewed by Lisa Stone, Goldensohn Fellow,
Anti-Defamation League*

Small Great Things is a 2016 fiction about Ruth Jefferson, an experienced labor and delivery nurse. Ruth begins a routine checkup on a newborn, only to be told by hospital administration that she's been removed from care of this baby. The parents are white supremacists and don't want Ruth, who is African-American, to touch their child. The next day, Ruth is the only nurse available when the baby goes into cardiac distress. Does Ruth obey orders not to touch the child or intervene? Following the consequences of her decision, Ruth leads the reader into the underworld of both blatant and covert racism.

A reception will follow this book review. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 259 to help us properly plan for the evening.

Emanu El's Sisterhood Annual Fundraiser: *Dancing with the Jewish Stars*

So you think you can dance? Join Sisterhood at their annual Fundraiser luncheon on **Wednesday, March 21st at 11:30 a.m.**, 1500 Sunset Boulevard where our shining stars Cantor Rollin Simmons, Michael Sprung, Dee Dee Dochen and Rabbi Roy Walter will dazzle you as they brighten the dance floor. Watch professional dancing by the Barbara King Dance Company and our featured stars and see who wins the trophy and bragging rights. A delicious lunch will follow.

All are invited to attend this spectacular event filled with great entertainment, scrumptious food and lots of fun. Couvert is \$75.

Individuals who become a Patron at the \$250 level or above will be entered in a drawing for a two-night stay for two at the luxurious 5-star Windsor Court Hotel in New Orleans with dinner in the elegant Grill Room. The drawing will take place at the Patron Reception 10:45 a.m. preceding the event.

Please contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org to RSVP or for more information.

Emanu El Sisterhood

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*Dancing
with the
Jewish Stars*

Sisterhood Art Tour at George R. Brown & Discovery Green Wednesday, April 11th

Please join Sisterhood on an art tour at George R. Brown Convention Center, located at 1001 Avenida de las Americas, and the adjacent Discovery Green on **Wednesday, April 11th, beginning at 10:00 a.m.**, followed by lunch at a nearby restaurant.

The tour will begin in Discovery Green at the towering fiberglass sculpture, *Monument au Fantome*, by sculptor Jean Dubuffet, followed by *Synchronicity of Color*, the park's iconic multi-colored aluminum box structures by sculptor Margo Sawyer.

The next stops will include two recent public art commissions – *Wings Over Water*, a 70-foot long kinetic sculpture created by Tucson-based artist team Joe O'Connell and *Creative Machines, and Soaring in the Clouds*, a monumental hanging mobile by local sculptor Ed Wilson. Art pieces by local prominent Houston artists located throughout the George R. Brown Convention Center will also be featured in the tour. The tour will be led by Houston Arts Alliance staff members Matt Kubo and Alex Irrera.

A Dutch treat lunch at Grotto Restaurant, adjacent to the convention center, will follow the tour. There is no charge for the tour, but **reservations are required by April 6th**.

For more information or to RSVP, please contact the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or via email at sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El Sisterhood Visited MFA Houston for JTTA

The Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood headed to The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston for its 11th annual 'Judaism Through the Arts' on Thursday, February 8th. The group received an illustrated lecture on *Passion for Perfection*, featuring the Italian Renaissance art collection of the Straus family. The presentation was led by Helga Aurich, curator of European art.

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The Museum of Fine Arts, Houston





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 Memory of
Rozelle Schultz
Caren & David Cowan

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHER ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants
In Memory of
Milton Kardesch
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To support small & emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians
In Memory of
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To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships
In Honor of
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To provide a scholarship to send an outstanding Confirmation student to a NFTY event
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To maintain & enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Memory of
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CHESTER MARCUS CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships
In Honor of
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CLERGY'S GOOD WORKS FUND

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

A Donation

Estate of Ira B. Brown,
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Donation Gift Cards to Families Impacted by Hurricane Harvey
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In Honor of
Larry Greenberg's Birthday

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In Memory of
Lenore Fenberg
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To provide programs & services for special needs children
In Memory of
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To enhance Emanu El's communications with congregants
In Memory of
Patricia Golemon
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Linda & Richard Zoll

EDIS LEWIS PARKANS EMANU ELDERS FUND

To provide programs for Emanu Elders
In Honor of
Sylvia Brody's Birthday
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Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston
In Honor of
Sylvia & Steve Brody's Birthdays
Marsha & Joe Cohen
Leon Daily Jr.'s Birthday
David Livitz

In Memory of
Our parents - for Kids' Meals

Bill, Ed, Bobby Wayne & Helaine Wayne Lane

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ETHEL HUVARD MUSIC LIBRARY FUND

To maintain & enhance Emanu El's music library
In Honor of

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Cantor Rollin Simmons
Stephanie Dugan

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

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

In Honor of

Phyllis & Allen Applebaum's Wedding Anniversary
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Shirley Burkom's Birthday
Irv Levine's Birthday
Myra Lipper

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Myra Lipper

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*To enhance musical
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In Honor of

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Birthday**

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Wagman**

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**GENERAL ENDOWMENT
FUND**

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

A Donation

Adele Segel

Karin & Leo Shipman

In Memory of

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**HAROLD REINGOLD
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*To enhance Helfman
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*To maintain & enhance the
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*To provide arts programs
for children*

In Honor of

Ted Roggen's Birthday

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**NATHAN BERG LECTURE
SERIES**

*To present programs on
political issues*

In Honor of

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**RABBI ROY WALTER
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*To support spiritual &
cultural enrichment*

In Honor of

**Phyllis & Allen Applebaum's
Wedding Anniversary**

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Rabbi Roy Walter

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Joan Suchart & Family

In Memory of

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**RICKY SCHNURR
CAMPSHIP FUND**

*To provide Greene Family
Camp scholarships*

In Honor of

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Gayle Schnurr

Gladys Schnurr

In Memory of

Rakhil Chertina

Cora Goldsmith Federman

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer

**RIVA BURSTEN CARING
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*To support programs
that assist people in the
community*

In Memory of

Roslyn Eisenberg

Jerry Lass

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**ROBERT I. KAHN SOCIAL
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*To send congregants to the
Consultation on Conscience
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Center*

In Honor of

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Marilyn & Herman Litt

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*To enhance preschool
education*

In Memory of

Morton Lipman

Marilyn & Rob Corn

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*To provide training
programs for Emanu El
teachers*

In Memory of

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TEMPLE FUND

*To support the needs of
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mission of Congregation
Emanu El*

Help After Hurricane

Harvey

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In Honor of

**Phyllis & Allen Applebaum's
Wedding Anniversary**

Jeff & Julie, Brian &

Nicole Applebaum

Esther & Woody Fox

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Gloria & Ben Tobor

Dianne & Ellis Tudzin

Ted Roggen's Birthday

Beverly Borden

Sylvia & Marty Mintzer

In Memory of

Marcia Cohen

Suzanne & Peter Josef

Mark Evan Cyprus

Karen & Jeff Basen-

Engquist

Lenore Fenberg

Betty Rae & Ralph Cohen

Harry Krull

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Desenberg

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**Diane Puschett To Be Honored as
Congregant of the Year
Thursday, May 10th**

Brotherhood is pleased to announce that Diane Puschett will be our 2018 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year. The acting President of the Sisterhood, Diane has served our congregation in various roles and assisted in many happenings since arriving to Houston post-Katrina. This year's Congregant of the Year dinner will be held on **Thursday, May 10th**. Please save the date to join us in honoring Diane. Watch your mailbox for an invitation.



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