

# Bulletin

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## FROM RABBI HAYON



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I am so pleased to welcome 2019, the 75th anniversary year of Congregation Emanu El. This will be a remarkable and memorable year, filled with countless celebrations and opportunities to worship, learn, sing, and reflect with old and new friends alike.

Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy, our extraordinary chairs for the 75th anniversary, have been hard at work, along with temple's clergy and staff, to assemble a year-long calendar of events that will offer all of our congregants a wealth of opportunities to look back fondly on Emanu El's history – and also to turn our gaze eagerly to the future, where many more bright years await us.

One of my personal goals for this anniversary year is for every member of our congregation to have the chance to connect with Emanu El in a new or deeper way. If you've been looking for a way to enrich your Jewish learning, make a point of attending a lecture delivered by one of the nationally-recognized thinkers and speakers who will grace our bima this year. If you've been hoping to deepen your commitment to social justice, identify an opportu-

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## A NEW YEAR MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As our long-anticipated 75th anniversary celebration begins, I wanted to take a moment to wish everyone a very Happy New Year.



**Rodney Roth**

May it be a sweet and joyful year that I promise will be filled with re-connection and celebration. Reflecting on the rich history of our congregation and its humble beginning in 1944, it is amazing that our congregation has gathered for worship every week, notwithstanding the many challenges that we as a community have faced individually and collectively.

To celebrate this amazing milestone is truly a mitzvah, of which we should

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## Congregation Emanu El Launches 75th Anniversary with Musical Celebration

**Sunday, January 27th  
4:00 p.m.**



Congregation Emanu El announces *Ever Open: A Musical Celebration* on **Sunday, January 27th at 4:00 p.m.**

The concert features Emanu El's **Cantor Rollin Simmons**, who will be joined by special guests **Noah Aronson** and **Elana Arian**, both nationally recognized recording artists and will focus on the text, "Do Justice, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with your God" (Micah 6:8).

The concert is open to the public and free of charge. *Ever Open: A Musical Celebration* is the first event of a year-long 75th anniversary celebration of Congregation Emanu El, and will also highlight the idea of coming together as a community, through the anthemic words of Psalm 133: *Hinei mah tov...* "How good and how pleasant it is for brothers and sisters to dwell together."

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### **Shabbat Bo, Exodus 10:1 – 13:16**

**Friday, January 11th**

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

**Saturday, January 12th**

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Hannah Marmo**, daughter of Sasha Vaikman & Peter Marmo and **Mia Septimus**, daughter of Alison & Josh Septimus

### **Shabbat B'shalach, Exodus 13:17 – 17:16**

**Friday, January 18th**

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

**Saturday, January 19th**

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Alexander Leif**, son of Jessica & Joshua Leif and **Emma Silverman**, daughter of Brandy & Josh Silverman

### **Shabbat Yitro, Exodus 18:1 – 20:23**

**Friday, January 25th**

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

**Saturday, January 26th**

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Evelyn Burt**, daughter of Tara & Bryan Burt and **Joshua Kaplan**, daughter of Laura Dew & Michael Kaplan

### **Shabbat Mishpatim, Exodus 21:1 – 24:18**

**Friday, February 1st**

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Board Room

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

6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Proler Chapel

### **Saturday, February 2nd**

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

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

Bat Mitzvah of **Noa Granoff**, daughter of Amy & Marc Granoff

### **Shabbat T'rumah, Exodus 25:1 – 27:19**

**Friday, February 8th**

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

**Saturday, February 9th**

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Noah Friesen**, son of Sara & Kyle Friesen and **Joshua Rosenblum**, son of Amber & Robert Rosenblum

### **Shabbat T'tzaveh, Exodus 27:20 – 30:10**

**Friday, February 15th**

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

Heritage Shabbat/Guest D'var Torah from Rabbi Gary Zola

**Saturday, February 16th**

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Isabelle Pesikoff**, daughter of Heather & Daniel Pesikoff and **Samantha Rosen**, daughter of Micol & Barry Rosen

**NOTE:** The Shabbatones' traditional slot on the third Friday of the month will take place on the fourth Friday of the month during February to accommodate activities pertaining to Heritage Shabbat and our special guest.

**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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nity to volunteer. If you have wondered how to enhance your spiritual life, commit to attending services for a few weeks.

Most of all, I am hopeful that during this anniversary year, all of us will step forward to fortify our relationships with each other, and to build new friendships as well.

Membership in a synagogue represents a bulwark against some of the strongest and most challenging trends in American life today – solitude and self-centeredness, which lead in turn to isolation and loneliness. Membership at Emanu El – and joyful, heart-filled participation in our congregation's rich, meaningful programming – empowers us to approach the world outside its walls with newfound hope, pride and optimism.

This is what makes our congregation so wonderful, and I am so looking forward to joining you for a full year's worth of enthusiastic celebration.

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all be very proud. As we start our celebration, let me remind you that the year will overflow with activities, programs, concerts, and events that are inclusive to all and will hopefully pique your interest.

To help kick start our year of celebration, please join us for *Ever Open, A Musical Celebration*. Cantor Simmons and her world-renowned cantorial friends, Elana Arian and Noah Aronson, will join us for an amazing evening of music and reflection.

In honor of our 75th anniversary, Emanu El collaborated with Noah Aronson to commission a new piece of music, *Do Justice (Hinei Ma Tov)* which I know you will enjoy. Other events that might spark your interest include a special weekend on February 15 - 16th with scholar in residence Rabbi Gary Zola from Hebrew Union College. Rabbi Zola will provide the D'var Torah and a special Saturday morning study followed by many more events to come.

The 75th also affords us the opportunity to reconnect. A chance to rekindle friendships with those that perhaps we have lost track of and an opportunity to foster new

relationships. This is also a chance to meet the many new faces and families that have joined our community in recent months. I am hopeful that our 75th will draw us even closer as a community, not just while we celebrate this milestone but beyond.

As we embark on our year of celebration, I would like to thank our co-chairs, Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy, for their commitment and dedication. The planning process, which began almost a year ago, was an amazing undertaking and we are so appreciative.

I would also like to thank the many volunteers who have served on the numerous planning committees as well as our incredible clergy team and staff who have poured their hearts and souls into this celebration. As the year starts to unfold, please note that there are several opportunities to get involved.

If you are interested, please reach out to our chairs at [ee75@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:ee75@emanuelhouston.org) or to Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414. Wishing you and your family a sweet year filled with abundant joy, good health, peace, and celebration.

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## EVER OPEN CONCERT

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Prominently featured will be the world premiere of a new song commission by Aronson based on the aforementioned Micah quote, which can be found on the wall of Emanu El's Barish Sanctuary. The Emanu El community was honored to be part of Noah's latest endeavor, *The Chai Project: 18 New Songs for 18 Communities*.

In 2018, Aronson collaborated with clergy teams and lay-leaders to create individualized musical works celebrating the unique life of each community.

Collaborating on the Congregation Emanu El song with Aronson were Rabbi Oren Hayon writing the lyrics, Alex Navarro arranging for strings and piano, and Cantor Simmons consulting, singing and working with adult and youth choirs to prepare for the recording and the upcoming performance.

Cantor Simmons joined Emanu El in 2017 where she serves as a member of the clergy team and leads the congregation's music program in worship and education. Simmons previously served as clergy in Aspen, Colorado for the town's oldest Jewish congregation where she headlined a summer concert for six years featuring artists including Aronson and Arian which drew attendees from all faith traditions.

Aronson is an energetic and soulful composer and performer whose unique musical style propels his music into communities across North America, Israel, and Europe. Arian is a multi-instrumentalist composer and recording artist. She studied conducting and violin, jazz guitar, and songwriting at Yale and has performed at Carnegie Hall, Lincoln Center, and the White House during President Obama's terms in office.

Cantor Simmons is thrilled to bring this concert to Houston: "There will be many voices woven together during the event in addition to ours, from the voices of our esteemed rabbis to our congregation's youth and volunteer choirs to the voices within the sanctuary that afternoon!"

Congregation Emanu El, a Reform synagogue affiliated with the Union for Reform Judaism, is committed to its role as a provider of spiritual and cultural excellence in Houston.

For further information on *Ever Open: A Musical Celebration*, please go to [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org) or call (713) 529-5771.

## EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH FEBRUARY 26TH

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

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

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

#### JANUARY

- 1/3** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 1/4** – Tot Shabbat – Dinner at 5:45 p.m.,  
Service at 6:30 p.m.
- 1/10** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/10** – Sisterhood Book Review: *As Close to Us as Breathing*, 12:30 p.m.
- 1/14** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/15** – Kid Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 1/16** – Cooking & Catering with Chef Smirnov, 6:30 p.m.
- 1/22** – SACK Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 1/23** – Becker Parenting for Life: Supporting Your Anxious Child, 9:15 a.m.
- 1/27** – *Ever Open: A Musical Celebration*, 4:00 p.m.
- 1/29** – Young Professional's Cooking Class, 7:00 p.m.

#### FEBRUARY

- 2/1** – The Classics, Post-Shabbat Dinner at Kam's (following 6:00 p.m. services)
- 2/3** – Screenagers Panel, 9:30 – 10:30 a.m.
- 2/5** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 2/6** – Becker Parenting for Life: YES, You Can Say NO, 9:15 a.m.
- 2/7** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 2/7** – Brotherhood Gathering/Congregant of the Year Vote, 6:30 p.m. (Baileson Brewing, 2322 Bissonnet)
- 2/11** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 2/14** – Work Of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 2/15** – Heritage Shabbat & D'var Torah by Dr. Gary Zola, 6:00 p.m.
- 2/16** – Dr. Gary Zola Presents: "Great Voices, Civil Rights & Jews in the American South", 9:00 a.m.
- 2/17** – Yom Limmud, 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at Beth Yeshurun
- 2/18** – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 2/19** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 2/26** – SACK Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

**NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED:  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 5th**

## 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.

**Peter & Leslie Jacob**

**Ginny Lachman**, daughter Virginia

**Mike & Rosalyn Maltz**

**Rosalie Watkins**

New members will be shared in the Temple *Bulletin* regularly. Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Or looking to find a way to connect with Emanu El? Contact Jill Kaplan at (713) 529-5771, ext. 262 or [JillP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillP@emanuelhouston.org).

### Your New ShulCloud Online Portal Account

We are pleased to be providing access for all members to the new ShulCloud Online Portal. Around the middle of November, our members received an email from Emanu El that included a link to create your password to your own account. We hope that you will take the opportunity to create your password, login and look around at all of the new features available to you.

You will have access to the member directory and be able to see all of your financial transactions. You can also choose to pay any outstanding balances via credit card (3% fee still applies) through the portal, any time you would like. Lastly, if you register for upcoming events via forms on the Emanu El website, while logged into your account, your charges appear immediately.

If you have questions about how to use the portal, once you have created your password, please feel free to call us for assistance!

“The Classics” will take the place  
of Classic Connections.

Same demographic, programming  
and goals, new name!





## Volunteers Fry Up Latkes for Annual Chanukah Latke Supper

Under the lead of Terry Cominsky, a group of volunteers from across the congregation came together to fry latkes. The latkes were in turn eaten during the congregation's annual Latke Supper. Thanks to all of our volunteers!

## Bam! Crack! Menorah Lighting

Our 'Monthly Mahj' group began their evening of mahj playing by celebrating Chanukah together – lighting a menorah with Hayon prior to the onset of their activities. Our group of mahj players gather on the first Thursday of the month at 5:30 p.m., traditionally in the Stillman-Lack Library.



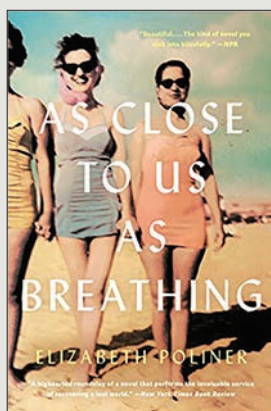
## Spinning a Dreidel with Helfman Religious School

Our Helfman Religious School Wednesday afternoon students enjoy spending time outside before heading into the Proler Chapel for T'filah. During Chanukah, these outdoor activities included a round of dreidel!



# Sisterhood News & Happenings

January – February 2019



## BOOK REVIEW:

*As Close To Us As Breathing*,

by Elizabeth Poliner

THURSDAY, JANUARY 10TH

12:30 PM

Reviewed by Marlene Rubin. The novel is about a Jewish family of three sisters who return, with their husbands and children, each summer to a beach house on the Connecticut shore. Set in the 1950s, the novel explores their individual, interconnected, and disjointed histories.

Book reviews are free and open to the public. Guests are encouraged to bring their lunch and desserts will be served.

## Come to Cooking and Catering with Chef Smirnov

Wednesday, January 16th, 6:30 p.m.

Food, Fun, Friends, what could be better? Chef Smirnov will tell you everything about food that you were afraid to ask, may even include a demonstration. Be prepared to sharpen your culinary skills with great tips revealed by the Chef especially for us. Mark your calendar and plan to attend what promises to be an enjoyable and enlightening program.

A delicious light dinner will be served to complement this special evening. There is no charge for this event. We ask that you **RSVP by Monday, January 14th** so that we can prepare appropriately to sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.



CONGREGATION EMANU EL  
**SISTERHOOD**

## Judaism Through the Arts

Thursday, February 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join Sisterhood for a delightful afternoon on **Thursday, February 7th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston for a special program of Judaism Through The Arts. Helga Aurisch, Curator of Impressionist and Post Impressionist European Art, will give a multi-media presentation comparing the impressionist painters Max Liebermann (German, Jewish) and Claude Monet (French, Catholic).

This enlightening and fascinating presentation will be followed by a tour of the museum's permanent collection, focusing on the amazing works of these great artists.

RSVP to Sisterhood office (713) 529-5771, ext.233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Space is limited. Please **RSVP by Friday, February 1st.**



Max Liebermann



Claude Monet

## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### BIRTHS

**Henry Fee Hyatt**, son of Melissa & Robert Hyatt; grandson of Diana & Mark Phillips, Cathy & Hartley Chelin, Donna & Robert Hyatt.

**Grady Owen Levine**, son of Ellen & Derek Levine; grandson of Paulette & Mel Levine, Lisa & Mike Thomas; great-grandson of Al Levine, Betty Thomas, Emily Hicks

**Jacob Dashiel Waldman**, son of Allison & Todd Waldman; grandson of Marilyn Waldman, Robin & Mark Weintraub

### DEATHS

**Gerald Berenson**, husband of Joan Seidenbach Berenson; father of Ann & Richard Goldfarb, Leslie Berenson, Irene & Robert Berenson, Laurie & Dale Maas; grandfather of Ann Axelrad & David Goldfarb, Megan Breitenwischer & Stephen Goldfarb, Aaron Berenson, Andrew Goldfarb, Michael Berenson, Carl Berenson, Julia Berenson, Rachael Maas, Benjamin Maas; great-grandfather of Maxwell, William and Gus Goldfarb

**Jerome Epstein**, husband of Arlyne Blaugrund Epstein; father of Patti Epstein McKee & Phelps McKee, Joe Epstein, Amy Epstein Brazda; grandfather of Halle, Anna, Morgan, Brady, Max and Jessica

**Lillian Farr**, mother of Camae & Mark Schultz and Arlene & Albert Farr; mother-in-law of Laura Farr; grandmother of Lisa & Scott Farr, Kenneth Farr, Sheri & Joseph Mongiello, Saundra Truchard & Jason Farr, Melanie Schultz & Claudia Rubio and Rebecca Nelson & Adam Schultz; great-grandmother of Philip and David Farr, Samuel and Jacob Farr, Tabatha Farr, Joseph and Anthony Mongiello, Leahm and Samantha Schultz, Jack and Kate Nelson, Jacob and Austin Schultz

**Zachary Goodwin**, son of Debra (Schnoll) Goodwin & Edwin Goodwin; grandson of Roberta Goodwin, Shirley Schnoll

**Harvey Rosenberg**, father of Mary & Lawrence Rosenberg, father-in-law of Julie Rosenberg, grandfather of Dayton LaForge Rosenberg; husband of Jana Simeckova Rosenberg

**Max Gerald Silvestain**, father of Shannon Steinman & Erick Silvestain; brother of Carol & Dan Silvestain, Jeannie & Edward Silvestain, Carole Jo Holden

**Louise Striegold**, mother of Michael Striegold and Cara & Brian Striegold; grandmother of Ariel and Ethan Striegold; sister of Susie & Ira Greene



### Update on Rabbi Walter

*This correspondence was sent via email to the Congregation on Thursday, December 27th. Congregants are still encouraged to send notes to Rabbi Walter to the synagogue, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005, which will be shared with him.*

There is good news to share about Rabbi Walter's health.

After six months of treatment and significant shrinkage of his tumor, Rabbi Walter had surgery this morning, Thursday, December 27, and we are happy to report that all went well. The doctors were able to remove what remained of his tumor and have determined that the margins are clear.

Rabbi Walter will be in the hospital for a couple of days followed by a few weeks in which he will be recovering at home. The family requests no visitors at this time, so that he can use his strength to recuperate.

All of us at the Temple know you join us in praying for Rabbi Walter's full and speedy recovery; we look forward to his returning to Temple and resuming his teaching and life cycle activities.

## Dr. Gary Zola to Serve as Barish Limmud Scholar-in-Residence Weekend of February 15th-17th



**Dr. Gary Zola**, Executive Director of the Jacob Rader Marcus Center of the American Jewish Archives (AJA) will serve as the Barish Limmud Scholar-in-Residence the weekend of **February 15th-17th** at Emanu El.

In addition to serving as the Executive Director of the AJA – the world’s largest free-standing research dedicated solely to the

American Jewish experience – Dr. Zola is the Edward M. Ackerman Family Distinguished Professor of the American Jewish Experience and Reform Jewish History at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in Cincinnati.

Dr. Zola became the AJA’s second director in 1998, succeeding his teacher and mentor, Professor Jacob Rader Marcus (1896-1995), the prodigious scholar who first defined the field of American Jewish history. It was Marcus who founded the AJA in 1947 and served as its director until his death in 1995.

A listing of opportunities for the congregation to learn from Dr. Zola can be found below.

**Friday, February 15th at 6:00 p.m.** – Heritage Shabbat. Our Heritage Shabbat series will continue on this Friday night with music from the old Union Prayer Book and feature Cantor Rollin Simmons and our professional choir. During this worship service, Dr. Zola will give a special D’var Torah on Congregation Emanu El’s role in the Reform Movement and American Jewish history.

**Saturday, February 16th at 9:00 a.m.** – Dr. Zola will present “Great Voices, Civil Rights & Jews in the American South” starting at 9:00 a.m. (breakfast will be available at 8:30 a.m.).

Have you ever wondered what some of the leading American rabbis handled pivotal world events from the pulpit? What did American rabbis tell their congregants about topics such as the rise of Adolph Hitler, the outbreak of World War II, the struggle for Civil Rights in the 1950s and 1960s, and so forth?

Dr. Zola, will introduce us to some of Judaism’s most remarkable rabbinical leaders. This will be a rare opportunity for you to actually hear a series of

remarkable vocal recordings (digitized with visuals added) of several towering rabbinic voices, all of which come from the AJA’s extraordinary historical collection. This will be your opportunity to listen to sermonic voices that you may know by reputation – but have never actually heard.

Sunday, February 17th at 10:30 a.m. – Dr. Zola will be one of the featured scholars at the Greater Houston Jewish Federation’s annual day of learning, Yom Limmud, to be held at Beth Yeshurun (4525 Beechnut St) as he presents “We Called Him Rabbi Abraham.”

This session is based on Dr. Zola’s new volume, *We Called Him Rabbi Abraham: Lincoln and American Jewry* (Carbondale, Illinois: Southern Illinois University Press, 2014), which was a finalist for the National Jewish Book Award.

Few are aware of the remarkable history linking American Jewry and President Lincoln. Dr. Zola will explain why many of Lincoln’s personal and professional characteristics that have caused American Jews to embrace the sixteenth president as a man who possessed a Jewish soul. Lincoln’s remarkable human qualities offer American Jewry an uplifting legacy to ponder.

Dr. Zola’s visit is co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu El and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston in partnership with the Barish Family/The Chair King. For a complete schedule and to pre-register for Yom Limmud, go to [www.houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud](http://www.houstonjewish.org/yomlimmud).

## Congregation Emanu El Hosting Acclaimed Speaker Rev. Dr. William Barber Wednesday, March 27th

Congregation Emanu El will host Reverend William Barber on **Wednesday, March 27th at 7:30 p.m.** as he presents “Working Across Faiths to Develop Moral, Social Change.”

The evening is co-presented by Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church and the Progressive Forum.



Rev. Dr. Barber is on a mission to lead this county in what he calls a national moral revival, giving a new face to the 1968 Poor People’s Campaign started by the Reverend Martin Luther King Jr. that linked the civil rights

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# Ever Open

A CONCERT  
TO CELEBRATE 75 YEARS OF EMANU EL

SUNDAY, JANUARY 27, 2019 4:00 PM

CONGREGATION EMANU EL

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CANTOR ROLLIN  
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FREE ADMISSION

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW

RSVP ONLINE: [EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG](http://EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG)



struggle for African-Americans to demands for equality for all poor people.

In addition to serving as co-chair of the Poor People's Campaign, Rev. Dr. Barber is the President and Sr. Lecturer of the Repairers of the Breach, which seeks to "build a moral agenda rooted in a framework that uplifts our deepest moral and constitutional values to redeem the heart and soul of our country."

This organization declares that the moral public concerns of our faith traditions are how society treats the poor, women, LGBTQ people, children, workers, immigrants, communities of color and the sick, therefore he believes that it is imperative that these must be handled in a compassionate and justice-seeking manner.

One of 25 winners of the MacArthur Fellow's 2018 "Genius Grant", Rev. Dr. Barber started gaining national attention when in 2013 as the head of the North Carolina NAACP, he spearheaded the "Moral Monday" movement in the state. A series of weekly protests, the group, which numbered in the tens of thousands in the fight for voting rights, education funding and other progressive causes.

The pastor of Greenleaf Christian Church, Disciples of Christ in Goldsboro, North Carolina, Rev. Dr. Barber has given keynote addresses at hundreds of national and state conferences, including the 2016 Democratic National Convention.

These speaking appearances have included addressing large groups of leaders within the Christian, Muslim

and Jewish faiths. In 2017, he addressed over 5,000 attendees of the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial in Boston. It is largely a result of this compelling presentation that Emanu El moved to bring Rev. Dr. Barber to our community.

A 2015 recipient of the Puffin Award and the Franklin D. Roosevelt Four Freedoms Award, Rev. Dr. Barber is regularly featured in media outlets such as MSNBC, CNN, New York Times, Washington Post, and The Nation Magazine, among others.

Rev. Dr. Barber's appearance at Emanu El is generously underwritten by the endowment funds of the synagogue and is part of a larger slate of events associated with Emanu El's 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 2019.

A beacon of social justice in the community since its founding, Emanu El's mission under the leadership of Rabbi Oren Hayon is to make a visible and consequential impact on Houston's moral and spiritual, cultural and intellectual life.

In this pursuit, Emanu El has been a leader in areas of social action and welfare, dating back to its involvement in the civil rights movement and serving the blind to feeding the hungry and working across faiths to bring about change – which aligns with that of Rev. Dr. Barber's efforts across the country.

To help Emanu El make plans for the evening, which is being offered free to the community, we are asking that participants RSVP online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org).

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## ADULT EDUCATION OFFERINGS

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### Love, Sex & Marriage: Jewish law and ethics about our most intimate relationships

**Class begins Sunday, January 13th**

Join Rabbi Oren Hayon for a six-session educational series entitled *Love, Sex and Marriage*. The class will offer an exploration of some of the most fascinating texts from the Talmud about love, intimacy and commitment.

The class will begin on **Sunday, January 13th** with additional sessions held on **January 27th, February 3rd, February 10th, February 24th** and **March 3rd**. Class will take place **from 10:30-11:45 a.m.**

There are no fees or previous experience needed to attend the class, but please indicate your interest so that we can plan accordingly. To RSVP, call the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 or visit [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org).

## UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERINGS FOR AFFINITY GROUPS & SPECIAL INTERESTS AT EMANU EL

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

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

### The Classics to Gather Post-Shabbat at Kam's Chinese Friday, February 1st

The Classics, Emanu El's social group for singles and couples in their 50's and 60's, had a great time at dinner after services on Friday, December 14th. The post-Chanukah dinner, complete with latkes, was delicious, and after the white elephant gift exchange almost everyone left with a gift they were happy with!

Save the date for our next event, which will be after services on **Friday, February 1st**, at Kam's Chinese Restaurant, 4500 Montrose. Come celebrate the Chinese New Year, learn about the traditions associated with the holiday, and enjoy a fun filled evening. Order what you want from the menu; Kam's will provide separate checks.

Please RSVP online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by

calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 so we can plan accordingly.

### Monthly Mahj at Emanu El First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.; Next Gathering on Thursday, February 7th

Our "first Thursday" group of Mahj players gathers at 5:30 p.m. in the Stillman-Lack Library with a nominal \$5 fee to cover drinks and dinner. The February gathering is **Thursday, February 7th**. Novice and advanced players welcome!

For more information and to RSVP, please email Elizabeth Townsend at [ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 222. RSVPs can also be handled on the Emanu El website at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org).

### Emanu El Volunteer Choir

The Emanu El Volunteer Choir has been active group this year, holding performances at various venues across town and taking part in the congregation's Purim Schpiel. Following a busy fall, an active spring is on the docket!

All members of the congregation are invited to join the choir by contacting Richard Zoll at [Richard.Zoll@yahoo.com](mailto:Richard.Zoll@yahoo.com). The choir traditionally rehearses on Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue. Please make sure to contact Richard to verify the rehearsal schedule for the month.

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## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

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### Congregant of the Year Nominations

Each year, the Brotherhood selects a member of Emanu El to honor as the Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year to recognize his or her devoted service to this congregation and to the community at large.

We invite the congregation to nominate deserving congregants for our 2019 award. If you are interested in doing so, please submit your nomination in the form of a letter describing the person and explaining why he or she should be Congregant of the Year.

Please describe the nominee's service both to the Emanu El community and to the community at large. You may mail the letter to Brotherhood's attention at the Temple, email it to [bpmiller82@gmail.com](mailto:bpmiller82@gmail.com), or leave it in an envelope in the Brotherhood box. Sitting members of the Emanu El executive committee, members of Emanu El senior staff, and posthumous nominees are not eligible. Nominations **must be received by 5:00 p.m. on January 31st**.

### Brotherhood Gathering & Annual Congregant of the Year Vote Thursday, February 7th at 6:30 p.m.

The Brotherhood will gather at Baileson Brewing (2322 Bissonnet Street) on **Thursday, February 7th** for dinner, socializing and an opportunity to vote for the 2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year. Dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m. with the meeting to start at 7:00 p.m. So we can plan accordingly, please RSVP online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771.

### Synagogue Softball League Returns This Spring – Interested in Participating?

Team Emanu El will be stepping up to the plate again this spring. After a few year hiatus, the synagogue softball league is returning this March on Sunday mornings at Godwin Park. Emanu El is looking for participants of all ages interested in joining our synagogue's team as it takes on friendly rivals Beth Yeshurun and Brith Shalom in recreational slow pitch softball.

Interested in participating? Please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org).



## Rabbi Josh Fixler Meets with Cast of *Fiddler on the Roof JR*



Rabbi Fixler with cast of *Fiddler on the Roof JR*.

Rabbi Josh Fixler recently visited the student cast of Inspiration Stage's *Fiddler on the Roof JR*. During his visit to the rehearsal, the cast of 40 young actors – from age 10 to age 18 – had an opportunity to learn historical, cultural and religious context for Judaism through the Pale of Settlement which *Fiddler on the Roof* takes place.

## Emanu El's Lamden, Plotkin Elected to Boards of Reform Movement Professional Affiliates



David Lamden

During a two-week span in November, Congregation Emanu El executive director David Lamden and program director Jason Plotkin were elected to the boards of the National Association of Temple Administration (NATA) and the Program & Engagement Professionals of Reform Judaism (PEP-RJ), respectively.

In his third year as the executive director at Congregation Emanu El, Lamden was elected to one of the three Vice President positions of NATA during the organization's annual conference held in Austin, Texas.

At the conference, it was formally announced that Lamden will serve as the board member with oversight for the 2019 NATA annual conference to be held in Chicago.

A Senior Member of NATA, who also holds the prestigious Fellow in Temple Administration (FTA) designation from

the organization, Lamden previously co-chaired the national conferences in both 2013 and 2016.



Jason Plotkin

A week prior in San Francisco, Plotkin was re-elected to the board of PEP-RJ during the organization's annual conference. Having recently completed a two-year term on the board, Plotkin's responsibilities will shift in the coming year with a focus on membership and promoting the organization.

Now in his fifth year as program director at Emanu El and sixth year overall, Plotkin directed the synagogue's efforts in receiving a 2015 Belin Award for Outreach & Membership from the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ).

In addition to overseeing programming and communications for Emanu El, Plotkin presently represents the synagogue in a variety of community capacities, including a position on the University Place Association "super neighborhood" board.

Emanu El is one of two synagogues in the country with representation on the board of three or more of the URJ's professional affiliates for non-clergy members. The synagogue's early childhood director Paula Katz serves on the board of the Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism (ECE-RJ).

## Emanu El Heads to Eastern Europe - Congregational Trip Planned for June 2019

Congregation Emanu El is celebrating its 75th anniversary in many ways during the 2019 calendar year.

As part of this celebration, please plan to join Rabbi Hayon as he leads a group from our congregation to Prague, Vienna and Budapest. An informational meeting about this congregational trip was held in late October. The trip's dates are **June 11th-21st** with basic information available on the ARZA World website: [www.ARZAWorld.com](http://www.ARZAWorld.com).

If you are interested in taking part in this trip and were unable to attend the meeting, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).

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## ReelAbilities Film & Arts Festival Returns to Houston February 12th-21st

We are pleased to announce that Emanu El returns again as a Collaborating Partner of the ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival, annually produced by the JFS Alexander Institute for Inclusion in collaboration with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities. Lead support is provided by TIRR Memorial Hermann and The Bristow Group.

The Festival, returning **February 12th-21st**, for its seventh year, begins with *ReelPeople: UP Abilities* on **February 12th**; continues with ReelArt, an exhibit opening and reception at Celebration Company on **February 13th**; launches into 13 dynamic films over four days (**February 17th-20th**) at Edwards Theater Greenway Plaza; and culminates on **February 21st** with the show-stopping ReelMusic at White Oak Music Hall. Helfman Religious School will join Kehillah High School students for the film, *Deej*, on Bristow Night, **Wednesday, February 20th**.

ReelAbilities Houston showcases and leverages the unique contributions of people who live with disabilities, all with a mission to erase stigmas, change perceptions, foster inclusion, and create pathways to employment.

Tickets and parking to all film, art and music events are free and groups are encouraged to attend. Registration is requested via [www.reelabilitieshouston.org](http://www.reelabilitieshouston.org), where a full Festival calendar is posted. ReelPeople: UP Abilities tickets are available for \$18.

ReelAbilities, founded in New York in 2007 and now presented in 14 cities, is the largest festival in the country dedicated to presenting award-winning films by and about people with varying abilities. The Houston Festival is considered the most creative festival of its kind; along with all film and arts events, ReelAbilities Houston also facilitates educational programs at schools and workplaces around the city, reaching thousands with its message of inclusion.

Congregation Emanu El members Susan Farb Morris and Dee Dee Dochen are respective chair and co-chair of ReelAbilities Houston 2019. To volunteer or sponsor ReelAbilities films, speakers, music or visual arts, please contact [ReelAbilities@jfshouston.org](mailto:ReelAbilities@jfshouston.org).

## Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Yom Limmud Celebrates 25th Year Sunday, February 19th

Each year, since 1995, the Federation has brought together Jews from all denominations to one place at one time to learn, shop, schmooze, nosh, sing and play together. Yom Limmud, the Federation's annual Day of Jewish Learning for All Ages is a unique learning experience that crosses social, political, and denominational lines, celebrating the depth and breadth of Jewish text, culture and tradition.

Yom Limmud 2019 will be held on **Sunday, February 17th**, and will be hosted at Congregation Beth Yeshurun. This year's theme is "Making Our World A Better Place: If Not Now, When?"

More than 70 local rabbis, cantors, and Jewish professionals will present sessions on a wide variety of topics. Rabbi Gary Zola is one of this year's Barish Shabbat Limmud scholars. His visit is co-sponsored by Congregation Emanu El and The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston in partnership with Chair King Backyard Store and the Barish Family. More information on Rabbi Zola's visit can be found on page 8.

Children in pre-K through third grade can participate in Young Limmud, a day-camp type program run by J camps. Babysitting is also available for children ages 15 months to three years. Grammy award winner and PJ Library musical artist, Mister G, along with the Maccabeats will perform during the day.

Yom Limmud is generously endowed by Chair King Backyard Store and the Barish Family. Online registration is available on the Federation website at [www.HoustonJewish.org/YomLimmud](http://www.HoustonJewish.org/YomLimmud). Don't miss this day to celebrate being Jewish!



## Congregation Emanu El Collecting for Animeals

Congregation Emanu El is continually collecting items for Interfaith Ministries' Animeals, a program that provides local seniors with proper means to care for their pets. Canned dog and cat food, new flea collars, unused packaged toys, blankets, beds, bowls for eating are being accepted in the bin located in the Rotunda. For more information, contact Ellie Morse at [eymorse@gmail.com](mailto:eymorse@gmail.com).





## Becker School

### Becker School Celebrated Chanukah

December has been a busy month at the Becker School. We celebrated Chanukah with a special program for the children. Ms. Alex, our music teacher, and Cantor Simmons told the story of Chanukah through song and more. Doris the Dreidel, Ms. Alex, and Maura Menorah, Cantor Simmons, along with Sally Sufganiyot, Ms. Pam Jenkins, Gladys Gelt, Ms. Judy Lazor, and Lady Latke, Ms. Paula, all helped make the story fun and exciting.

The children also enjoyed many Chanukah activities and a special snack. The morning was organized by Becker parents, Analie Durham and Emily Spinner, and many volunteers helped make the morning successful.

Our Becker Pre-K and Bridge classes had the opportunity to sing for the Gathering Place on Monday, December 10. The children, with the guidance of Ms. Alex, sang several songs and an encore. After the children sang, Ms. Alex performed and sang many songs for and with the group. It was a special morning for everyone involved.

Becker School Priority Registration for members of Emanu El **begins on Monday, January 28th**. To be included in priority registration, be sure to submit an online application on our website for children 15 months to 4 years of age. Members that have applied will receive an email with information to register their child for the 2019-2020 school year.

For questions regarding admissions or for a tour, please contact Judy Lazor at (713) 535-6400 or [judy1@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:judy1@emanuelhouston.org).

### Grandparents Shabbat At Becker School

Becker celebrated Shabbat with our grandparents and special friends on Friday, December 7th. The grandparents enjoyed visiting with each other before joining the children in Shabbat. Our Pre-K and Bridge classes sang a Chanukah song for everyone.

During Shabbat with the younger children, everyone enjoyed dancing together to celebrate Shabbat. A special thank you to Ms. Alex, Cantor Simmons and Rabbi Hayon for leading our joyful services.







# Helfman Religious School

## Helfman Passover Candy Sale

The Religious School Committee will be conducting a PASSOVER CANDY SALE during the months of January and February. We are pleased to feature Miss Chocolate and Bartons along with Old Time Delights kosher for Passover candy choices and a wide selection of additional items. All are perfect for the holiday or year round.

You can order online and have the products shipped directly to your home or office. Shipping is free with orders of \$75 or more.

### HERE'S HOW TO ORDER:

The website is: <https://www.misschocolate.com>

On the main page, in the blue navigation bar at the top of the page, there is a link for "Online Store."

On the Online Store page, there is a link for "Shop Now."

On the Shop Now page, there is a box for input of our Seller ID (706102) next to a link titled "CLICK HERE TO START SHOPPING."

The Religious School Committee (RSC) will receive 40% of all sales purchased through our Seller ID. Funds raised by the RSC enrich Jewish education at Emanu El through programs including Greene Family Camp scholarships, retreats and holiday happenings, parent and family education, and Teacher and TA shirts and professional development. Thank you for your support!

K-2ND GRADE

# JANUARY 25

FOLLOWING 6:00 PM  
SHABBAT SERVICES

SHABBAT

JOIN US FOR AN  
EVENING OF FOOD,  
COMMUNITY AND  
SHABBAT SERVICES.

RSVP ONLINE AT [EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG](http://EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG)

The poster features a dark blue background with a light blue diagonal stripe. It includes icons for a candle, a wine glass, and challah. The Hebrew word 'Shabbat' is written in colorful letters.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL  
PARENT FOLLOW-UP PANEL

SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY 3  
9:30 - 9:30 AM

# SCREEN AGERS

GROWING UP IN THE DIGITAL AGE

JOIN US FOR THIS FOLLOW-UP  
PANEL DISCUSSION FOR PARENTS

The poster features a photograph of students sitting on steps and looking at their phones. The background is dark blue with white and yellow text.



## Greene Family Camp (GFC) Camperships

Are you planning to send your child to Greene Family Camp this summer? Campership awards are worth 1/2 of tuition for Helfman Religious School students. Encourage your child(ren) to apply. Please write names on the back of the projects.

Grade-level projects are based on current grade enrollment. Campership applications are **due by Wednesday, January 30th** to the religious school office.

**3rd & 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 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, therefore the completed drawing must be accompanied by 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, Ricky Schnurr Campership. Children who have previously won a campership are not eligible to win again.

## Tot Shabbat

**Friday, February 1st at 5:45 p.m.**  
(service at 6:30 p.m.)

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El on **Friday, February 1st** for our monthly Tot Shabbat. The evening will begin with an optional dinner at 5:45 p.m. followed by a special service at 6:30 p.m.

In an effort to emulate the Shabbat experience at home, we will begin each dinner by joining together as one big congregational family to recite the traditional Shabbat blessings over the challah, candles and juice.

Our February dinner will feature Star Pizza & salad. There will be vegetarian and Gluten free options. The cost for dinner is \$4 for children and \$8 for adults. While we will be serving kid-friendly food, we also welcome you to bring your own dinner and join us if that makes it easier to accommodate your family's specific dietary needs. A short and sweet dessert oneg will immediately follow the service.

And as a reminder, please save the date for our annual "Rodeo Tot Shabbat" on Friday, March 1st when we'll have BBQ and all the fixin' for dinner.

## Becker Parenting for Life Speakers

The below programs are open to Becker families and the community at large.

**Supporting Your Anxious Child**  
**Wednesday, January 23, 9:15 a.m.**

Speaker: Eric Storch Ph.D, Menninger Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, Baylor College of Medicine

Is your child anxious? What does that mean; how does that look in young children? Dr. Storch will describe anxiety in children, help you understand their feelings, and will give you strategies to support your child.

**YES, You Can Say NO**  
**Wednesday, February 6th, 9:15 a.m.**

Speaker: Kim Swales, MA, Ph.D.

It is hard to say no. Choices, limits and even saying no can create a positive setting for children to be self-reliant and responsible as they grow and develop. Kimberly Hause-Swales will share ideas, strategies and techniques to help you feel confident guiding your children.





### Emanu El at “Lively Lilah”

Emanu El participants at “Lively Lilah” – a collaborative program with Greene Family Camp.

### Shabbat All-Nighter

Participants at the Shabbat All-Nighter held November 30th – December 1st.

Led by sophomores Lindsey Peleg and Daisy Walters, 30 teens in grades 8-12 spent all the night “locked in” at Temple, enjoying time with Houston community Shaliach Gil Brav, a collaborative Shabbat prayer experience, a building-wide scavenger hunt, and an all night movie marathon.







### Emanu El Participates in Muslim-Jewish Conversations

On Christmas Eve, members of Congregation Emanu El headed to Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism (HCRJ) to participate in a community-wide program with various Muslim and Jewish partners. The over 150 in attendance split into groups with a simple objective – talk about differences and similarities within our faiths based on themes. This was the program’s ninth year, but the first for Congregation Emanu El to participate. We look forward to continuing this relationship in future years!

### Emanu El’s Annual Ronald McDonald House Visit on Christmas Eve

From arts and crafts with Rabbi Fixler to a guest appearance by HaHa the Clown, Congregation Emanu El was able to bring smiles to the families of Ronald McDonald House on Christmas Eve. We are grateful to Houston Catering Concepts under the direction of Michael Saghian for donating the food for this meal. Thank you to the congregants who have participated in this social action project which Emanu El has now participated in for several years.





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

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*To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials & underwrite leadership programs & speakers*  
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*To support the needs of  
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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.

## Donations Can Be Made Online

Donations to all of the endowed funds of Congregation Emanu El can be made online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org). In the top right of the website, please click the "Giving" link. On this page, you will find descriptions of our funds. If you have any problems, please feel free to call the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 so a member of our staff team can assist you.

### Donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

For donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund (for the Shabbat handout) please make checks payable to "Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood" and mail or drop off to Donna Fraley at the synagogue, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005. Donations can also be made online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org). Please make sure to specify which Shabbat service(s) you would like your flower fund donation listed. **In order to ensure the donations are listed, we ask that they be at the synagogue no later than the Wednesday before Shabbat.**





It is an honor to support Congregation Emanu El and a privilege to assist you with all your real estate needs.

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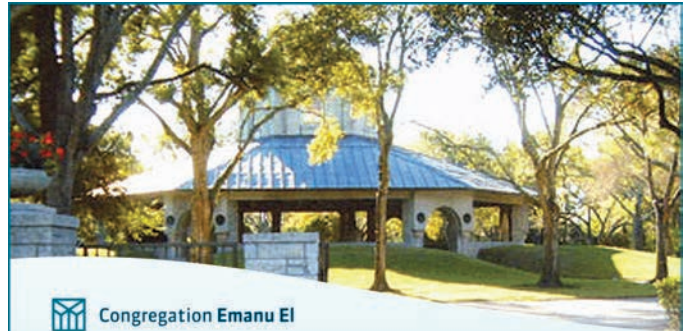
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### Emanu El's Annual Second Night Seder

Congregation Emanu El will host its sixth annual Second Night Seder on **Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.**

Registration will open in mid-January. **The deadline for Second Night Seder will be Wednesday, April 10th or upon our 350 participant capacity being hit.**

When registering, attendees can select gluten-free or vegetarian, so arrangements can be made. For more information, please contact Jason Plotkin, (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org).



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