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FROM RABBI HAYON



A central component of my long-term vision for our congregation is that Emanu El will strive to address the most relevant and pressing issues of our day, and that our doors will be opened to significant thinkers from whose contributions to public discourse we can learn. My hope for our Temple is that we will serve the moral and intellectual needs of the community at large, not just those of our members.

Let me hasten to point out: building alliances with significant figures and institutions outside our own does not mean that we agree with them about everything.

I am delighted that this vision will come one step closer to its realization later this month when Rev. William Barber will speak from our pulpit. His talk, "Working cross Faiths to Develop Moral & Social Change," will be held on the evening of **Wednesday, March 27th**, and I strongly urge you to reserve your spot today if you have not already done so. Rev. Barber offers one of the strongest spiritual voices of conscience in our generation, addressing the plagues of poverty, racism and inequality in America with a powerfully prophetic sense of the mission of contemporary religion.

I am deeply honored to welcome him to our synagogue. Rev. Barber's appearance on our bima also underscores the

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Editor's Note: At press time, this event had already surpassed 80% of the capacity of Feld Hall and the Barish Sanctuary. We will be capping the event and unable to handle walk-ups. All individuals who register online will receive a logistics email in the days prior to the event.

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

Congregation Emanu El will host **Rev. 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.

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Congregation Emanu El's Celebration of Purim

Purim Schpiel and Supper
Wednesday, March 20th

Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 24th

Congregation Emanu El will be celebrating Purim with two great events.

All are invited to hear the lively megillah reading, spin groggers and sing to the tunes of Grease together on **Wednesday, March 20th at 7:00 p.m.** This year's schpiel will be performed by the clergy and staff with special appearances by our volunteer and youth choirs.

Costumes are encouraged for all ages with a chance to show them off during a costume parade! The schpiel will be preceded at **6:00 p.m.** by our annual "Purim & Pasta" dinner which is \$6 for children and \$12 for adults. Vegetarian options available and of course, there will be hamantashen! The schpiel and megillah reading will be followed by an adults-only reception.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Shabbat P'kudei, Exodus 38:21 – 40:38

Friday, March 8th

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

Saturday, March 9th

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

Shabbat Vayikra, Leviticus 1:1 – 5:26

Friday, March 15th

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

Saturday, March 16th

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

Shabbat Tzav, Leviticus 6:1 – 8:36

Friday, March 22nd

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

Saturday, March 23rd

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

Shabbat Sh'mini, Leviticus 9:1 – 11:47

Friday, March 29th

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

8:00 p.m., Pop-Up Shabbat, Sharespace Warehouse
(2203 Preston)

Saturday, March 30th

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

Shabbat Tazria, Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59

Friday, April 5th

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Feld Hall

6 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, April 6th

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

Shabbat M'tzora, Leviticus 14:1 – 15:33

Friday, April 12th

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

Saturday, April 13th

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Lucy Lack**, daughter of Heather
& Stephen Lack and **Natalie Walters**, daughter of
Marci & Neil Walters

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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value that Emanu El places on building connections and alliances with leaders beyond the Jewish community. In this case, we are proud to partner with the clergy and membership of the historic Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church, which is co-sponsoring Rev. Barber's appearance at Emanu El.

Let me hasten to point out: building alliances with significant figures and institutions outside our own does not mean that we agree with them about everything. Indeed, Rev. Barber and I part ways on a number of political and theological issues. But powerful networks of alliance can bring about great strides forward in our communities because they invite us to recognize the value for justice of working in common cause with those who are different from ourselves.

Doing this work in partnership with others widens our vision and increases our spiritual agility; alliances like these are a vital component of our work together, and they strengthen our congregation's ability to achieve its grandest ambitions.

On a related note, I want to invite you to become a part of another sort of relationship-building in the work of Jewish social action as well. For the last 18 months, the Religious Action Center [RAC], our movement's social justice arm in Washington, DC, has been building a presence in Texas – a coalition called RAC-TX. Our congregation is proud to be among the RAC's partners, and we are excited that RAC-TX's inaugural campaign will address the issue of school finance reform, which is likely to be among the top priorities of our state legislature this session.

I would like to invite you to join us at Temple for a lunch-and-learn conversation about this issue following Shabbat services on **March 16th, from 12:00-1:30 p.m.** And if you are moved by this issue, please consider joining Rabbi Fixler and over 100 other Reform Jews from around Texas at the RAC's lobby day in Austin on **March 25th and 26th**. You can learn more and register for this exciting and impactful event at www.rac.org/Texas.

Civic justice and Jewish social values have always been at the center of Emanu El's mission and identity. Our voices – and the voices of all people of conscience – are always stronger when combined with others. I am grateful to all those who step forward to do acts of loving-kindness in our community, and to those who add their voices and their presence to strengthen our congregation's ability to repair the broken places in our world.

Boy Scout Troop 1190 Chicken Sales

Be on the lookout! The Emanu El sponsored Boy Scout Troop 1190 will soon begin BBQ chicken sales. The chickens can be picked up on **Sunday, May 5th** at Congregation Emanu El. Additional information will be shared in the April Bulletin. Chicken sales help benefit the troop and all their activities.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Mickie May Levin was named to the Junior Board of Directors of Direct HOPE. Direct HOPE is an organization that focuses on helping people build better lives so that they can get off of the streets and integrate back into the community as productive citizens.

BIRTHS

Hudson Dylan Helfman, son of Hilary & Blake Helfman; grandson of Renee & Alan Helfman, Josette & Neil Rosenstein; great-grandson of Elaine Helfman, Estelle Jucker

Noah Gray Indelli, son of Robyn Nutik & John Indelli; grandson of Rickie & Gordon Nutik, Mary & Joseph Indelli

Naomi Eliana Lichman, daughter of Rachael & Barry Lichman; granddaughter of Carolyn Altman & Keith Solomon, Ronnie & Alan Lichman, Julie & Steve Roman

Teddie Paige Pasternak, daughter of Allison & Drew Firestone, granddaughter of Vicki & Herb Pasternak, Resa & Rick Firestone

Emaline Aliza Shackleford, daughter of Michelle Solomon & Grant Shackleford; granddaughter of Carrie Altman & Keith Solomon, Julie Roman, Laura Shackleford; great-granddaughter of Margie Altman

DEATHS

Joan Seidenbach Berenson, mother of Ann Berenson Goldfarb & Richard Goldfarb, Leslie Berenson, Irene & Robert Berenson, Laurie Berenson Maas & Dale Maas; grandmother of Ann & David Goldfarb, Megan & Stephen Goldfarb, Aaron Berenson, Andrew Goldfarb, Michael Berenson, Carl Berenson, Julia Berenson, Rachael Maas, Benjamin Maas; great-grandmother of Max Goldfarb, Will Goldfarb, Gus Goldfarb

Mara Greenberg, mother of Kara & Adam Gross and Matt Greenberg; grandmother of Skylar and Rory; sister of Ann & Jeff Cummins, Jerry Schlader and Rusty Schlader

Sam Spain, father of Lisa Spain & Harry Bassist, Andrea Spain; grandfather of Dena & Brian Miller, Rachel & Michael Miller, Melissa Moore, Melanie & Josh Levy, Elissa Bassist, Kate Nexon & Bradley Singer, Amanda Singer; great-grandfather of Vincent and Dominic Miller, Sophie and Ava Miller

A Notice About Bereavement Communications

Bereavement notices for our Temple family are distributed with the permission of the deceased's family, and the timing of these notices is dictated by the family's request. Of course, each family grieves in its own way, and we are grateful for our congregation's patience and understanding with different families' preferences about how their loss is publicized.

YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 5th at 5:45 p.m., service at 6:30 p.m.

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El on **Friday, April 5th** for our monthly Tot Shabbat. We will be serving "breakfast for dinner" and all attendees are more than welcome to wear their pajamas to our evening of programming.

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.

Breakfast for dinner will include 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 oneq will immediately follow the service.

And as a reminder, please save the date for our next Tot Shabbat on **Friday, May 3rd**. Be on the lookout for registration information during the month of April.

The Challenges We Face as Jewish Parents with Rabbi Pam Silk Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m.

We are all in this together, let's talk about it! Join Rabbi Silk on **Tuesday, April 9th at 6:00 p.m.** for an open and honest dialogue about the challenges we face as Jewish parents in 2019. The program will take place here at Emanu El and dinner will be served. Keep an eye out for more details.

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH APRIL 20TH

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

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

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH

- 3/1** – Rodeo Tot Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 3/5** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 3/6** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m. (new date; March only)
- 3/7** – Sisterhood Donor Event with Emily Moses & Alex Navarro, 6:00 p.m.
- 3/11** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/14** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 3/14** – Book Review: *Raquela: A Woman of Israel*, 12:30 p.m.
- 3/15** – My Generation Shabbat Dinner – following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services
- 3/16** – Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Fixler: School Finance Reform, 12-1:30 p.m.
- 3/18** – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 3/19** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 3/24** – Blood Drive in Honor of Rabbi Walter, 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
- 3/26** – SACK Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 3/29** – Young Professionals & The Middle: Pop-Up Shabbat, 7:30 p.m., 2203 Preston St.
- 3/30** – Parents Night Out, 6:00-9:30 p.m.
- 3/31** – #EE75 Social Action Project: SEARCH Homeless Services, 1:00-3:00 p.m.

APRIL

- 4/2** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 4/4** – Sisterhood Travelling Art Tour, 10:00 a.m.
- 4/4** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 4/5** – Tot Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 4/7** – Annual Meeting: A Magical Sunday, 4:00 p.m.
- 4/9** – Challenges We Face as Jewish Parents with Rabbi Silk, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/11** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 4/11** – AIPAC Synagogue Initiative Program at Emanu El, evening (TBA)
- 4/15** – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 4/16** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 4/20** – Second Night Seder, 6:00 p.m.

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, APRIL 2ND

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.

Robert & Margery Loeb

Tommy & Stephanie Walker, daughter Remy

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

Emanu El Volunteer Choir

The Emanu El Volunteer Choir has been an 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. 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.

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.



Emanu El Kicks Off 75th Anniversary with *Ever Open: A Musical Celebration*

Nationally recognized artists Noah Aronson (left) and Elana Arian (middle) join Cantor Rollin Simmons (right) at *Ever Open: A Musical Celebration* on Sunday, January 27th. Behind the trio are members of Emanu El's volunteer choir and youth choir. The combined group of musicians performed, *Do Justice/Hinei Ma Tov*, a song commissioned by Emanu El in honor of the congregation's 75th anniversary based upon the words from Micah 6:8 that adorn the walls of the Barish Sanctuary.



Young Professionals Take Part in Israeli Cooking Class with New Israeli Shlichah Hadas Levy

The Emanu El Young Professionals along with Rabbi Fixler took part in an intimate cooking class led by the new community Shlichah, Hadas Levy. Together, the group had a fun night cooking Israeli dishes, getting to know each other and enjoying a fantastic dinner made from scratch!

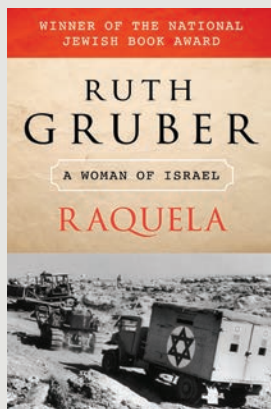


Shabbat Care Packages in Use at the University of Texas

Emanu El college student McKenna Gessner shared this photo from the University of Texas in Austin of a Shabbat experience. In early February, McKenna was inspired by a Shabbat care package she received from the synagogue and hosted a Shabbat dinner with some of her Jewish friends at UT. Thanks McKenna for sharing the photo and we are so happy you are putting to use the gifts from the synagogue!

Sisterhood News & Happenings

March 2019



BOOK REVIEW:

Raquela: A Woman of Israel,

by Ruth Gruber

THURSDAY, MARCH 14TH

12:30 PM

Our next book review will take place **March 14th, at 12:30 p.m.** Nada Chandler will review, *Raquela: A Woman of Israel*, by Ruth Gruber. Gruber, a well-known author and journalist, tells about the State of Israel's extraordinary beginnings through the experiences of Raquela, a native of Jerusalem's Moshe Yemen neighborhood who trained as a nurse-midwife at the Henrietta Szold School of

Nursing at Hadassah Hospital, Mount Scopus.

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

Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood Presents "Unforgettable Music By Jewish American Composers: 'Oh, What A Night!'"

Thursday, March 7th at 6:00 p.m.



CONGREGATION EMANU EL
SISTERHOOD



Emily Moses

All are invited to enjoy a night of musical splendor featuring **Emily Moses** and **Alex Navarro**. You will be dazzled by the outstanding talent of these professional performers as they entertain you with favorite all-time Broadway hits by George Gershwin, Jerome Kern, Oscar Hammerstein, Irving Berlin, Jerry Bock, Leonard Bernstein, and Stephen Sondheim, among other wonderful composers.

We hope you will join our Emanu El family and friends for this joyful night of camaraderie, fine food and unforgettable music. General admission tickets cost \$75 per person and are available at the door. For more information, call the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or go online to www.EmanuElHouston.org.



Alex Navarro

Traveling Art Tour

Thursday, April 4th at 10:00 a.m.

Hop on the bus and leave the rest to us. Join Sisterhood for an exciting day as we board a comfortable bus that will take us to view the colorful, creative and whimsical artwork that adorns the structures and landscapes of Houston. The bus will leave Emanu El **promptly at 10:00 a.m.** to begin our magical adventure around H Town.

Andrew Groocock, tour guide, will explain the fascinating murals and inform us about the artists who painted them. We will stop for a delicious lunch at Phoenicia Restaurant and Market, 1001 Austin St. Enjoy a delightful day and be surprised as you discover the art treasures that surround our city.

The covert is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members including lunch and space is limited. **Please RSVP by Monday, March 25th** to the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233. You can also register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

New Traditions Gift Shop – Stocked for Passover!

Passover Begins Friday, March 19th

The New Traditions gift shop is well stocked with all your Passover favorites! Six different Haggadah to choose from as well as Seder plates, children's toys, games, and books, matzo covers, hostess gifts, and cookbooks. Don't miss the hit of the season – the jumping matzo ball.

Your purchases at New Traditions help Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to the support of our congregation and the community. For more information, call the synagogue at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.

CONGREGATION EMANU EL HOSTING ACCLAIMED SPEAKER REV. DR. WILLIAM BARBER *continued from page 1*

Rev. Dr. Barber is on a mission to lead this country 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 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 including the Nathan Berg Lectureship Fund, the Eleanor & Frank Freed Lectureship Fund, the Milton Popkin Endowment Fund, the Helen & Harry Reichel Lectureship Fund and the Julius Zinn Fund and is part of a larger slate of events associated with Emanu El's 75th 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.

The chairs for Reverend Barber's appearance at Emanu El are Michelle and Michael Eber. The 75th anniversary is being chaired by Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy.

CONGREGATION EMANU EL'S CELEBRATION OF PURIM *continued from page 1*

Online payments for the dinner are accepted by visiting www.EmanuElHouston.org. The festivities do not stop there as the Helfman Religious School Committee hosts its annual Purim Carnival on **Sunday, March 24th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

Our Religious School will be dismissed early and all are invited to take part in the carnival, which will feature inflatables, games, prizes, a "jail", music, face painting, Henna, pie toss, confetti eggs, a hot dog lunch, hamantashen and more.

This year, we are fortunate to be joined by Pizmon, the coed, pluralistic, Jewish a capella group of Columbia University, Barnard College, and the Jewish Theological

Seminary, who are visiting Houston as a stop on their annual Musical Outreach Initiative tour. They will be enhancing our Purim Carnival with a family-friendly concert on **Sunday, March 24th at 12:30 p.m.** The concert is free and open to the community. We are grateful to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston for partially funding this appearance. For more information about this awesome musical group, visit their website at <http://www.pizmon.org>.

Sponsorship opportunities and tickets for the carnival are available online at www.EmanuElHouston.org.

For more information on either of these events, contact the synagogue at (713) 529-5771.

Blood Drive Held in Rabbi Walter's Honor Sunday, March 24th from 8:00- a.m. – 12:00 p.m.



Congregation Emanu El will be hosting a blood drive with MD Anderson Blood Bank in honor of Rabbi Roy Walter on **Sunday, March 24th from 8:00- a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

There are opportunities to donate either whole blood or platelets throughout the morning.

While Rabbi Walter had his surgery in December, is recovering beautifully and not in need of blood, all blood given during the drive will go towards credits from prior needs.

Please note that platelets can be donated every 48 hours while whole blood can be donated every 56 days. In order to give blood, once must be in good general health and feeling well. Individuals must be at least 17-years old, weight at least 110 lbs., have a photo ID and not be pregnant. General information on giving blood with MD Anderson can be found online at www.mdanderson.org/bloodbank.

To register and secure your appointment, please visit <https://tinyurl.com/emanuelo319>.

For assistance registering or for any additional questions, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

Haggadah Highlights with Rabbis Hayon and Fixler Sundays, April 7th & April 14th

Join Rabbi Hayon and Rabbi Fixler on **Sundays, April 7th and 14th from 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.** as we study the beauty and power of the Passover Haggadah. Together we will explore the structure and meaning of the haggadah as it has developed across the centuries. We will dive deeply into some familiar passages and explore others that are often overlooked or ignored.

Our study will uncover new meanings that will surprise, unsettle and captivate you! The two sessions of this course will incorporate text study, historical analysis, and personal interpretation. The rabbis will also share examples from their personal collections of unique, beautiful, and historically significant volumes that will shed new light on an ever-evolving book.

Please join us for a unique class that will enrich your experience as a seder participant and build your skills as a leader of engaging and spiritually meaningful seders at home.

Please RSVP so we can plan accordingly online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771.

A Magical Sunday – Celebrating Emanu El's 75th Year and Honoring Magical Staff with Milestone Anniversaries Sunday, April 7th at 4:00 p.m.

Prepare to be mystified and amazed at an Emanu El Annual Meeting and Dinner unlike any other. All ages welcome!

Annual Meeting for Adults: Our annual meeting will feature reports from President Rodney Roth & Rabbi Oren Hayon. Congregants will have an opportunity to vote on the budget, the 2019-2020 Board of Trustees and more. We will also be honoring staff with milestone anniversaries of service to Emanu El including Evon Zionts (25 years), Judy Lazor (18 years), Paula Katz (15 years), Rabbi Silk (15 years), Juan Torres (10 years) and Jason Plotkin (five years). Information on the annual meeting will be sent to the Congregation in mid-March.

Kids/Teens Only: The Magic of Emanu El featuring Curiously Enough (Dave Rangel & Jake Rangel). Illusions, magic show and crafts in the Multi-Purpose room while adults attend the annual meeting. For ages kindergarten and up with supervision provided.

Childcare: Available for younger children between the ages of 16 months and six years by registering at www.EmanuElHouston.org or calling (713) 529-5771 by Monday, April 1st.

Then, all groups – including those youth participating in the “Magic of Emanu El” or childcare tracks will join in for a Magical Mediterranean Dinner and Dessert Contest in Feld Hall: A Mediterranean dinner will be served and guests will have an opportunity to enjoy and vote on favorite desserts from the Sisterhood cookbook.

Sisterhood will bake desserts for the Annual Dinner from Sisterhood's archive of recipes over the years in honor of Emanu El's 75th year. For those who would like to join Sisterhood to bake, meet in the temple's kitchen on **Monday, April 1st or Friday, April 5th at 9:30 a.m.** This is a great way to learn how to bake that favorite treat from your Bat/Bar Mitzvah years ago! If you wish to bake, please contact the Sisterhood office at 713-529-5771, ext. 233 or email sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

The chairs of the annual meeting are Stephanie and Todd Slobin.

Check-in for the day's events begin at 3:45 p.m. and advanced registration will help us plan for the evening. You can register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771. Questions? Contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or JasonP@emanuelhouston.org.

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Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah

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

Come one, come all! Roll up your sleeves and gather with other men (as well as kids and special friends) at Emanu El on **Wednesday, April 17th at 6:30 p.m.** just before Passover to make yummy chocolate matzah treats!

Matzah and awesome toppings provided at no cost! Just bring your creativity and love of food and fellowship. This event including a pizza dinner, sponsored by the Brotherhood. So we can make plans for the evening, please RSVP at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771.

Power Breakfast with the CEO of Crime Stoppers of Houston

Tuesday, April 30th



Join **Rania Mankarious**, CEO of Crime Stoppers Houston, for an informative and eye-opening breakfast program on **Tuesday, April 30th**. Her presentation, titled *Crime Stoppers and the State of Crime in Houston Today*, will touch on relevant topics regarding crime and staying

vigilant. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m., with the presentation beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. and will wrap up before 9:00 a.m. During that time there will also be an opportunity for audience Q & A.

The cost is \$10, which in addition to breakfast, includes a donation to Crime Stoppers of Houston.

Crime Stoppers of Houston is Houston's top non-profit dedicated to public safety and since 1980 has remained committed to its mission to solve and prevent serious crime in the Greater Houston Area in partnership with citizens, media and the criminal justice system.

Please RSVP online at www.EmanuElHouston.org. If you have any questions, email or call Jill Kaplan at jillk@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

Emanu El to Participate in City-Wide Observance of Yom HaShoah

Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 p.m.

Join Holocaust Museum Houston in observance of Yom HaShoah, a day of remembrance for the six million Jewish people who lost their lives during the Holocaust. During this annual commemoration, we will mourn the

loss of all who perished, honor those who survived and come together as a community to remember and reflect.

Coordinated by the Yom HaShoah Steering Committee and Holocaust Museum Houston, this year's gathering will take place at Congregation Beth Yeshurun (4525 Beechnut) on **Sunday, May 5th at 3:00 p.m.**

Cantor Rollin Simmons and the Emanu El Youth Choir are slated to participate in the service. Emanu El has historically been a partner in the event and most recently hosted the Yom HaShoah commemoration in 2018.

Fifth Annual Night at the Ballpark

Tuesday, August 20th

Tickets on sale to Members Only through May 30th or Upon Sellout

Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce its fifth annual 'Night at the Ballpark.' Join members of the Emanu El clergy and staff on **Tuesday, August 20th** at Minute Maid Park as the Houston Astros welcome the Detroit Tigers to town for a 7:10 p.m. first pitch. The evening will feature \$1 hot dogs.



The cost of tickets to join Emanu El at the ballpark 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.

Please note that this experience has sold out each of the years its been held at Minute Maid Park. Due to the space limitations, these \$15 seats are reserved for members of Emanu El on a first-come, first-serve basis until **Thursday, May 30th** or upon sellout.

Any available tickets on **Friday, June 1st** will be open to the community at large.

Tickets should arrive at the synagogue in late July and participants will be communicated to about making arrangements to pick-up their tickets prior to the ball game.

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

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

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

Monthly Mahj at Emanu El – Two Opportunities to Play Mahj at Emanu El Monthly

First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. & Third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.; Next Gathering on Special Date, Wednesday, March 6th

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 March gathering will take place on an alternative date – **Wednesday, March 6th at 5:30 p.m.** to accommodate those who intend to take part in the Sisterhood event the next night. Novice and advanced players welcome! The group’s April gathering will be held on its regularly scheduled **Thursday – Thursday, April 4th at 5:30 p.m.**

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

The “Third Monday” group of Mahj players gather at **1:00 p.m.** with the March gathering slated for **Monday, March 18th. Please RSVP** to the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 so we can plan accordingly.

My Generation – Shabbat Dinner Following the Shabbatones Friday, March 15th

Join My Generation – a social group for those 65 and older – on **Friday, March 15th.**

Start the evening with Shabbat services at **6:00 p.m.** in the Proler Chapel with the Shabbatones. Then, stay for a private dinner and good company. Another great opportunity to reconnect with friends and make new ones.

The cost is \$15 for the dinner. The meal will feature Italian selections with vegetarian gluten-free options. To register, visit www.EmanuElHouston.org or call (713) 529-5771 to register over the phone with a member of the synagogue staff.

The Classics Saddle Up for Post-Shabbat Social at Demeris BBQ Friday, March 15th

The Classics (formerly known as Classic Connections) is Emanu El’s social group for singles and couples in their 50’s and 60’s. Saddle up after Shabbat services and meet us on **Friday, March 15th** for a Classics Social Event at Demeris BBQ, 2911 S. Shepherd Dr, Houston, TX 77098 at **about 7:30 p.m.** There is plenty of parking.

There is no charge for this event and you can review their menu at www.demeris.com. Run your own tab and order what you want.

Please **RSVP** online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 **by Monday, March 11th** so we can let the restaurant know about the needed space. This isn’t our first “Rodeo”! See you there, Pardner!

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

Young Professionals & The Middle: Warehouse Shabbat Friday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m.

We are excited to announce the second in our series of pop up Shabbat events to take place outside of the walls of the synagogue!

Join us on **Friday, March 29th** for an evening of worship, live music, and mingling in Houston’s hip EaDo neighborhood for an adults-only Shabbat experience that will feature a unique blend of prayer and singing accompanied by dessert and wine.

Located in East Downtown, the Sharespace warehouse at 2203 Preston Street will serve as our house of worship for the evening in addition to our weekly **6:00 p.m.** service in the Proler Chapel. Co-sponsored by both our Young Professionals and The Middle social groups, the evening will be an intimate, spiritual and contemporary opportunity for your Friday date night. Please feel free to join us at **7:30 p.m. for pre-service wine and bites**, as the worship service will begin promptly at **8:00 p.m.**

The entrance is immediately to the right of the vibrant and colorful butterfly mural on the outside of the building, so you can’t miss it! There is a public parking lot directly next to the warehouse that is \$5 per car that can be paid at the pay station, OR there is free street parking located on both Bastrop and Hutchins. We also recommend carpooling or using Uber/Lyft.

For more information on this event, please contact Jill Kaplan at jillk@emanuelhouston.org. The Young Professionals are for members in our community in their 20s and 30s while The Middle is for 30s and 40s.

BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Axe Night with the Brotherhood Thursday, May 9th at 6:45 p.m.

Looking for something fun and different to do? All men of the congregation are invited to join the Brotherhood at Houston Axe Throwing, 734 Larkwood Dr., Suite B, Houston, TX 77074, on **Thursday, May 9th at 6:45 p.m.**

We are asking all attendees to **arrive at 6:45 p.m.** in order to begin the check-in process. To help expedite check-in, attendees can also fill out an adult waiver form at <https://mhnixdwr.paperform.co/>.

Everyone should wear comfortable clothing and closed

toe shoes. All participants must bring a valid picture ID to be admitted to the facility. Dinner will be provided.

The Brotherhood is offering this evening of fun and adventure for free to all individuals who commit to helping at the Brotherhood Garage Sale, which begins pickups on Saturday in mid-June and continues with volunteer opportunities on Saturdays through the end of August. We are asking that everyone who attends, **commits to volunteering one Saturday from 8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

To RSVP, visit www.EmanuelHouston.org or contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 535-6414.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



Helfman Religious School

Register Now for Early Bird Discount This Week Only: Helfman Religious School Early Enrollment for 2019-2020

Save \$75 off regular tuition through Friday, March 8th at 5:00 p.m. Enrollment is available online in your Congregation Emanu El members' portal. Log in at www.emanuelhouston.org. Check the Helfman Herald or contact Gail at gails@emanuelhouston.org for more information.

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Becker Parenting Programs

Becker recently had two wonderful parenting programs. Dr. Eric Storch spoke in January. He talked about identifying anxiety in young children and gave steps to help overcome a child's anxiety and fears. As we know, many children (and adults) become nervous about different events and things in our life.

Dr. Storch has a positive approach that gives parents the tools to help their children work through their anxiety. He discussed specific fears, generalized anxiety, social anxiety, separation anxiety and more. Each child is different, and using appropriate tools and suggestions, parents can help their child normalize their anxiety.



Pictured with Dr. Kimberly Swales at a recent parenting program is Paula Katz, Director and Leslie Strug.

Becker's next speaker, Dr. Kimberly Hause-Swales, provided information on creating and keeping boundaries with children. Having the confidence to say no and follow through provides children with a multitude of important life skills.

Dr. Hause-Swales suggested we identify core values and traits we want our children to have, and then create clear boundaries and expectations to reinforce those

behaviors. We are then able to stick to our decisions and help our children be successful as they navigate life. She reminds us that by supporting our children through their mistakes as well as not always getting what they want, helps build the characteristics that creates strong, responsible adults.

A special thank you to Leslie Strug, Becker Parenting Coordinator, who brings our parenting programs to Becker and the Emanu El community.

Dads and Friends' Shabbat

On Friday, February 8th, Becker children invited their dads, grandfathers, uncles and others to share Shabbat with them. The children and their special friends enjoyed a beautiful celebration of shabbat led by Rabbi Silk, Cantor Simmons, and Ms. Alex Venzke (Becker's music teacher) and ate challah. The older classes also invited their friends upstairs for other activities.

Becker School Annual Transportation Fair

Wednesday, April 3rd at 9:00-11:30 a.m.

All young children are welcome to this event. The children look at, climb on, and explore many different vehicles, ranging from pedi-cabs to 18-wheeler trucks, buses, helicopters, RVs and more. Becker students enjoy learning about different vehicles and all modes of transportation.

* Children not enrolled in school on Transportation Fair day need adult supervision.

Vehicles are needed! All forms of transportation welcome. We appreciate and acknowledge individuals or your company for donating a vehicle for the morning. For more information about the fair or if you are interested in bringing a vehicle, please contact Richard E. Buxbaum at richard@radiusadvisors.com.

YOUTH NEWS

Parents Night Out

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

Parents: Drop your K-5th grader off at temple for the most fun night of the year! Pizza dinner, camp games, a bounce-house, and more! Our teens will be babysitting with teacher supervision, and they are donating their hours to a great cause. The cost is \$20 for a child and \$15 for additional children.

Register online at <https://www.emmanuelhouston.org/event/parents-night-out.html>. For more information, contact Gail Shapiro at (713) 529-5771, ext. 261 or GailS@emmanuelhouston.org.

Congregation Emanu El Honored on Floor of Texas House

Congregation Emanu El is celebrating its 75th anniversary throughout the 2019 calendar year.

In partnership with Representative Sarah Davis, Emanu El's 75th anniversary was recognized on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives on the morning of Wednesday, February 27th.

The resolution – HR 266 – was drafted with the assistance of Emanu El's program director Jason Plotkin.

A group from Emanu El headed to Austin on a chartered bus. Coverage of the day's legislative session which included an appearance by Rabbi Oren Hayon amongst others on the floor of the Texas House with Rep. Davis can be watched on the Texas Legislature online website (<https://capitol.texas.gov>). Additional photos and videos were shared throughout the day across Emanu El's social media platforms.

More coverage from the trip to Austin will be included in the April edition of the Temple *Bulletin*.

Emanu El Seeks Founding Families & Descendants

Calling all founding families and their descendants!

We want to make sure that we know who you are as we celebrate our 75th anniversary year. If you or a family member were among the founders of Congregation Emanu El, please reach out to us at EE75@emanuelhouston.org.

Memorial Plaque Deadline Set Ahead of 2019 High Holy Days

Many members of our congregation choose to memorialize their loved ones with a permanent plaque on the yearzeit wall of the Barish Sanctuary, which also provides for the perpetual reading of their names as part of the Friday evening Mourner's Kaddish.

To ensure that your loved ones' plaques are placed on the wall in time for High Holy Days in early September, we encourage you to purchase plaques by the close of business on Friday, June 14th. For more information, contact Alisha Klapholz at (713) 529-5771, ext. 213.

#EE75 Social Action Corner

#EE75 Social Action Project – SEARCH Homeless Services Sunday, March 31st from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Join Congregation Emanu El for our next social action project as part of our 75th anniversary as we partner with SEARCH Homeless Services, founded in 1989 with



various contributions by our members Shelly Cyprus, Kay Schwartz Feldt, Lillian Pasternak, Larry Barr, Susan Levy, Aubrey Farb, Ed Wulfe, Ruth Schnitzer and then-social action committee chair Adelyn Bernstein.

SEARCH provides hope, creating opportunity, and transforming lives for thousands of men, women, and children who are trying to break free from the cycle of poverty and homelessness.

There are three ways to get involved – an off-site project and on-site project on **Sunday, March 31st from 1:00-3:00 p.m.** or by participating in our donation drive.

1. Off-Site Activity: SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasures Spring Festival (Ages 14+)

We need volunteers to assist at the Spring Festival at SEARCH's House of Tiny Treasures (HTT). The HTT provides a high-quality early childhood education for children, ages 2 to 5 years of age, who are either homeless or living in deep poverty. HTT offers a full-day, year-round program that is safe and nurturing, so parents are able to focus on getting back on their feet and regaining a stable, self-sufficient life for their family.

Volunteer duties include: hosting check-in, running the "Duck Pond" carnival booth, set-up/breakdown of the carnival booth, serving the buffet lunch to children & their parents.

2. On-Site Activity at Emanu El (project for all ages, including children)

The group at Emanu El will be doing one of three projects – "The Tablecloth Project" (cutting and decorating fabric for HTT's lunch tables); assembling snack pack bags for the SEARCH Mobile team; and card and note making for the snack pack bags.

3. Collection Drive in the Rotunda at Emanu El

We are collecting travel-sized toiletries at Emanu El (bins will be in the rotunda). Please look in your medicine cabinets for trial-sized deodorants, toothpastes, shampoos, lotions, etc.

To register for either the on-site or off-site activity, please visit www.EmanuElHouston.org or by emailing Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org. Space is limited for the off-site event, so registrants will be chosen on a first-come, first-serve basis. The project chairs are Michelle Frankfort and Alana Pulaski. The chair for EE75 Social Action events is Melissa Rubenstein Levin.



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

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

Emanu El's Annual Second Night Seder to Be Held Saturday, April 20th at 6:00 p.m.

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

This multi-generational evening led by the clergy team features a fully catered meal including all the traditional seder items from matzoh ball soup to gefilte fish.

The cost is \$40 for adult members, \$55 for adult non-members. Children (12 & under) are \$20. The deadline for seder registration will be **Wednesday, April 10th** or upon our 350-participant capacity being achieved. If seats remain open, a limited number will become available at a cost of \$60 per person.

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.

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.



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qty qty qty

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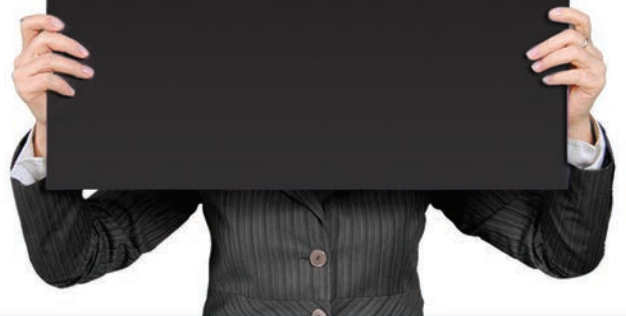
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SAVE THE DATE!

2019 Ernest Krautkopf
Congregant of the Year
Wednesday, May 15th

The 2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year will be awarded on the evening of **Wednesday, May 15th**.

Recent recipients of the award include Marvin Barish, Myra Lipper, Sandy Harris and Diane Puschett.

Please be on the lookout in your synagogue communications regarding details about the evening and our two recipients. The chairs for the event are Rebecca and Ben Miller.



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