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## FROM RABBI HAYON



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Now that April is here, we have all begun making our preparations for the arrival of Passover and the festive seder meal, at which we retell the story of the Exodus and celebrate our people's redemption from Egyptian bondage. But the seder is not primarily intended as a time of recitation; instead, it is meant to be a time of inquiry, when all in attendance are invited to ask penetrating questions about our history and our values.

In their examination of Jewish history, a group of first-century rabbis posed an odd question: In what month was the universe created? One answer to the question comes from Rabbi Eliezer, who reasons that since Rosh HaShanah celebrates the arrival of a new year, the universe must have been created on New Year's Day, the first day of the Hebrew month of Tishrei. His colleague Rabbi Yehoshua differs, concluding instead that God's creation would have had to take place during the Passover season, in the

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## 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 and 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

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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 10 or upon our 350-participant capacity being achieved. If

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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### Shabbat Tazria, Leviticus 12:1 – 13:59

Friday, April 5th

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Feld Hall  
6:00 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

### Shabbat Yom Rishon shel Pesach,

Exodus 12:37-42, 13:3-10

Friday, April 19th

5:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, April 20th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel  
6:00 p.m., Second Night Seder, Feld Hall

### Shabbat Acharei Mot I, Leviticus 16:1 – 17:16

Friday, April 26th

10:30 a.m., Passover Festival Service & Yizkor, Proler Chapel  
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel  
**Heffman High School Graduation**

Saturday, April 27th

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

### Shabbat Acharei Mot II, Leviticus 18:1-30

Friday, May 3rd

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Feld Hall  
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel  
6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, May 4th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service

### Shabbat K'doshim, Leviticus 19:1– 20:27

Friday, May 10th

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

Saturday, May 11th

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel  
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary  
Bar Mitzvah of **Hayden Kramer**, son of Jennifer & Adam Kramer

**NOTE:** The Shabbatones will take part in our congregation's worship service on Friday, April 26th and not their traditional third Friday of the month due to Pesach. Additionally, this year's Leadership Shabbat will take place on the second Friday of May to facilitate our goal of having a Tot Shabbat service and dinner on the first Friday of each month.

**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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Hebrew month of Nisan. The debate continues, with no resolution, through several folios of the Talmud.

A thousand years later, a 12th century French rabbi called Rabbeinu Tam arrived at an answer to the question: the universe was created both at Rosh HaShanah and on Passover. How can this be? Rabbeinu Tam's reasoning was as follows: on Rosh HaShanah God conceived the idea to create the universe; on Passover the work of creation was actually undertaken.

In addition to resolving the rabbis' millennium-old dispute about the timing of God's creation, Rabbeinu Tam offers us a helpful perspective with which to approach our seder tables and this season of deliverance. Both festival seasons celebrate new beginnings: Rosh HaShanah acknowledges the possibility of new beginnings within, and Passover recognizes the complicated, messy work of renewal that is undertaken in the external world. Put simply: where Rosh HaShanah is spiritual, Passover is political.

Passover falls halfway through the Jewish year. It presents to us an opportunity to check back in on the progress we have made toward the resolutions we made at Rosh HaShanah: *Am I living the life I promised? How have I grown into the self I pledged to create this year – or fallen short? What contributions have I made to the redemption of my soul – and of my world?*

Every year, the words and rituals of our Passover seder remind us of the redemptions from our people's past, but it does not permit us to stop there. Passover refuses to be treated like a history lesson – it is a handbook for modern spiritual living. Each year, we are strengthened by the commitments we made months ago at Rosh HaShanah, so that we can lift our eyes from the pages of the haggadah and see the world around us with clear eyes. Passover cannot simply be a reminder of the past – it encourages us to do our part to ease the suffering of others and resist the tyranny that too often still reigns in God's world.

Passover is the force that counterbalances Rosh HaShanah, reassuring us that the fullness of our Jewish identity must include a focus on spiritual and political imperatives alike. As we make our way toward Passover's important questions, I pray that their answers will draw each of us closer to God, closer to each other, and closer to the realization of our spiritual mission as "a light unto the nations" in a world yearning to be redeemed. *Chag sameach!*

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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

**Karen Basen-Engquist** has been chosen as the recipient of the President's Leadership Award for Advancing Women and Minority Faculty at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center (MDACC). The award is given to an individual who played a leadership role in supporting a diverse faculty at MDACC and has made a positive impact on their careers and the organization's culture.

**Lewis Kalmans**, has been named to *Forbes Magazine's* 2019 list of America's Best-in-State Wealth Advisors.

### BIRTHS

**Lily Faye Baum**, daughter of Lauren & Darren Baum; granddaughter of Sue & Stu Baum, Sharon & Mark Friedman

**Jarvis Everett Bozeman**, son of Lindsay & David Bozeman; grandson of Betsy Lewis & Mike Dean, Connie & Jeff Giles, Toshia & Bill Bozeman, Ralph Lewis; great-grandson of Martha Harris

**Teddi Paige Firestone**, daughter of Allison and Drew Firestone; sister of Sadie Firestone; granddaughter of Vicki & Herb Pasternak and Resa & Rick Firestone

### WEDDINGS

**Melony Candler & Thomas Little**  
**Ashley Rosenthal & Nicholas Pappas**

### DEATHS

**Audrey Baker**, mother of Natalie & Ben Baker, Maureen & Scott Baker, Claudia Baker & Lenny Magid, Suzette & Reid Baker; grandmother of six; great-grandmother of two

**Florence "Flo" Berkman**, wife of Maurice Berkman; mother of Debbie & Steve Roosth, Tyler Berkman, Andi & Stephen Berkman; grandmother of Brian and Julie Roosth, Douglas Berkman; sister of Louise Leve; sister-in-law of Alice & Ralph Berkman, Betty & Leonard Traines

**Renee Axelrod Rosenthal Fenberg**, mother of Kim & Trent Rosenthal, Cindy & Michael Rosenthal, Barbara Rosenthal and Sharon & Jim Libby; grandmother of Brett and Emilija Rosenthal, Jeffrey and Leigh Anne Libby, Valerie Libby, Rusty and Lauren Libby, Scott Libby, Zachary Rosenthal, Reece Rosenthal and Callie Rosenthal; great-grandmother of Sasha, Lyla, Henry, Shaun and Nathan

**Hilda Kaplan Frank**, wife of Bobby Frank; mother of Nancy & Mike Nuzzo and Karen & Ian Hurwitz; grandmother of Yael & Yossi Nathanson, Miranda & Kenny Abitbol, Isabelle Nuzzo and Amelia Nuzzo; great-grandmother of Dov Nathanson, Remy Abitbol and Bailey Abitbol

**Madilyn Frosch**, mother of Jan & Rick Sander, Aileen & David Frosch, Lori & Don Degen; grandmother of Brian & Sarah Sander, Ashley & Van Voorhees, Crystal & Jason Ricker, Heather & Taylor Evans, Katie & Matthew Degen, Andrew Frosch & Jordan Esperanza, Lauren Frosch; great-grandmother of 12

**Iris Gardener**, mother of Andrew Gardener; grandmother of Matthew Gardener

**Raymond H. Marcus**, husband of Bernice Marcus, father of Karen & Larry Feld, Joan & Cliff Segal; grandmother of Emily & Alan Goldstone, Jenn & Kevin Feld, Steve Gold, Jamie & Luke Tanen; great-grandmother of Ave Mae, Austin Ellis, Tucker Feld, Avi Milton and Jonah Harr

**Alexander Michalak**, husband of Estelle Gill Michalak; father of Michelle Michalak Burton & Bobby Burton, Denise & Mark Anthony Michalak, step-father of Steven Gorman, Allen Gorman; grandfather of Cosette Burton, Dustin Burton, Monica Berrospe, Cameron Michalak, Sherrie Michalak, Michael Michalak; great-grandfather of Caleb, Elliott, Isaiah, Luke, Trae, Haven, Sariyah, Miya, Mila

**Lester Smith**, husband of Sue Smith; father of Limor & Stuart Smith, Shelly Smith Hendry & Brian Hendry; grandfather of Audrey, Harry and Samantha Smith, Mirren, Abigail, Sarah and Andrew Hendry; brother of Susan & Alec Smith, Carol & Stephen Smith

**Perry Vann**, father of Allison Bergman Vann & Charles Jeffrey Vann and Emily Coufal Vann & Theodore Allan Vann; grandfather of Isaac Vann and Gabriel and Andres Vann; brother-in-law of Richard Elkin

**Clarice Wallock**, mother of Mark Wallock, Joan & Bob Marshak, Shelley Wallock & David Lerman  
Steven Weingarten, husband of Grant Hester; father of Adam Weingarten, Whitney & Daniel Weingarten, Elaine & Mark Weingarten and Lauren & Oren Marouni; son of Emily Weingarten-Stein; brother of Shelley & Vic Wisner and Sharon & Michael Segal

#### 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.



## EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH MAY 21ST

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

#### 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.
- 4/13 – Helfman Pre-K-2nd grade Havdalah & Dinner, 5:30 p.m.
- 4/15 – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- 4/16 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 4/16 – JED Talks with Sophie Dulberg of AVODAH, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/16 – Classics Pre-Passover Social at Star Pizza, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/17 – Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah, 6:30 p.m.
- 4/20 – Second Night Seder, 6:00 p.m.
- 4/28 – EE75 Social Action: Interfaith Ministries, TBA
- 4/30 – Power Breakfast with Crime Stoppers, 7:30 a.m.

#### MAY

- 5/1 – City Council District C Candidates Forum, 6:30 p.m.
- 5/2 – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 5/5 – Yom HaShoah Observance at Beth Yeshurun, 3:00 p.m.
- 5/7 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 5/9 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 5/9 – Axe Night with the Brotherhood, 6:45 p.m. (at Houston Axe)
- 5/10 – Leadership Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 5/13 – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 5/15 – 2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year Dinner
- 5/16 – Book Review: *Brothers on the Run: Fleeing Hitler, Fighting Franco*, 12:30 p.m.
- 5/17 – Becker Graduation, 9:30 a.m.
- 5/20 – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
- 5/21 – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 5/21 – Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer presents *The Roots and Future of a Great Divide: Israel & the Diaspora*, 7:00 p.m.

**NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, MAY 7TH**

## A MAGICAL SUNDAY – CELEBRATING EMANU EL'S 75TH YEAR *continued from page 1*

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 and 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](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or calling (713) 529-5771 by Monday, April 1st.

**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](mailto: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](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by calling (713) 529-5771. Questions? Contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org).

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### MEMBERSHIP NEWS

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#### 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.

**Melony Candler-Little**  
**James & Vanina Miller**, daughter Coralie  
**Ryan & Rachel Epstein**, son Thomas  
**Sarah Smith**

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](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org).



### Emanu El Softball Team Returns to Diamond, Notches Win in Debut

The Emanu El softball team returned to the diamond in March after the synagogue softball league took a hiatus. In the team's season opener, they defeated Beth Israel. Other synagogues participating in the league include Brith Shalom and Beth Yeshurun. Special thanks to Alford Bleeker who is leading the effort with assistance from Joshua Pesikoff. Pictured from left to right (top row): Luke Townsend, Andrew Rochman, Norm Levine, Paul Heyman, Matthew Reichenthal, Joshua Pesikoff and Rodney Roth; bottom row: Seth Lurie, Alford Bleeker and Alan Pauly.

### Oh, What a Night – Unforgettable Music by Jewish American Composers

*Oh, What a Night!* The Sisterhood hosted its annual donor event in early March. The attendees were dazzled by the talented musical trio of Emily Moses, Ben Boskeff and Alex Navarro as they performed music by Jewish American composers. Selections included songs from the *Wizard of Oz*, *Carousel*, *My Fair Lady* and *West Side Story*.



### GFC Camperships Awarded to Helfman Religious School Students

Greene Family Camperships were awarded at Helfman Religious School in late February. Annually, Emanu El presents multiple camperships to students who submit essays, poems and other writings or drawings as part of a process that is shared with the congregation in the winter. Pictured from left to right are: Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning, Elyssa Schnurr, Ricky Schnurr Fund, Ariana Bell, Sarah Kronman, Chester Marcus Fund, Spencer Arouty, Bryce Dunn-Kahn, Sophie Blitz, JJ Silk, Diane Puschett, Sisterhood President, Micah Gabelnick, Burton Manne and Co-Chair Religious School Committee, Nava Silverman.



# Sisterhood News & Happenings

April, May 2019



## BOOK REVIEW:

*Brothers on the Run: Fleeing Hitler, Fighting Franco,*

by Patt Lorraine Simons

THURSDAY, MAY 16TH

12:30 PM

Join the Sisterhood on **Thursday, May 16th at 12:30 p.m.** as author Patt Lorraine Simons reflects on her book *Brothers on the Run: Fleeing Hitler, Fighting Franco*.

Based on her father's and uncle's experiences, Simons takes us on two brothers' high-velocity ride across pre-WW II Europe, one step ahead of Hitler's armies. The brothers' exploits are humorous, heart-wrenching, life-affirming, and, ultimately, lead them to successfully immigrate to the United States, where they settle in El Paso, Texas. Simons carefully and lovingly tells the exploits of her father, Freddy (Gottfried) Kahn, and her uncle, Rudy (Rudolph) Kahn, in this beautifully-written memoir.

Book reviews are open to the public and are free of charge. Guests are encouraged to bring a brown bag lunch as desserts will be served.

## 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 couvert is \$25 for members and \$30 for non-members including lunch and space is limited.

## Join the Celebration at Sisterhood's Installation & Closing Luncheon

Wednesday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m.

All Sisterhood members are invited to celebrate the annual installation and closing luncheon of the past year on **Wednesday, May 1st at 11:00 a.m.**

You will be delighted by the wonderful program as well as a delicious lunch planned and prepared with the expertise of our wonderful chefs.

Following the installation, we will be treated to an exceptional concert as Jacqueline Audas, concert violinist, will enchant us with her talent.

Jacqueline is a graduate of the Shepherd School of Music, Rice University, and is presently in the Master's program. She won first prize North International Music competition (2018) and first prize Mika Hasler Young Artist Competition (2015). Jacqueline will soon be travelling to New Zealand to compete as a finalist in the Michael Hill International Violin Competition. What a treat to hear lovely music performed by Jacqueline as she dazzles us with her amazing musical skills. Please join Sisterhood to enjoy a wonderful event with friends, great food, beautiful music and fun.

The couvert is \$10 and **RSVPs are requested by Thursday, April 25th**. Attendees can register online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by contacting the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). If sending checks, please make check payable to Sisterhood of Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005.



CONGREGATION EMANU EL  
**SISTERHOOD**





### 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](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by calling (713) 529-5771.

### 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](http://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](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org). If you have any questions, email or call Jill Kaplan at [jillk@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jillk@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

### City Council District C Candidates Forum Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m.

A Houston City Council District C Candidates Forum will take place at Congregation Emanu El on **Wednesday, May 1st at 6:30 p.m.**

Emanu El is partnering with the University Place Association and Rice University to host the forum which as of press date includes all five candidates that have filed for the position: Abbie Kamin, Shelley Kennedy, Nick Hellyar, Greg Meyers and Bob Nowak. Any additional candidates that file prior to the event will be invited to participate.

District C of Houston's City Council covers an area that includes most of the Heights, Montrose, the Houston Museum District and some communities around Rice University. The district also includes Old Braeswood, Meyerland and Southampton.

This year's elections for city council will take place on **Tuesday, November 5th** with a runoff, if necessary slated for **Saturday, December 14th**.

To verify which city councilmember represents you, please visit the City of Houston web site at [www.houstontx.gov](http://www.houstontx.gov) or call 3-1-1.

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

### 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

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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.

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



Brotherhood is pleased to announce that **Philip and Donna Tenenbaum** will be our 2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year. Donna has been an active volunteer with the Sisterhood, the Kids Meals project at Emanu El, SEARCH, Ronald McDonald House, Texas Children's Hospital, the SPCA, Jewish Family Service,

and many other organizations. Philip is a board member at Emanu El, a member of the executive committee of Jewish Family Service, and an active participant and supporter of the MS-150. He has previously been an active volunteer with Houston's Ronald McDonald House (including as its President), Emanu El's Endowment Funds board, and the board of Rebuilding Houston.

This year's Congregant of the Year dinner will be held on **Wednesday, May 15th**. Please save the date to join us in honoring Philip and Donna. Watch your mailbox for an invitation.

## Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer: *The Roots and the Future of a Great Divide: Israel and the Diaspora*

**Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

**Dr. Yehuda Kurtzer**, the President of the Shalom Hartman Institute of North America will serve as our scholar for the evening on the night of **Tuesday, May 21st at 7:00 p.m.**

Kurtzer will be speaking on *The Roots and the Future of a Great Divide: Israel and the Diaspora*, exploring the current and future relationship between America's Reform Jews and the state of Israel.

In his role as President of the Shalom Hartman Institute, Kurtzer leads the efforts of the Institute across the North



American Jewish communal landscape and teaches widely in the Institute's many platforms for rabbis, lay leaders, Jewish professionals, and leaders of other faith communities.

Kurtzer received his doctorate in Jewish Studies from Harvard University and an MA in Religion from Brown University and is an alumnus of both the Bronfman Youth and Wexner Graduate Fellowships. Previously Yehuda, he served as a member of the faculty and as the inaugural Chair of Jewish Communal Innovation at Brandeis University.

The author of *Shuva: The Future of the Jewish Past*, which offers new thinking to contemporary Jews on navigating the tensions between history and memory, Kurtzer shares in the book how we can relate meaningfully to our past without returning to it.

The program with Kurtzer is funded through a portion of the Emanu El budget earmarked to Israeli programming.

## 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](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org). For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto: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](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org) and Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto: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.**

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 April gathering will take place on **Thursday, April 4th 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, May 2nd at 5:30 p.m.**

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).

The “Third Monday” group of Mahj players gather at **1:00 p.m.** with the March gathering slated for **Monday, April 15th.** Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 so we can plan accordingly.



### Emanu El Young Professionals: JED Talks with Sophie Dulberg of AVODAH Tuesday, April 16th

Emanu El Young Professionals, in partnership with Avodah, invite you for our spring installment of JED Talks on **Tuesday, April 16th at 6:00 p.m.** at Congregation Emanu El.

On behalf of Avodah and with the assistance of Rabbi Josh Fixler, Sophie Dulberg will speak about social change, how it effects our lives as young professionals, and ways that we can get involved. Sophie will help bring lofty ideas into tangible action items, all rooted in Jewish values.

Come enjoy dinner (on us!) as we share in this powerful and necessary learning journey. There is no cost to attend, but we ask that you register online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or by contacting Jill Kaplan at [JillK@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JillK@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

Avodah is an organization, which strengthens the Jewish community’s fight against the causes and effects of poverty in the United States. Avodah does this by engaging participants in service and community building, that inspire them to become lifelong leaders for social change whose work for justice is rooted in and nourished by Jewish values.

### Classics – Pre-Passover Pizza Party Tuesday, April 16th at 6:30 p.m.

The Classics – Emanu El’s social group for those in their 50s and 60s – will have its annual pre-Passover Pizza Fest at Star Pizza, Upper Kirby (2111 Norfolk, Houston 77098) at **6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, April 16th.** Please join us and load up on enough chametz to carry you through the holiday.

There is no charge for this event. The restaurant will run individual tabs so everyone can order the type and size of pizza they want from a single slice to a large pizza to share. We will be on the lower level so no stairs to climb!

Star Pizza has New York (hand tossed) and Chicago (deep dish) style pizza. They also have Gluten free pizza, desserts and numerous beers and wines. Look at their full menu online at: [www.starpizza.net](http://www.starpizza.net)

Please register online at [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or RSVP to Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org) by Wednesday, April 10th so that we can advise the venue of our seating requirements.

### Emanu El Meditation Group Meets Saturday Mornings at 9:15 a.m.

Are you interested in reducing stress, enhancing your performance, and gaining insight and awareness of yourself and others? Consider joining the Emanu El Mindfulness Meditation group on Shabbat mornings. Jewish values and influences are often incorporated and many find it enhances their own practice of Judaism.

Our small group meets weekly in the Board room on **Saturday mornings from 9:15-10:15 a.m.** Certified and experienced leaders include: Jan Silver, Susan Berdinus and Martin Lindenberg. Beginners to advanced meditators are welcome.

Each first Saturday of the month is dedicated to beginners. In an ‘Introduction to Mindfulness’ experience a basic practice, discuss bringing mindfulness into your daily life and have your questions addressed. Please consider joining us! For more information, please contact Sandy Brochstein at [sandybtx@sbcglobal.net](mailto:sandybtx@sbcglobal.net) or Heidi Kaplan at [Heidi.B.Kaplan@gmail.com](mailto:Heidi.B.Kaplan@gmail.com).





# Helfman Religious School

## 2019 Helfman Graduation Ceremonies to Take Place Friday, April 26th at Shabbat Services

Join the 2019 Helfman Religious School graduating class on **Friday, April 26th at 6:00 p.m.** when they lead our Shabbat worship service on the occasion of their graduation. Mazel Tov to these high school seniors and their families!



**First row (l-r): Samuel Gerber, Robin Russell, Sara Lichtarge, Rachel Feldman, Naomi Pryzant, Saige Broadwell, Mason Freeman and Adam Schoenberg; second row: Adam Myers, Evan Mendelovitz, Harold Weiser, Lauren Schwartz, Hannah Boucher, Frances Zuckerbrod and Ethan Boniuk; back row: Michelle Frankfort, Teacher, Cantor Rollin Simmons, Rabbi Pam Silk, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Josh Fixler and Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning.**

## Helfman Religious School Early Enrollment for 2019-2020

**Register before June 30th** and avoid the \$100 late fee. Enrollment is available online in your Congregation Emanuel members' portal. Log in at [www.emmanuelhouston.org](http://www.emmanuelhouston.org). Check the Helfman Herald or contact Gail at [gails@emmanuelhouston.org](mailto:gails@emmanuelhouston.org) for more information.

## The Fourth Grade Mock Wedding: Grooms

Our fourth grade classes have an opportunity throughout the year to learn about Jewish lifecycles. Under the direction of teacher Judy Ney, they had several weeks of preparation before going through a demonstration during a 'mock wedding' led by Rabbi Hayon. Pictured are the grooms from this year's event.





## BROTHERHOOD NEWS

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### 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](http://www.EmanuelHouston.org) or contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 535-6414.

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## YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

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### 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 and PJ Library 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.

There will be kosher, 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 **April 9th at 6:00 p.m.** for an open and honest dialogue about the challenges we face as Jewish parents in 2019.

Geared towards parents of preschool and elementary aged children, this discussion is an opportunity to bring forth questions and share in the triumphs and tribulations facing ourselves and our kids. The program will take place at Emanu El and dinner will be served.

Please RSVP at [www.emanuelhouston.org](http://www.emanuelhouston.org). The cost of dinner is \$10 per person. If you have any questions, email or call Jill Kaplan at [jillk@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jillk@emanuelhouston.org) or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

### Pre-K through 2nd Grade Havdalah Saturday, April 13th from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m.

Families with young children in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to join Helfman Religious School for this engaging (and fun!) program and dinner for the entire family.

Enjoy a family-style dinner, crafts and activities led by our ISJL Fellow, Hannah Klegon. **Register online by Wednesday, April 10th.**

## Interfaith Ministries Project Sunday, April 30th

Our third project of the 75th Anniversary year will also help an organization formed in part by Congregation Emanu El congregants. Interfaith Ministries (IM) brings together people of various faiths to work and act as a community in response to the needs of Greater Houston and create a more respectful, connected and caring society.

Chaired by Daniel Levin, Leah and Andrew Madof, this project will include both an off-site and on-site activity.

Off-site, CEE congregants with a green thumb (or with the ability to push a lawn mower or hold a weedwhacker) will want to register for 'Mow for M.O.W' – a project designed to help the IM Meals on Wheels homebound, elderly clients address their overgrown yards and cut back brush. Our volunteers will meet in the CEE front parking lot and be dispatched to homes for this IM Chore Corps project. Participants are invited to bring their lawn mowers and other garden tools (if not, tools will be provided.)

Meanwhile, on the CEE campus, volunteers will pack non-perishable breakfast bags for Meals on Wheel's clients and make holiday cards for Meals on Wheels clients (\*card-making ideal for children).

We have begun collecting gently used pots and pans for the Interfaith Ministries Refugee Resettlement project as well. We encourage you to purge your kitchen drawers. **The collection will end on Wednesday, May 1st.**

## Emanu El Heads to Bo's Place to Launch Year of Social Action Projects Associated with 75th Anniversary

Throughout Congregation Emanu El's 75th anniversary, there will be opportunities big and small for members of the congregation, as well as the community to participate in social action projects.

Many of the social action projects scheduled for the year are being held in-conjunction with agencies like SEARCH and Interfaith Ministries, that were started by Emanu El and its members. Others like Kids Meals are long-standing projects that the congregation has shared affiliation with for some time.

The first project of the calendar year was held on Thursday, February 21st as a group of 12 Emanu El volunteers headed to Bo's Place for a project chaired by Debbie and Sammy Robbins.

Emanu El members interacted with and served a delicious catered meal to the Thursday evening group



**Volunteers from Emanu El at Bo's Place (top row, left to right): Sammie Robbins, Phyllis Berman, Melanee Weiser, Michelle Cohen, Bonnie Robbins, Dean Blumrosen, Amanda Eichenbaum and Melissa Rubenstein Levin; (bottom row, L to R): Paula Stafford and Tracey Blumrosen.**

at the non-profit that exists to help those grieving, and those assisting the bereaved, find the support they need. In addition to Debbie and Sammy, the volunteer members included Michelle Cohen, Phyllis Berman, Dean Blumrosen, Tracey Blumrosen, Paula Stafford, Amanda Eichenbaum, Melanee Weiser, Bonnie Robbins and Melissa Levin.

Unlike other projects on the social action calendar for the year, Bo's Place is an agency that has served members of Emanu El.

Their therapy support groups are led by trained facilitators and are broken down by the type of the relationship loss (including parent, spouse, child and even pregnancy loss) as well the nature of the loss (sudden or a lengthy illness). The thorough and specialized grief support tremendously assists with the healing process.

Bo's Place depends on volunteer session facilitators to run these individual groups. Training takes place over two-full days during the weekend. Many groups are led in the evening. If you are interested in becoming a trained facilitator, or want to hear about other opportunities at Bo's Place, please contact Rina Ocampo, Volunteer Manager at (713) 942-8339 or [Rina@BosPlace.org](mailto:Rina@BosPlace.org).

For more information on Congregation Emanu El's social action plans for the year, visit [www.EmanuElHouston.org](http://www.EmanuElHouston.org) or contact Jason Plotkin at [JasonP@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:JasonP@emanuelhouston.org) or by calling (713) 529-5771. The social action chair for the 75th anniversary is Melissa Levin and the chairs for the 75th anniversary are Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy.

## Congregation Emanu El Honored on Floor of Texas House

Wednesday, February 27th was a celebratory day for Congregation Emanu El, which was honored on the floor of the Texas House of Representatives as House Resolution 266 (HR266) was adopted by unanimous vote and filed in the records of the Texas House.

A group of 19 staff members and lay leaders boarded a bus from Emanu El at 6:00 a.m. and arrived at the Texas Capitol just after 9:30 a.m. with the obligatory stop at Buc-ce's along the way. Upon arriving, the group headed to the Texas House to watch the day's proceedings.

Shortly after 11:00 a.m. with several members of the Emanu El delegation on the dais and the remainder in the gallery, Representative Sarah Davis came before the elected body to read HR266, which was drafted with the assistance of Emanu El's program director Jason Plotkin.

The Resolution, which can be found in the box, will be put on display at a later date at Emanu El along with a Texas state flag that was flown over the state capitol on the same day.

After sharing pleasantries and taking a photo with Representative Davis, the group gathered back on the charter bus to return to Emanu El. En route back home, the group stopped in Ellinger to partake in either Hruska's or Peter's BBQ.



**Emanu El's delegation watches the day's Texas House proceedings from the gallery of the Texas State Capitol.**

Many congregants, members of the Jewish community at large and friends from across the nation tuned into Emanu El's social media platforms as photos, video and more were shared throughout the day.

### RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Congregation Emanu El in Houston is celebrating the 75th anniversary of its founding in 1919; and

**WHEREAS**, Established in 1944, Congregation Emanu El was, according to its founding rabbi, Robert I. Kahn, "born of a cry for freedom of pulpit and pew, a concern for K'lal Israel, the faith of Israel, the land of Israel and the mission of Israel to bring light into a dark world"; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1949, Congregation Emanu El moved into what has been recognized as one of the most innovative and creative buildings in the country; designed by congregant Lenard Gabert and architectural firm MacKie & Kamrath in the style of Frank Lloyd Wright, the building was formally dedicated on September 9, 1949; and

**WHEREAS**, Originally a congregation of 190 families in 1944, Congregation Emanu El has grown into one of the largest synagogues in the Union for Reform Judaism under the guidance of Rabbi Kahn and Rabbi Roy A. Walter, who took over in 1978; the congregation is currently led by Rabbi Oren J. Hayon; and

**WHEREAS**, Congregation Emanu El, which means "God be with us" in Hebrew, has continued to make a visible and consequential impact on Houston's moral, spiritual, cultural, and intellectual life; the synagogue has been a leader in many areas of social action and welfare, from serving the blind and feeding the hungry to supporting the civil rights movement and working across faiths to bring about change; and

**WHEREAS**, Congregation Emanu El has long served as a source of inspiration and guidance to those who worship there, and its continued existence is a tribute to the unwavering commitment of its members, both past and present; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby commemorate the 75th anniversary of Congregation Emanu El and extend to its congregants sincere best wishes for the future; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for Congregation Emanu El as an expression of high regard by the Texas House of Representatives.

– Davis of Harris





**President Rodney Roth, Rabbi Oren Hayon, 75th co-chair Elyse Kalmans, 75th co-chair Cheryl Levy and executive director David Lamden watch from the dais behind the acting speaker as Rep. Sarah Davis reads Texas House Resolution 266.**

## 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](mailto: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 yahrzeit 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.

## New Traditions Gift Shop – Stocked for Passover!

### Passover Begins Friday, April 19th

The New Traditions gift shop is well stocked with all your Passover favorites! Six different Haggadot 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. 234.

Present a copy of this article or mention it to a member of

the Sisterhood gift shop to receive 20% off one Passover item in the New Traditions gift shop (not including any books).

## Troop 1190 BBQ Chicken Sale Pick-up on Sunday, May 5th

Pre-Order Chickens through Emanu El Boy Scouts

Congregation Emanu El's Scout Troop 1190 is having a mouthwatering fundraiser. We will be selling delicious, fully cooked BBQ chickens from Demeris Bar-B-Q for the families of Congregation Emanu El to enjoy. The money we fundraise will help pay for troop activities, including summer camp.

Here are the details:

**WHEN: Sunday, May 5th**, chickens will be available for pick-up before, during, and after Helfman Religious School. Pre-order yours from any Scout in Troop 1190 before or after Helfman Religious School on Sundays (or any other time you see one).

**COST:** \$15 a chicken. Cash or checks accepted. You can also donate \$15 to Troop 1190, and the Troop will send a BBQ chicken to a homeless shelter.

**MORE INFORMATION:** The chickens will be individually packaged, so they can be easily frozen for future enjoyment. Pre-order several, and you'll have Shabbat dinner handled for weeks to come! For each chicken you pre-order, you will receive a ticket. Bring your ticket(s) to Emanu El the morning of **Sunday, May 5th**, to pick up your chicken(s). (To make arrangements to have your chicken(s) delivered, talk to the Scout when you pre-order.) All payments due at the time of your pre-order.

**QUESTIONS:** Contact troop parent Sarah Pogue at [sarahdpogue@yahoo.com](mailto:sarahdpogue@yahoo.com) or Assistant Scoutmaster Kyle Friesen at [kfriesen@shb.com](mailto:kfriesen@shb.com).

## Enhanced Commitments

We are grateful for those who have continued to support the congregation in 2018-19 through enhanced commitment levels. Their generous contributions allow us the ability to defray the annual expenses of membership and synagogue offerings.

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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](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.

## 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.

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63 Turning 75 In 19!  
Friday, June 7th

This is not a new-fangled math problem! It's a good old-fashioned birthday party for Congregation Emanu El, and 63 of our congregants turning 75 this year. Everyone's invited!

Join us for Heritage Shabbat in the Barish Sanctuary, **Friday, June 7th**, where we will pay special tribute to all the honorees. Then, stick around for the birthday bash, complete with food and festivities for EVERY age.

No birthday party is complete without ice cream, cake, and a few surprises! So, mark your calendar and we'll take care of the rest!



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