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FROM RABBI HAYON



A commitment to working hand-in-hand with other communities of faith will always be important to us.

At our Temple's second night Passover seder this year, I spoke about the two religious directives at the heart of the seder: first, the particular Jewish commandment that we must see ourselves as having been personally freed from slavery in Egypt; and second, the universalist instruction that "all who are hungry may come and eat."

Our Reform Movement has always sought to strike a thoughtful balance between particularism and universalism, cultivating an appreciation for our unique Jewish blessings and responsibilities, while never losing sight of the benefits we have derived from the larger non-Jewish world in which we live.

The value of interfaith cooperation runs deep in the lifeblood of Emanu El. The importance of service beyond the Jewish community has always been very important to our congregational community, and today we remain committed to cultivating ongoing partnerships with

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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

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65th Anniversary of Brown v Board of Education: Share the Vision – Live the Legacy

Wednesday, May 29th
at 7:00 p.m.

To acknowledge the 65th Anniversary of the historic Brown v Board of Education decision, Houston Public Library and co-sponsor Congregation Emanu El will host an evening of reflection and dialogue as a diverse group of experts share how we as a community can engage in the future of urban public education. As Houstonians, this conversation comprises a critical component of the way we live, learn and work together in a pluralistic society.

This gathering will take place on **Wednesday, May 29th at 7:00 p.m.** at Congregation Emanu El, 1500 Sunset Blvd.

The co-hosts for the event include the American Leadership Forum, the Center for Houston's Future, Children at Risk, the Houston Area Urban League, the Houston Chronicle, Leadership ISD Harris County, the

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WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Shabbat Emor, Leviticus 21:1 – 24:23

Friday, May 17th

5:15 p.m., Pre-Neg, North Lobby

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

Saturday, May 18th

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

Shabbat B'har, Leviticus 25:1 – 26:2

Friday, May 24th

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

Saturday, May 25th

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Erin Applebaum**, daughter of Brian Applebaum and Tori Decora & **Larkin Boucher**, daughter of Carol Laufer & Leo Boucher

Shabbat B'chukotai, Leviticus 26:2 – 27:34

Friday, May 31st

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

Saturday, June 1st

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Serena Leal**, daughter of Amanda & David Leal, and **Trudie Owers**, daughter of Ila Owers

Shabbat B'midbar, Numbers 1:1 – 4:20

Friday, June 7th

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner

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

Recognition of Congregants Celebrating 75th Birthday

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

7 p.m., Emanu El 75th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, June 8th

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

6:00 p.m., Shavuot Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary
Confirmation of Helfman Religious School 10th Grade

Sunday, June 9th

10:30 a.m., Shavuot Festival Service & Yizkor, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Naso, Numbers 4:21 – 7:89

Friday, June 14th

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

Saturday, June 15th

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

NOTE: 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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other faith communities throughout Houston in many different ways: our 11th grade Helfman students spend a year learning about other faiths and visiting their houses of worship; our clergy team works hard to establish alliances and friendships with diverse lists of Houston colleagues doing the work of the spirit, both at times of celebration and to offer support and solidarity when other communities are touched by loss or violence.

I am also proud to note that over the past month, Program Director Jason Plotkin headlined a city-wide consulting tour, advising other faith communities about best practices in congregational security, while Rabbi Walter was honored with the Spirit of Respect Award by Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston for his decades-long commitment to interfaith activism and leadership in Houston.

A commitment to working hand-in-hand with other communities of faith will always be important to us. It is a critical success factor in creating sustainable models for community service and systems of justice, and it draws us closer to the fulfillment of our congregational mission of being a light to the other nations. As Reform Jews, we will always strive to maintain a principled balance between the particular and the universal, with pride in the richness of our own tradition and gratitude for the comfort and inspiration of good friends whose spiritual paths are different from our own.

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.

**Lesley Diamond
Brett & Andi Riesenfeld
Rachel & Frank Sedita**

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.

Have you returned your commitment form?

By now all members should have received a packet in the mail with a personalized cover letter and the 2019-20 Annual Commitment form. We ask that all members either return a completed form or reach out to the office for a confidential conversation about your annual commitment. If you did not receive your packet, please email Elizabeth Townsend, ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org so we can send you another one.

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LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Dick Brooks won gold medals in the slalom and giant slalom of the 80+ age group at the NASTAR ski championships in Squaw Valley, California.

Lewis Kasner was elected to the American College of Real Estate Lawyers (ACREL), recognizing Lewis as a real estate lawyer who gives back to the community and legal community.

Rabbi Roy Walter received the inaugural “Spirit of Respect” award at the Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston’s 50th Anniversary Tapestry Gala in late April.

BIRTHS

Naava Balkin, daughter of Shana & Andy Balkin; granddaughter of Elizabeth & Matt Krohn, Barry Balkin, Marilyn & Larry Guzick; great-granddaughter of Marianne & Larry Greenfield

Henry Aharon Methner, son of Molly & Jason Methner, grandson of Ellen & Paul Orseck, Bruce Methner, Perla & Miles Brett, Ron Lipsitz

WEDDINGS

Georgie Nicole Morris & **Gregory Phillip Nachlas**

DEATHS

Arthur Ludlow Clark, II; father of Lara & Perrin Washington Clark, Nimia & Arthur Ludlow Clark, III and Thurston Booth Clark; grandfather of Bruce, Brian, Jacqueline, Isabella and Alexa Clark

Cacilie Daily, wife of Abe Daily, Jr; mother of our members Pam & Bill Daily, Eva & Ben Daily, Nancy Daily; mother-in-law of Harvey Cohen; grandmother of Emily, Paloma, Alex, Sophie; sister of Jan & Charles Hart; sister-in-law of Joyce & Harold Daily, Dorothy Bemel

Mike Feldman, husband of Judy Feldman, father of Nikole & Joey Richardson, Barbie & Justin Adler; grandfather of five; brother of Sheryl & Bernard Feldman, Al Feldman, Shirley Feldman-SUMmers

Alfred Goodman, husband of Joyce Goodman; father of Laura Goodman Towber, Maxine & Steven Goodman, Patricia & David Goodman; grandfather of Meredith & Adam Stewart, Matthew Goodman, Rachel Goodman, Audrey Goodman, Andrew Towber, Jacob Towber and Ethan Towber

Charlotte Hope Jacobson, mother of Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart

Joan Lorentson, mother of Ann & J. Kent Friedman, Lisa Lorentson & Rob Corsini, Karen Lorentson & Yann Bertaud; grandmother of Ryan Friedman, Nicholas Corsini, Beth & Mike Walters, Alison & George Belcher, Michele & Brent Friedman, Margaux Corsini & Martin DeWinter, Isabelle Bertaud; great-grandmother of Katy and Logan Belcher, Harrison Walters, Cecilia and Eliza Friedman, and Ethan, Zachary and Sadie Friedman

Carol Ross, mother of Beth Ross; grandmother of Elijah; sister of Sandra & Russell Records; sister-in-law of our Jennifer & Jeffrey Ross

Rose Zoll, mother of Richard & Linda Zoll, Elaine Glassman; grandmother of Jennifer & Thomas Langkjaer, Alison Brown, Kim & Thomas Soper, Wendy Glassman; great-grandmother of Rachel Brown, Sarah Megan Brown, Emma Langkjaer, Jacob Langkjaer, Milo Soper, Junah Soper

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.

DR. YEHUDA KURTZER: THE ROOTS AND THE FUTURE OF A GREAT DIVIDE: ISRAEL AND THE DIASPORA

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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.

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH JUNE 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 and/or on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY

- 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, 6:30 p.m.
- 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.
- 5/28** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 5/28** – 65th Anniversary of Brown v Board of Education: Share the Vision – Live the Legacy, 7:00 p.m.
- 5/31** – Young Professionals' Who Dunnit Shabbat – Services at 6:00 p.m., dinner & program at 7:00 p.m.

JUNE

- 6/4** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 6/6** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 6/7** – Heritage Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/7** – Emanu El 75th Birthday Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- 6/10** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/12** – My Generation Dinner & Bingo, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/13** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/14** – Deadline for Memorial Plaques in Time for High Holy Days
- 6/17** – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
- 6/18** – Kids Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 6/21** – Community Shabbat Dinner, 7:00 p.m.

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65TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROWN V BOARD OF EDUCATION: SHARE THE VISION – LIVE THE LEGACY

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National Hispanic Professional Organization – Houston, Texas Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, the University of St. Thomas and Wheeler Avenue Baptist Church.

The evening will begin with a keynote address by Dr. Sharon Washington, a cultural anthropologist and CEO/Executive Director of Temenos CDC. Washington has spent the past two decades working as an applied anthropologist in community and organizational development. She is the author of *The Educational Contract*, which is the culmination of a multi-year participant observation study on public education.

Washington co-founded a public school for 7th and 8th graders on the Lower East Side of Manhattan in New York City, and has worked in education research, policy, program design, and teacher preparation in various parts of the world, including the United States, South Africa, Mexico, and Cuba. In her current position as CEO of Temenos, Sharon has expanded her research to include explorations on connection, community, and failure. Sharon has lectured at New School University and the University of Houston; and she has worked as a journalist with her writings appearing in the *Dallas Times Herald*, the *Akron Beacon Journal*, and *New York Newsday*.

Following her remarks, a panel emceed by Laurence Payne of Houston Public Library will feature a group of distinguished partners in education that will discuss what urban public education looks like today, 65 years after the landmark Brown v Board of Education decision. This group includes civil rights attorney and Story Square Inc. President Fran-Victoria Stephens; Dr. David Abraham, research scientist from Rice University's Weiss School of Natural Sciences; Stephen Scarborough, Manager of Strategic Initiative at the Center for Houston's Future; Mandi Sheridan Kimball, Director of Public Policy & Governmental Affairs at Children at Risk; and Gregory Gomez, Program Director of Leadership ISD – Harris County.

There will be a chance to ask questions to the panelists and speaker before Houston Chronicle business columnist Chris Tomlinson closes the evening with his reflections.

This event is free and open to the community.

To help the host committee make preparations, guests are asked to register in advance of the program online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling Congregation Emanu El at (713) 529-5771.

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

Reverend William Barber Speaks at Emanu El; Clips Reach over 2 Million People

Reverend William Barber of Repairers of the Breach and the Poor People's Movement spoke at Congregation Emanu El on Wednesday, March 27th before an audience requiring High Holy Day seating to be put into place. The featured speaker on this year's 75th anniversary calendar, Reverend Barber's presentation or clips from it reached over 2.5 million people on social media within 10 days of speaking on the bimah.



Cub Scouts Host Annual Pinewood Derby

Emanu El's Cub Scouts pictured on 'race day' in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room. For several weeks, our Cub Scout troop built and designed their pinewood derby cars that were raced down the track at Emanu El. Congrats to our scouts on all their hard work and preparation for the day!

Sisterhood News & Happenings

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.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Religious School Enrollment for 2019-2020

Register before Sunday, June 30th and avoid the \$100 late fee. 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.

Helfman PreK-2nd Grade Havdalah



On April 13th, our Helfman Religious School hosted a PreK-2nd grade Havdalah. Rabbi Josh Fixler and Cathy Borden led a Havdalah service, dinner was served and crafts were created! It was a great evening had by all. Be on the lookout for more programs like this throughout the year.

Schmaltz . . . A Purim Schpiel

During Emanu El's Purim celebration, the adult and youth choirs partnered with members of the Congregation Emanu El staff – including Becker and Helfman administrative teams – to put on “Schmaltz . . . A Purim Schpiel.” Based off the classic movie *Grease*, the schpiel was directed and choreographed by Cantor Rollin Simmons.

Emanu El Adult Choir and Cantor Rollin Simmons

Members of the adult choir pictured with Cantor Rollin Simmons following the Purim Schpiel. The adult choir practiced with Cantor Simmons several times in the lead up to the Schpiel and regularly meets on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m. at the synagogue.



The Emanu El Staff Team Behind the Schpiel

The cast of this year's Purim Schpiel included the congregation's clergy team and staff members from all departments of the synagogue.



Cantor Simmons, Rabbi Fixler Reenact Scene from 'Grease'

One of the highlights of the Purim Schpiel was Cantor Simmons as Esther and Rabbi Fixler as King Achashverosh singing a Purim-themed version of “You're the One that I Want” from *Grease* while reenacting the famous scene from the movie where Sandy and Danny dance down the stairs at the carnival during the song.



And that's a wrap! Choirs and Emanu El Staff Come Together to Perform Final Number

A photo of the final number, which included the youth and adult choirs joining the cast for the last song. The youth choir performed a Purim-themed version of ‘We Go Together’ earlier in the Schpiel that they had practiced during Helfman Religious School in the lead up to the event.



UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Leadership Shabbat Friday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El's annual Leadership Shabbat will take place on **Friday, May 10th at 6:00 p.m.** during Shabbat services.

Leadership Shabbat serves as the congregation's annual opportunity to install its Board of Trustees and the elected leadership of the Temple's auxiliaries.

During this special Shabbat service, President Rodney Roth will address the attendees and share his goals for the year. Adding to the festivities, Leadership Shabbat will also serve as an opportunity to recognize those faculty members from the Helfman Religious School who have reached special milestones in their tenure at Emanu El. Helfman Religious School faculty honorees will include Lisa Brooks (12 years), Todd Weiss and Cathy Borden (18 years), and the 'Over the Chai Club' of teachers with more than 18 years of service, who will be recognized collectively: Sophi Zimmerman, Gail Shapiro, Cantor David Axelrad, Ellie Morse, Judy Ney, Lisa Stone, Judy Stein, and Rabbi Roy Walter.

Additionally, our beloved Past President Dolores Wilkenfeld will receive a special honor at this year's Leadership Shabbat, in recognition of her 50 years of service to our B'nei Mitzvah program and to the hundreds of students whom she has prepared to celebrate their simchas at our congregation.

Please join us for this Shabbat, and a festive Oneg Shabbat to follow, in honor of all those being recognized for their devotion to our congregation.

2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year Dinner Wednesday, May 15th, 6:30 p.m.



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 at 6:30 p.m.** Please save the date to join us in honoring Philip and Donna. Watch your mailbox for an invitation.

SAVE THE DATE TO CELEBRATE: 63 TURNING 75 IN 19!

"Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you! Happy birthday to you...."and you....and you.... And you....and you, too!

Save the date to celebrate Emanu El and 63 congregants also turning 75 this year. We are having an old-fashioned birthday party on **Friday, June 7th**, following Heritage Shabbat.

Join us to pay tribute to all the honorees in the Barish Sanctuary, then stick around for the big birthday bash and festivities for EVERY age. There will be plenty of noshables, ice cream, cake, and. . .

"many mo0000re...." Surprises!

Congregation Emanu El's Community Shabbat Dinners Return This Summer

Join Emanu El on Fridays, June 21st & July 19th A tradition returns!

Join us following Shabbat services on **Fridays, June 21st** and **July 19th** for our 'community Shabbat dinners'. Our traditional 6:00 p.m. Shabbat service with the Shabbatones will be followed by dinner in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room for \$5 per person with the cost subsidized by the programming funds of the synagogue.

In June, join us for a "make your own burger bar" featuring hamburgers, grilled chicken and chipotle black bean burgers. We will have all the toppings and condiments, plus sides. The July meal will feature a "NY Deli Signature breakfast" featuring eggs, potato pancakes, fruit, bagels, lox and more. And yes, dessert is included!

Both meals will be catered by Emanu El's preferred caterer Houston Catering Concepts.

Please note that RSVPs are required and Emanu El will not be able to handle walk-ups. RSVP online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771 by **Wednesday, June 19th** for the June dinner and **Wednesday, July 17th** for the July gathering.

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A Conversation with Houston Astros Beat Writer Chandler Rome Tuesday, July 23rd

Save the date and make plans to join us for a 'power breakfast' on **Tuesday, July 23rd at 7:30 a.m.** featuring a conversation with Houston Astros beat writer Chandler Rome of the *Houston Chronicle*.



Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. before the program begins at 8:00 a.m. as Emanu El program director Jason Plotkin will have a conversation

with Rome that will focus on the life of a journalist covering a Major League Baseball team during a 162-game schedule and diving into talk about Houston's beloved baseball club. An opportunity to ask questions from the audience will follow.

The Astros' beat writer since 2018, Rome joined the *Chronicle's* sports team after covering Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide football team. Previous stops included a stint at MLB.com during the Astros' 2015 season, serving as the McNeese State beat writer for the *Lake Charles American-Press* and covering LSU for the *Baton Rouge Advocate*. An LSU graduate, Rome worked for the student paper *The Daily Reveille* as a sports writer and eventually, the sports editor.

This event is open to the public and the cost of breakfast is \$10. Registration will open in June.

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

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 first 120 tickets that were subsidized by the Brotherhood are sold out. We have an additional allotment of \$21 tickets now available. All tickets purchased are in the mezzanine section.

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.

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.

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

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 Jason Plotkin at the synagogue. 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.

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 June gathering will take place on **Thursday, June 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 July gathering has shifted due to **4th of July** and will be held on **Wednesday, July 3rd 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 website at www.emanuelhouston.org.

The “Third Monday” group of Mahj players gather at **1:00 p.m.** with the March gathering slated for **Monday, May 13th**. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233 so we can plan accordingly.

The Classics Kick Off the Summer with Dinner

Friday, May 24th – Services at 6:00 p.m. & dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Are you ready for the summer? The Classics – Emanu El’s social group for those in their 50s and 60s – will kick off the summer with a Shabbat dinner following services on **Friday, May 24th**. Be on the lookout in your e-mail and in the weekly eLetter for more information on this next great opportunity to come together as a group!

Young Professionals’ Who Dunit Shabbat Friday, May 31st – Services at 6:00 p.m., dinner & program at 7:00 p.m.

Join us for the next installment of YAD’s Shabbat Shalom Y’all, as Emanu El Young Professionals and Rabbi Josh Fixler host a night of inspiration and intrigue on **Friday, May 31st**.

The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with an inspirational Friday night service in the Proler Chapel led by Rabbi Fixler. Immediately following services, allow your intrigue to guide you through a mystery “Who Dunit” dinner and program. Sit back and use clues, props, and

observe the action provided by professional actors and mystery gurus while enjoying delicious food and wine. The level of participation is completely based on your comfort zone. Feel free to come as a bystander, an active part of the sleuthing team, or perhaps . . . the culprit!

The cost is \$10 and covers both the dinner and program. Dinner will be kosher style/dairy. Registration can be completed online at EmanuElHouston.org. Questions? Contact Jill Kaplan, jillk@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 262.

Emanu El Summer College Student Reunion

Sunday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.

Home from college for the summer? Come catch up with your rabbis and all your friends from Congregation Emanu El on **Sunday, June 2nd at 6:30 p.m.** Join us for a reunion dinner at Mia’s Table, 3131 Argonne Street. Dinner’s on us – hope to see you there! Please RSVP to Alisha Klapholz, alishak@emanuelhouston.org, so we can get a good headcount.

My Generation Dinner & Bingo

Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.

My Generation – Emanu El’s social group for those 65 and older – will enjoy an evening of bingo, schmoozing and prizes at the synagogue on **Wednesday, June 12th at 6:00 p.m.** A catered meal awaits and we will provide the prizes!

The cost is \$15 per person and registration is available online at www.EmanuElHouston.org or by calling the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 ahead of the Monday, June 10 deadline. Because of limited space, walkups will not be accommodated so please be sure to sign-up.

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 Berdinis 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 or Heidi Kaplan at Heidi.B.Kaplan@gmail.com.

Sisterhood New Traditions Gift Shop Summer Hours Begin Monday, May 20th

New Traditions gift shop will go on summer hours beginning **Monday, May 20th**. These **hours are 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., Monday through Friday** or by appointment at sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Please visit us for all your B'nei Mitzvah gifts, hostess gifts, jewelry, cookbooks and more. Purchases at New Traditions help Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to the support of our congregation and the community.

Camp Post Cards

Is your child going away to camp this summer? We'd love to keep them connected to Emanu El while they are away! Send your child's name, address at camp and dates that they will be away to Alisha Klapholz (alishak@emanuelhouston.org).

Volunteers Needed for 75th Anniversary Events

Are you interested in playing a role in the execution of our 75th anniversary events? Want to be a greeter or an usher? Address envelopes or volunteer at a station during one of the happenings throughout the 2019 calendar year as we celebrate the 75th anniversary? Please contact our volunteer coordinator Barbara Loeser at bloeser@sbcglobal.net.

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) 52-5771, ext. 213.

In Need of ASL Interpreter for High Holy Days? Let Us Know!

To ensure those who are hard of hearing are able to enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, the Brotherhood will be generously providing closed captioning for all non-youth and children services in the Barish Sanctuary.

If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter please contact JoAnne at the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 or JoAnneK@emanuelhouston.org by **Friday, August 16th** in order to insure these services are available.

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.

President's Report – 2019 Annual Meeting

The below report was delivered by President Rodney Roth during the annual meeting held on Sunday, April 7, 2019.



Rodney Roth

My friends, as we celebrate our diamond anniversary together, our 75th year as a congregation, I would like to reflect on the incredible time we have shared. A year that has been filled with progress, innovation, celebration, and good, old-fashioned hard work. A plan that was devised by my predecessor and mentor, Jeff Basen-Engquist, and implemented by the current administration. I would

like to begin by discussing our 75th celebration – a year that has rejuvenated and reconnected this congregation.

Starting with our cantorial concert in January where our beloved Cantor Simmons paired up with the incredibly talented Noah Aronson and Elana Arian to inaugurate our celebration with a concert that filled our hearts and souls. We were then introduced to a special arrangement written by Rabbi Hayon, “Hinei Ma Tov,” which was presented to the congregation.

We have also been blessed with enriching speakers including Rabbi Gary Zola and Reverend William Barber who helped us explore, learn, pray and study together as a community. Record crowds have enjoyed these special events, and we promise there is much more to come. I would like to thank our incredible chairs, Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy, for their outstanding work in honoring the legacy of Emanu El with such inspiring programs.

I am pleased to report that all committees are functioning at a high level. The Sisterhood, led by the exceptional Diane Puschett and now Claire Brooks and Carol Sue Zions, continues to provide engaging programs while keeping its focus on charity. The Brotherhood, under the new leadership of Andrew Gass, is focused on novel relevant meaningful events.

Staple events including “Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah” and our community-wide garage sale are still going strong thanks to the incredible leadership of Steve Moskowitz. New programs including a whiskey tasting social, Pop-Up Shabbats, Mahjong and themed Tot Shabbats, have been implemented in an effort to engage all congregants.

Emanu El is thriving with relevant programming that is geared toward the many generations of our Temple family. The opportunities to get involved through My Generation, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, Emanu Elders, The Classics, The Middle and Young Professionals, remain vibrant thanks to the extraordinary leadership of our program director, Jason Plotkin.

We also recently launched a new group called Elder Engagement. The mission of this group, spearheaded by Laurie Lee, is to reengage and reconnect with all our senior members. Our goal is to fill the needs and

interests of every congregant.

Beginning this summer, Emanu El proudly started a \$2.7 million roofing and HVAC project to protect our most valuable asset, this architectural masterpiece. Our 70-year-old roof and HVAC were unfortunately not going to make their own 75th year celebration and were in dire need of repair. While we conclude the roofing portion of the project, the HVAC system will be upgraded starting in early June.

During this period, both Feld Hall and Barish Sanctuary will be closed while we strive to provide a more comfortable, efficient system for our congregation. We are expecting an early September completion. I would like to personally recognize the roofing task force consisting of Bruce Lessey, Shel Vedlitz, Joe Pryzant, Becky Proler and Gary Marks.

Another initiative implemented this fiscal year was our new dues structure. After years of researching options used by similar synagogues, we have updated our dues structure from a fair-share model to a standard-contribution model. The implementation resulted in improved financial stability for the congregation. While we utilize this new model, please be assured that the Emanu El approach to dues collection will not change. We will continue to serve all congregants, regardless of their dues contribution, and will work with congregants, as needed – the Emanu El way for 75 years.

Our security has also been a focal point following the tragedy in Pittsburgh. Our security task force lead by Shel Vedlitz meets regularly to ensure the safety of our congregants. All aspects of our security have been reviewed by HPD, ADL, Homeland Security and our security provider, to ensure best practices are in place.

Our Helfman Religious School continues to blossom to more than 435 students and consecrated 47 new students this year thanks to our exceptional Director of Congregational Learning, Stefani Carlson. Thanks to Stephanie, our Religious School creates a unified approach to learning across all ages and stages. This year, new innovative programming have been added including family Shabbat and Havdalah programs for our youngest students and their families, and new electives including Modern Israeli Dance, Hebrew enrichment, and technology/coding for our older children.

Our Helfman Religious School also boasts a very high retention to graduation rate thanks in part to the Shirley Barish Memorial Experience trip to Israel. This incredible, one-of-a-kind opportunity, gives our children who attend Religious School through graduation, a free trip to Israel.

One of our proud establishments, the Becker School, provides one of Houston's best preschool experiences

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while supporting the Temple with an entrée to membership and funding. Thanks to the leadership of Paula Katz, Becker is doing very well as enrollment remains very strong, continually meeting all financial obligations, including profits shared with the congregation.

Long-term, reliable financial support is key to any nonprofits success. Senior Vice President Jeri Amundson brings new energy to our Endowment Fund Board. The Endowment provides over \$350,000 annually, primarily to our programming budget. In addition, our Create a Legacy program, which is a part of the Houston Jewish Community Foundation and the Harold Grinspoon Foundation, continues to flourish. Emanu El leads all other synagogues with over 38 commitments. I would like to thank this incredible committee, which includes Jeri, Myra Lipper, Rabbi Walter, Elyse Kalmans and Michael Rubenstein.

Finally, I thank our Executive Committee and Board of Trustees for their dedication and hard work throughout

the year. With their leadership, and through the efforts of our outstanding clergy, staff and countless volunteers, we have had an eventful and productive year, highlighted by meaningful worship, study, programming, community building and celebration.

A special thank you to Past President Jeff Basen-Enquist and Senior Vice President Jeri Amundson, who unfailingly assist and provide sound counseling. I would like to thank my wonderful wife, Robin, and children, Gavin and Cameron, who have supported me during this spiritual journey. I would also like to thank my parents who have instilled in me the importance of philanthropic work and dedication to this sacred community.

Lastly, I would like to thank you all for honoring me with this responsibility and opportunity. With your blessing, I will continue to do my best to lead and serve our congregation.

A Board Resolution Honoring the Memory of Steven Weingarten

It is customary on the passing of a past President that the Board of Trustees pass a resolution honoring their contributions to the synagogue and the community.

This resolution is then shared with the Congregation via the *Bulletin*.

The resolution, at right, passed unanimously by the Congregation at its April 7, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

Resolution In Memory Of Steven 'Steve' Ray Weingarten

WHEREAS, Steve R. Weingarten was a long-standing, active and devoted member of Congregation Emanu El from childhood through his adult life; and

WHEREAS, Steve lived a life of service based on the values of Judaism, contributing time and talent to causes that would benefit people not only in Houston, but across the country and around the world; his support was felt throughout the Houston community as well as Israel, which he visited many times; and

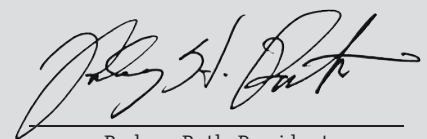
WHEREAS, Steve served with dedication and distinction on multiple synagogue committees before becoming the thirty-fourth President of Congregation Emanu El from 2007-2009; and

WHEREAS, Steve served as President during a time of growth at Emanu El as the construction phase of a capital campaign resulted in the completion of the Gaylor Parking Facility, the renovation of the Barish Sanctuary and the redecoration of the building's rotunda; and

WHEREAS, Steve never knew a stranger and was always positive about his role as President of the synagogue and the work for the families of Emanu El; and

WHEREAS, his passion and love for the Emanu El community will be deeply missed but will live on through multiple generations of his family; therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the members of Congregation Emanu El express to his family its sympathy and deep appreciation and gratitude for his devoted service to the congregation and records this acknowledgement in the minutes of the congregation's Annual Meeting, April 7, 2019.



Rodney Roth, President

Congregation Emanu El Celebrates a Magical Afternoon with Annual Meeting

Congregation Emanu El conducted its 75th annual meeting on Sunday, April 7th.

Rodney Roth and Jeri Amundsen were elected to the second year of their terms as President and Senior Vice President, respectively. Vice President Todd Slobin and treasurer Stuart Gaylor were chosen by the congregation to continue in their current roles on the executive committee with Jeff Basen-Engquist retaining his position as Honorary President.

Others elected to the executive committee included Dawn Blitz, Vice President; Helen Dreyfus, Vice President; Ben Miller, Vice President; and Laura Mayer, Secretary.

Blitz, Dreyfus and Mayer were elevated to the executive committee from their positions as members of the Board of Trustees while Miller will serve as Vice President following a year as the congregation's secretary.

Elections for the remainder of the Board of Trustees were also held.

This year's smaller slate reflected the congregation's 2018 approval of a by-law to transition to a 24-member board.

Board of Trustees for a three-year term, expiring in 2022 are Michael Epstein, Stephanie Gabelnick, Gordon Goodman, Laurie Lee, Greta Pliskin, Brooke Reichek and Philip Tenenbaum.

Elected to the board for a one-year term ending in 2020 are Nancy Parkans Ehrenkranz, Ralph Herring and Annie Stein. Those elected to a three-year term ending in 2022 included Bruce Lessey, Pam Lewis and Alana Pulaski.

Continuing on the Board of Trustees and not requiring re-election were Hannah Brook, Ivy Franks, Fredi Bleeker Franks, Ronnie Kurtin, Barry Lichman, Nicole Longnecker, Burton Manne, Ben Proler, Carolyn Putterman, Bob Schaffer, Michael Sprung and Rachael Tobor.

The remainder of the agenda included the approval of the fiscal year 2019-2020 budget, reports from Roth

A Magical Meeting at Emanu El



While the adults were busy with the annual meeting, Emanu El children had an opportunity to enjoy a magician, a photo booth and magical arts and crafts.

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and Senior Rabbi Oren Hayon, an update to the articles of incorporation and recognition of outgoing board members Sue Baum, Drew Karlin, Kathy Parven, Steven Reiner, Richard Schechter and Lauren Vines.

The congregation also unanimously approved a resolution honoring past president Steve Weingarten, who passed away in March. Weingarten served as President from 2007-2009 and the resolution was read on the floor of the meeting by fellow past president Haran Levy.

The annual meeting was more of an 'event' than in previous years as chairs Stephanie and Todd Slobin added a 'magical twist' to the afternoon. A magician entertained children while parents attended the meeting and the magic continued at dinner as the magician made his way around Feld Hall entertaining congregants. Feld Hall was decorated with top hats made by students at the congregation's Becker School.

During dinner Rabbi Hayon, Roth and the congregation honored staff with milestone anniversaries of service to Emanu El.

This group of honorees included Becker School kitchen/supply manager Evon Zionts (25 years), Becker School assistant director of admissions Judy Lazor (18 years), Becker School director Paula Katz (15 years), Rabbi Pamela Silk (15 years), facilities team member Juan Torres (10 years) and program director Jason Plotkin (five years).

Over 20 desserts lined the table and congregants were asked to vote for their favorite treat. The Sisterhood's "pull-a-part" bread, mandell bread and caramel oatmeal bars won the vote, along with challahs made by Robin Roth.

The team of volunteers assisting the Slobins with putting the event together included Jeri Amundsen, Dawn Blitz, Jessica Segal, Marlene Slobin and Diane Puschett. Dessert bakers included Susan Altschuler, Sara Astrich, Phyllis Berman, Ruthe Berman, Marilynn Franks Bleeker, Sandy Brochstein, Donnie Bundman, Shelly Cyprus, Lorri Lessey, Judi Levy, Judy Myers, Kathy Parven, Jan Rose, Marlene Rubin, Priscilla Schube, Judy Salmon, Judy Simon, Susan Waldman and Carol Sue Zionts.

Chairs Stephanie & Todd Slobin Create 'Magical Afternoon' at Emanu El



Rabbi Oren Hayon (left) and President Rodney Roth (right) are pictured with annual meeting chairs Stephanie and Todd Slobin at the annual meeting. The Slobins along with a team of volunteers orchestrated the annual meeting that was enhanced with a children's activity, staff milestone recognition and more.

Evon Zionts Honored for 25 Years; Joins Other Staff with Milestones



Becker School kitchen/supply manager Evon Zionts pictured with Rabbi Oren Hayon (left) and President Rodney Roth (right) was honored for her 25 years of service to the congregation. Other honorees included Becker School assistant director of admissions Judy Lazor (18 years), Becker School director Paula Katz (15 years), Rabbi Pamela Silk (15 years), facilities team member Juan Torres (10 years) and program director Jason Plotkin (five years).

Becker School Update

Spring has been a busy time at Becker. The children as well as our parents enjoyed a fantastic morning at our annual Transportation Fair. A special thank you to Richard Buxbaum and his volunteers for organizing the morning for us. The children explored a fire truck, ambulance, garbage truck, art cars, an RV and more! Everyone especially loved taking a ride on the train around the Temple.

Rabbi Mendy came to visit the school and teach us how matzah is made. Each child in the Threes, Pre-K and Bridge mixed the special flour with water, rolled the dough, and made their own piece of matzah! While the matzah baked in special ovens, everyone learned more about matzah and Passover.

The children had a fabulous time at our Passover Happening. Cantor Simmons and Ms. Alex, Becker music teacher,

led the children in Passover songs. The children then explored the story of Passover by sweeping away the chametz, building the pyramids with our Big Blue Blocks, learning about the plagues from Mr. Todd and Ms. Cindy, and leaving Egypt through the Red Sea tunnel. The children also enjoyed a snack of charoset and matzah. Our Pre-K students enjoyed making charoset for everyone. Everyone went home with their own bag of plagues! A big thank you to Mr. Todd and Ms. Pam, as well as our parent volunteers, for creating this special event for the children.

On **Friday, May 17th**, our Pre-K children will celebrate their graduation during our Kabbalat Shabbat. Ms. Alex and the children's teachers are preparing them for this special morning. Grace Youn Furr along with many of our Pre-K parents are organizing a wonderful brunch reception. Toys recently collected through a Becker tzedakah drive will decorate the tables and then be donated to House of Tiny Treasures.

Becker School Transportation Fair

One of the highlights of the Becker School calendar – the transportation fair! From fire trucks to dump trucks, art cars to a bucket truck – vehicles lined up around the Congregation Emanu El campus for our children to explore.



Becker School Participates in Matzah Factory

The Becker School prepared for Passover with a visit from the 'Matzah Factory.' Our threes and preschool classes had an opportunity to learn how matzah is made before making some of their own matzah to try.





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

ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

To provide for creative arts programs
In Memory of
Hilda Kaplan Frank
Kathy & Stephen Parven

ACCESS FOR ALL

To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people
In Memory of
Hilda Kaplan Frank
Pat & Aaron Fradkin
Madilyn Frosch
Esther & Naman Lipinsky
Alfred Goodman
Richard Leibman
Steven Weingarten
Pat & Aaron Fradkin
Kathy & Stephen Parven

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHER ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants
In Memory of
Alfred Goodman
Melinda & Steven Gordon
Steven Weingarten
Joni & Gary Lewis & Lillian Gaylor

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians
In Honor of
Paul Franks
Jennifer Perchonok
Julien Rosenthal's Birthday
Emily Weingarten-Stein
Rabbi Pamela Silk's 15 years at Emanu El
Barbara Loeser
Donna & Philip Tenenbaum - 2019 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year
Kathy & Stephen Parven

In Memory of
Hilda Kaplan Frank
Linda & Harris Miller
Alfred Goodman
Carol & Marc Winograd
Steven Weingarten
Stephanie & Todd Slobin

BARBARA & MARK BROOKNER CAMBERSHIP FUND

To provide scholarships to send Helfman Religious School students to Greene Family Camp
A Donation
Michaele & Michael Brown

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide and enhance Becker Early Childhood Center programs
In Honor of
Becker Teachers and Students
Stephanie & Todd Slobin

In Memory of
Hilda Kaplan Frank Steven Weingarten
Linda & Joseph Pulaski

CARY PASTERNAK CEMETERY FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Honor of
Jan Pasternak & Renee Tappe
Dee Dee Dochen

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Honor of
Larry Greenfield's Birthday
Sandy & Andi Gaitz
Jack J. Rawitscher
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In Memory of
Bernard Cersonsky
Sandra & Butch Cersonsky
David Eisen
Sharon & Herb Cohn
Cary Pasternak
Sandy & Andi Gaitz

CLERGY'S GOOD WORKS FUND

To provide Emanu El's clergy with funds to help individuals in need and to support organizations that benefit the community
In Honor of
Larry Greenfield's Birthday
Dorita & Hertzal Aron
Minna & Julius Hochstein
Julien Rosenthal's Birthday
Marilyn Caplovitz
Anne Harris
Celine Kaplan
Marilynn & Ben Rosenthal

Rabbi Pamela Silk
Kathryn & Mark Sandler
Emily Weingarten-Stein & Family

Shel Vedlitz
Sharyn & Barry King
Birth of Naomi Lichman
Emily Schackelford
Carolyn Altman & Keith Solomon

The Speedy Recovery of Lawrence S. Levy
Vicki Levy

In Memory of
Mary G. Brochstein
Marie Brochstein
Calilie Daily
Marilyn & Jay Albert
Sheila & Stanley Horn
Celine Kaplan
Renee Axelrod Rosenthal Fenberg
Julien Rosenthal
Marilynn & Ben Rosenthal

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Marie Brochstein
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Sandy & Randy Herzstein
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Ellen & Martin Grabois
Jennifer Ruggeri
Marie Brochstein & Family
Adele Sandler
The Sandler Family
Royce Ann Sline
Debbie & Eugene Goldgar

Lester Smith
Sandy Barrash
Helen Stein
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Steven Weingarten
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Cheryl & Haran Levy

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Julien Rosenthal
Marcia & Victor Shainock
Ronna & Clay Spitz
Judy & Ronnie Yambra

Rose Zoll
Susan & Alan Garber
Jo Ann Levine

DOLORES & BUDDY WILKENFELD COMMUNICATIONS FUND

To enhance Emanu El's communications with congregants
In Memory of
Alfred Goodman Steven Weingarten
Dolores Wilkenfeld

EDIS LEWIS PARKANS EMANU ELDERS FUND

To provide programs for Emanu Elders
In Honor of
Larry Greenfield's Birthday
Irv & Barbara Black Levine

In Memory of
Madilyn Frosch Perry Vann
Sylvia & Steven Brody

EDWARD WAYNE FAMILY FUND

To support programs that benefit children attending Helfman Religious School
In Memory of
Steven Weingarten
Audrey & Ray Maislin

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston
A Donation
Girl Scouts of SJC Troop 21207

In Honor of
Larry Greenfield's Birthday
Nick & Ramona Darden & Joyce Janse
Bernie & Marylu Levy

In Memory of
Florence "Flo" Berkman
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Madilyn Frosch
Barbara Glave
Nancy Peskin
Joan Lorentson
Barbara Feldman
Eddie Rose
Leda & Michael Karchmer

Helen Stein

Barbara Loeser

Cecil & Eddie Wayne – designated for Kids' Meals

Helaine Wayne Lane & David Lane

Lauren & Andy Wayne

Tanja & Ed Wayne, Jr.

Valerie & Benjamin Wayne

Steven Weingarten

Lorraine & Ed Wulfe

Rose Zoll

Sara Astrich

Marsha & Marty Block

Sandy & Don Harris

ETHEL HUVARD MUSIC LIBRARY FUND

To maintain and enhance

Emanu El's music library

In Memory of

Rose Zoll

Karen & Jeff Basen-Engquist

Kathy & Stephen Parven

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

To send Emanu El leadership

to URJ Biennials and

underwrite leadership

programs and speakers

In Honor of

Rabbi Oren Hayon**Rabbi Roy Walter**

Family of Madilyn Frosch

Rodney Roth**Carol Sue Zions & Claire**

Brooks – Sisterhood

Presidents

Myra Lipper

In Memory of

Cacilie Daily**Joan Lorentson****Alfred Goodman****Rose Zoll**

Myra Lipper

Joe Levy

Barbara Loeser

FREDELL LACK EICHHORN CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

To enhance musical

programming

In Honor of

Barbara Loeser – her dedicated

service to Jewish Federation

& Yom Limmud

Sharon Kann

Barbara Loeser's Retirement

Linda & Harris Miller

Larry Greenfield's Birthday

Rose Marie & Ron Wagman

In Memory of

Rose Zoll

Dolores Wilkenfeld

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

To provide for the general needs of Emanu El and its facilities

In Honor of

The Speedy Recovery of**Maury Gurwitch****Jeff Margolis**

Sheila & Jerald Kaplan

In Memory of

Alfred Goodman

Leon Daily

Mindy & Barry Levinson

Sam Spain

Sandy & Andi Gaitz

Steven Weingarten

Bernie Feld

Sheila & Jerald Kaplan

Rose Zoll

Glori & Ed Chaika

GREENE FAMILY CAMP FUND

To support Greene Family Camp

In Honor of

Rabbi Oren Hayon

Betsy Lewis

The Speedy Recovery of**Shelly Dresdner**

Jason Plotkin

In Memory of

Perry Vann

Dorita & Hertzal Aron

Sharon Coufal

Sharon Kann

Nancy & Stan Turetsky

HAROLD REINGOLD RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

To enhance Helfman Religious School programs

In Memory of

Madilyn Frosch

Sharon & Bradley Rauch

JASON & DAVID MARCUS PLAYSPACE FUND

To maintain and enhance the playground

In Honor of

Ruby Lee Sondock's Birthday

Lila Rauch

In Memory of

Hilda Kaplan Frank**Jo Ruth Kaplan****Judge Alan Lerner****Miles Schuman**

Ruby Sondock

JEAN & JULIAN GOLDBERG CHILDREN'S FUND

To provide art programs for children

In Memory of

Steven Weingarten

Sondra Ross

JULIA KAPLAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND

To enhance Helfman Religious School programs

In Honor of

Bernie Feld's Birthday

Celine Kaplan

In Memory of

Hilda Kaplan Frank

Celine Kaplan

Raymond Marcus

Nanette & Barry Putterman

Steven Weingarten

Celine Kaplan

Nanette & Barry Putterman

JULIUS NATHAN MUSIC FUND

To provide musical programs

In Memory of

Eddie Rose

Kathy & Stephen Parven

Rose Zoll

Sylvia & Steve Brody

Barbara Feldman

Susan & Ed Septimus

LILLIAN PASTERNAK MITZVAH FUND

To support mitzvah projects

that improve life for

Houstonians

In Memory of

Hilda Kaplan Frank

Bob Sandler

Alfred Goodman

Susan & Ed Septimus

Adele Sandler

Bob Sandler

MYSTIC FLAME YOUNG MEMBERS FUND

To make Emanu El more

affordable for young members

In Memory of

Alfred Goodman

Tania & Rick Oshman

NATHAN BERG LECTURE SERIES

To present programs on political issues

A Donation

Gregory Broyles

In Memory of

Rose Zoll

Sonia & Peter Benjamin

PRAYER BOOK FUND

To provide prayer books for worship

In Honor of

Lewis Kalmans – "Best-in-State Wealth Advisor"

Bitsy Proler

In Memory of

Sylvia Levinson

William Spitz

Steven Weingarten

Bitsy Proler

RABBI ROY WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND

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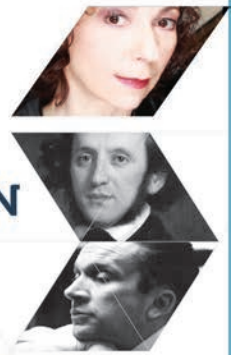
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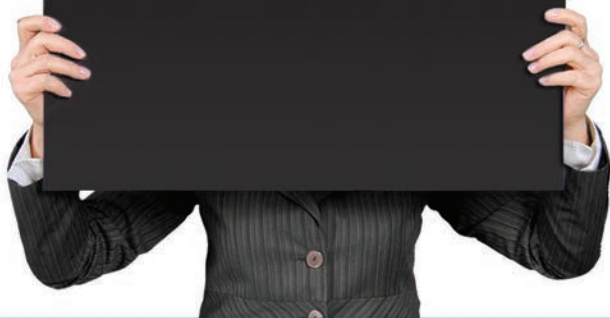
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Our evening **begins at 7:00 p.m.** and includes a FREE dinner, ice cream, an adult trivia night, a kid-friendly movie, arts and crafts from PJ Library and of course, the fireworks!

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