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FROM RABBI HAYON



This anniversary has also underscored the truth of that familiar Chanukah blessing. The light that shone in our founders' day continues to glow in our own day – the light of progress, innovation, inspiration and morality – still shines brightly.

On the first night of Chanukah each year, we recite a blessing which acknowledges God's role in having wrought ancient miracles "ba-yamim ha-heim, ba-z'man ha-zeh" – "in those days, at the present time."

In the plainest sense, the blessing recognizes that we celebrate this festival because of the miracles that took place during this winter season of the year ("ba-z'man ha-zeh"), albeit a very long time ago ("ba-yamim ha-heim").

A more creative reading of the Hebrew produces a different meaning, however: the acknowledgment that God's miraculous light can be seen both in those ancient days and in our current day; in modernity, just as in antiquity.

As we approach the beginning of Chanukah this year, we also approach the end of a magnificent year of celebrations commemorating Emanu El's 75th anniversary. This year, under the loving and dedicated leadership of co-chairs Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy, has brought us a myriad of opportunities to pray together, learn together, sing together, and – perhaps most importantly – share our own stories about what this congregation has meant

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Chanukah Celebration: 75 Menorahs for 75 Years Friday, December 27 6:00 p.m. Brisket Dinner 7:00 p.m. Service

An exciting 12 months of celebrating our congregation's 75th anniversary will come to a close as Emanu El gathers for its annual Chanukah service and latke supper.

Chairs Brooke and Jonathan Reichek have an exciting evening planned, beginning with our beloved latke supper in Feld Hall.

For only \$8 per person, all are invited to enjoy dinner with the Emanu El community. Brisket and delicious sides served by our partners Houston Catering Concepts and the popular latkes prepared by our Helfman Religious School volunteers will highlight this event. As always, gluten-free and vegetarian options

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Heritage Shabbat Honoring Past Presidents & Founding Families Friday, December 6, 6:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El's founding families and past presidents will be honored during this special Shabbat service, which will double as our final Heritage Shabbat experience of the 2019 year.

The evening is chaired by Sue Baum, Sara Brook, Kathy and Garey Marks and Judy Sax.

As founding families and past presidents walk into the building, they will receive mementos to recognize their connection to the synagogue's legacy.

All guests attending services on this night will also receive a special program put together by Myra Lipper and Sara Brook, featuring the headlines from the synagogue's formative years, as well as the synagogue's involvement in various activities over the years.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Shabbat Vayetzei, Genesis 28:10 – 32:3

Friday, December 6

6:00 p.m., Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary
Heritage Shabbat; Recognition of Past Presidents &
Founding Families

Saturday, December 7

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **JJ Silk**, son of Rabbi Pamela & Jeff Silk

Shabbat Vayishlach, Genesis 32:4 – 36:43

Friday, December 13

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Oshman
Multi-Purpose Room
6:00 p.m., Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary
6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat, Proler Chapel

Saturday, December 14

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Landon Lord**, son of Stacey & Jeremy
Lord and **Ethan Mathew Taylor**, son of Kim & Gary
Taylor

Shabbat Vayeishev, Genesis 37:1 – 40:23

Friday, December 20

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
7:15 p.m., Egg Foo Shabbos

Saturday, December 21

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Bat Mitzvah of **Katharyn Fox Slater**

Shabbat Mikeitz, Genesis 41:1 – 44:17

Friday, December 27

6:00 p.m., Chanukah Latke Supper, Feld Hall
7:00 p.m., Chanukah Service, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, December 28

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

Shabbat Vayigash, Genesis 44:18 – 47:27

Friday, January 3

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, January 4

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

Shabbat Va-y'chi, Genesis 47:28 – 50:26

Friday, January 10

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

Saturday, January 11

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

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video
streamed on our website as well as our Emanu El Facebook
page and Roku channel. Saturday morning services featuring a
B'nai Mitzvah are streamed on our website and Roku channel.

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to us and our families, and about the meaningful role
we hope it will play in the future of Houston's thriving
Jewish community.

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familiar Chanukah blessing. The light that shone in our
founders' day continues to glow in our own day – the
light of progress, innovation, inspiration, and morality
– still shines brightly. That light will always, we pray,
illuminate the holy work of Congregation Emanu El
and the visionary purpose of every member of this
remarkable community, as we enter the bright future
together.

CHANUKAH CELEBRATION: 75 MENORAHS FOR 75 YEARS

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will be available.

New this year, there will be an opportunity for our
youngest guests to engage in both arts and crafts, as
well as a social action project over the course of supper.

When the clock strikes 7:00 p.m., we will head into the
Barish Sanctuary for a Chanukah service led by the
Emanu El clergy team. The congregation children's choir
will join in for several musical selections as we seek to
light up the room with over 75 menorahs to honor each
year of the synagogue's impact within the community.

Please RSVP for the dinner by Monday, December
23 by calling 713.529.5771 or registering online at
emanuelhouston.org.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at
713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

HERITAGE SHABBAT HONORING PAST PRESIDENTS & FOUNDING FAMILIES

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The Shabbat service's liturgy will feature beautiful
music including our organist, professional choir, Cantor
Simmons and more.

Following worship, a post-Shabbat Demi Oneg will
include a mix of heavy appetizers as well as some of the
familiar favorites served at Emanu El Oneg Shabbats,
including the popular pull-apart cakes and sherbet floats.

Get Social With Us!

Did you know Congregation Emanu El is on Instagram?
In addition to our active Facebook pages, be sure to follow
us on Instagram to catch snap shots of happenings around
the synagogue. From camel sightings to social action, a
thriving youth group to clergy in action and more!

Find us at www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston or if
you are already a member, find us at [@emanuelhouston](https://www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston).
And yes, please feel free to "check-in" at Emanu El when
you are here for events and happenings!

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH JANUARY 23

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

As a congregation, we communicate in many ways. This calendar is supplemented by information that can be found throughout this edition of the *Bulletin*, the weekly Shabbat program, the weekly eLetter, on our website, and on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

DECEMBER

- 12/3** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 12/3** – City Council District C Candidates Forum, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/4** – Sisterhood’s Broadway Stories: *Behind the Stage*, 6:30 p.m.
- 12/5** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 12/6** – Sisterhood Volunteer Opportunity: *Big Awesome Book Sort* at Region 4 Education, 12:00 p.m.
- 12/6** – Emanu El Honors Past Presidents & Founding Families at Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 12/7** – Bar Mitzvah of JJ Silk, 10:30 a.m.
- 12/9** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/12** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 12/13** – Tot Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 12/15** – Latke Making, 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
- 12/15** – *Back to Broadway: A Volunteer Choir Showcase*, 4:30 p.m.
- 12/17** – Kids’ Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 12/20** – Egg Foo Shabbos, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services
- 12/23** – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m. (off-cycle date due to the holidays)
- 12/24** – Jewish-Muslim Christmas Conversations, 2:00 p.m. (at HCRJ)
- 12/24** – Emanu El at Ronald McDonald House, 5:00 p.m. (prep) & 6:00 p.m. (food service)

JANUARY

- 1/2** – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 1/3** – Tot Shabbat, 5:45 p.m. (dinner), 6:30 p.m. (service)
- 1/7** – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 1/9** – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/9** – Sisterhood Book Review: “On the Sickle’s Edge”, 12:30 p.m.
- 1/12** – My Generation Bingo Blitz, 5:00 p.m.
- 1/13** – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 1/17** – Classics’ Post Shabbat Dinner, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services
- 1/22** – Kids’ Meals, 9:30 a.m. (off-cycle date due to MLK)
- 1/23** – Sisterhood Visit to Maryam Islamic Center, 9:00 a.m.

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LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Ralph Herring was presented with the ‘Distinguished Service Award’ by the American Public Health Association (APHA) Vision Care Section for demonstrating and continuing high quality service in public eye and vision care.

WEDDINGS

Amy Goins & Jason Reiner
Emily Moses & Benjamin A. Boskoff

DEATHS

Jay Albert, husband of Marilyn Albert; father of Julie Stein, Rhonda & Layne Albert; grandfather of Justin Stein, Mandy Stein, Kyle Stein, Paige Albert, Connor Albert; great-grandfather of Baraka Stein

Stuart Bamberger, husband of Terri Bamberger; father of Brian Bamberger; son-in-law of Janet & Barry Tobias; brother-in-law of Randi Goldberg; brother of Richard Bamberger

Pauline Melnick Fishel, mother of Jerry Fishel, Ricky Fishel; grandmother of Bari & David Fishel, Vivian & Brian Fishel, Eve & Michael Tarlo, Liba & Todd Stern; great-grandmother of Dylan Bennett, Courtney and Savannah Fishel, Max, Elise and Theodore Fishel, Oliver and Fitz Stern, Samantha Welford; sister of Nancy Dziengel and Harry Melnick

Saul Jacobson, father of Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart

Ruth May, mother of Kathy Guttman

Jennifer Susman, mother of Pam & Andrew Susman, Robin Susman & Howard Block, Olivia & Aron Susman; grandmother of Braden, Zachary, Alexis, Sawyer

Eugene Wilkenfeld, husband of Rita Wilkenfeld; father of David Wilkenfeld, Ginger & Xavier Berni; grandfather of Payton Wilkenfeld, Skylar Wilkenfeld, Kendall Wilkenfeld, Alessio Berni; brother of Janice Bertman

Claire Wolosky, mother of Ann & Mitch Liberman, Gail & Howard Feuer; grandmother of Leslie Liberman, Lindsay Hollander

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 Hosts Tailgate at the Temple

The first-ever Tailgate at the Temple brought dozens of Texans fans to the synagogue to root for the Houston Texans as they played the Jacksonville Jaguars in London. Breakfast tacos were served by Houston Catering Concepts and a lunch of turkey legs, hot dogs, chili, brisket and potato salad was served by the award-winning Holmes Mobile Smokehouse. Fans enjoyed the game in tents with televisions, games and lounge furniture. The event was chaired by Rodney Roth.

Gloria Steinem Fills Up Pews

Just shy of 2,000 guests attended the co-sponsored event between Congregation Emanu El, Brazos Bookstore and the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center that featured author and activist Gloria Steinem in early November. The first collaboration between Emanu El and Brazos Bookstore is hopefully the first of many to come!





Emanu El Pays Up on World Series Wager

When the Astros lost the series in seven games, it was time for Emanu El to pay up on its World Series wager with Temple Rodef Shalom in Falls Church, Virginia.

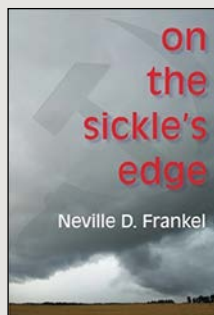
Rabbi Hayon sported a National's jersey provided by the team's partner Fred Zeidman during a Shabbat service while spearheading a donation to Rodef Shalom's Ohel Ya'akov Fund, which helps Rodef Shalom address the housing issues faced outside of their community.

The staff of Rodef Shalom was treated to lunch at Ben's Chili Bowl, a popular restaurant in the DC area.



Sisterhood News & Happenings

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January 2020



BOOK REVIEW:

On the Sickle's Edge,
by Neville D. Frankel
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9
12:30 PM

Reviewed by Ellen Grabois. Spanning three continents and four generations of a family, this historical drama, political thriller, and poignant love story is told through the voices of three characters: South-African born Lena, transported to Latvia and, later, trapped in the U.S.S.R.; her granddaughter, Darya, a Communist whose disillusionment with Soviet ideology places her family at mortal risk; and Steven, a painter from Boston who stumbles into the tangled web of his family's past.

Against the roiling backdrop of twentieth-century Russia and Eastern Europe, the novel delivers a sweeping tale of love and loss, secrets and survival.

The book review is open to the public. Reservations are requested so we can plan accordingly and can be made at www.emmanuelhouston.org or by calling the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Broadway Stories: Behind the Stage Wednesday, December 4, 6:30 p.m.

Sisterhood is thrilled to present a delightful musical evening and dinner featuring Debra Dickinson, actress and stage director, who will entertain us with great stories and film clips about Harold Prince, who many believe was the most influential person in the last half century of Broadway Theater. Prince produced and/or directed many Broadway classics, including *West Side Story*, *Fiddler on the Roof*, *Cabaret*, and *Phantom of the Opera*. Prince's productions earned a record of 21 Tony awards.

Debra Dickinson was a professional actress in musical theater in New York prior to beginning her career as a stage director, and her numerous credits include performing opposite Richard Burton and Richard Harris in *Camelot*. Ms. Dickinson's directing career encompasses a wide range of projects, from stage director and acting teacher to choreographer.

For the past 25 years, she has worked in the opera department at the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. In addition, she teaches the history of musical theater at Rice as well as various lecture courses on musical theater for the Glasscock School of Continuing Education.

Volunteer Opportunity: "Big Awesome Book Sort" at Region 4 Education Friday, December 6, 12:00 – 3:30 p.m.

Sisterhood is proud to partner with the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation for its annual fundraising event, Words Change the World, to be held in March 2020 (watch for invitations in January). Join us in our effort to fight illiteracy in our community!

Grab your friends to volunteer your time to help sort

books at the Big Awesome Book Sort event. Come and be a part of getting new books in the hands of nearly 5,000 children across the Houston area! The Big Awesome Book Sort is an initiative of the Barbara Bush Houston Literacy Foundation's "My Home Library" program, which is aimed toward providing more children free access to books in the home.

Volunteers will sort and bag nearly 30,000 books selected by children at Houston-area schools. Volunteers will help to set up by unloading and sorting boxes of books. Please note volunteers must be willing and able to carry up to 15-25 lbs. during this shift.

Visit the congregation's web calendar for more information and to register.

Sisterhood Visits Maryam Islamic Center Thursday, January 23, 9:00 a.m.

Sisterhood invites you to a day of learning and sharing at the Maryam Islamic Center, 504 Sartartia Rd., in Sugar Land. As guests of their interfaith department, we will tour the mosque and speak with women of the Islamic faith, giving us a better understanding of the diverse community in which we live.

After our visit, we will have lunch at Kim Son Restaurant, 12850 Southwest Freeway, in Stafford. A bus will pick up participants at Congregation Emanu El at 9:00 a.m. and return to the temple at approximately 3:00 p.m. This event is limited to 39 guests and is free, except for lunch on your own.

Please RSVP by **Friday, January 17** by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emmanuelhouston.org or at 713.529.5771, ext. 233, or registering online at www.emmanuelhouston.org.

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Sisterhood Fundraiser: “Words Change the World” Thursday, March 26, 2020

Sisterhood is excited to announce its annual fundraising event, Words Change the World. Invitations will be mailed in January. Until then, keep reading the Bulletin and our Facebook posts for hints about the special guest!

Mahj Cards for 2020 On Sale Now

The Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood has 2020 cards currently. A regular card is just \$8, and a large print card is \$9. To secure your card today, please mail your check to Sylvia Brody at 2004 Vermont, Houston, TX 77019, or bring your check by the Sisterhood office. The deadline to secure your card is Wednesday, January 15.

YOUNG FAMILY NEWS



Becker School

2020-2021 Registration for Becker School

Becker School Priority Registration for the 2020-2021 School Year begins **Monday, January 27**. Families who are members of Emanu El receive priority for enrollment.

If you are interested in your child attending Becker, please be sure to submit an online application at <https://www.emanuelhouston.org/form/beckeradmissions.html>. If you would like to schedule a tour of Becker School or have any questions about the admissions process, please contact Judy Lazor at 713.535.6400 or judy1@emanuelhouston.org.

A Pair of Tot Shabbats in December & January!

Friday, December 13, dinner 5:45 p.m.; service 6:30 p.m.
Friday, January 3, dinner 5:45 p.m.; service 6:30 p.m.

Our monthly Tot Shabbat will take place one week later than normal in December, and we hope you make plans to join us for this off-cycle date!

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

Our December dinner will feature a burger bar, with vegetarian and gluten-free options available as well. The cost for dinner is \$4 for children and \$8 for adults. Please visit us online to register.

While we will be serving kid-friendly food, we also welcome you to bring your own dinner if that better accommodates your family's specific dietary needs. A short and sweet dessert oneg will immediately follow the service.

Our next Tot Shabbat will take place **Friday, January 3** and will feature a pasta bar. Similarly, the cost will be \$4 for children and \$8 for adults. Online registration has opened and we hope you will help us kick off 2020 with a bang!

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

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.

Rachel & Bryce Kaufman, son Elliott
William & Ruth Klein
Karen Morgan, sons Henry & Josh

Herbert & Phyllis Plost
Nathan & Mary Waldman

New members will be shared in the *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 Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Congregation Emanu El Hosting Houston City Council District C Candidate Forum

Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El will host a Houston City Council District C Candidate Forum featuring runoff candidates Abbie Kamin and Shelly Kennedy.

Sponsored by the University Place Super Neighborhood and the Neartown Association, this forum will allow guests to meet the candidates and hear their positions on issues important to our city and our neighborhood.

The runoff election is slated for **Saturday, December 14** with early voting occurring from **Monday, December 2 – Tuesday, December 10**. As of press time, it was not confirmed if Emanu El would be able to live stream the gathering.

Third Annual Interfaith Memorial Service for the Homeless to Be Held at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church

Interfaith Coalition to Participate in Service to be held Thursday, December 5 at 6:00 p.m.

The community is invited to take part in the annual Interfaith Memorial Service for the Homeless at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, 1819 Heights Boulevard.

St. Andrews is the third house of worship to host the event, following Congregation Emanu El in 2018 and the Co-Cathedral of the Sacred Heart in 2017.

This year's memorial service is one of nearly 100 events being held across the country during which advocacy groups come together to honor the lives of homeless people who have died in the last year.

Reverend Jimmy Grace will preside over the service, which will include leaders from multiple faith communities including Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Protestant, Catholic and Judaism. These clergy members will share brief reflections on their faith traditions' teachings regarding the sanctity of human life.

The names of those homeless people who passed over the last year will also be read aloud. At the conclusion of the service, a light vegetarian meal will be served. To help St. Andrew's prepare for the evening, please register for the dinner at www.saecheights.org/memorial.

This year's memorial service is sponsored by the Ignatian Spirituality Project, the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Office of Ecumenical & Interreligious Affairs, St. Andrews Episcopal Church, and Congregation Emanu El.

For further information, please email media@rememberthehomeless.org. Jason Plotkin is the Emanu El liaison and can be reached at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

Calling All Latke-Makers!

Sunday, December 15, 9:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Share your time and talent as we fry up the famous Emanu El latkes for our congregation's annual Latke Supper and Chanukah celebration on **Friday, December 27**. Sign up for one of three shifts. There will be two 90-minute latke-frying shifts to begin at **9:00 a.m.** and **10:30 a.m.**

There will also be a 12:00 – 1:30 p.m. counting, packing and close-out shift. Please contact Gail Shapiro in the religious school office to reserve your spot at 713.535.6400, ext. 261 or gails@emanuelhouston.org. Registration is also available online by visiting our website. Special thanks go to Sarah Levit for leading this effort.

Back to Broadway: A Volunteer Choir Showcase

Sunday, December 15, 4:30 p.m.

You will surely want to sing along as Emanu El's volunteer choir presents musical numbers from the best of Broadway, including Hello Dolly, Wicked, Damn Yankees, Cole Porter, and West Side Story. Light bites will be provided after the show.

To help us plan accordingly, we kindly ask that you register online by visiting our web calendar or by calling the synagogue at 713.529. 5771. Please reserve your tickets now, as seats in the Proler Chapel are limited!

Taste of Talmud: Lunch Time Text Study Class Continues on Thursday, December 19 at 12:00 p.m.

Bring your lunch and join Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson for an introduction to rabbinic text study, beginning with Pirkei Avot: the Ethics of our Ancestors. No previous experience necessary: we will study with translation side-by-side the original text. This class is scheduled for the third Thursday of the month, beginning on **Thursday, December 19 at 12:00 p.m.**

Egg Foo Shabbos – Community Shabbat Dinner

Friday, December 20, following 6:00 p.m. services

What's the holiday season without some Chinese inspired dishes with your friends and family at Congregation Emanu El? Egg Foo Shabbos has become an Emanu El staple!

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Over the years, our clergy have been known to give seasonal sermons that focus on the Jewish composers who have put together classical Christmas tunes, holiday marketing, and answered the age-old question: Why do Jews eat Chinese food on Christmas? What will Rabbi Fixler's sermon focus on this year?

At the conclusion of services, we'll head to the Oshman Multi-Purpose for our annual community Shabbat dinner. The cost of the meal is just \$5 per person and includes several of your favorite Chinese dishes along with fortune cookies and more. Please register online or by calling the synagogue by **Wednesday, December 18** so that we can plan accordingly. We will unfortunately be unable to admit walk-ups.

Jewish-Muslim Christmas Conversations

Tuesday, December 24, 2:00 p.m.

For a second straight year, Congregation Emanu El is excited to partner with Beth Israel and HCRJ to partake in a thoughtful conversation and exploration of commonalities between Jews and Muslims.

The program, entitled 10th Annual Jewish/Muslim Christmas: Uniting Our Hearts in a Divided World, includes participants from Emanu El, Beth Israel, HCRJ, the River Oaks Islamic Center, and the Minaret Foundation. More information including location will be shared in upcoming synagogue communications.

Emanu El Volunteer Opportunity at Ronald McDonald House

**Tuesday, December 24, 5:00 p.m.,
dinner: 6:00 p.m.**



For the fourth year in a row, members of the congregation will head to the Ronald McDonald House, 1907 Holcombe, on Christmas Eve to spread holiday cheer. Join us as we serve a catered meal to families from all over who are currently living at the facility and seeking pediatric treatment in the medical center for a variety of health issues. We will also engage children who are currently receiving treatment and

their siblings in a fun craft.

Space is limited to the first 15 people who sign up, as the facility limits the group number. Email Elizabeth Townsend at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or call 713.529.5771, ext. 222 to secure a spot!

Emanu El Announces Marlee Matlin as its 2019-20 Endowment Speaker



Congregation Emanu El, in partnership with the 2020 ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival, is excited to announce that Academy Award-winning actress, author and activist Marlee Matlin will present *Nobody's Perfect: Achieving Inclusion, Diversity and Access* on **Thursday, January 30 at 7:30 p.m.**

The event, taking place at Emanu El, is part of the congregation's 2019-20 Endowment Series and kicks off the eighth annual, ten-plus-days ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival which is produced by the JFS Alexander Institute for Inclusion.

Tickets are \$10 and can be purchased through Emanu El's website or by calling 713.529.5771. A private reception with Marlee Matlin will be held before the event for Emanu El Endowment underwriters and sponsors of ReelAbilities Houston.

Matlin's appearance coincides with a significant milestone, the 30th anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), which was signed into law by President George H.W. Bush in 1990. The ADA prohibits discrimination based on disability while also requiring employers to provide reasonable accommodations to employees with disabilities. The law also established accessibility requirements for public spaces.

ABOUT MARLEE MATLIN:

Matlin, who lost her hearing when she was only 18 months old, has never let her challenges dictate her future or deter her dreams. Matlin achieved worldwide critical acclaim for her film debut in Paramount Pictures' *Children of a Lesser God*, for which she received the Academy Award for Best Actress. At 21, she became the youngest recipient of the Best Actress Oscar and only one of four actresses to receive the honor for her film debut. In addition to the Oscar, Matlin received the Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Drama in 1986.

Along with a successful Hollywood career, Matlin has dedicated herself to raising awareness for many humanitarian causes, including diversity and LGBT rights. She is a staunch advocate for children and a champion for those struggling against domestic abuse and addiction, battles she knows well.

In 2015, Matlin developed "Marlee Signs," the first celebrity-driven app that teaches the basics of American Sign Language (ASL) on mobile devices. In 2016, Matlin returned for her third appearance at the Super Bowl,

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singing the National Anthem alongside Grammy-winning and Platinum-selling artist Lady Gaga. In support of the Starkey Hearing Foundation, Matlin has also helped raise awareness for better hearing health for millions of deaf and hard of hearing children and adults in developing countries.

Since winning the Oscar and Golden Globe for *Children of a Lesser God*, Matlin has starred in numerous features including *Walker*, *The Player*, *Hear No Evil*, *It's My Party*, and *What the Bleep Do We Know*. She has also starred in TV films *Bridge to Silence*, *Against Her Will: The Carrie Buck Story*, *Dead Silence*, *Freak City*, *Where the Truth Lies*, and Hallmark Hall of Fame's *Sweet Nothing in my Ear*.

Matlin also starred in her own NBC series *Reasonable Doubts* opposite Mark Harmon and the Emmy Award-winning *Picket Fences*. Matlin was twice nominated for a Golden Globe Award for Best Actress in a Television Drama as well as the People's Choice Award. She has been nominated for four Emmy awards for her appearances on *Seinfeld*, *Picket Fences*, *The Practice* and *Law and Order: SVU*. Matlin starred for seven years on the award-winning drama *The West Wing*, and has made numerous guest appearances including *ER*, *Desperate Housewives*, *CSI: New York*, *Extreme Makeover: Home Edition*, *Desperate Housewives*, *Nip/Tuck*, *CSI*, *Glee*, and *Family Guy*. In 2007 Matlin joined *The L Word* for three seasons. From 2011 to 2017, Matlin starred in the Peabody Award-winning series, *Switched at Birth*. Matlin was a series regular on the third season of the ABC drama *Quantico*.

Matlin broke barriers once again when she starred on ABC's *Dancing with the Stars*, and in 2015 returned to the stage after a 30-year hiatus by making her Broadway debut in the revival of the Tony Award-winning musical *Spring Awakening*.

In 2009, Matlin published her *New York Times* best-selling autobiography *I'll Scream Later* and has authored three novels for children: *Deaf Child Crossing*, *Nobody's Perfect*, and *Leading Ladies*.

Matlin makes her home in the Los Angeles area with her husband, a law enforcement officer, and their four children.

Matlin's appearance at Emanu El is generously underwritten by the endowment funds of the synagogue including the Nathan Berg Lectureship Fund, the Caplovitz Lectureship Fund, the Eleanor & Frank Freed Lectureship Fund, the Helen & Harry Reichek Lectureship Fund, the Shirley & Bernard Weingarten Fund and the Julius Zinn Fund.

Previous Endowment Fund speakers at Emanu El have included the late Governor Mario Cuomo, actor Joshua Malina, Reverend William Barber and journalist Carl Bernstein.

ABOUT REELABILITIES HOUSTON FILM & ARTS FESTIVAL:

ReelAbilities Houston Film & Arts Festival is annually produced by the JFS Alexander Institute for Inclusion in collaboration with the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities and supported by lead sponsors TIRR Memorial Hermann, founding partner, and Cornerstone Home Lending. The Festival showcases and leverages the unique contributions of people with disabilities, with the mission to foster inclusion, erase stigmas, change perceptions and create pathways to employment in the nation's most diverse city.

The event will include ASL interpretation, real-time captioning and accessible seating. Additional accommodation requests should be made 72 hours in advance by contacting Andie Palagi, Festival Coordinator, at 713.986.7808 or ReelAbilities@jfshouston.org.

For more information on Matlin's appearance at Emanu El, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

For information on ReelAbilities Houston, contact Andie Palagi, Festival Coordinator, at 713.986.7808 or ReelAbilities@jfshouston.org.

Immigration: Current Crisis, Future Hope Thursday, February 13 at 7:00 p.m.

Immigration is constantly in the news.

Sponsored by Brotherhood and Sisterhood, Immigration: Current Crisis, *Future Hope* is the topic of experts to speak with the congregation. The goal is to make our attendees more knowledgeable about the current immigration situation, both legal and illegal, and how it affects each of us.

SPEAKERS INCLUDE:

Brett Perlman, JD, President and CEO of the Center for Houston's Future

Tatiana Obando, Refugee and Immigration Center for Education and Legal Services

Gordon J. Quan, Attorney, Board Certified in Immigration and Nationality Law.

This event is open to the public, though registration is requested online at www.emanuelhouston.org or calling 713.529.5771. A dessert reception follows.



Helfman Religious School



Greene Family Camp (GFC) Camperships

Are you planning to send your child to Greene Family Camp this summer? Campership awards are worth half of tuition for Helfman Religious School students. Encourage your child(ren) to apply. **Please write names on the back of the projects.** Grade-level projects are based on current grade enrollment.

Campership applications are due to the religious school office by Friday, January 31, 2020.

3rd & 4th Grade Drawing Contest: “My Own Personal Enthusiasm for Judaism”

This topic can mean many different things to people; therefore, the completed drawing must be accompanied with a short paragraph describing the drawing and its meaning.

5th Grade Essay Writing: “My Very Own Program for Greene Family Camp”

Imagine developing a unique program of your very own for camp. What kind of program would it be? What would it involve and how would you involve others? (1-2 pages, double spaced)

6th & 7th Grade Essay: “Why I wish to spend my summer at GFC”

A summer spent at GFC can be one full of excitement, friendship, and Judaism all rolled into one. What draws you to the camp atmosphere? One essay will be chosen from each grade. (2 pages, double-spaced)

8th Grade Drawing Contest: “My Own Personal Enthusiasm for Judaism”

This topic can mean different things to different people; therefore, the completed drawing must be accompanied by a short paragraph describing the drawing and its meaning.

9th Grade Poetry Contest: “Being Jewish”

Express your thoughts and feelings creatively by writing a poem. In verse or rhyme, enlighten us with what “being Jewish” means to you.

Camperships include: Brotherhood Camperships, Sisterhood Camperships, Chester Marcus Religious School Community Committee Campership, Connie Reischer Campership, Ricky Schnurr Campership.

Children who have previously won a campership are not eligible to win again.

Helfman Confirmation Class Heads on Annual Retreat



What a scenic view! Our Helfman Confirmation class (10th graders) headed to Bolivar Peninsula for a weekend of learning, bonding and more in early November. Rabbi Hayon teaches the class of confirmands who will celebrate their confirmation with the community this coming May during Shavuot.

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

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

Contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org, or Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Stillman-Lack Library: The Place to Be on the First Thursday!

The Stillman-Lack Library had a full house during our monthly evening Mahj night in November.



Monthly Mahj at Emanu El – Two Opportunities to Play First Thursdays, 5:30 p.m. & Third Mondays, 1:00 p.m.

Our next first-Thursday evening group of Mahj players in the Stillman-Lack Library takes place on **Thursday, December 5**.

A nominal \$5 fee covers drinks and dinner. Novice and advanced players welcome! The next edition in the series will be Thursday, January 2.

For more information and to RSVP, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 222. RSVPs are also accepted online by visiting our website calendar.

The third-Monday afternoon group continues on **Monday, December 16**.

Monday, November 18 following a one-month hiatus due to the High Holy Days. The December gathering is slated for **Monday, December 16**. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

My Generation Tour of the Museum of Fine Arts

Wednesday, December 11, 10:15 a.m.
(followed by optional lunch at the MFAH Cafe)

My Generation – Emanu El's social group for those at least 65 – will enjoy a docent-guided tour of the Museum of Fine Arts Houston's newest special exhibit, *Monet to Picasso: A Very Private Collection*, and *Berthe Morisot: Impressionist Original*.



Celebrate French avant-garde painting with a *Who's Who of the Impressionist, Post-Impressionist and Early Modern movements*. On a docent led tour, see work by artists including Mary Cassatt, Paul Cézanne, Vincent van Gogh, Henri Matisse, Claude Monet, and Pablo Picasso, along with a special exhibition of paintings by Berthe Morisot.

Houston will be the only U.S. museum to show this outstanding exhibit of *Monet to Picasso*.

The tour will be followed by an optional lunch at the MFAH Cafe. The cost for the tour is \$22 per person (whether you are a member or non-member of the museum). Please **RSVP by Wednesday, December 4** online or by calling the synagogue.

Members of the My Generation committee are Brenda Lind, chair, Susie Askanase, Lindy Dorn, Elaine Lowenstein, Rose Marie Wagman and Marilyn Waldman.

Young Professionals: Israeli Cooking Class Thursday, December 19, 6:30 p.m.

Join fellow Emanu El Young Professionals along with Rabbi Fixler for an intimate cooking class led by the community Shlichah, Hadas Levy.

Together, we'll have a fun night of cooking Israeli dishes, getting to know each other and enjoying the fantastic dinner that we have made from scratch. Using different Israeli cuisine, we will explore various Ashkenazi, Sephardic and Mizrahi traditions with unique flavors you've never tasted before!

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Space is limited, so please RSVP to Elizabeth Townsend at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or online by visiting our web calendar.

My Generation's Bingo Blitz **Sunday, January 12, 5:00 p.m.**

Start 2020 off right by joining My Generation – Emanu El's social group for those 65 and older – for an evening of Bingo and schmoozing.

The evening will include light supper, wine, good company and Bingo! Prizes will be awarded to the winners, and a good time will be had by all. The cost for the evening is \$15 per person, and advance registration is required so we can plan accordingly.

Reservations can be made online or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

The Classics: Post-Shabbat Dinner **Friday, January 17,** **following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services**

Cheers to 2020! Save the Date as the Classics – Emanu El's social group for members in their 50s and 60s – hosts a dinner to kick off the new year and give farewell to the last!

We will enjoy services together with the Shabbatones, then share a delicious Shabbat dinner at the synagogue featuring Mediterranean cuisine as well as gluten-free and vegetarian options.

The cost for dinner is \$12, and reservations can be made online or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El Meditation Group **Saturday Mornings, 9:15 – 10:15 a.m.**

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

Certified and experienced leaders include Jan Silver, Susan Berdinis and Martin Lindenberg. All levels from beginner to advanced meditators are welcome.

The first Saturday of each month is dedicated to beginners with an Introduction to Mindfulness.

Experience a basic practice, discuss bringing mindfulness into your daily life and have your questions answered. Please consider joining us! For more information, please contact Sandy Brochstein at sandybtx@sbcglobal.net or Heidi Kaplan at heidi.b.kaplan@gmail.com.

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.

Donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

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

Farb Fund Beneficiary Freewheels Houston Honored



Aubrey and Sylvia Farb were joined by Rabbi Oren Hayon and Reverend Duane Larson of Christ the King Lutheran Church during a recent visit to Wisdom High School in honor of the good works of Freewheels Houston.

Freewheels Houston is one of several beneficiaries of funds from the Aubrey & Sylvia Farb Community Service Fund given this year. Established in 2015 by members of Christ the King Lutheran Church and volunteers from the bicycling community, this group collects and repairs bikes for refugees and others who need a means of transportation for essential trips including going to work and attending school.

For more information on the Farb Fund, which issues grants to non-profit organizations in the greater Houston area, contact Emanu El at 713.529.5771 or joannek@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El to be Well Represented at URJ Biennial

Congregation to be honored with four members of community presenting five sessions



URJ BIENNIAL 2019
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Congregation Emanu El will be well represented at the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) Biennial to be held in Chicago this December.

Four members of the synagogue's delegation have been asked to present on five subjects at the URJ's gathering, which brings thousands of Jews together

from across North America and around the world.

During the conference, attendees will have an opportunity to learn, pray, share ideas, dance and sing, hear from inspiring speakers and leaders of the Reform Movement, reunite with old friends, create new connections, and more.

Emanu El Executive Director David Lamden will present Using Data to Strengthen Your Congregation. The gathering will focus on new technologies available to synagogues as they work to increase and enhance the way they engage with their congregations and the community.

Emanu El board member Fredi Bleeker Franks is part of a group presenting Enriching the Sacred Work of Volunteers. Franks, who has served on the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ) Board will join a pair of non-profit professional staff in sharing how to foster positive experiences for lay leaders in their work with synagogues.

A panel will delve into the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism's efforts as part of the Reform Movement to end gun violence. The panel will include teen leader Madeline Canfield, a high school student, who will be joined by a pair of college students during the presentation.

Lastly, Emanu El Program Director Jason Plotkin will present a pair of topics as part of a panel entitled Beyond Your Walls: It's About More Than Membership, focusing on how synagogues aim to program outside their traditional boundaries. Later in the Biennial, Plotkin will be interviewed as part of a presentation entitled Channel Surfing: Using Multiple Platforms to Communicate with Multiple Audiences, that will focus on the various communication challenges that synagogues face, regardless of their size.

Additionally during the Biennial, Emanu El will be presented the Belin Award honorable mention recognition for its Pop-Up Shabbat programs, which take Shabbat outside the walls of the synagogue and into the community. The Belin Award is presented to those congregations with innovative and inspiring programming. This will be Emanu El's second recognition in three biennials following a Belin Award in 2015 for JED Talks.

Prior to the Biennial, a trio of Emanu El staff members will also attend their annual professional conferences. David Lamden will attend the National Association of Temple Administration (NATA) conference. A Vice President of NATA, Lamden served as board oversight for the conference.

Elizabeth Townsend, who serves as Emanu El's membership and engagement coordinator, will attend

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the Program and Engagement Professionals of Reform Judaism (PEP-RJ) with Jason Plotkin. Plotkin currently serves as the membership board member of PEP-RJ, which, this year, has set records for both membership organization and conference participation.

Additional information on the Biennial can be found at www.urjbiennial.org.

Congregation Emanu El is Collecting for Animeals

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



New Traditions Gift Shop Set for Chanukah

We all know that December is about menorahs and dreidels and our New Traditions, the Sisterhood's gift shop has a fantastic selection of both! New Traditions carries traditional, modern, electric, battery-operated and children's menorahs along with dreidels of every size and color. There are plenty of decorations, candles, books, toys, hostess gifts and so much more.

Make New Traditions your first stop for your Chanukah shopping. Purchases at New Traditions help Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to support the congregation and the community. Store hours are Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. and Sundays from 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. when Helfman Religious School is in session. For more information, please call 713.529.5771, ext. 234.



Emanu El Premieres Ever Open Documentary

Congregation Emanu El premiered a documentary entitled *Ever Open* during EE75: *Ever Forward, A Celebration* on Saturday, November 16. The video was shown on a screen hanging on the dividing wall between the Barish Sanctuary and Feld Hall to a captive audience of over 300 attendees. Put together by congregant Steven Fenberg and film production company Carrithers Studios, the 14-minute documentary included video and photos spanning the 75 years of our congregation's existence.

A group of congregants including Rabbi Oren Hayon (pictured), Rabbi Roy Walter, Dolores Wilkenfeld, Al Kahn, Susan Farb Morris, Amanda & Marc Eichenbaum, Dawn Blitz, Evyn Rudin and Madeline Canfield were interviewed for clips utilized during the documentary. Archivist Maxine Reingold and program director Jason Plotkin played a role in providing source materials.

A showing is scheduled for **Friday, December 20** during the synagogue's Egg Foo Shabbos dinner scheduled for **after our 6:00 p.m. worship**.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through November 15, 2019.

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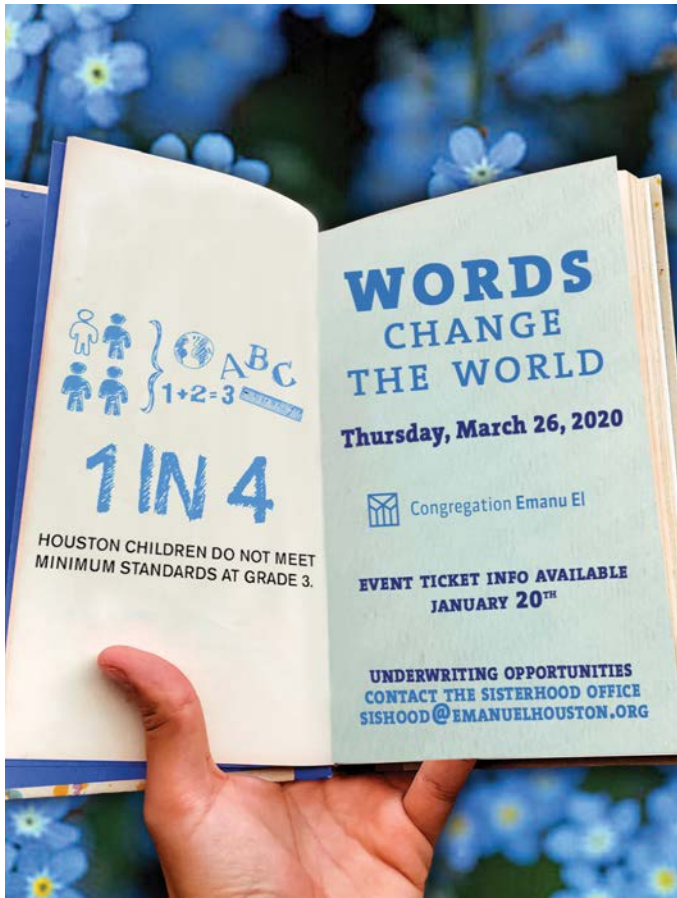
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SAVE THE DATE:

Annual Cantors Concert
Sunday, January 26 at 4:00 p.m.



Cantor Rollin Simmons

Join Cantor Rollin Simmons, who will be accompanied by a team of guest artists for another memorable concert at Emanu El!

The concert is open to the public and free of charge with a reception to follow.

Registration information and more forthcoming in upcoming synagogue communications.

