



Congregation Emanu El

Bulletin

EDITOR'S NOTE:

Congregation Emanu El is currently offering three kinds of programs (in-person, digital and hybrid). For information on what these kinds of programs are, please visit page 4 of this *Bulletin*.

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FROM RABBI HAYON



Perhaps the key to Rabbi Simeon's teaching is that both holidays are acknowledgements of the power and value of human relationships.

This month, a very special but little-known Jewish holiday will begin on the evening of **July 23**. The festival, an ancient Jewish celebration of romantic love, came into being centuries ago at the hands of the sages in Jerusalem.

Sometimes called, *the Jewish Valentine's Day*, Tu B'Av falls on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Av (its name comes from the Hebrew letters spelling the word "Tu," which have a mathematical value of 15), and the accounts of how it was observed in antiquity are stirring and beautiful.

According to legend, the observance of Tu B'Av was inspired by the romantic poetry of Shir HaShirim, the biblical *Song of Songs*. When the summer full moon would reach its peak, glowing brightly above the ramparts of Jerusalem, young Jewish women would dress all in white and parade outside the city walls, dancing together in the fields. The men would soon follow, hoping to find love in the warmth of the summer night.

The first-century rabbi Simeon ben Gamliel said: "The most joyful days for the Jewish people are the 15th day of

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Congregation Emanu El's Community Shabbat Dinners Return This Summer

(IN-PERSON)

Fridays, July 16 & August 13 following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat worship

A summer tradition returns!

Join us following Shabbat services for our community Shabbat dinners. Our traditional 6:00 p.m. Shabbat service will be followed by dinner at Congregation Emanu El for \$5 per person.

To help us prepare, **RSVPs are required on the Wednesday prior to the dinner**. We will unfortunately be unable to take walk-ups or accept late registration requests.

The box meals will be prepared by Emanu El's preferred caterer Houston

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Congregation Emanu El's Brotherhood Holding Annual Garage Sale

Pickups underway; Event to Be Held Sundays, August 15 & 22, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El will host its annual Garage Sale at 8620 Stella Link (at the corner of Stella Link and S. Braeswood).

The garage sale is open to all members of the community.

Pick-ups for this year's event are underway and continue through **Saturday, August 8**. To schedule a pick-up, arrange a drop off or to volunteer, please call or email Steve Moskowitz at moskose@swbell.net or 832.236.7307.

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WORSHIP SERVICES

Locations are listed below for those seeking to use the streaming video portal on our website. As of this publication, the plan is to tentatively resume in-person Shabbat morning worship at Emanu El on **Saturday, July 10**. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

Our services (with the exception of B'nei Mitzvah) are streamed to our website, Facebook page, Roku channel, and YouTube. Our Saturday morning B'nei Mitzvah services are available solely on our website.

Shabbat Pinchas

Friday, July 2

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

Saturday, July 3

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

Shabbat Matot – Mas-ei

Friday, July 9

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

Saturday, July 10

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

Shabbat Devarim

Friday, July 16

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
Post-Shabbat, **Community Shabbat Dinner**

Saturday, July 17

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

Shabbat Va'etchanan

Friday, July 23

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

Saturday, July 24

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

Shabbat Eikev

Friday, July 30

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

Saturday, July 31

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

Shabbat Re'eh

Friday, August 6

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

Saturday, August 7

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, YouTube channel and Roku channel. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nei Mitzvah are streamed on our website and Roku channel.

Shabbat Morning Chapel Service

Returns In-Person

Saturday, July 10, 10:30 a.m.

As part of our ongoing reopening efforts, the Shabbat Morning Proler Chapel Service will return in-person on **Saturday, July 10 at 10:30 a.m.** If you have never joined us for this intimate, participatory, lively and spiritually enriching service, this is a great time to come and check it out. Our service on July 10 will be led by Rabbi Hayon and Barbara Loeser. Please note that this offering will be in-person only and not live streamed.

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Av, and the Day of Atonement." [Mishnah Ta'anit 4:8] At first glance, this teaching strikes us as surprising and incongruous. How can one draw a comparison between Yom Kippur, the most solemn day of the Jewish calendar, and the light-hearted frivolity of Tu B'Av?

Perhaps the key to Rabbi Simeon's teaching is that both holidays are acknowledgements of the power and value of human relationships. On Tu B'Av, *the Jewish Valentine's Day*, loving couples are drawn closer to one another, while Yom Kippur invites us deeper into relationship with ourselves and with God. The two holidays are paired in Rabbi Simeon's philosophy in order to remind us that we must employ both reflection and joy to enrich the bonds that tie us to other people, and to the deepest part of ourselves as well.

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Whether you are traveling or staying close to home this summer, I hope that the weeks ahead bring you many opportunities for introspection and joy, and that they will bring you closer to your dearest loved ones as well. Have a safe and happy summer!

CONGREGATION EMANU EL'S COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNERS RETURN THIS SUMMER

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Catering Concepts, and both gluten-free and vegetarian options will be available.

The menu for the July dinner will feature BBQ, and the August dinner will include fajitas.

To RSVP, visit emanuelhouston.org or call 713.529.5771

This program is made possible in part through the generous support of the Esther Shelby Fellowship Fund.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Elyse Kalmans was appointed to an eight-year term on the National Women's Philanthropy Board of Jewish Federation of North America representing the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

At The Shlenker School's fifth-grade graduation ceremony, **Amelia Paine** was honored with the Nancy Pryzant Picus Award for Jewish Learning and Hebrew. The award acknowledges the fifth-grade student who has shown a devoted interest to learning about Jewish ideals, practice, and language. The student has furthermore embraced these core values and carries them into other areas of study, their relationships with others, and their personal life.

Our past president **Ed Septimus** was named the Gibor Hakehillah (Community Hero) by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and was recognized at their 2021 Community Leadership Awards in mid-June.

WEDDING

Marla Shields & Seth Esquenazi

BIRTHS

Judith Erlich, mother of Sherry & Art Pellenberg, Debra & Howard Erlich; grandmother of Abigail & Rod Pellenberg, Shannon & Blake Pellenberg, Tara Levy, Devon & Kevin Putnam, Jamie & Chase Erlich; great-grandmother of Grant, Nolan and Charlotte Pellenberg, Ben Levy, Hayden and Hudson Putnam, Lev Erlich

Leo Benjamin Levine, son of Kristin & Ian Levine; grandson of Antoinette & Mitchell Levine, Carolina & Doug Kurnava

Arlo Asher Shackelford, son of Michelle Solomon & Grant Shackelford; grandson of Carrie Altman & Keith Solomon, Julie & Steve Roman

Julia Anne Wadler, daughter of Andrew & Vanessa Wadler; granddaughter of Sharon & Ira Wadler, Diana Quintanilla, Angel & Richard Quintanilla; great-granddaughter of Anne Joachim.

DEATHS

Seema Kahn Davis, mother of Amy & Gary Davis, Paula & Happy Katz; grandmother of Jerry Davis, Gina & Brad Dennen, Starr & Steve Davey, Kate & Daniel Katz, Melissa Doron, David Davis, Traci & Daniel Davis, Ann & Jeffrey Davis, Ivy & Sam Davis, Stephanie Davis, Joey Davis; great-grandmother of many

Bettie Heyman, mother of Sheri & Paul Heyman, Nathalie & Michael Heyman, Sharon & Lawrence Heyman; grandmother of Elizabeth & John Schiller, Jeffrey Heyman, David Flood & Olivia Heyman, Joshua Heyman, Daniel Heyman, Hayley Heyman; great-grandmother of Savannah Schiller and Thomas Schiller; sister of Edward Halfant

Kimberly Saghian, daughter of Sion Saghian; sister of Rachel & Michael Saghian, Lindsay & Elan Tavor

William (Bill) Tarnopol, husband of Maureen Tarnopol; father of Marci & Glenn Levine and Christine Stevens & Jerry Tarnopol; and grandfather of Jordyn Levine, Daniel Levine, Brett Tarnopol, Chase Tarnopol, Ember Tarnopol, and Trenton Simmons

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.

CONGREGATION EMANU EL'S BROTHERHOOD HOLDING ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

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Any items left at the end of the sale are given to non-profit organizations within our community. Proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Brotherhood, enabling the organization to make a difference at Emanu El and in the community.

NOTE: There will be COVID protocols in place at the garage sale location and when the Brotherhood volunteers pick up items from the households of community members. The Brotherhood appreciates your support in following these protocols to enable the sale to take place.

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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Programming at Emanu El

As Congregation Emanu El gradually migrates back to a robust program calendar, we are currently able to offer three kinds of programs to our community: in-person, online-only and hybrid. The definitions of these categories are as follows:

- **IN-PERSON.** Available for in-person attendance only. These offerings will not be livestreamed or broadcast for online audiences.
- **ONLINE-ONLY.** Designed for viewing and participation on Zoom or on one of our digital platforms (Facebook, YouTube, etc.) only. Please note that, for privacy reasons and contractual considerations, some of our online-only programs will be available for live viewing only and will not be accessible for re-broadcast after the event takes place.
- **HYBRID.** These programs include opportunities for attendees to participate in person or digitally, via Zoom or one of our live-streaming platforms.

When reviewing our program calendar, please make note of any registration requirements (RSVPs may be required), and whether the offering you wish to attend will be offered in-person, online-only, or in a hybrid format. Taking a few moments to confirm these details will help ensure the excellence of our programming and will help us to provide a positive experience for all participants.

If you have a suggestion for a program, or any questions about the details above, please contact Program Director Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713-535-6414.

RECURRING PROGRAMS

Emanu El Volunteer Choir (IN-PERSON) Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

Emanu El's Volunteer Choir returned to in-person practices in mid-June and looks forward to performing at various venues across town. Over the years, the group has participated in congregational holiday celebrations including the Purim Schpiel and Chanukah festivities.

All members of the congregation are invited to join the choir by contacting Richard Zoll at richard.zoll@yahoo.com. Please make sure to contact Richard to verify the rehearsal schedule for the month.



Emanu El Running Club (IN-PERSON) Wednesdays, 7:45 a.m.

Calling all Emanu El runners and walkers!

Join us as we take off around the Rice University outer loop on **Wednesday mornings at 7:45 a.m.** (weather permitting). This group started in mid-April and meets weekly in the synagogue's west parking lot.

Join a member of the Emanu El clergy and staff team as we meet up together before heading out. All paces and levels of experience are welcome - runners will set their own pace and distance. Interested in walking? A walking group is part of the club as well and makes one loop of the Rice campus.

We are so excited to see you!



The Emanu El Running Club continues to meet weekly in the west parking lot of Congregation Emanu El on Wednesdays at 7:45 a.m.

Taste of Talmud (HYBRID) Thursdays, July 1 & August 5, 12:30 p.m.

Do you want all the benefits of a book discussion group without the need to commit to extensive reading ahead of time? Are you curious about what this "Daf Yomi" thing you've heard people mention is? Do you want to connect with both your Judaism and a fun group of people?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then join us for A Taste of Talmud, our monthly study of rabbinic texts, led by Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson. No experience or Hebrew knowledge required: all texts are provided in translation.

This class is taking place in a "hybrid" setting. A Zoom link will be provided, and participants can also join in-person in the board room.

While no RSVP or pre-reading is necessary, if you'd like to receive the source sheet ahead of time, or if you are planning to attend in person, please contact Stefani Carlson at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or 713-529-5771, ext. 251. Those seeking to engage via Zoom, can find the connection information on our website.

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Work of Our Hands (IN-PERSON)

Thursdays, July 8 and August 10, 10:00 a.m.

Join us on the second Thursday of the month as we host a group that enjoys companionship while knitting and/or crocheting shawls, bonnets, booties, lap blankets, etc. for patients in the Texas Medical Center. The beauty of this mitzvah covers neo-natal infants to patients at MD Anderson.

Please know that all attendees will have to check-in at the Rotunda, wear masks during their stay in the building and help us maintain social distancing in the board room. Due to limited space, we are requiring pre-event registration to Donnie Bundman at dbundman@gmail.com.

Kids' Meals (IN-PERSON)

Tuesdays, July 20 & August 17, 9:30 a.m.



Join us as we prepare close to 1,000 sack lunches as Kids' Meals works to end hunger amongst children.

Our volunteers gather on the third Tuesday of the month to assemble a full sack lunch including

making sandwiches for each of the lunches. All participants preparing sandwiches must be vaccinated and wear gloves.

An on-going service project at Emanu El, the congregation has been involved with Kids' Meals for over a decade and made more than 100,000 sack lunches through this project.

This program made possible in part through the generous support of the Ed Wayne Hunger Fund.

Snack Packs for SEARCH

Tuesdays, July 27 and August 24, 10:00 a.m.

SEARCH Houston's Mobile Outreach team is in need of snack packs to distribute to individuals who are experiencing homelessness and living on the streets. Our team of volunteers will fill plastic sandwich bags with an assortment of non-perishable snack items. Often, the packs provide the only food our neighbors have that day, and they are truly grateful.

For more information contact Sandy Harris at sdharr@comcast.net.

Israel & The Olympics: The Israeli "Cool Runnings" Story (DIGITAL)

Thursday, July 22, 7:00 p.m.

Get in the Olympic spirit as Congregation Emanu El and HCRJ pair up to host former Israeli bobsledder David



In 2018, Israel made its first appearance in a sledding sport as AJ Edelman participated in the skeleton.

Greaves and 2018 Winter Olympic Israel Olympic skeleton assistant coach Larry Sidney.

Just one day before the 2021 Summer Olympics begin in Japan, we will learn about Israel's involvement in the sports of bobsled and skeleton, as well as current training and competition underway in an effort to land Israel's bobsled and skeleton teams a spot in the 2022 Winter Olympics.

In the early 2000's, Greaves, together with three other American Jews - a former Air Force pilot, a two-time NFL Super Bowl champion and a security tech expert - made aliyah and represented Israel in bobsled, qualifying Israel for two World Championships.

Nearly 20 years later, the hard work and perseverance paid off when Israel qualified its first athlete in a sliding sport as AJ Edelman represented the country in the sport of skeleton.

To register for this program, visit emanuelhouston.org or call 713.529.5771. A Zoom link will be sent out the day of the program. Please note that we are unable to record this program.

6th Annual Night at the Ballpark (IN-PERSON)

Tuesday, August 10, 7:10 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce its sixth annual Night at the Ballpark!

Following a one-year hiatus, come join your Emanu El family at Minute Maid Park as the Houston Astros welcome the Colorado Rockies to town. The Emanu El allotment has sold out, but you can still purchase tickets in the Chevy Mezzanine section of Minute Maid Park (section 254 & 255).



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Tickets will be mailed or available for pick-up in late July.

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

Splish Splash Havdalah (IN-PERSON) Saturday, August 14, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.

Splish splash! Come join Emanu El as we celebrate the end of Shabbat and summer with a Splish Splash Havdalah.

Designed for children ages 6 and under and their families, our evening will begin with dinner at 5:00 p.m. in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room. Bring your own meal or order a chicken tender box from our preferred caterer Houston Catering Concepts along with your registration. Vegetarian and gluten free options available.

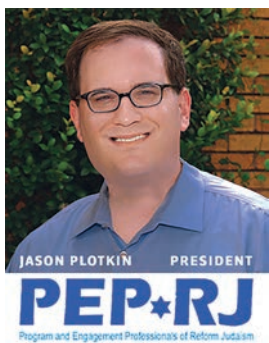
Cantor Simmons will lead a short and sweet Havdalah at 5:30 p.m. before we venture out on the east playground and sculpture garden for water play, games, chalk, and of course, popsicles!

Space is limited. The deadline for registration is Thursday, August 12 or upon reaching capacity. Please register online or by calling 713.529.5771. For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

This program is made possible in part through the generous support of the Goldstein Children's Fund.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONGREGATION

Plotkin Assumes Role of PEPRJ President



Emanu El Program Director Jason Plotkin assumed the role of President of the Program & Engagement Professionals of Reform Judaism (PEPRJ) on June 30.

Plotkin, who had previously served as vice president and has been a member of the PEPRJ board since 2017 takes the reins of the organization from Bryan Bierman, who stepped down to become Executive Director at Temple Israel in Westport, Conn. Bierman served as president from 2019 through June of 2021.

In becoming the president of PEPRJ, Plotkin becomes the first Emanu El staff member at the head of a Union of Reform Judaism (URJ) professional affiliate organization since the late Rabbi Robert I. Kahn served as president of the Central Conference of American Rabbis from 1973-1975.

Interactive Storytime with Jana Banana Sunday, August 22, 4:00 p.m.



After the response to our last gathering, we're doing it again! Calling all families with 4-7-year-olds!

Join us in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room for interactive storyteller Jana Banana. Jana promises to get our kids (and willing parents) moving around in their spots during this interactive experience. The focus of this month's storytelling will be on all

things animals and children are invited to bring their favorite stuffed animals!

Please note that space is limited, and registration is a must. Due to space considerations, this event is open to Emanu El members and Becker families only. Register online and join us!

If registration fills, please contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414 to get on a waiting list or priority notice of a second event with Jana.

This program made possible in part through the generous support of the Susman Fund for Family Programming.

By virtue of his position, Plotkin will also serve on the URJ North American Board of Trustees joining Emanu El member Dolores Wilkenfeld, who currently serves as an honorary vice chair on the board.

Plotkin's rise to the role of president comes after a short tenure as vice president, which started at the onset of 2021. He had previously served as membership chair of PEPRJ and during his tenure doubled the membership roster of the organization to over 100 participants and welcomed PEPRJ's first members from the conservative movement, which lacks a similar organization.

"The next few years as non-profits adapt to the lessons of COVID, they will put a further emphasis on the engagement and communications work that is the backbone of our PEPRJ membership's portfolio," said Plotkin. "Synagogues are understanding the ways in which we must adjust, and our organization has taken significant leaps during the COVID pandemic as a result."

PEPRJ is planning an in-person conference this November in the Atlanta suburbs hosted by Temple Sinai.

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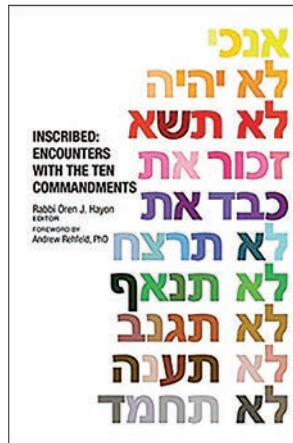
During the pandemic, the organization has launched small groups in the areas of communication and engagement. In addition, weekly gatherings to share information and resources as well as monthly educational workshops have become commonplace in the digital space.

For more information on PEPRJ, visit peprj.org.

Rabbi Hayon's Inscribed Nets Silver Medal at IPPY Awards

Rabbi Oren Hayon's book *Inscribed: Encounters with the Ten Commandments* has received a silver medal in the Religion category at the 25th annual Independent Publishers' Book Awards.

The recognition was announced by the Jenkins Group and IndependentPublisher.com, which combine to honor the year's best independently published books. The "IPPY" Awards, as they are affectionately known, recognize excellence in a broad range of styles and subjects.



Inscribed features a series of modern readings and commentaries on the Ten Commandments. Published by the CCAR Press, the primary publisher of the Reform Movement, the book contains commentary by two or three contributors on each commandment. Each of the writers represent a variety of backgrounds, religious beliefs and professional specializations.

The book can be purchased online by visiting ccarpress.org.

Educating Our Educators



Stefani Carlson (left) and Lucy Mosbacher (right) were recently accepted into programs to further their education.

Lucy Mosbacher, Helfman Religious School Assistant Director, was recently accepted into Cohort 10 of the Mandel Teacher Educator Institute (MTEI). Sponsored by the Jack, Joseph and Morton Mandel Foundation, MTEI is the premier professional development program for leaders in Jewish educational settings.

Over the course of the two-year program, which begins in March 2022, Lucy will connect with a world-class

faculty and colleagues from around North America to gain the skills and knowledge to become an "extraordinary teacher of teachers." Lucy will be traveling to Chicago four times per year for intensive four-day seminars. Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning, is a graduate of Cohort 7 of MTEI and is active in the alumni network. Our whole Helfman learning community is excited for Lucy to have this incredible opportunity! We are grateful to the Houston Jewish Federation for their financial support of this and other excellent professional development programs for our teachers and staff.

Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning, was recently accepted into Cohort 7 of the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS) William Davidson School Executive Doctoral Program (EdD). Beginning in August 2021, Stefani will join a distinguished international group of senior educators in a two-year course of advanced training in research designed to "engage them as thought leaders in pedagogy, curriculum design, and communal engagement." The first year will be conducted entirely online; the second will involve periodic travel to New York. Research and writing of the qualifying paper and dissertation are expected to take two to three years beyond the cohort coursework. Stefani is delighted to have this extraordinary opportunity to enhance the learning environment at Congregation Emanu El and is grateful to the community for its support.

A Taste of a Normal Summer



The faculty of Greene Family Camp which includes clergy members and educators from across the region. Cantor Rollin Simmons and her husband David Segal spent time at GFC at the onset of the summer as faculty. The accompanying submission from Cantor Simmons was provided after the opening weekend of camp.

After 15 months of being stuck in our house, I think we forgot how to pack. Somehow, we managed to harness all of our collective brain power to gather our belongings together, packed our minivan, and headed to Bruceville, TX to spend a week at URJ Greene Family Camp. My husband and I would be serving as faculty, my daughter Bea would be attending the day camp and sleeping in our room with us, and my son Levi would be a first-time camper in a Niviim bunk.

Saturday night, the night before opening day, we were

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Sisterhood News & Happenings

July – August 2021



BOOK REVIEW:

*Becoming Eve: My Journey from
Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman*
(DIGITAL)

by Abby Chava Stein

THURSDAY, JULY 8, 7:00 PM

Sisterhood hosts bi-monthly book reviews throughout the year that are open to the public. July's book review will be led by our congregant, Ed Septimus.

PLEASE NOTE: This book review will be held by Zoom and the information to access will be emailed ahead of time to those who register. We are exploring moving to HYBRID or IN-PERSON when our book review schedule begins anew in the fall.

A summary of our July book selection, *Becoming Eve: My Journey from Ultra-Orthodox Rabbi to Transgender Woman*, by Abby Chava Stein:

Abby Stein was raised in a Hasidic Jewish community in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn. She was isolated in a culture that lives according to laws and practices of eighteenth-century Eastern Europe and shuns most aspects of modern life. Stein was the first-born son in a dynastic rabbinical family – a direct descendant of the Baal Shem Tov – who was destined to become a leader of her Hasidic sect. Instead, she embarked on a courageous journey of self-affirmation, acknowledging to herself and to her family that she was born in the form of a male – with the mind, heart, soul, and body of a female.

To help us plan for our book reviews and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, July 7**, by contacting the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Afternoon Mah Jongg (IN-PERSON) Mondays, July 12 & August 9, 1:00 p.m.

Play Mah Jongg at Emanu El and be a Winner.

Crack your card open, and bam, watch the winds blow jokers your way.

All are invited to join us on the second Monday of the month at 1:00 p.m. for an afternoon of fun with snacks and friends. Bring friends and enjoy!

We plan to meet in the Stillman-Lack Library unless our numbers require a move.

To help us plan accordingly, please **RSVP by Thursday, July 8** for the July gathering and **Thursday, August 5** for the August gathering at emanuelhouston.org or contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext 233.

Getting to Know You! Sisterhood Opening Dinner

Wednesday, August 25, 6:30 p.m.

Join Sisterhood's opening dinner for a celebration of being together IN PERSON and . . .



*Getting to know you,
Getting to know all about you
Hoping you'll join us
For an evening of food and musical fun!*

*Saying it often, but nicely,
We are excited to finally see everyone!
Haven't you noticed,
We are definitely ready*

*Because of all our terrific programs,
innovative and new
We are planning for you
Month by month!*

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Don't miss this wonderful evening of good friends, delicious food and delightful music!

The couvert is \$20 for Sisterhood members and \$25 for non-members. Please **RSVP to the Sisterhood office** at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org, and let us know your choice of corned beef, turkey or vegetarian box dinner by **Thursday, August 20**.

Please also tell us the city/state or country where you spent your early years. Registration is also available at emanuelhouston.org.

Saturday, March 19, 2022

7:30 PM

The Music of the Night

Honoring Dolores Wilkenfeld

Contact Kathy Parven, kkpmom@gmail.com, for underwriting opportunities and event details.

Sisterhood Programming Committee



The Sisterhood programming committee held a planning meeting for the 21-22 calendar year. The Sisterhood has an active schedule ahead with a mix of in-person and digital events. Additional programming information will be shared in future editions of the Bulletin.

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A TASTE OF A NORMAL SUMMER

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privileged to hear GFC's new director, Rabbi Erin Mason, giving a heartfelt pep talk to the counselors around the havdalah campfire. "Someone has given their most precious thing to you, entrusting it to you. And we are going to return it to them not the same, but even better." She went around the circle, asking each of the many counselors to share their intentions. "Make memories." "Have fun." "Spread happiness." They called out one by one.

Sunday morning, we woke up ready for our big task of welcoming all of the families to camp. After a quick breakfast and a surprisingly brief and tearless goodbye to Levi, we assumed our positions just outside the dining hall. In past years, parents could park and walk their children to their bunks and help get them set up. This year, they were going to drive up, have a quick goodbye outside their cars, and then be on their way. Faculty members were assigned to greet them, offer to take a photo, and then escort the campers to a nearby tent where they would get their bunk info and head off to their cabins.

I watched families get out of their cars for extended hugs with their precious ones. After 15 months of being together, of anxiety about the unknowns ahead, here was a glimpse of normal out on the sunny fields. There was a mix of elation at finally being able to go to camp and sadness at letting go of the people you love most in the world.

Opening day was a huge success. All of the COVID testing went smoothly, and everyone arrived at the places they needed to be. Everyone on the GFC staff breathed a sigh of relief that everything happened without a hitch. As assistant director Ethan Lane-Miller said, "Despite the things that make camp different this year, it's still the most normal thing these kids have done in over a year."

We have certainly crossed over and arrived on the other side of a turbulent sea. We are still wearing masks at camp, and there are still many COVID precautions, but it is a huge step to be able to experience camp. How sweet is freedom!

– Cantor Rollin Simmons



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Religious School Enrollment Remains Underway; Intention to Return to On-Campus Learning for Most Programs in 2021-2022

If this year has taught us anything it is that nothing is certain; however, our intent is to return to on-campus learning for most of our programs in the 2021-2022 school year. We are looking forward to seeing you!

Enrollment will take place online using Emanu El's online portal.

1. Visit emanuelhouston.org and log into your account (log-in is in the top right-hand corner of the page). Click MY ENROLLMENT.
2. Fill out all of the required information.
3. Payment of the \$100/child non-refundable registration fee is necessary to confirm your enrollment.
4. For your enrollment to be confirmed, your Temple account must be in good standing.
5. We will confirm enrollment(s) once the forms are complete, the registration fee is paid, and your Temple account has been reviewed. The balance of the tuition will then be added to your account, and is **due by Tuesday, August 31**.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 713-535-6400 or ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org.

Helfman Religious School Financial Aid

The last year has been challenging on many levels. Now more than ever, we need each other and the strength we find in community. Quite a few of our families have seen changes in their financial situations as a result of the pandemic. One of the core values of our Helfman Religious School community is that finances should never be a barrier to participation in our programs. Thanks to the generosity and foresight of donors to our endowment funds, we have funding available to provide financial assistance to our families who need it.

This year, in recognition of the stress we've all been under the past several months, we have streamlined our financial aid application process and moved it online. There is no need to request a form, or to provide supporting documentation. Simply complete the application on the Helfman Religious School page of the congregation's website **no later than July 31**. The scholarship committee will meet in August and will notify you in writing of your grant amount.

If you have not yet done so, please enroll your child(ren) by following the enrollment information above as soon as possible. Scholarship requests cannot be considered until students are enrolled. The only money due at the time of enrollment is the \$100/child registration fee. Tuition will be added to your temple account and will be adjusted when scholarships are assigned.

If you have any questions, please contact Elizabeth at 713-535-6400 or elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org.

Helfman Graduation Class of 2021

The Helfman Religious School celebrated its 12th graders during a Shabbat service at the end of April. The group shared reflections during the service, looking back at their education in the religious school. A video of these shared reflections can be found on the Emanu El YouTube channel.



Back row: Rabbi Pamela Silk, Joel Schoenberg, Daniel Cohen, Spencer Berger, Dina Owers, Daisy Serebrin, Taylor Kleiman, Megan Cowan and Michelle Frankfort; Front row: Mattie Pogach, Lindsey Peleg, Daisy Walters and Cameron Greene.

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2021 Confirmation Class

Our 2021 Helfman Religious School Confirmation class led our congregation in worship during our Erev Shavuot service held in the Barish Sanctuary on Sunday, May 16. This service can be found on our YouTube channel.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

CONFIRMATION CLASS OF 2020-21



Cantor Rollin Simmons



Rabbi Oren Hayon



Rabbi Pamela Silk



Rabbi Joshua Fixler



Lisa Brooks



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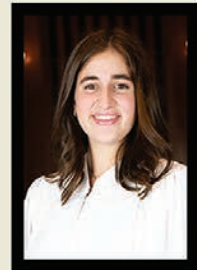
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Hailey Frank



Riley Greene



Talia Kalmans



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Jack Ringold



Jonah Weber



Scout Brooks

In Support of Our Youngest Learners

Aligned with Jewish belief, practice, and tradition, Congregation Emanu El views children as capable learners with individual abilities who have a right to an outstanding education. Focusing on the importance of creating a love of learning and a deep understanding of Jewish values in our youngest congregants, and with the goal of providing families the opportunity for their preschool-aged children to receive and embrace a Jewish education, the Becker School (formerly Becker Early Childhood Center) opened its doors in 1990. The school has now grown from 36 to 200 students, ranging from 15 months to six-years-old. In 2020, Becker added a new Kindergarten class, and provided a number of music, art, and other enrichment activities for the first time.

Its diverse community makes Becker a unique learning environment. Fifty percent of the students' families are members of Congregation Emanu El and sixty percent of the families have at least one family member who is Jewish. Although many religions and ethnicities are served by Becker, the school's goal has always remained the same: to nurture children to grow intellectually, spiritually, socially, and emotionally in an environment that respects each child, family, tradition, and the positive values of Judaism.



“Having our family’s name on the Emanu El pre-school, which helps teach young children the values we believe in and cherish, is a source of pride to our family. The Becker School is a model of early childhood education, and we kvell every time we hear the wonderful comments people share with us about the amazing staff and work of our school.”

ALLEN BECKER

“The Becker School’s principal belief that young children are capable, strong and filled with an insatiable sense of wonder is what allows us to stand out in the world of early childhood education,” says Sarah Williams, Director of the Becker School. “In order to implement best practices in teaching, learning and creating nurturing environments built on Jewish values, we rely heavily on Becker Early Childhood funds,” she continues. “With the help of these and other Endowment funds, we provide purposeful learning materials in our new Becker Studios, an extraordinary Transportation Fair and Spring Garden Celebration and other meaningful engagements with our families.”

While the Becker School is an entry point into Jewish learning for our young students, it has also become a

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Guidance from our past, growth for our future

reentry point for many of their parents. Witnessing their children learn about and start sharing their knowledge of the Jewish traditions and values has renewed parents' interest in their pursuit of Jewish life as a family. "This is one of the many gifts an early childhood Jewish education brings to our congregation," explains Sarah.

"Our Becker families are so fortunate. The temple's Early Childhood Endowment Funds continue to help enhance our facilities and programming, as well as provide children the opportunity for an outstanding Jewish education," adds Sarah. "Despite the year of the pandemic, the Becker School continues to grow, instills a love of learning and Judaism in children and their families, and stands out among its peers in the early childhood arena."

"Sugar's Library was named for my mother, Shirley Becker, affectionately known as 'Sugar' to her grandchildren, to whom she loved to read. We hope that this space brings the same joy of reading to Becker students that she brought to her own children and grandchildren. She was a blessing to our family and we hope that Sugar's Library continues to be a blessing to the Becker School."

SUNNI BECKER MARKOWITZ



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“Willie Mae and Alex Goldstein moved to Houston in the 1960s and became members of Emanu El soon after they arrived. They were very impressed with the children’s programs at the temple and wanted to help expand them in the future. They believed a good religious school education and experience was important for Jewish children, and formed an Endowment in their wills to support this effort.”

MICKEY MARVINS, Secretary/Treasurer of The Goldstein Foundation



Be a Part of It

On any financial level, we all have the capacity to impact the future. For additional information on giving to these funds or to establish an Endowment Fund, please contact David Lamden at DavidL@emanuelhouston.org, or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera.

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Early Childhood Endowment Funds include:

Becker Early Childhood Fund:

To provide and enhance Becker School programs

Becker Early Childhood Scholarship Fund:

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships

Gochman Becker Early Childhood Fund:

Provides for the Transportation Fair and the librarian in Sugar's Library

Ronald Brochstein Early Childhood Fund:

To enhance preschool education

Goldstein Children's Fund:

To support needs-based scholarships and allow early childhood programs to grow and thrive

"We have always wanted the Ronald Brochstein Early Childhood Fund to enable all children to have equal access to whatever they needed in their early education at Emanu El. It is our 'do good things with it' Fund, and we are happy it makes a difference in the extracurricular support at the Becker School."

SANDY BROCHSTEIN, speaking about the fund in memory of her son, Ronald Brochstein

"I can't say enough about the first Kindergarten class at the Becker School. The quality of the teachers, the wonderful environment, the way they stay connected and communicate with families, is terrific. Our son made great friends, can already read on his own, and learned everything he needed in preparation for first grade. In a very difficult year, the school kept us calm, ran smoothly and was an all-around positive experience."

MICHELLE WEISMAN, mother of student Elijah Collins





We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through June 14, 2021.

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To ensure Emanu El is a welcoming, accessible and inclusive community

In Honor of
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To support small and emerging organizations that improve the life for underserved Houstonians

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To provide and enhance Becker School

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**Judy Stein – For 50 years
of services to Emanu El
schools**
Rebecca Klaff

**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To provide Becker School scholarships

In Honor of
**The Bat Mitzvah of
Lois Williams**
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**CANTOR-STONE
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Honor of
**Scott Cantor's Birthday
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FUND**

To provide Emanu El's clergy with funds to help individuals in need and to support organizations that benefit the community

In Appreciation of
Rabbi Joshua Fixler
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**Jackie & Monroe Cutler's
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To provide programs for Emanu Elders

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To enhance Helfman Religious School programs

In Honor of
**Judy Stein – For 50 years
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HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

We wanted to provide a snapshot of the High Holy Days featuring the schedule and some other pertinent information that was available as of press time. Further details including our guest pass policy for this year, parking and more will arrive to our congregants in an upcoming mailout.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

S'LICHOT

Saturday, August 28, 9:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Monday, September 6

Rosh HaShanah Unplugged 6:00 p.m.

Tuesday, September 7

Children's Service (pre-recorded), 9:00 a.m. broadcast & available on-demand

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Tashlich 5:00 p.m. (5601 S. Braeswood Blvd, across from the Jewish Community Center)

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR HIGH HOLY DAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Sunday, September 12, 9:00 a.m. (location TBA)

CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, September 12

Cemetery Service, 5:00 p.m. (8431 Bissonnet St)

KOL NIDRE

Wednesday, September 15

Kol Nidre First Service, 6:00 p.m.

Kol Nidre Second Service, 8:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Thursday, September 16

Children's Service (pre-recorded), 9:00 a.m. broadcast & available on-demand

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon Experience, 12:45 p.m.

Healing & Wholeness, 3:15 p.m.

Yizkor & N'ilah, 4:30 p.m.

Break the Fast immediately following N'ilah

LIVE STREAMING

You can watch all High Holy Day services live-streamed four ways:

- **Emanu El website:** emanuelhouston.org
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/emanuelhouston
- **Roku device:** search for the Congregation Emanu El Houston channel
- **YouTube:** youtube.com/emanuelhoustonvideo

Archived videos of services, musical selections and sermons will be available at the same digital locations.

Additionally, Houston Media Source will broadcast the Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, Rosh HaShanah Morning, first Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur morning services.

ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, please contact Tiffany Siegel at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or tiffanys@emanuelhouston.org.

The only reserved seats during the High Holy Days are for those that request this access ahead of time. When contacting Tiffany, please include the services you plan to attend. Those requesting accessible seating may be granted a maximum of four additional seats for family members. Please note this seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

The deadline for **Rosh HaShanah is Wednesday, September 1** and **Yom Kippur is Friday, September 10**.

HEARING LOOP

The Barish Sanctuary is equipped with an Induction Loop System which transmits audio signals directly to one's telecoil (T-coil)-equipped hearing aid.

CLOSED CAPTIONING

Brotherhood provides closed captioning for our High Holy Day worshipers who are hearing impaired. The Brotherhood provides this service at all on-site Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services except for the children's services.

For those watching remotely, we intend to use the StreamText platform for a second straight year and will provide the appropriate URL in upcoming synagogue communications.

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

Please notify JoAnne Karnuth **by Friday, July 30** if you are in need of an ASL Interpreter.

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 the deadline date in order to insure the availability of these services.

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 most services in the Barish Sanctuary. Please watch for our High Holy Day service information mailing for more details.

Emanu El Clergy Take Part in Annual Retreat

Our clergy headed to New Waverly for a retreat in early June. The retreat allowed the clergy to reflect on the past year while looking ahead to how worship, music and more will take shape in the coming year.



Apollo Chamber Players Concert Held at Emanu El

Due to weather, a planned lawn concert and havdalah with the Apollo Chamber Players was moved inside to Feld Hall. The attendees had an opportunity to hear a selection of globally-inspired music by the string quartet. Prior to the concert, Cantor Rollin Simmons led a havdalah.



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.

Tori Brooks

Drew Dumaine & Jeffrey Merlin, daughters Tobi & Clara

Elizabeth & Albert Khamkhagi, daughter Jenna

Andrew McDiarmid

Deborah Robinson

Alexandra & Eli Witus, children Sidney, Solomon & Rose

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 Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

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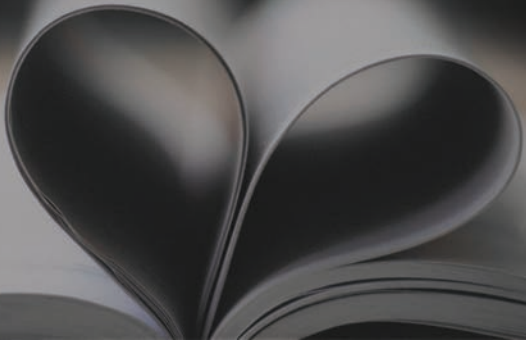
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