



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



*The barn-raising of this new year will require all of us to pitch in, standing together with purpose and patience. It will require mindfulness and unity, and it will at times require willingness to compromise comfort or convenience for the sake of the community's needs.*

At the end of last year's High Holy Days, I had already begun looking forward to this year's. We had learned so much about the COVID-19 coronavirus in the preceding six months, and were getting better at undertaking the public health measures that would keep our community safe. A few months later, safe and effective vaccines were developed at "warp speed" and were swiftly delivered to millions of Americans.

All of these factors, combined with the low levels of community transmission and hospitalizations here in Houston, inspired high hopes that this year's High Holy Days would be a grand homecoming – a long-overdue reunion of our entire community in our congregation's sacred space.

Today, as the reality of our return to in-person holiday worship grows closer, however, it is becoming clearer to me that imagining these holidays as a joyful "homecoming" experience will not be the most accurate way of thinking about them. Instead, I'm imagining this year's High Holy

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## Elul Lunch & Learn: Rebuilding Our House (DIGITAL) Laying the Foundation, Building the Walls, Raising the Roof

Wednesdays, August 18, 25 & September 1, 12:30 p.m.

Prepare for the High Holy Days with the clergy and our Director of Congregational Learning. Join us for classes on the themes of the season during the Hebrew month of Elul. As we rebuild our lives after a challenging year, we think about how to reconstruct our sacred community and reconnect with each other.

We invite you to come to one or more of these interactive discussions to help prepare your spirit for the Days of Awe.

**Wednesday, August 18:** Building the

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## Congregation Emanu El's Brotherhood Holding Annual Garage Sale (IN-PERSON)

**Pickups Underway Through Saturday, August 8; 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 (corner of S. Braeswood & Stella link, in the Old Sellers Bros location).

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

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## WORSHIP SERVICES

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Locations are listed below for those seeking to use the streaming video portal on our website or for those attending in-person. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

Our Friday night services are streamed to our website, Facebook page, Roku channel, and YouTube. Our Saturday morning B'nei Mitzvah services are available solely on our website and our Saturday services offered in the Proler Chapel are offered as an in-person experience.

### **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

### **Shabbat Shof'tim Friday, August 13**

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

### **Saturday, August 14**

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel  
Bat Mitzvah of **Danielle Simon**, daughter of Susan Simon  
5:00 p.m., Splish Splash Havdalah, Sculpture Garden & Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

### **Shabbat Ki Teitzei Friday, August 20**

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

### **Saturday, August 21**

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel  
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary  
Bar Mitzvah of **Jack Nodler**, son of Dorian Nodler and Marc Nodler

### **Shabbat Ki Tavo Friday, August 27**

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

### **Saturday, August 28**

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel  
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary  
Bat Mitzvah of **Lila Frank**, daughter of Ivy & Steven Frank  
9:00 p.m., S'lichot, Proler Chapel

### **Shabbat Nitzavim Friday, September 3**

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

### **Saturday, September 4**

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

### **ROSH HASHANAH Monday, September 6**

6:00 p.m., Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, Barish Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, September 7**

9:00 a.m., Children's Service (pre-recorded), broadcast & available on-demand  
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary  
5:00 p.m., Tashlich, (5601 S. Braeswood Blvd., across from the Jewish Community Center)

### **Shabbat Vayelech Friday, September 10**

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

### **Saturday, September 11**

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

### **Sunday, September 12**

9:00 a.m., High Holy Day Family Experience, Fannin Pavilion at Hermann Park  
5:00 p.m., Cemetery Service, Emanu El Memorial Park (8341 Bissonnet)

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Days as an old-fashioned barn-raising.

In 18th- and 19th-century rural America, when a family living in a farming community needed to construct a barn for the storage of their animals or produce, the entire community would gather together to assist with the project. Barns are big and expensive, and building one required more labor and capital than would normally be available to a single family, and so all of the neighbors would pitch in to help. Barn-raising helped make certain that farmers' material needs were met, but perhaps more significantly, they helped cement the bonds of friendship and trust between neighbors.

As much as I had looked forward to this year's holidays feeling like a homecoming – a return to a beloved space, in which our arrival signals that everything will be “normal,” just like it used to be – I realize now that normality is still a ways off. We cannot fully return to “the way things used to be” before we spend the necessary time to acknowledge the things we have lost and work together to rebuild the home we will inhabit together in the future.

The barn-raising of this new year will require all of us to pitch in, standing together with purpose and patience. It will require mindfulness and unity, and it will at times require willingness to compromise comfort or convenience for the sake of the community's needs. In the weeks leading up to the holidays, we will be presenting a series of lunchtime study sessions, at which we will examine various dimensions of

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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### WEDDING

**Jessica Goldman & Bryan Sabo**

### BIRTHS

**Ilana Robin Ledley Franks**, daughter of Andrew & Miriam Ledley Franks, granddaughter of Fredi & Paul Franks, Marilynne & Alford Bleeker, Fred & Tamara Ledley; great-granddaughter of Susan & Milton Altschuler, Elaine Altschuler

**Millie Sutton Freedman**, daughter of Arin & Henry Freedman; granddaughter of Martha & Don Freedman, Susan & Les Tuerk; great-granddaughter of Betty Freedman, Barbara Tuerk

**Madeline Rose Lax**, daughter of Melissa & Yosef Lax; granddaughter of Leah Lax & Susan Baird, Kathleen & John Nozkowski, Eugene Lax

**Dylan Alexander Lorch-Yurchyk**, son of Sandy Lorch & Stephanie Yurchyk; grandson of Florence & Steven Yurchyk; great-grandson of Line & Max Rubin

### DEATHS

**Barbara Dunn**, wife of Tom Dunn; mother of Randi & Scott Rubenstein, Karin & Jennifer Dunn-Kahn, Warren Dunn & Jarrod Gullett; grandmother of Alec, Avery and Cory Rubenstein, Bryce Dunn-Kahn

**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

**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**, mother of Susan & Jack Lee, Janet & Rick Cohen, Judy & Jeff Lyman; grandmother of Brooks Bull & Perry Cohen, Jill & Robert Reichner, Rachel & Dan Kanter, Stewart & Logan Lyman, Alison Lyman, Lindsay & Jesse Hirsch, Justin Lee, Doug, Joanie, David & Angie Aron; great-grandmother of 16; sister of Carole & M.M. Feld

**Curtis Graves**, husband of Carol Byer Graves; father of Laurie & Ross Robinson, Marita & Howard Segal, Nathascha & Kevin Graves, Lane Graves; grandfather of Christian and Tyler Graves, Jacob Segal, Sydney Robinson, Gregory Robinson

**Paul Lazovick**, father of Bonnie & Marc Kasner, Ellen & Steven Weingarten, Iva & Jim Hesse, Debbie & Glen Lazovick; grandfather of 8 and great-grandfather of 10

**Beadie Friedberg Lewis**, mother of Valerie & Michael Lewis; grandmother of Alyssa Webb Royle, Melanie Lewis & Charlotte D’Ooge, Hadley Lewis & Richie Campas; great-grandmother of Liliya Webb, Cove Campas, Aero Campas and Reid Royle

**Cary Robinson**, husband of Karen Goldberg Robinson; father of Marlene Montelongo & Jake Robinson, Rachel & Seth Siltan-Robinson; grandfather of Libby Hannah Robinson; brother of Laurie Segal Robinson & Ross Robinson

**William N. Roddy**, father of Jessica & Louis Roddy, Ellen Hoffman, William Meyer Roddy, seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren

### 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.

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spiritual “rebuilding” and how they might help inform the communal work we will undertake together this year. These classes will be held on **three consecutive Wednesdays beginning on August 18 at 12:30 p.m.** and will be convened over Zoom.

Gathering together for the holidays in person this year will be a long-awaited experience of joy for our community. To pray in each other’s presence, hear each other’s voices, and welcome the new year immersed in our shared anxieties, hopes and resolutions will be a revitalizing blessing that we have not shared in far too long. But our spiritual home at Congregation Emanu El will not have returned back to normal quite yet. That day will come soon. In order for us to bring it about as speedily and deliberately as possible, we will all be called to share the labor of a spiritual barn-raising this year. As we stand

shoulder-to-shoulder with each other, we will share the strenuous but rewarding effort of reconstructing this place we call home. In that way, we will hasten the day when normality will return, and we will inhabit our spiritual home wholeheartedly as a unified community once more.

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### CONGREGATION EMANU EL’S BROTHERHOOD HOLDING ANNUAL GARAGE SALE

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volunteer, please call or email Steve Moskowitz at [moskose@swbell.net](mailto:moskose@swbell.net) or 832.236.7307.

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.



### 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](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713-535-6414.

### Congregation Emanu El's Community Shabbat Dinners Return This Summer (IN-PERSON)

Friday, August 13 following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat worship

A summer tradition returns!

Join us following Shabbat services for our community Shabbat dinner. 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 Catering Concepts, and both gluten-free and vegetarian options will be available. The menu for the August dinner will include fajitas.

To RSVP, visit [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or call 713-529-5771.

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

### "Better Together" Launch Party for 50s & 60s Houston Jewish Singles

Thursday, August 12, 6:00 - 9:00 p.m.  
Pinstripes, 3300 Kirby Dr, Suite A,  
Houston, TX 77098

Calling all 50s and 60s Jewish singles in the Houston area!

A host of Houston Jewish organizations are excited to launch 'Better Together', a community-wide Houston Jewish singles' initiative for those in their 50s and 60s. The mission of this group is to provide a venue to meet, socialize and network with other Houston area Jewish singles.

Free drinks will be available to the first 60 individuals that register and free hors d'oeuvre will be part of the offerings at the entertainment hotspot which includes bowling and bocce.

Participants can register online at [beth-israel.org](http://beth-israel.org) or follow the links in communication from the group or from any of the participating institutions.

This is the first of an active event calendar for the fall which includes a social action project in October and another social gathering in December. To receive more information on future programs for Better Together, please contact [bettertogether@beth-israel.org](mailto:bettertogether@beth-israel.org).

The sponsoring organizations and synagogues include: Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom of the Woodlands, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Congregation Brith Shalom, Congregation Emanu El, Congregation Shma Koleinu, the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center, HCRJ and the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.

### Splish Splash Havdalah (IN-PERSON)

Saturday, August 14, 5:00 - 6:30 p.m.



Two of our Becker School students enjoy water play activities on the playground. A similar water play experience will occur during our upcoming Splish Splash Havdalah.

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,

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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](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

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

### **Interactive Storytime with Jana Banana (IN-PERSON)** **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 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](mailto: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.

### **Flu Shot Day at Emanu El (IN-PERSON)** **Friday, September 24, 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.**

The Texas Vaccine Institute will be at Emanu El to give flu shots at the cost of \$26. High dose flu shots will

be available for those 65 and older. Participants with Medicare as their primary insurance do not have to pay; others will be given a receipt to claim reimbursement with their insurance provider. Please be prepared to present a photo ID, your insurance card and if applicable, your Medicare card.

For more information, contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771.

### **Sukkot on Sunset (IN-PERSON)** **Sunday, September 26, 4:00 p.m. -7:00 p.m.**

Come join us for our annual Sukkot celebration!

This year's Sukkot on Sunset will familiar elements from prior years including a rock-climbing wall, inflatables, crafts with the Sisterhood and musical entertainment. New this year is a petting zoo.

While there is no charge for this member-only event; however, we do ask that you register so we can prepare accordingly.

The BBQ dinner will be provided by our preferred caterer Houston Catering Concepts and be served in accordance with our COVID protocols. Vegetarian and Gluten free options are available.

The evening will end at 6:30 p.m. in the Sukkah with our clergy and be followed up by s'mores provided by our Boy Scouts and Brotherhood!

Registration is available online or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771. Please **RSVP by Thursday, September 23** so we can account for you in our preparations.

### **Simchat Torah/Consecration (IN-PERSON)** **Monday, September 27, 6:00 p.m.**

We need your hands to hold the Torah scroll as we fully unroll it around the perimeter of Feld Hall.

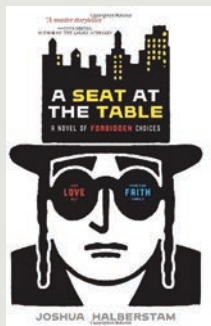
We need your hearts to help welcome our newest learners as they take their first steps into Jewish learning.

Join us for a lively musical celebration of endings and beginnings as we celebrate Simchat Torah and Consecration together.

Our entire community is welcome and encouraged to join us for this joyous milestone!

# Sisterhood News & Happenings

August – September 2021



## BOOK REVIEW:

*A Seat at the Table*

by Joshua Halberstam

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:00 PM

Sisterhood hosts bi-monthly book reviews throughout the year that are open to the public. September'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.

A summary of our September book selection, "A Seat At The Table" by Joshua Halberstam Elisha is a Chassidic Orthodox Jew, the beloved son of a revered Rabbi, and the descendant of a long line of rabbis whose path he is expected to follow. He leaves his insular Chassidic world to attend a secular college, promising to remain unchanged. However, experiencing enlightenment in this new environment, and meeting free-spirited Katrina who influences his emotions and expands his vision of the world, affects Elisha in ways that he never could have imagined. Elisha is desperately seeking to take his own path without destroying his loving relationship with his family, with his father.

This beautifully written book is a depiction of family bonds and interactions with need for connection and love. The story elicits compassion, understanding, disappointment and forgiveness intertwined with wonderful Chassidic tales of wisdom from Jewish tradition.

To help us plan for our book reviews and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, September 22**, by filling out the form below, contacting the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

## Afternoon Mah Jongg (IN-PERSON) Mondays, August 9 & September 13, 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, August 5** for the August gathering and **Thursday, September 9** for the September gathering at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext 233.

## Getting to Know You! Sisterhood Opening Dinner

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

Who knew that we have so many "sisters" who grew up in Cleveland, Ohio? We have even more who grew up in the Deep South, and, not surprisingly, we have a large contingent of native Houstonians in our midst.

Our first event of the year will be a unique opportunity to learn more about each other, reconnect with old friends, and make new ones. Don't miss this wonderful evening of good friends, delicious food and delightful music! Cantor Simmons is preparing a new Broadway medley focused on our various beginnings.

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](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). and let us know your choice of corned beef, turkey or vegetarian box dinner by **Friday, August 20**. Please also tell us the city/state or country where you spent your early years. Registration is also available at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

The past year has been one of challenges for all. As we

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begin to open up and relax, we're greeted with new opportunities for the coming year. Fittingly, Sisterhood's theme for the coming year's programs is "Challenges and Opportunities." Come join us for an exceptional year of programming as we explore opportunities and challenges in a variety of ways:

- Our Emanu El sisters' roots
- Art through the eyes of a docent at the MFAH Kinder building
- Two prominent Houstonians share their personal stories of immigration from China and Mexico to the United States.
- Apps you've always wanted to meet (social media boot camp)
- The impact of Jewish families in the Deep South
- Cooking like your Bubbe – grandmothers of different cultures
- Working as a female metal sculptor in a man's world

Stay tuned for more details!

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**Saturday, March 19, 2022**  
**7:30 PM**

*The Music of the Night*

Honoring Dolores Wilkenfeld

Contact Kathy Parven, [kkpmom@gmail.com](mailto:kkpmom@gmail.com), for underwriting opportunities and event details.

## ELUL LUNCH AND LEARN: REBUILDING OUR HOUSE

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Walls with Rabbi Oren Hayon

**Wednesday, August 25:** Laying the Foundation with Rabbi Josh Fixler and Cantor Rollin Simmons.

**Wednesday, September 1:** Raising the Roof with Stefani Carlson

To join us for one or more of these classes, please register at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org). Upon registration, you will receive the Zoom link for all three sessions of the class.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at [jason@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jason@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.

**Delaney Berman**  
**Catherine & Matthew Cort,**  
**children Charlotte & Andrew**  
**Adin Ehrlich**  
**Leslie & Remi Hamel,**  
**children Cal and Lucie**  
**Nakia & Misael Martin-Rivera**  
**Emily & Andy Olin,**  
**daughter Emma**  
**Laurie & Ross Robinson**  
**Leslie & Andy Snelgrove,**  
**sons Charlie & Sam**  
**Judith Turpie**  
**Erica & Ramon Zhuravel,**  
**sons Yuval & Peleg**

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](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

## 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.



## Find Us On YouTube!

Looking for a one-stop shop to catch the latest worship services, musical selections, Chanukah highlights, videos from our schools and more?

Over 700 videos of new content created since the pandemic have been shared to Emanu El's YouTube page with dozens and dozens more from the archives also shared. YouTube also serves as a way to watch live services and other events.

Find us on YouTube by searching "Emanu El Houston Video" and subscribe today!

In passing, there is life. In passing, life passes from one generation to another. Judaism teaches that in passing, there is a celebration of life; to honor and remember those that have left us and to cherish their memories; to keep our beloved ancestors alive and use their memories to guide us into the future. We carry their names on by bestowing them onto our children. We celebrate their lives and their memories annually when their names are read at Yahrzeit.

There is more to losing someone close to us than what initially meets the eye. When we lose someone, particularly someone special, doing something in their honor helps us feel more alive; using what they taught us can help us to feel more connected when we do mitzvot in their honor. It reflects their life, their teaching, the things they loved most about life; it is the celebration of how they lived their lives and the path forward for those who survive after them.

This month's Endowment Fund Series focuses on Emanu El members that paved the way forward for us by establishing funds that honored their loved ones. Tributes like these enable us to let others know that our loved ones were here, were alive and had inspirational lives that made a difference in the world. Here are a few examples.

**The Cersonsky Fund:** Founded by Eileen Cersonsky in honor of her husband Leonard. He loved flowers and he loved the cemetery, and so Eileen wanted to make the entrance beautiful in his memory. The fund is utilized for the floral landscaping at the entrance to the cemetery to help those entering begin their journey with the beauty of the flowers and those beautiful loved ones we honor when we enter.

**The Pasternak Fund:** Matt Pasternak established this fund in honor of his brother, who died in 2008. Cary had



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## *Guidance from our past, growth for our future*



“Emanu El Memorial Park is one of our congregation’s most cherished assets,” reflected Rabbi Hayon. “The tranquil atmosphere, gracious and dignified structure, and peaceful natural surroundings all make it possible for us to focus our prayers and memories as we remember those we have loved and lost.”

always been interested in maintaining and improving the cemetery. His business was with architectural antiques, and he loved landscaping. Matt and his sibling, Jan decided to honor their brother by setting up this fund in his memory. A current project includes improving the esplanade on Bissonnet in front of the cemetery through the “Adopt an Esplanade” program in Houston. The family has already developed plans and has presented them to the city and are awaiting approval.

**The Kagan/Rudy Fund:** This fund was started by Morris Kagan and Israel Rudy to focus on the Chapel in the cemetery. The initial plans for Emanu El Memorial Park called for the oval space at the center of the park to be set aside. On that space, we constructed a beautiful and inspiring chapel for prayer and meditation. The chapel is built in the shape of a hexagon: the shape of the inside of the Star of David. The tiered seating is reminiscent of

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an old synagogue atop Masada in Israel. The tiles on the floor are reminiscent of the tile floors in other ancient synagogues in the Holy Land. There is a dedication wall behind the eternal flame, listing all those who made the chapel possible.

For those of you not familiar, Emanu El Memorial Park is the name of our cemetery. It was always meant to feel like a park. Judaism teaches that we are all equal in death. With both of these in mind, and the desired park-like atmosphere, all stones are required to be flat. When you enter Emanu El Memorial Park, you can focus on the memories of your beloved and the beauty around you.

Throughout Jewish history, whenever a Jewish

community has gathered to undertake the formation of a congregation, its first action has customarily been to establish a cemetery – even before constructing a house of worship. The history of Emanu El is no different; we, too, purchased the land for our Emanu El Memorial Park even before acquiring the property on which our Temple building stands. Our founders understood, just as we do, that as part of the expression of our faith, we must have a place to celebrate our loved ones’ lives, to honor their teachings, and set aside a dignified place for them to be laid to rest.

If you have a calling to make a gift in memory or tribute to one of your departed loved ones, the Endowment Committee would love to hear from you.



**“The power of architecture has been an important part of the philosophy of Emanu El”, said Rabbi Walter. Emanu El Memorial Park also includes a contemporary sculpture entitled, appropriately enough, “Eternity,” which was given by one of Israel Rudy’s sons.**



## **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](mailto:DavidL@emanuelhouston.org), or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera.





# 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](http://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](mailto:ElizabethT@emanuelhouston.org).

## Welcome Back to Helfman Religious School! Open House and Consecration Family Education Day Sunday, August 29 10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

## Open House and Meet-the-Teacher Event

All current and prospective Helfman Religious School students are invited to an Open House and Meet-the-Teacher event! Come celebrate our return to in-person classes; find out about our updated programming and protocols; and meet our teachers, staff and TAs!

## Consecration Family Education

To celebrate the beginning of their religious education at Congregation Emanu El, kindergarten students and new students in 1st-3rd graders will participate in a special Consecration ceremony during Erev Simchat Torah services on **Monday evening, September 27**.

To prepare for this special event, students and their families are invited to attend a Family Education Program on **Sunday, August 29**. [This program will take the place of Open House for these students.] During this program, students will decorate covers for the little Torahs they will receive at Consecration, take individual and (optional) family photos for the composite photo to be displayed in the Newar / Lipper Consecration & Confirmation Photo Gallery and record music videos to be compiled and presented during the service. Please be on the lookout for more detailed information to be sent via email. Students must be enrolled in Helfman Religious School or a Jewish day school to participate in Consecration.

For questions about the program or about enrollment, please contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.529.5771, ext. 222 or [elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org).

## Religious School Team Retreat

Members of our Helfman Religious School team recently gathered for an off-site curriculum retreat. The Helfman team is looking forward to welcoming its students back in-person this fall.



## Calling All Emanu El Recent Alumni

Calling our recent alumni! We know that you are in different places and have different needs this year, but we hope to be able to continue to provide you with the same fun, heartwarming connection that our Alumni have come to expect. To ensure that we know the best ways to reach you this fall, please complete the form online at [emanuelhouston.org/form/eealumni2020](http://emanuelhouston.org/form/eealumni2020).



## 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.** (Fannin Pavilion at Hermann Park)

### CEMETERY SERVICE

**Sunday, September 12**

**Cemetery Service, 5:00 p.m.** (8341 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

## SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

**S'lichot** – S'lichot begins the journey toward the unique beauty of High Holy Days, to focus our minds on penitence and preparation.

**Rosh HaShanah Unplugged** – This innovative service features a joyful, creative, contemporary prayer experience, suitable for all ages, with unique musical additions to encourage singing and participation. [Sermon by Rabbi Oren Hayon]

**Rosh HaShanah Children's Service** – Designed for children 8 and under and their families, this lively and fun service highlights the themes and rituals of the holiday. [Story by Rabbi Joshua Fixler]

**Rosh HaShanah Morning Service** – This intergenerational service combines familiar music and prayers with beautiful liturgical writing and stirring poetry, along with full translation and transliteration of Hebrew texts. You'll also experience an inspiring and engaging collection of music led by Cantor Rollin Simmons, with accompaniment on organ and piano.

**[Sermon by Rabbi Joshua Fixler]**

**Tashlich** – We set aside some time as Rosh HaShanah concludes to gather at Brays Bayou across from the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center and symbolically cast our sins into the water while singing and reflecting together.

**Shabbat Shuvah** – Hear a message of inspiration to deepen your spiritual and moral explorations on this very special Shabbat between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur.

**Cemetery Service** – We invite all to join together in the beautiful, serene surroundings of Emanu El Memorial Park to remember their dear ones during the High Holy Day season.

**[Memorial Sermon by Rabbi Oren Hayon]**

**Kol Nidre** – These services, on the holiest night of the year, will feature the contemplative prayers and stirring music unique to this holiday. They will be accompanied by Ann Frohbieter on organ and our professional choir and include the poignant setting of Kol Nidre played by Brinton Smith, Principal Cellist of the Houston Symphony.

**[Sermon by Rabbi Oren Hayon]**

**Yom Kippur Children's Service** – Designed for children 8 and under and their families, this service offers engaging music, prayers and stories that will encourage families to reflect on how we can be our best selves.

**[Story by Rabbi Oren Hayon]**

**Yom Kippur Morning Service** – This service will be led by our clergy, accompanied by Ann Frohbieter on organ and our professional choir. Through stirring music and meaningful prayer, we will reflect on the themes of repentance and forgiveness.

**[Sermon by Rabbi Pamela Silk]**

**Yom Kippur Afternoon Experience** – What does it mean to be a part of sacred community? In what ways do we value the experiences of people who are different from us? How can we ensure that every person in our congregation is seen, included, and valued? Join us for an engaging afternoon experience, delving into these urgent questions. Using ancient texts and modern testimonies we will explore and celebrate the holy diversity of our Emanu El community.

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**Healing & Wholeness** – Find restoration and strength through poetry, song and prayer.

**[Led by Cantor Rollin Simmons & Rabbi Pamela Silk]**

**Yizkor** – Through meaningful readings and soul-stirring music, we will journey through varied expressions of grief and memory.

**[Sermon by Rabbi Roy Walter]**

**N’ilah/Havdalah Experience** – We will bring our holidays to a close with the sweetness of Havdalah, the separation between the penitential season and the promising new year ahead.

## COVID / MASK POLICY

In alignment our vaccination policy, masks will no longer be required at either indoor or outdoor events for fully vaccinated individuals. While no longer required, we certainly understand that some of you will choose to wear a mask and respect your decision to do so. Children under 12 and those not fully vaccinated should continue wearing masks and observe social distancing while attending programs and services at temple.

For more information on our COVID / ‘Road to Recovery’ policies, visit [emanuelhouston.org/roadtorecovery](https://emanuelhouston.org/roadtorecovery)

## HIGH HOLY DAY PASSES (MEMBER & GUESTS)

High Holy Day passes are sent to members in good standing by mail and will be received during the first two weeks of August. If you do not receive a pass during this time, please call the synagogue at 713.529.5771.

A notice was sent to the congregation in mid-July surrounding our guest pass policy. A truncated version of this notice can be found below:

While we are hopeful that our sanctuary will be at 100% capacity for this year’s in-person services, we understand circumstances in our community could require us to operate with a reduced capacity of attendees. [At fullest capacity, the Barish Sanctuary and Feld Hall holds 1900 seats.] We also know from our survey that many of our members are not comfortable attending services in a filled sanctuary. As always, members in good standing are our priority and therefore should have the greatest access and ability to attend in-person worship. With the goal of maximizing space for our members and our Emanu El family, the temple Board recently approved a guest pass policy allowing those with the following non-member status to attend this year’s High Holy Day services at Emanu El in person:

Individuals who are members in good standing of URJ congregations and follow the 2021 URJ Reciprocity policy.

Out-of-town family of members and staff.

Students enrolled in Emanu El’s Basic Judaism class.

Those in Houston for medical-related circumstances, who are also members of URJ synagogues outside of the Houston Metro area.

Those who are new to Houston (three months or less), who have not yet joined a congregation.

Local college students.

In keeping with our philosophy of “members first,” we are unable to provide guest passes to the following groups for in-person worship. With that, we welcome and encourage everyone to view our services digitally, through our multiple livestreaming platforms including:

Local family of members and staff who are not members of Emanu El.

Those who are in town for medical-related circumstances who are not members of a URJ congregations in their home city or state.

Members of local congregations.

Non-member teachers in our schools.

## HEADING OUT OF TOWN? RECIPROCITY!

Are you heading out of town for the High Holy Days? If you are planning to worship at a congregation near your travel destination, you are eligible for reciprocity. A form to request reciprocity is available on our High Holy Day website. (<https://www.emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship>). Please fill this form out to the best of your ability to help not only your Emanu El team but those at your destination synagogue.

Please note that some synagogues may be restricting reciprocity this year or have made plans to only present their worship online due to COVID restrictions.

## LIVE STREAMING

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

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

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Archived videos of services, musical selections and sermons will be available at the same digital locations. Services are available instantly while sermons and musical selections will be posted within days.

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

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

Our goal is to make your experience as easy as possible in connecting with us during these High Holy Days. Members of the synagogue staff will be available during weekday business hours in addition to during our High Holy Day worship services to provide assistance to our congregants. Please call 713.529.5771 for support.

## PARKING

Only individuals with High Holy Days passes or handicap placards will be permitted entry to the Emanu El campus. All parking on Floors 1 and 2 of the Gaylor Parking Facility will be reserved for handicap-accessible use. The West Lot is reserved for Rabbi's Circle members with a required pass. For the duration of the High Holy Days, we will run satellite sites that open an hour prior to services. Buses will run continually from the satellite parking lots to and from Emanu El.

For Erev Rosh HaShanah and Kol Nidre, park at the Medical Clinic of Houston at 1707 Sunset Blvd. The parking garage entrance is located on Rice Blvd. On Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur Day, park at Rice University. We will use the Rice South Stadium Lot (with overflow in the Greenbriar Lot). A special entrance to the South Stadium Lot will be open between Gates 8 and 9, specifically for our Emanu El guests. This entry point is located on University Blvd. between Montclair and Stockton.

## ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, please contact Tiffany Siegel at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or [tiffanys@emanuelhouston.org](mailto: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.

## CHILDCARE

We regret that we will be unable to offer childcare options this year for our High Holy Days due to COVID restrictions in place.

## 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



HoustonMediaSource

Brotherhood provides closed captioning for our High Holy Day worshippers 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.

## EMANU EL RETURNS TO TELEVISION IN '21

For a second straight year, Emanu El engaged with Houston Media Source (HMS) to broadcast its primary worship opportunities during the holy days on public access television.

HMS broadcasts on channel 17 on Comcast/Xfinity – the primary cable provider in Houston proper. The broadcasts are also available on AT&T U-Verse, Sudden Link and Phonoscope on channel 99. Please note that some high-rises and multi-unit dwellings may not be included in this availability due to various restrictions.

The broadcast schedule will begin with Rosh HaShanah Unplugged on **Monday, September 6 at 6:00 p.m.** and continue the next day with Rosh HaShanah morning services at **10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, September 7.**

The early Kol Nidre services will be broadcast at **6:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 15**, with the Yom Kippur morning services airing at **10:30 a.m. on Thursday, September 16.**

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## Youth Opportunities for the High Holy Days Rosh HaShanah/Yom Kippur Morning Program for Children in Grades 3-5

**Rosh HaShanah**  
Tuesday, September 7 during the 10:30 a.m. service

**Yom Kippur**  
Thursday, September 16 during the 10:30 a.m. service

3rd through 5th grade students are invited to pray with their parents for the first half of the service. Afterward, they will be led by our Helfman Religious School staff into their own separate High Holy Day program with fun and engaging activities. Pre-registration is required by Wednesday, September 1 for Rosh HaShanah & Wednesday, September 8 for Yom Kippur.

Register online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

Please note that children participating will be required to wear face coverings. For more information, contact Elizabeth Townsend at [elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 222.

## Outdoor High Holy Day Family Experience Sunday, September 12, 9:00 a.m.

To complement our High Holy Day Children's Services, which this year will be on streaming video, families with children in 2nd grade or younger are invited to join Emanu El clergy and staff for an in-person outdoor experience featuring a PJ Library Story Walk™. We will be gathering in the Fannin Pavilion at Hermann Park for this very special event.

Arrive at your convenience to enjoy a guided walk with activities, an apples and honey snack, and more! This program is free of charge and open to the community; however, space is limited and advance registration is required at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE CONGREGATION

### Clergy Resuming Pastoral Visits as Area Hospitals Open Up

Our clergy want to know if you or a loved one are sick so that we can be a source of strength in difficult times. As area hospitals are opening back up our clergy are eager to resume pastoral visits in person. Please contact Shira at 713.529.5771, ext 212. to let our clergy know if you or a loved one are sick.

### New Traditions Gift Shop

The New Traditions gift shop is **open by appointment only on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** during the summer months.

Looking to make an appointment outside of the above hours or have any questions? Please call the New Traditions gift shop at 713.529.5771, ext. 234.

### Enhancements Continue to Online Stream

Always improving! We continue to enhance the quality of our streams in the Barish Sanctuary. Some additions over the last year have been more visible such as the



availability of our prayer book, additional cameras, incorporating YouTube/High Holy Day worship on TV into our lineup, etc. Other things such as the recent additions of the names of our clergy at the bottom of the screen during their first appearance during a worship service are not as pronounced.

Stay tuned as we roll out enhancements in the Proler Chapel over the coming months and make sure to tune in to our services, programming through the various ways in which we stream our services.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through July 15, 2021.

**ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS**

To provide create arts programs  
In Memory of  
**Geraldine “Geri” Lee Epstein Hooks**  
Carol & Mark Entman

**ACCESS FOR ALL FUND**

To ensure Emanu El is a welcoming, accessible and inclusive community  
In Honor of  
**Carol & Michael Wilk’s Anniversary**  
Pat & Aaron Fradkin

In Memory of  
**Beatrice “Beadie” Friedberg Lewis**  
Pat & Aaron Fradkin

**ALAN GAYLOR TEACHER ASSISTANT FUND**

To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants  
In Appreciation of  
**Rabbi Joshua Fixler**  
Patti Schwartzberg

In Memory of  
**Mary Herman**  
Lillian Gaylor & Lewis, Gaylor, Pleason & Gordon Families

**AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians  
In Honor of  
**Raymond Kalmans – ERJCC The David H. White Memorial Award**  
Marilynne & Alford Bleeker  
**Ed Septimus – for receiving the Gibor Hakehillah (Community Hero) Award**  
Laurie & Jeff Bricker  
**The Birth of Ileana Robin Ledley Franks**  
**The Speedy Recovery of Carol & Barry Goodfriend**  
Marilynne & Alford Bleeker

In Memory of  
**Peggy & Louis Ashe**  
Sharon & Herb Cohn  
**Joel Cyprus**  
Shelly Cyprus  
**Beatrice “Beadie” Friedberg Lewis**  
Steven Fenberg  
Marc E. Grossberg  
**Thomas Mims**  
Judy & Allan Lazor

**BARBARA & MARK BROOKNER CAMPERSHIP FUND**

To provide scholarships to send Helfman Religious School students to Greene Family Camp  
In Memory of  
**Sylvia Kaufman**  
Pam Kaufman & Dennis Keierleber

**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND**

To provide and enhance Becker School programs  
In Honor of  
**Allen Becker**  
Lila Rauch

In Memory of  
**Beatrice “Beadie” Friedberg Lewis**  
Bobbi Samuels  
Sherry Stoger

**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To provide Becker School scholarships  
In Honor of  
**The Birth of Ethan Falkenhagen**  
Judy Lazor

**CANTOR-STONE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships  
In Honor of  
**Sophi Zimmerman recognized as the Irving Samuels Outstanding Teacher**  
fredi & Paul Franks

**CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park  
In Memory of  
**Eva Cohn**  
Sharon & Herb Cohn  
**Judith Erlich**  
Sherry & Art Pellenberg & Debra & Howard Erlich  
**Rose Ann Martin Finkel**  
**Stephanie Barthlow Fradkin**  
Pat & Aaron Fradkin  
**Roni Light**  
Sharon & Herb Cohn  
**Kimberly Saghian**  
Lea & Andrew Torok

**CLERGY’S GOOD WORKS FUND**

To provide Emanu El’s clergy with the funds to help individuals in need and to support organizations that benefit the community  
In Honor of  
**Susan & Milton Altschuler’s Anniversary**  
Fran D. Friedman  
**Rabbi Oren Hayon**  
Elaine Plotkin & Phyllis Blanc  
**Lillian Putterman’s Birthday**  
Rozanne & Howard Rubin  
**The Bar Mitzvah of Ben Weisman**  
Jacquelyn Barish

In Memory of  
**Andra Winkelman Barr**  
Joyce Goodman  
Marilyn Waldman

**Michael Fink**  
**Jack Fink**  
Perri & Aaron Fink  
**Beatrice “Beadie” Friedberg Lewis**  
Anonymous  
Adele & Steve Croft  
Lou & Herb Mizis  
**Roni Light**  
Bob Light  
**Benjamin Soffar**  
Gail Shinbaum & William D. Soffar

**EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND**

To feed the hungry of Houston  
In Honor of  
**Lillian Putterman’s Birthday**  
Marsha & Joe Cohen  
  
In Memory of  
**Seema Davis**  
Sara Astrich  
Linda & Paul Lynn  
**Beatrice “Beadie” Friedberg Lewis**  
Kathleen & Robert Pielet  
**Bill Tarnopol**  
Joyce Goodman  
**Curtis Tatar**  
Ellen Marcus

**FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND**

To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials and to underwrite leadership programs and speakers  
In Honor of  
**Jason Plotkin – Assuming the role of PEPRJ President**  
Myra Lipper  
**The Speedy Recovery of Myra Lipper**  
Sara Astrich  
Diane Puschett  
Lila Rauch  
Susan & Ed Septimus  
Susan & Syd Waldman  
Judy Zainfeld

In Memory of  
**Seema Davis**  
Myra Lipper

**FREDELL LACK EICHHORN CANTOR’S MUSIC FUND**

To enhance musical programming  
In Honor of  
**Cantor Rollin Simmons**  
Dee Dee Dochen

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

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

In Honor of

**Jason Plotkin – Assuming the role of PEPRJ President**

Richard Wolf

**JEAN & JULIAN GOLDBERG CHILDREN'S FUND**

*To provide arts programs for children*

In Honor of

**Leo Levine's Bris**

Kristin & Ian Levine

**THE PROLER CHAPEL FUND**

*To maintain and enhance the Proler Chapel*

In Memory of

**Jackie Proler**

Maureen & Jody Proler,  
Ben Proler & Shayna Goldblatt, & Stephen Proler

**RABBI ROY & LINDA WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND**

*To support spiritual and cultural enrichment*

In Appreciation of

**Rabbi Roy Walter**

Gayle Hersch

In Honor of

**Carole & M.M. Feld, Jr.'s Anniversary**

Cherill Dubinski

**Ed Septimus – for receiving the Gibor Hakehillah (Community Hero) Award**

fredi & Paul Franks

**Rabbi Roy Walter**

Maureen Wainer

**The Speedy Recovery of Richard Speer**

Judy Zainfeld

In Memory of

**Geraldine "Geri" Lee Epstein Hooks**

Evan Epstein

**Jennifer Rosenthal**

Irv & Barbara Black Levine

**Kimberly Saghian**

Patty & Michael

Dennenberg

Barbara & Allen Pauly

**Larry Wainer**

Irv & Barbara Black Levine

**RIVA BURSTEN CARING CONGREGATION FUND**

*To support programs that assist people in the community*

In Honor of

**Carl Josehart – CEO of Jewish Family Service of Houston**

Gloria Jacobson

**ROBERT I. KAHN GALLERY FUND**

*To maintain and enhance the Robert I. Kahn Art Gallery*

In Memory of

**Betty Bagot**

Joyce Goodman

**Geraldine "Geri" Lee Epstein Hooks**

Betty Duson & Al Kahn

Nancy Ehrenkranz

**ROBERT I. KAHN SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

*To send congregants to the Consultation on Conscience at the Religious Action Center*

In Honor of

**David Askanase's Birthday**

**Susie & David Askanase's Anniversary**

Claire & Dick Brooks

**RONALD BROCHSTEIN EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND**

*To enhance preschool education*

In Honor of

**Leo Levine's Bris**

Kristin & Ian Levine

**Sandy & Bob Light's Anniversary**

Sharon & Herb Cohn

**LEAH COHN MINNIE DUVAL MAX GREENFIELD**

*To enhance preschool education*

In Honor of

**Leah Cohn**

Sharon & Herb Cohn

**Minnie Duval**

**Max Greenfield**

Marianne & Larry Greenfield

**ROSE GOODFRIEND ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE**

*To help send Confirmation students to Israel*

In Memory of

**Rose Goodfriend**

Given by Her Family

**SARAH & ADOLPH BLUMENFELD KLEI KODESH SACRED OBJECTS FUND**

*To purchase and maintain Emanu El's sacred objects*

In Memory of

**Adolph Blumenfeld**

Norman Blumenfeld

**SHIRLEY & MARVIN BARISH TEACHER ENRICHMENT FUND**

*To provide training programs for Emanu El teachers*

In Honor of

**Betty Babendure's Birthday**

Claire & Dick Brooks

**SHIRLEY BARISH MEMORIAL ISRAEL EXPERIENCE FUND**

*To send Helfman Religious School high school students to Israel*

In Honor of

**Marvin Barish's Birthday**

Jacquelyn Barish

**Jason Plotkin – Assuming the role of PEPRJ President**

Marlene Rubin

**SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND**

*To provide flowers in our worship spaces*

In Memory of

**Bradley Keith Cyprus**

Shelly Cyprus

**SISTERHOOD FUND**

*To provide for and enhance Sisterhood programming*

A Donation

Leah Nitishin

**SISTERHOOD FUND**

*To provide for and enhance Sisterhood programming*

A Donation

Leah Nitishin

In Honor of

**Linda Zoll's Birthday**

Susan & Ed Septimus

**STILLMAN-LACK MEMORIAL LIBRARY FUND**

*To maintain and enhance the Stillman-Lack Memorial Library*

In Memory of

**Beatrice "Beadie" Friedberg Lewis**

Susan & Ed Septimus

**SUSMAN FUND FOR FAMILY PROGRAMMING**

*To support programs for families*

In Memory of

**Richard L. Susman**

Robin Susman

**TEMPLE FUND**

*To support the needs of the Temple and to fulfill the mission of Congregation Emanu El*

A Donation

Anonymous

In Honor of

**David Askanase's Birthday**

Susan & Milton Altschuler

**Claire & Richard Brooks' Wedding Anniversary**

Linda & Richard Zoll

**George Robert Pesin's Birthday**

Madgelyn & Richard Pesin

**Jason Plotkin – Assuming the role of PEPRJ President**

Susie & David Askanase

**Lillian Putterman's Birthday**

Suzanne Miller

**The Marriage of Marissa Astrich & James Dean Meador**

Astrich & James Dean Meador

**The Marriage of Emily Lunstroth & Michael Hammer**

Linda & Richard Zoll

In Memory of

**Andra Winkelman Barr**

Sandy & Don Harris

**Nevin Brown**

Linda & Richard Zoll

**Geraldine "Geri" Lee Epstein Hooks**

Joan & Stanford Alexander

Saranne Kosberg

Donna Glick Lewis

**Beatrice "Beadie" Friedberg Lewis**

Elyse, Lewis, Aerin,

Kendall & Tali Kalmans

Barbara & Barry Lewis

**Kimberly Saghian**

Evelyn Roth

**William Tarnopol**

Barbara & Barry Lewis





## Fuse Glass Havdalah with The Middle

The Middle – Emanu El's group for those in their 30s and 40s hosted a Fuse Glass Mezzuzah Havdalah program in late June. The evening started with a havdalah led by Rabbi Silk before artist/educator Michelle Renfrow taught the group how to make mezzuzot with fused glass.

## Simcha Events, Food Service Returns to Emanu El

In late June, Emanu El hosted its first catered event in 14 months! The event was catered by the congregation's preferred caterer Houston Catering Concepts. As of the press deadline, Emanu El's current posture allows food service by gloved and masked servers (the pictured server Michael did so when it was time to serve!) and no self-service at this time. There is also limits to the amount of chairs at a table. Several catered events through Houston Catering Concepts including an August community Shabbat dinner, Splish Splash Havdalah and the Sisterhood's opening dinner can be found in this *Bulletin*.



## Emanu El Families Head to Camp

Kevin Jacobs (far left) and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs (far right) brought their sons to URJ Greene Family Camp in early July during the drop off for second session. We have enjoyed seeing all the photos of our Emanu El families heading to camp whether that be GFC, Camp Young Judea or one of the many other Jewish camping options.





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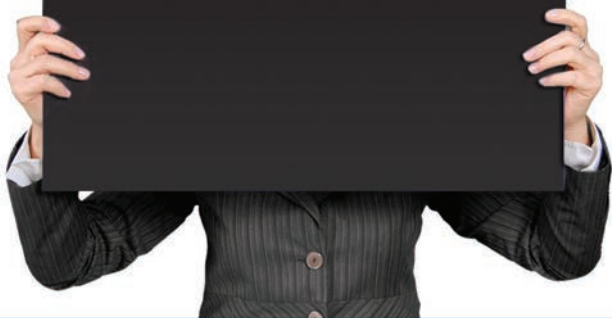
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