



Congregation Emanu El

# Bulletin

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Please note that due to print deadlines and the constantly changing environment, that information in this edition of the *Bulletin* may not reflect the current status of events and worship. If you have any questions about the status of a happening at our synagogue, please visit our website at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org), or contact us directly at 713.529.5771. Updates will also be shared in email communications. If you are not receiving emails from the synagogue, please call us and we will assist you.

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## FROM RABBI HAYON



We are all aware that the weeks leading up to the High Holy Days are prescribed as a time for self-reflection and preparation. We take extra time to get ready for the Days of Awe in the hope that our spiritual “homework” will make our repentance more genuine and effective.

*During the holidays at Emanu El this year, help us create a judgment-free zone: whether members of our community will be more comfortable worshipping at home, or together with others at temple, let's do our part to treat each other with gentleness and patience.*

This period on the Jewish calendar is not meant to be experienced in a mode of shame or self-flagellation, however; our tradition instructs us instead to spend this time being gentle with ourselves and promoting a sense of equanimity and reassurance in and beyond ourselves.

The fifty days which precede Rosh HaShanah are known as the “*sheva d'nechemta*” – the “seven weeks of comfort.” During this time, our liturgy prescribes a special cycle of Shabbat readings: a curated list of excerpts from the book of the prophet Isaiah. In each of them, Isaiah speaks soothingly to the Jewish community, reminding them that God loves them and longs for them to return to God's embrace.

The message of this period in the Jewish calendar provides  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Receiving a blessing on the chapel bimah is a memory many of our members cherish. Unfortunately, praying at the chapel ark has not been an easy option for worshipers with limited mobility.



Jeri Amundsen

That is all going to change later this fall when a beautifully crafted ramp is installed in our Proler Chapel. The chapel access project is the culmination of more than 2 years of work by dedicated members of our Building and Grounds Committee. Leading this project from the outset were Bruce Lessey, Garey Marks, Becky Proler and Shel Vedlitz, in consultation with staff and clergy and Fredi Franks

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## Dr. Peter Hotez to Serve as Shabbat Shuvah Speaker (hybrid) Friday, September 10, 6:00 p.m.

Every year during Shabbat Shuvah, our congregation is given the opportunity to learn from a member of the community who shares their own perspectives on the themes of the High Holy Days: self-improvement, growth, self-betterment, personal responsibility.

This year, we will be joined by Dr. Peter Hotez, Dean of the National School of Tropical Medicine and Professor of Pediatrics and Molecular Virology &

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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 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

**Guest D'var Torah** by Dr. Peter Hotez

### **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)

### **KOL NIDRE Wednesday, September 15**

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

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

### **YOM KIPPUR Thursday, September 16**

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

12:45 p.m., Afternoon Experience, Barish Sanctuary.

3:15 p.m., Healing & Wholeness, Barish Sanctuary

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

### **Shabbat Haazinu Friday, September 17**

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

### **Saturday, September 18**

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

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

Bar Mitzvah of **Jack Nodler**, son of Dorian Nodler and Marc Nodler

### **Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot Friday, September 24**

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

### **Saturday, September 25**

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

### **SIMCHAT TORAH Sunday, September 26**

11:00 a.m., Consecration, Barish Sanctuary

### **Tuesday, September 28**

10:30 a.m., Simchat Torah Festival Service/ Yizkor, Barish Sanctuary

### **Shabbat B'reishit Friday, October 1**

5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner, Sculpture Garden

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

6:30 p.m. Tot Shabbat, East Playground

### **Saturday, October 2**

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

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

B'nei Mitzvah of **Eli Friesen**, son of Sara & Kyle Friesen and **Sara Friesen**, daughter of Janie & Gary Chauvin

### **Shabbat Noach Friday, October 8**

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

### **Saturday, October 9**

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

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

B'not Mitzvah of **Emily Pesikoff**, daughter of Heather & Daniel Pesikoff and **Avery Pollock**, daughter of Tara Nutik & Stephen Burrill, Lisa & Adam Pollock

### **Shabbat Lech L'cha Friday, October 15**

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

### **Saturday, October 16**

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

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

Bat Mitzvah of **Evyon Rudin**, daughter of Allison & Steven Rudin

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an important reminder. When working on personal growth and improvement, sometimes we can be motivated by the fear of punishment, but other times – or perhaps, most times – we can be more powerfully encouraged by an atmosphere of gentle, loving support.

When you receive this copy of the Bulletin, we will be preparing to enter the threshold of the High Holy Days. During this sacred season, Emanu El's leadership is doing everything possible to preserve the health and safety of our congregational community – and we will be asking you to contribute to this goal for your own families as well.

But in addition to promoting health and safety, let us all do our best to promote comfort during this holy season. During the holidays at Emanu El this year, help us create a judgment-free zone: whether members of our community will be more comfortable worshipping at home, or together with others at temple, let's do our part to treat each other with gentleness and patience.

Before the season of repentance arrives, we will make our way through the season of comfort which fills these intermediate days of the calendar. Let us use them wisely to bring reassurance and support to one another, as we all walk together into the new year that awaits us.

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## Book of Memory Distribution

Thank you to all those who contributed to our cherished keepsake, the *Book of Memory*. In an effort to distribute the *Book of Memory*, we are providing our congregants with three different options:

- Starting on **Wednesday, September 8** – congregants can pick up a copy of the *Book of Memory* in the Rotunda during the hours for which the building is open along with a yartzheit candle to light in memory of their loved ones for Yom Kippur. Please contact 713.529.5771 to verify the building opening hours, which are subject to change.
- The *Book of Memory* will be distributed on Yom Kippur afternoon to those individuals joining us in-person in the Barish Sanctuary.
- The *Book of Memory* can be mailed to those who request it by contacting Christian Simmons at [christians@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:christians@emanuelhouston.org). Please note that we cannot guarantee that the *Book of Memory* will arrive to your household by Yom Kippur.

For additional information, please contact Jason Plotkin at [jason@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jason@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### IN THE COMMUNITY

**Ed Septimus** was named a 2021 Investigator Award recipient by ID Week, a collaboration of the Infectious Diseases Society of America, Society for Healthcare Epidemiologists of America and the Pediatric Infectious Diseases Society.

### WEDDING

**Elizabeth Stoler & Christopher Bell**

**Zachary Stoler & Dena Furman**

### BIRTH

**Grayson Shelby Rockoff**, son of Jared & Lindsey Rockoff, grandson of Gayle & Richard Rockoff, Hildy & Michael Caplan; grandson of Herbert & Phyllis Plost

### DEATHS

**Shelley Cohen**, sister of Peter & Gloria Nemeroff, Andy Nemeroff

**Arthur Riben**, husband of Susan Riben; father of Kara Kahan & Michael Riben, Michelle & Daniel Riben, Pemina & Russell Riben; step-father of Jade & Jared Bluestein, Debra & Alastair Hewitt, Robyn Bluestein; grandfather of 6; step-grandfather of 4; brother of Marilyn & Irving Rosenberg

**Eugene Leo Solomon**, husband of Brenda; father of Mary Ann & Andrew Solomon, Amy & Jonathan, Debra; grandfather of 8

**Solomon Stopnicki**, husband of Ahuva Stopnicki; father of Karen & Jack Stopnicki, Shelley & Steven Davidoff; grandfather of Jeffrey Davidoff, Brett Davidoff, Ben Stopnicki; brother of Luis Joskowitz

**Fred Tyser**, father of Evetta & Richard Robbins, Patti & David Krivo, Alan Tyser; grandfather of Ariel Krivo, Eliza & Justin Stubbs, Shelly & Sydney Krivo-Riley, Adam Robbins; great-grandfather of four

### 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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### 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.

### 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 Under the Stars (in-person) Saturday, September 25, 7:00 p.m.

Join us for a special Sukkot gathering at Emanu El for all ages.

Our evening will get underway at 7:00 p.m. on the east side of our campus with an opportunity to set up

your seating arrangements and take advantage of the delicious treat offerings including popular movie theater fare.

The program will begin at 7:15 p.m. as our clergy leads a special Sukkot Havdalah from under the Emanu El Sukkah before our feature film begins at 7:30 p.m. The film will be announced in upcoming synagogue communications.

We will be practicing social distancing, and all participants are asked to wear a mask when not eating or drinking. Participants are encouraged to bring their own lawn chairs and blankets.

Please register in advance, as capacity is limited. Due to the limited capacity, this event is for members in good standing and active participants in our Basic Judaism class.

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

### Consecration (digital) Sunday, September 26, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

The congregation is invited to join us online for a lively musical celebration of endings and beginnings as we celebrate Consecration and the beginning of Helfman Religious School education for our youngest learners.

Please note that only those who live in the household of our consecrants are allowed to attend in-person in the Barish Sanctuary.

Extended family and community members are encouraged to join this offering online by visiting our Barish Sanctuary streaming video page, YouTube, Roku or Facebook.

### Tot Shabbat (in-person) Friday, October 1, Dinner at 5:45 p.m., Service at 6:30 p.m.

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El for our monthly Tot Shabbat to share a special Shabbat led by a member of our clergy and geared toward families with little ones ages 0-6.

Join us for Tot Shabbat by registering online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org). Please note that due to capacity considerations, advance registration is required and only open to Becker or Emanu El families.

Our Tot Shabbat will begin with a picnic dinner outside at 5:45 p.m. Families are encouraged to bring picnic blankets or something comfortable to sit on.

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An optional dinner will be provided by Houston Catering Concepts and feature a slider trio featuring a hamburger slider, chicken slider and a hot dog along with chips and fruit. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person.

Please save the date and make plans to join us for our November Tot Shabbat to be held on Friday, November 5 when we are joined by nationally known musician Ellen Allard.

For more information on our Tot Shabbat programming, please contact Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

This program is generously underwritten by the Alex & Willie Mae Goldstein Children's Fund.

### **Bereavement Group (in-person) Saturdays, Starting October 2, 9:15 a.m.**

Emanu El will host a bereavement group on Saturday mornings at 9:15 a.m. The group will meet for 8 sessions, concluding on November 19. Participants are not required to attend all sessions but are strongly encouraged to attend as many as possible. The group will be facilitated by Mallory Minberg, M.Ed., LPC, who currently works as a staff psychotherapist at the Menninger Clinic, Bellaire Outpatient Office. Advance Registration is required.

Contact Shira Moses at [shiram@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:shiram@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 212.

### **“Better Together” Social Action Project: Kids’ Meals (in-person) Sunday, October 3, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.**



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

“Better Together” - a community-wide Houston Jewish singles’ initiative for those in their 50s and 60s - will host a community service and social gathering at Congregation Beth Israel (5600 N. Braeswood Blvd, Houston, TX 77096).

We have partnered with Kids’ Meals, a local non-profit organization with a mission to end childhood hunger by delivering FREE healthy meals to Houston’s hungriest preschool-aged children and through collaboration, provide their families with resources to end the cycle of poverty.

Our morning will begin with a light breakfast prior to the project. We ask that all volunteers regardless of their vaccination status bring masks as we will be handling food while packing the lunches for Kids’ Meals. Gloves will be provided on-site.

To help us prepare, we ask that you RSVP in advance. A link can be found on our website or in synagogue communications.

“Better Together” hosted its official launch party at Pinstripes in August with a plan to host bi-monthly gatherings. The next event will take place on Sunday, December 10 and will be a bus tour featuring a stop at different breweries throughout the Houston area. 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.

### **Self-Care Wellness Check In (digital) Tuesday, October 19th, 7:00 - 8:30 p.m.**

Join Jewish Family Service (JFS) and Emanu El for a self-care wellness check-in led by Gittel Francis, community intervention specialist.

Many of us would not hesitate to help someone in need. It is more challenging to care for and help ourselves.

Join us as we learn tips and tools how to create wellness and self-care check-ins. You will have a chance to share your ideas and gain from group sharing of the joys and joys of life.

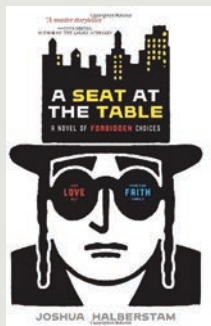
This gathering will be held on Zoom and will not be recorded to provide a safe space for participants. To help us plan accordingly, we ask that you register at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) and a Zoom link will be sent out prior to the program.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at [jason@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jason@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

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# Sisterhood News & Happenings

September – October 2021



## BOOK REVIEW:

*A Seat at the Table*

by Joshua Halberstam

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 7:00 PM (digital)

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 online, or by contacting the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

## Afternoon Mah Jongg (in-person)

Mondays, September 13 & October 11, 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 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, September 9** for the September gathering and **Thursday, October 7** for the October gathering at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext 233.

## Judaism Through the Arts Tour of Museum of Southern Jewish Experience (digital)

Wednesday, October 13, 11 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Join Sisterhood to experience a tour of the recently opened Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience located in New Orleans. This docent-led Zoom tour will explore the fascinating history of Jews in the South.

Although representing less than one percent of southern states' population, southern cities and towns have had Jewish mayors, sheriffs, council members and civic leaders in high numbers. This unique museum is the answer to the often-heard comment, "I didn't know there were Jews in the South!"

The cost is \$10 for this Zoom program. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) by Monday, October 11. Registration is also available at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

## DR. PETER HOTEZ TO SERVE AS SHABBAT SHUVAH SPEAKER

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Microbiology at Baylor College of Medicine, where he is also the co-director of the Texas Children's Center for Vaccine Development (CVD) and Texas Children's Hospital Endowed Chair of Tropical Pediatrics. An internationally recognized physician-scientist in neglected tropical diseases and vaccine development, Dr. Hotez has appeared frequently on major broadcast networks including the BBC, CNN, Fox News and MSNBC. He is also a regular on radio and given interviews to many print media including the *Houston Chronicle*, *New York Times*, *USA Today*, *Washington Post* and *Wall Street Journal*.

Our Shabbat Shuvah worship will take place in person in the Barish Sanctuary and will also be available on the Emanu El website (Barish Sanctuary streaming video), Facebook, YouTube and Roku channels. An archive of the service and the D'var Torah will be shared following the conclusion of worship.

**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.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

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from our Inclusion Committee. Providing access to our chapel bimah has long been a priority of the Building & Grounds Committee, and this group explored just about every option possible to ensure that the addition would preserve the beauty and architecture of the Proler Chapel.

The details are still being finalized, but I can share that the ramp will be constructed offsite to minimize the disruption to worship services and other programming in the chapel. The work is fully funded by the Proler Chapel Endowment Fund and a generous donation by an anonymous donor. Please join me in thanking Bruce, Garey, Becky, Shel, Fredi and Matt Pasternak and Ben Miller for sharing their time and expertise to make this meaningful improvement to our worship space.

Being blessed at the Ark provides an opportunity to feel a connection to G-d and to Judaism; it also provides a sense of sacred belonging at Emanu El. Removing physical barriers to the Ark is one way to feel connected at Emanu El, but there are less visible barriers to belonging, as well. As a community of faith, it's our responsibility to ensure that individuals have the chance to feel connected to their faith and to each other. We

## 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.

**Jennifer & David Cohen,**  
**daughter Valentina**  
**Robert Conlon**  
**Myrna & Leonard Kaplan**  
**Michelle & Adam Leeman,**  
**son Eli**  
**Lisa Mendelovitz**  
**Emily & Andy Olin,**  
**daughter Emma**  
**Stefani Patch**  
**Anna & Erez Shabtay,**  
**children Eytan & Eliya**  
**Mindy Schultz & Kevin Tofsky**  
**Rachel & Michael Schneider,**  
**son Eli**  
**Susan & Stanley Schneider**  
**Ilana Walder-Biesandz**  
**Shellie & Abe White,**  
**children Joshua & Gigi**

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.

have launched a new task force to explore ways to create a sense of sacred belonging at Emanu El for all Jews and their loved ones. Chaired by Leah Madof and Lauren Ziff, the Sacred Belonging Task Force will work with our clergy, staff and board to identify areas in which we can create a sense of belonging, a place where every Jew that walks in our doors can be seen, valued and included. I look forward to sharing more about this group's work in the months to come.

### 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.



## Sacred Spaces: The Heart and Soul of Emanu El

There is a trio of spaces at Congregation Emanu El that draws members in and beckons them to prayerful activity: The Barish Sanctuary, the Proler Chapel and the Robert I. Kahn Gallery. Each of these beloved areas of thought and reflection serves a sacred purpose that has grown and evolved over time. Together, they form the core of our spiritual home, creating an experience that is beautiful, welcoming and elevates the soul.

The Endowment Funds which help support the grace, functionality and historic character of our building include the Barish Fund, the Temple Fund, Access for All, the Proler Chapel Fund, the Robert I. Kahn Art Gallery Fund, and the Sarah & Adolph Blumenfeld Klei Kodesh Sacred Objects Fund. As members, we are fortunate to enjoy the unique combination of faith, community, hope and beauty that these important funds bring to us all.

## The Barish Sanctuary

The striking architecture and design of Congregation Emanu El's main sanctuary has long been a source of grandeur, awe and reverence. It sets the tone and character for the entire building and offers all who enter it a sacred and uplifting worship experience. "Originally, the pulpit was at the top of a tall set of steps, and with the help of the Barish Fund, the design was redone to lower the pulpit to accommodate a new way of worship and bring a more meaningful, interpersonal experience," recalls Rabbi Roy Walter. "Over 20 years ago, we also installed a lift behind the pulpit to offer access to those in wheelchairs. The Temple Fund and the Barish Fund enabled us to make major renovations to the seating, floors, ceiling, and sound system, as well as new enhancements to support those who are hearing-impaired," he adds.

**From our 2019 High Holy Days, a full Barish Sanctuary on Rosh HaShanah morning.**



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# Guidance from our past, growth for our future

## The Proler Chapel

Rabbi Robert I. Kahn dreamed of adding a more intimate space for weddings, services and other family milestones which were too small to be comfortable in the sanctuary. Today, the Proler Chapel provides a warm, connecting space in which special events as well as services are held.

When Past-President Becky Proler chaired the temple's capital campaign in the late 2000's she realized the building and the garage needed to be endowed to be maintained in perpetuity. "Simply building them wasn't enough," she recalls. Her family was motivated to create the fund to further steward, improve and help maintain the property. More recently, in conjunction with another gift, "The Proler Fund is helping construct a ramp to provide a completely accessible chapel bimah, which will look like it's part of the original design," she declares.



**In 2020 when we could not be together, our clergy team found ways to incorporate the beauty of the Proler Chapel and its stained glass windows into our liturgy. Rabbi Oren Hayon is pictured preparing to be recorded for his sermon in front of the windows.**



**A sculpture depicting Rabbi Robert I. Kahn greets guests as they come into the art gallery. The art committee cycles exhibits through the space with the current one showcasing the various photographs housed in the Emanu El collection.**

## Robert I. Kahn Art Gallery

The Rabbi I. Kahn Art Galley provides a unique and powerful bridge connecting the Barish Sanctuary and the Proler Chapel. It offers members and visitors a thoughtful space for reflection, meditation and calm, and its contents evoke an alternative form of healing, hope and spirituality.

For many years, the gallery has been run with love and great dedication by Co-Chairs Libby Marvins and Joan Morgenstern. "There has always been one governing rule," explains Joan. "The art must be about Jewish values, principles and history. The artist doesn't have to be. For example, we have quite a bit of art on the Civil

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**“My father believed people came to God and religion in different ways – some through study, some through prayer, and some through the arts. Dad spent hours painting, as a way of expressing his feelings on life and what mattered. In turn, I personally cherish the temple’s art and the effort of our devoted Art Gallery Committee.”**

**Dr. Edward Kahn, son of Rabbi Robert I. Kahn**

Rights movement. Although not directly about Judaism, it is about Tikkun Olam...repairing the world. Funding comes through donations and gifts of actual art. The Gallery Fund is used for purchases and commissions, and we typically rotate the collection on display two to three times a year.”

Adds Libby: “Without the Kahn Art Gallery Fund, our art gallery would simply not be here. The funds are used for maintenance, repairs, appraisals, and enhancements. The Fund enables this sacred art to be stored and maintained, now and in the future.”



## **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 Anna Shabtay at [annas@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:annas@emanuelhouston.org), or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera.

## **Access for All**

It is impossible to talk about the space and design of Emanu El without stating the importance of the Access for All Fund. The Fund was created as an outgrowth of the Temple Inclusion Committee, “which wanted and needed a fund,” as Board member Fredi Franks explains. “The Fund is about more than physical access. It’s about providing a certain experience. There are two mezuzahs at each temple entrance. One is at the height we are all accustomed to; the other is much lower. This is so those in a wheelchair can fulfill the customary ritual as well. There are also two levels of hooks outside bathrooms to hang tallitot. Eventually, we hope to provide a space for those who can’t sit through services, so they too can fully participate.”

## **Sarah & Adolph Blumenfeld Klei Kodesh Sacred Objects Fund**

This important Fund was established by Norman Blumenfeld, in memory of his parents, to take care of Klei Kodesh (sacred objects). The Fund is used to purchase and refurbish Torahs and other sacred objects in need of repair. The Fund provides peace of mind that those objects we hold most sacred in our spiritual community will always be taken care of and remain whole.

**“Be it designing the new bimah in the sanctuary, choosing the ark in the chapel, or redoing the layout in the art gallery, Emanu El has always considered what would best serve its members with great care, professionalism and thought. Our Endowment Funds have played an invaluable role in enabling our leadership to make meaningful choices best suited for the long-term.”**

**Rabbi Roy Walter**

### Anna Shabtay Joins Emanu El Staff as Director of Congregational Advancement



Congregation Emanu El is excited to welcome Anna Shabtay as the first-ever Director of Congregational Advancement. Anna, born and raised in Memphis, TN, has a B.A. in Communication from the University of Arizona, a master's degree in Public Administration from USC and a master's degree in Jewish Non-Profit Management from Hebrew Union College. Most recently, Anna

served as the Chief Advancement Officer for the Jewish Community Center of Greater Columbus. Prior to Ohio, Anna worked at the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC, here in Houston, for four years in a variety of roles, though most notably as the Director of Children and Camping. With over 12 years of Jewish non-profit professional experience, Anna has also worked for the Memphis JCC and the Jewish Federation of Long Beach, CA.

Rabbi Hayon explains, "Since I became Emanu El's Senior Rabbi in 2015, I have dreamed about creating this position as an addition to our Senior Staff team. In her new role, Anna will be drawing on her rich professional background and her many personal gifts to strengthen the congregation's future and move us steadily forward toward the fulfillment of our mission in the community."

As Director of Congregational Advancement, Anna will cultivate, develop and deepen members' relationships with our congregation. These relationships will be essential for planning and implementing all aspects of congregational philanthropy including enhanced commitments, annual giving, tributes, special projects, capital improvements, as well as endowment funds, legacy commitments, and planned gifts.

"I am so excited to be a part of the Emanu El family and continue to build upon the successful and impressive history of the synagogue. I look forward to working with both our professional staff and lay leaders to fulfill Emanu El's incredibly important mission. My door is always open, and I cannot wait to get to know all the members and families," adds Anna.

Anna can be reached at [annas@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:annas@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.2771, ext. 261.

### Gathering Place Seeks Volunteers for Re-Launch

Are you interested in becoming more involved in volunteering at the Temple, while also having an impact on the community? Consider becoming a member of our Gathering Place Care Team.

For over 10 years, a dedicated group of volunteers has met on the second Monday of the month hosting a gathering



Arts and crafts is one of the activities that takes place during the Gathering Place. In this pre-COVID photo, congregant Al Eisenberg helps a member of the Gathering Place paint while their caregiver looks on.

of adults with memory loss and their care givers, providing companionship and fun for individuals living with memory loss. Many of the same volunteers began volunteering as members of our AIDS Care Team and have continued their service as part of our Care Team.

Volunteers provide a hot lunch for our participants and arrange for activities such as arts and crafts and musical entertainment, all designed to give caregivers a respite for a few hours. CarePartners, an organization that provide support, education and resources to caregivers and quality care for those living with memory loss and other challenges of aging, provides training to our volunteers and provides support for our team.

We plan to resume the Gathering Place activities in October 2021, following the COVID safety guidelines of both the congregation and CarePartners. If you are interested in becoming a member of our Care Team and helping to create a safe and welcoming environment for adults with memory loss and their care givers, please contact Phyllis Berman at 713.253.6448.

### Rabbi Hayon Participates in Gathering of Houston-Area Faith Leaders

Rabbi Oren Hayon attended a gathering of Houston area faith leaders on Tuesday at UH-Downtown. Mayor Sylvester Turner and Houston Police Chief Troy Finner called the meeting to share an update on the city of Houston's police reform initiative. An online dashboard to track data and allow for transparency is now available at <https://bit.ly/2VEmOff>. During the gathering, Rabbi Hayon led the participants in prayer.





## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### 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.

Guest D'var Torah by Dr. Peter Hotez

### 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.

## SERVICE DESCRIPTIONS

**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, In the Pulpit and in the Pew – Part I]**

**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: The Bucket Fillers]**

**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: The Quarantine Reviewed]**

**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, In the Pulpit and in the Pew – Part II]**

**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, The Cookie Thief]**

**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: The A-Word]**

**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.

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

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

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

**[Sermon by Rabbi Roy Walter: Every Person is a Cemetery]**

**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 with our reopening policy, we are asking attendees at all services and events to be vaccinated. Masking will be required for all worshippers regardless of vaccination status.

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

## HIGH HOLY DAY PASSES (MEMBER & GUESTS)

High Holy Day passes are sent to members in good standing by mail and should be in the hands of all members by the time this *Bulletin* hits your email inbox or post box. 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, [emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship](http://emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship). Please fill out this form 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](http://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)

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.

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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

All parking for on-site services this year will take place at Emanu El and guests utilizing our Gaylor Parking Facility are asked to come in through Entry 1 (closest to Hermann Park/Main Street). Parking on the first floor of the Gaylor Parking Facility will be reserved for handicap-accessible use only. These spaces will be released 15 minutes prior to the start of services.

The West Lot is for Rabbi's Circle members with appropriate pass and these guests are asked to come through Entry 2 (closest to Mandell Street / Rice Village) and enter through a special Rotunda entry point.

Please note that the Sunset Drive entrance of the synagogue will be closed this year.

For Tashlich, please enter the ERJCC parking lot through gate 1 on Atwell. Due to construction at the ERJCC, you will need to walk out this gate and north towards Braeswood where a member of our off-duty police team will help you to the bayou.

For the Cemetery Service, please enter through the main entrance at the cemetery. To help our officers, we ask those with a handicap placard to please display it as you enter the property.

## UBER TO EMANU EL FOR SERVICES

Emanu El is subsidizing Uber by \$5 per trip on Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur. These vouchers are valid for up to two hours prior and two hours following our services, and users must have one end of the route (pick-up or drop-off) located within .25 miles of the synagogue in order to be eligible.

Uber or ride-share service pick-up and drop-off must occur at the north entry to the Barish Sanctuary, as the Sunset Drive entrance will not be accessible. Please note that there will be separate Uber vouchers

for the two days of Rosh HaShanah and the two days of Yom Kippur.

## 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

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.

## EMANU EL RETURNS TO TELEVISION IN '21



**HoustonMediaSource**

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

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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.**

### **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).

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## **BECKER SCHOOL SCHOOL NEWS**



### **Becker School Faculty Returns Ahead of School Year**

In mid-August, we were so excited to welcome back home to Emanu El our 2021-22 Becker School faculty and staff. The collective Becker team kicked off teacher in-service on Monday, August 16, and school was slated to begin the following week. Our Emanu El community can get a glance into the program by visiting "Becker School" on Facebook.





We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through August 13, 2021.

**ACCESS FOR ALL FUND**

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

In Memory of  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**  
Susan & Robert Zeller

**ALAN GAYLOR TEACHER ASSISTANT FUND**

To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants

In Memory of  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**  
Marianne & Andy Russem

**Cary Robinson & Curtis Graves**

Joni & Gary Lewis, Myles, Clayton & Celia

**Susan Rene Sankary**

Lillian Gaylor & Joni & Gary Lewis

**AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians

In Memory of  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**  
Shelley & Vic Wisner

**BARBARA & MARK BROOKNER CAMPSHIP FUND**

To provide scholarships to send Helfman Religious School students to Greene Family Camp

In Memory of  
**Geraldine “Geri” Lee Epstein Hooks**  
Andee & Murray Klein

**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND**

To provide and enhance the Becker School

**A Donation**  
Rebekah Gandy

In Appreciation of  
**Jeri Amundsen – for her leadership during difficult times**

fredi & Paul Franks

In Memory of  
**Paul Lazovick**  
Bobbi Samuels

**CANTOR-STONE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND**

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Honor of  
**Ed Septimus – Recipient of Congregation Beth Israel’s Patrick Colbert Volunteer of the Year Award**  
Lisa Stone & Scott Cantor

**CECILE & EMANUEL WULFE CONFIRMATION AWARD FUND**

To provide a scholarship to send an outstanding Confirmation student to a NFTY event

In Memory of  
**Ed Wulfe**  
Reggie & Cathy Guettner & Allison & Tem Nieto

**CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of  
**David Miller**  
Barbara Miller

**CLERGY’S GOOD WORKS FUND**

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

In Honor of  
**Clergy of Emanu El**  
Simone & Sam Weber  
**Paul Croft’s Birthday**  
Adele & Steve Croft

**Rabbi Joshua Fixler**  
Ruth Silverman

**Rabbi Oren Hayon**  
Phyllis Berman  
Roger Greenberg  
Houston Jewish Funerals  
Daisy Renfro

**Rabbi Pamela Silk & Cantor Rollin Simmons**  
Valerie & Michael Lewis

**The Speedy Recovery of Elton Lipnick**  
Victor Shainock

In Memory of  
**Jean Albert Duval**  
Marianne & Larry Greenfield

**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**

Marilyn Caplovitz  
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**Sadye Rosmarin**

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**Jack Selber**

Julien Rosenthal

**EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND**

To feed the hungry of Houston

In Honor of  
**Barry Goodfriend’s Birthday**  
Punkin & Walter Hecht

In Memory of  
**Bettie Braunstein Farfel**  
Linda Lesser

**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**

Lillian Putterman  
Carol & Michael Wilk

**Paul Lazovick**

Linda & Paul Lynn

**Beadie Friedberg Lewis**

Carol & Michael Wilk

**William Rosenthal**

Marianne & Larry Greenfield

**Sandra Veedell**  
Susan Brochstein

**ESTHER SHELBY FELLOWSHIP FUND**

To provide food and refreshments for Emanu El programs that bring members closer to the congregation

**A Donation**  
Jo Ann Levine

**FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND**

To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials and to underwrite leadership programs and speakers

In Honor of  
**The Speedy Recovery of Myra Lipper**  
Jennis Kauffman  
David Livitz

In Memory of  
**Barbara Dunn**  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**

Myra Lipper  
**William “Bill” Tarnopol**  
Jennis Kauffman

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

To enhance musical programming

In Honor of  
**Marianne & Larry Greenfield’s Anniversary**  
Anonymous

**GENERAL CEMETERY DONATION**

To support Emanu El Memorial Park

**A Donation**  
Vera A. Balog

**GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND**

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

In Memory of  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**  
Carol & Ronnie Rauch  
Beth & Lee Schlanger

**JASON & DAVID MARCUS PLAYSPACE FUND**

To maintain and enhance the Emanu El playground

In Memory of  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**  
**Bernice Friedlander**  
Ruby Sondock

**JULIA KAPLAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND**

To enhance Helfman Religious School programs

In Memory of  
**Bernice “Bernie” Feld**  
Carolyn & Jay Kaplan  
Celine Kaplan

**Bebe Nathan Hess**  
Celine Kaplan

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**PRAYER BOOK FUND**

To provide prayer books for worship

In Memory of

**Bernice "Bernie" Feld**  
Bitsy Proler

**RABBI ROY & LINDA WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND**

To support spiritual and cultural enrichment

In Honor of

**Jeff Applebaum's Birthday**

Phyllis & Allen Applebaum

**Sheila & Jerry Kaplan's Birthday & Anniversary**

Charlotte Schultz

**Rabbi Roy Walter**

Harriet & Ronnie Bormaster

**The 2nd Bar Mitzvah of Bruce Stein**

Simone & Sam Weber

**The Speedy Recovery of Myra Lipper**

**The Speedy Recovery of David Livitz**

Carol & Larry Fradkin

In Memory of

**Barbara Dunn**

Alana & Alan Pulaski & Family

**Bernice "Bernie" Feld**

Arlene & Marshall Hoffman

Eileen & Richard

Westerman

**Bernice Friedlander**

**Vicki Greenberg**

Harriet & Ronnie Bormaster

**Beadie Friedberg Lewis**

Helen Brounes

Tootie & Steve Fradkin

**Josh Robert**

**Linda Walter**

Harriet & Ronnie Bormaster

**RICKY SCHNURR**

**CAMPERSHIP FUND**

To provide Greene Family

Camp scholarships

In Honor of

**The Speedy Recovery of Myra Lipper**

Gladys Schnurr

In Memory of

**Bernice "Bernie" Feld**

Gladys Schnurr

Cindy & David Senior

**Geraldine "Geri" Lee**

**Epstein Hooks**

**Beadie Friedberg Lewis**

**Marvin Speer**

Gladys Schnurr

**Martin Steve Stepanski**

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer

& Family

**RIVA BURSTEN CARING**

**CONGREGATION FUND**

To support programs that assist people in the community

In Honor of

**Paul Croft's Birthday**

Susie & David Askanase

fredi & Paul Franks

Marianne & Larry

Greenfield

**ROBERT I. KAHN SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND**

To send congregants to the

Consultation on Conscience at

the Religious Action Center

In Honor of

**Jeff Basen-Engquist's Birthday**

Karen Basen-Engquist

In Memory of

**Barbara Dunn**

Sara Astrich

Betty Duson & Al Kahn

**RONALD BROCHSTEIN**

**EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND**

To enhance preschool

education

In Memory of

**Diane Dante**

**Beadie Friedberg Lewis**

Curtis Tatar

Phyllis Turkel

**ROSE GOODFRIEND**

**ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE**

To help send Confirmation

students to Israel

In Memory of

**Kimberly Saghian & Robyn Saghian**

Emily & Joey Spinner

**SACHS-PESSES COMMUNITY**

**OUTREACH FUND**

To present programs on

lesbian, gay, bisexual and

transgender issues

In Memory of

**Barbara Dunn**

Susan & Ed Septimus

**SHIRLEY & BERNARD**

**WEINGARTEN FUND**

To provide and enhance

congregational programs

In Memory of

**Shirley Weingarten**

Linda Kates

**SHIRLEY BARISH**

**MEMORIAL ISRAEL**

**EXPERIENCE FUND**

To send Helfman Religious

School high school students

to Israel

In Honor of

**Yom Kippur**

Don Akens

**SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND**

To provide flowers in our

worship spaces

**A Donation**

Susan Simon

In Honor of

**Yom Kippur**

Bette & Richard Pesikoff

In Memory of

**Arlene Roggen**

Sydney & Ted Roggen

**SISTERHOOD FUND**

To provide for and enhance

Sisterhood programming

In Memory of

**Bernice "Bernie" Feld**

Nancy Beren & Larry

Jefferson

Jeff Basen-Engquist

Celia Rabinowitz

**SUSMAN FUND FOR FAMILY PROGRAMMING**

To support programs for

families

In Honor of

**The Speedy Recovery of Katherine Buck**

Lila Rauch

In Memory of

**Bernice "Bernie" Feld**

Lila Rauch

Linda & Larry Rauch

Patricia & Mark Rauch

Linda Rauch Susman

**TEMPLE FUND**

To support the needs of the

Temple and to fulfill the

mission of Congregation

Emanu El

In Appreciation of

**Cantor Rollin Simmons**

**& Emanu El Staff**

Jessica & Bryan Sabo

In Honor of

**Pat & Aaron Fradkin's Anniversary**

Carol & Michael Wilk

**Sarah & Ari Kessler's Wedding Anniversary**

Madgelyn & Richard Pesin

**Stephen Paine's Birthday**

Paula & Irving Pozmantier

**The Speedy Recovery of Elton Lipnick**

Barbara & Raymond

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In Memory of

**Barbara Dunn**

Hayley Kol and Family

Rona & L.A. Train

**Bernice "Bernie" Feld**

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**Gerry Schenberg & Rob**

**Schenberg**

Sandy & Michael Wexler

**Charlotte Wood**

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**Book of Memory**

These submissions were not

included in the *Book of Memory*

that will be distributed

during the High Holy Days

and are shared as part of our

Temple *Bulletin*.

In Memory of

**Steffie Odle, Sidney Odle,**

**Leah Odle, Nathan Rosenthal,**

**Dorothy Rosenthal, Joseph**

**Kaufman, Robert Lindquist,**

**Herbert Lesser**

by The Odle Family

**Saul Soffar**

by Maria Soffar

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### Cucumbers Enjoyed from Bear's Garden by Becker Graduates

Our Becker graduating class planted cucumber seeds in Bear's Garden earlier this spring. On their last day of camp, our graduates were thrilled to find a cucumber ready to enjoy.



### Brotherhood Prepares for Garage Sale

Brotherhood volunteers Alford Bleeker (left) and Steve Moskowitz helped move things into position during the preparation for the annual garage sale. The garage sale took place over two consecutive weekends in August. Special thanks to the Brotherhood and the team of volunteers who allowed the event to happen this year.

### Congregation Emanu El Hosts Annual Night at the Ballpark

Emanu El hosted its annual Night at the Ballpark in early August as the Astros defeated the Colorado Rockies. Look out for details next spring for information about the next Emanu El Night at the Ballpark.



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## **An Online Murder Mystery! (digital)** **Sunday, October 24, 7:00 p.m.**

We need your help solving a murder mystery!

It's the 1920's in Chicago at the height of the mafia's stranglehold on the city. In the midst of the battle between rival families, one of the family bosses has been murdered! Suspects abound from both the murdered boss' crime syndicate as well as from rival families. Everyone is a potential suspect, even his wife and secret mistress.

The lead detective that was working the case has disappeared as he was getting to close to the unveiling the two killers' identities. With pressure from a corrupt Mayor's office who was known to associate with the slain crime boss, the chief has assigned your team (which is your household and up to one other household) to pick up the case to try and solve this before the killers leave town.

Using evidence, you must solve the murder by the end of the game. Eliminate suspects by going through the evidence until you figure out who the two killers are.

Join us on Zoom to take part in the game! Participants are encouraged to hop on the call by 6:45 p.m. to test their technology and to schmooze with other participants. It is strongly advised to have two devices handy during the course of the game.

To register, visit our website or find the link in synagogue communications. A Zoom link will be sent out roughly 60-90 minutes before the game to all registered participants.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at [jason@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jason@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.



## **Mental Health First Aid (digital)** **Tuesdays, October 26 & November 2,** **6:00 - 9:00 p.m.**

Congregation Emanu El has partnered with Jewish Family Service (JFS) regularly to offer Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training as part of our congregation and the Houston Jewish community's overall commitment to mental health.

In the MHFA course, you will learn risk factors and

warning signs for mental health and addiction concerns, strategies for how to help someone in both crisis and non-crisis situations, and where to turn for help.

MHFA teaches about recovery and resiliency – the belief that individuals experiencing mental health challenges can and do get better and use their strengths to stay well.

Participants will need to complete Part I online prior to taking Part II, which will be offered on consecutive Tuesday evenings. The Tuesday evening sessions will be lead on Zoom by MHFA Certified instructors, and there will be short breaks during the trainings.

Once participants complete the course, they will receive a certificate of completion valid for three years from the date of the course. Continuing education credits are also available with prior request.

To register for the above two-part class or for a list of additional MHFA trainings available this fall through JFS, visit [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

## **Election Day at Emanu El (in-person)** **Tuesday, November 2, 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.**

We are excited to share that for a second straight year, Congregation Emanu El will serve as a polling location for those who reside in Harris County on Election Day. While we encourage you to vote early, if you decide to vote on election day, Congregation Emanu El will be available to you.

For more information about early voting, voting locations, hours of operations, sample ballots and more, please visit [harrisvotes.com](http://harrisvotes.com).



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Looking for a one-stop shop to catch the latest worship services, musical selections, High Holy Day 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!



## Splish Splash Havdalah

In August, we hosted a Splish Splash Havdalah. The evening started with a picnic dinner & Havdalah before we moved to the playground for water play & popsicles! One of the highlights on the playground? Shaving cream!



## Teacher Assistants Report for School Year

Our Helfman Religious School teacher assistants along with the faculty of the religious school reported to school on Sunday, August 22 for a teacher in-service and training. The Helfman Religious School year kicks off **Sunday, September 19.**

## 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/eealumni2021](https://emanuelhouston.org/form/eealumni2021).



## Get Social With Us!

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

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





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SAVE THE DATE:

SUZANNE NOSSEL  
*Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech for All*  
Monday, November 15, 12:00 p.m. (hybrid)

The Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center's Jewish Books & Arts Festival will be making a stop at Congregation Emanu El as we partner to host Suzanne Nossel, author of *Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech for All*.

Nossel is CEO of PEN America, the leading human rights and free expression organization and has published op-eds in *The New York Times*, *Washington Post* and *Los Angeles Times*.



More information about the ERJCC Jewish Books & Arts Festival and this visit will be shared in forthcoming communications.



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