



Congregation Emanu El

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## FROM RABBI HAYON



*The way we live our lives today is an expression of fidelity to our predecessors' values. The decisions we make, the priorities we uphold, the lessons we teach – each of these choices represents a response to those who came before us.*

In their instructions for the observance of Passover, the rabbis of the Talmud teach that in addition to the ritual components of unleavened bread and bitter herbs, the seder must contain an elaborate retelling of the exodus story.

The story of our freedom does not begin with the Ten Plagues and the parting of the sea, however; the rabbis instruct that the story must begin much earlier, with stories of our most ancient ancestors who lived long before the Israelites were enslaved by the wicked Pharaoh.

By broadening the seder's narrative to include our earliest ancestors – who came to know the one God of Israel, who yearned for the Promised Land, and who experienced untold suffering in their wilderness wanderings – the rabbis signal how vital it is that we understand the way those oldest Jewish lives led to our own. Our lives are an extension of the ones that came before us; our relationship with God emerges from theirs, and our gratitude for today's freedom must be seen in the context of earlier generations'

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**THE MAN UPSTAIRS?**

QUESTIONING GOD THROUGH MUSIC

ONLINE CONCERT EXPERIENCE

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Congregation Emanu El

## ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND OUR CONGREGATION

*Their origin, what they do and how they make a difference*



“Emanu El is a place of lifelong learning that engenders awe and inspiration. Through its Endowment Fund programming, it paves the way for us to understand and embrace social justice, enhance communication and interconnectedness and improve access and inclusion for all. “Ultimately, it is my goal that Emanu El will exert a visible and consequential force on the spiritual and moral, intellectual and cultural life of our City.” – Rabbi Oren Hayon

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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. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

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

### **Shabbat Yom Sh'vi-i shel Pesach** **Friday, April 2**

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

### **Saturday, April 3**

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

#### **Passover Festival Service & Yizkor**

7:00 p.m., Havdalah for All, Zoom

### **Shabbat Sh'mini** **Friday, April 9**

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

### **Saturday, April 10**

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

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

Bar Mitzvah of **Ryan Brooks**, son of Lara Friel & Kenneth Brooks

### **Shabbat Tzria – M'tzora** **Friday, April 16**

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

### **Saturday, April 17**

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Micah & Dalia Gabelnick**, children of Stephanie & Aaron Gabelnick

### **Shabbat Acharei Mot – K'doshim** **Friday, April 23**

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

### **Saturday, April 24**

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Sydney & Zoe Kasman**, daughters of Regan & Jonathan Kasman

### **Shabbat Emor** **Friday, April 30**

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

#### **Helfman High School Graduation**

### **Saturday, May 1**

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

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

B'not Mitzvah of **Rayna Laufman**, daughter of Robin Laufman and **Melody Leal**, daughter of Amanda & David Leal

### **Shabbat B'har – B'chukotai** **Friday, May 7**

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

### **Saturday, May 8**

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

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struggle and strength.

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Starting this month, our *Temple Bulletin* will include a series of featured articles focusing on our congregational endowment funds which sustain and support the diverse work of Congregation Emanu El. It is our hope that these articles will help you to become acquainted with the various funds and the purposes to which they are dedicated.

The first article in this series, which can be found on pages 12-13, presents the early history of our endowment and introduce you to the visionary



individuals who formed them. I know that you will find these stories as moving and inspiring as I have.

Many centuries ago, the early rabbis established the framework for a Passover seder, building it into an enduring ritual meal which would serve as both an expression of Jewish ritual observance and an expression of Jewish communal memory.

They understood – just as we do today – that the best way to honor those who came before us is to use our time on earth to continue their stories with our own lives. This, after all, is what it means to be part of a sacred community and to devote our energies to the upbuilding of Jewish life in the world. It is a great privilege for all of us to share this vital work together.

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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

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### BIRTHS

**Brooke Abigail Belin**, daughter of Sara Loewy Belin & Paul Belin; granddaughter of Rabbi Bob & Lynn Loewy; Beverly & Norman Belin

**Laurel Rebecca Greene**, daughter of Hilary Greene; granddaughter of Susan Greene; great-granddaughter of Bea Aron

**Levi Sawyer Shannon**, son of Emily & Steven Shannon; grandson of Amy & Jerry Shannon, Marla & Billy Drori

### DEATHS

**Ruth Datz**, mother of Michael Datz & Cindy Fitzgerald; grandmother of Rachel Eustis, Nathan Datz, Geoffrey Datz; great-grandmother of Emma and Eloise Eustis

**Jerry Fishel**, father of Bari & David Fishel, Liba & Todd Stern; grandfather of Max, Elise and Theodore Fishel, Oliver and Fitz Stern; brother of Ricky Fishel

**Benjamin Sukholutsky**, husband of Valentina Sukholutsky; father of Elena & Vladimir Sukholutsky, Evetta & Meir Sukholutsky; grandfather of Victoria & Dennis, Dana & Roman, Yigal; great-grandfather of 4

### 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.

### A Board Resolution Honoring the Memory of William "Bill" Spitz

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

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

The resolution, at right, passed unanimously by the Board of Trustees at their Tuesday, March 9 meeting.

### Resolution In Memory Of William "Bill" Spitz

**WHEREAS**, William "Bill" Spitz was a long-standing, active and devoted member, and past President of Congregation Emanu El; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill was a highly respected innovator and business leader, building a one-man business into a respected industry leader, receiving such accolades as serving as the President of the National Pest Management Association (NPMA) and being inducted into the industry's Hall of Fame; and,

**WHEREAS**, Congregation Emanu El had a special place in Bill's heart as it was at the synagogue shortly after moving to Houston following World War II that he would meet his wife of over nearly 60 years, Joan Rush, in the pews during High Holy Day worship while serving as a Brotherhood usher;

**WHEREAS**, The unwavering commitment to Emanu El led to various leadership roles including a term as Brotherhood President before serving as the congregation's 16<sup>th</sup> President from 1969 to 1971; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill's tenure as President included several significant milestones in the history of the congregation including Emanu El's 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary in 1969, the hiring of Rabbi Roy A. Walter in 1970 as the synagogue's Assistant Rabbi and paying off the congregation's original mortgage in 1971; and,

**WHEREAS**, Following his presidency, Bill remained a visible presence in all aspects of congregational life, always being looked upon by Emanu El lay and professional leadership as a dependable voice for advice; and,

**WHEREAS**, his mentorship extended into the greater Houston community through Bill's co-founding of Silver Fox Advisors which enabled him to provide mentoring skills and business acumen to business owners, rehabilitating prisoners and others in need of assistance; and,

**WHEREAS**, Bill's passion and love for the communities he supported throughout his life will be deeply missed; therefore,

**IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED** that the members of Congregation Emanu El express to the Spitz family its sympathy and deep appreciation and gratitude for his devoted service to the congregation and records this acknowledgement in the minutes of the congregation's Board of Trustees meeting, March 9, 2021.

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

### Taste of Talmud

Thursdays, April 1 & May 6, 12:30 p.m.

Do you want all the benefits of a book discussion group without the need to commit to extensive reading ahead of time? Do you want to connect with both your Judaism and a fun group of people?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then join us for *A Taste of Talmud*, our monthly study of rabbinic texts, led by Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson. No experience or Hebrew knowledge required: all texts are provided in translation. We are currently meeting on Zoom – all are welcome. We would love to have you add your voice to our virtual *beit midrash* (house of study)!

Zoom information can be found on our website. For more information, contact Stefani Carlson at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 251.

### Havdalah for All

Saturday, April 3, 7:00 p.m.

Join Cantor Simmons and Barbara Loeser for a spirited singalong to mark the end of Shabbat. The rituals of Havdalah help us to engage all our senses as we come together to savor the last sweet moments of Shabbat and prepare for the week ahead. All ages welcome!

This event will be held exclusively on Zoom, and a song sheet will be made available on our website during the week leading up to the evening. To get the Zoom link, please register online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

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

### The Qu'ran and the Jews

Tuesday, April 6, 5:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El is partnering with Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institution of Religion (HUC-JIR), our Reform Movement's seminary to partner in a new program entitled HUC Connect. This program includes adult educational opportunities with members of the HUC faculty and visiting scholars.

This program will be led by **Dr. Reuven Firestone**, the Regenstein Professor in Medieval Judaism and Islam from HUC's Los Angeles campus.

Firestone has written over one hundred scholarly chapters and articles and eight books, with translations into German, French, Hebrew, Turkish, Arabic, Albanian, Serbo-Croatian, Macedonian, Indonesian, and Urdu. He served as Vice President of the Association for Jewish Studies (AJS) and president of the International Qur'anic Studies Association (IQSA) and has initiated and continues to be involved in numerous projects and initiatives which bring together Jews Muslims and



Christians, Jews and Arabs, and Israelis and Palestinians. He received rabbinical ordination from HUC-JIR in 1982.

To register for this program, please visit [huc.edu/HUCConnect](http://huc.edu/HUCConnect).

### The Man Upstairs? Questioning God Through Music

An Online Concert Experience  
Tuesday, April 13, 7:00 p.m.

Join us on a musical and thought-provoking journey, exploring varying perceptions of God as expressed through music. Cantor Simmons and her band will be joined by a team of renowned Jewish musicians: Cantor Josh Breitzer and Donna Breitzer, Noah Aronson and Happie Hoffman, and Elana Arian and Cantor Julia Cadrain. Through the magic of technology, these talented pairs will be joining us from their respective homes in New York and Oklahoma to present a unique genre-defying program.



Cantor Rollin Simmons

The concert will be broadcast on the Barish Sanctuary channel of our streaming video page of the Emanu El website, in addition to our Facebook page, YouTube and Roku channels. An archived copy of the concert will be available in similar locations.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: The concert will be broadcast on the Barish Sanctuary channel of our streaming video page of the Emanu El website, in addition to our Facebook page, YouTube and Roku channels. An archived copy of the concert will be available in similar locations. Additional publicity will be shared in the coming weeks.)

### Film Discussion:

#### *They Ain't Ready for Me*

Thursday, April 15, 7:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Silk as she discusses the documentary film, *They Ain't Ready for Me*, alongside the film's director Brad Rothschild.

*They Ain't Ready for Me* is the story of Tamar Manasseh, an African American rabbinical student who is leading the fight against senseless killings on the south side of Chicago.

The film explores the challenges and motivations of this fearless community leader as she works to prevent more people from being killed by gun violence. Tamar's complex identity and magnetic personality combine to make her a force to be reckoned with, and she hasn't even hit her stride yet.

Tamar and the organization she founded, MASK (Mothers and Men Against Senseless Killings) are proving all of the

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naysayers wrong; something can be done, the situation is not hopeless. Tamar is trying to restore the traditional role of the family back into the community. With just her presence on the block, talking, joking, and hanging out, she is making the forgotten people of the neighborhood believe that there are people who care whether they live or die in the Englewood section of Chicago.

Please register by **Thursday, April 8** to receive a password protected link to view the film in the days leading up to the program. A subsequent Zoom link for the discussion will also be sent to registrants.

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

## Emanu El Annual Meeting Sunday, April 18, 4:00 p.m.

Please mark your calendars for Congregation Emanu El's annual meeting. This year's annual meeting will once again be held on Zoom.

Information about the meeting including the coming year's budget, nominating slate, an opportunity to register and more were mailed to the congregation in mid-March. Register online with the link available at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

For more information or assistance in registering, please contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771.

## Online Trivia Night Sunday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

After a month away - we are back for another fun-filled night of online trivia hosted by Game Time Adventures!

Every month, our game host Mike presents new trivia games featuring everything from music and popular culture to sports and price-guessing games.

The custom-built game nights are fun and challenging adventures during which players muse a variety of different skill sets and ways of thinking to win. It is an experience beyond your average game night.

**Register by 4:00 p.m. on Sunday, April 25 by visiting [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org)** to receive information about how to connect on the night of the event.

The information on how to connect will be sent roughly 60-90 minutes before the game. Individuals and teams are encouraged to join the trivia room at 5:30 p.m. for a pre-game schmooze and/or stay afterward. If this is your first time playing with Emanu El and Game Time Adventures, it is strongly encouraged that you show up no later than 6:45 p.m. to make sure your devices are working appropriately.

Previous winners include individuals or teams captained by the following individuals: Katherine Kardesch (November & February), Joy Krohn (January), Andrew Gass (October), Chip Ware (September), Fredi Bleeker Franks (August) and Jeff Silk (July).

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

## Mental Health First Aid Training Thursday, April 29, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.



*NOTE: This event was originally scheduled for Monday, March 15, and was postponed due to technical glitches with the National Council's website.*

Congregation Emanu El is once again partnering with Jewish Family Service of Houston for a Mental Health First Aid (MHFA) training. The training session for MHFA is designed for participants to learn the signs, symptoms and risk factors of behavioral and mental health conditions as well as addictions. Those who successfully complete the training will receive a certificate valid for three years.

The program is offered for free and will take place on Zoom. A 30-minute lunch break will take place in between the two parts of the program, which will be led by a MHFA certified national instructor.

Registration can be found on the website calendar at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org), and it is requested that all interested participants sign up by **Friday, April 9**.

For more information, please contact Gittel Francis at [gfrancis@jfshouston.org](mailto:gfrancis@jfshouston.org).

## IN-PERSON PROGRAMMING

Over the coming weeks, we will begin increasing the amount of in-person programming at Emanu El beyond worship. These events will be limited in participation and follow the guidelines set forth by the congregation's COVID-19 Task Force.

Stay tuned in to the weekly Coming Events email for opportunities. Please note that many – if not all – of these events require pre-registration due to limited space.

If you have a suggestion for a program, please contact Program Director Jason Plotkin at [jasonp@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:jasonp@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6414.

### Work of Our Hands

Thursdays, April 8 & May 13, 10:00 a.m.



**Treasurer Fredi Bleeker Franks and President Jeri Amundsen visit the Work of Our Hands group during their first gathering back in the building during the month of March.**

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

If you do not know how to knit but want to learn, let us know. We will be happy to teach you.

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



### Kids' Meals Tuesdays, April 13 & 20, 9:30 a.m.

Our monthly Kids' Meals social action project returns in April with a pair of gatherings in Feld Hall. Join us as we

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

In accordance with the synagogue's COVID protocols,

there will be no food preparation on-site; Kids' Meals will be providing pre-made sandwiches, and our volunteers will be paired up to work at their own socially distanced station to assemble the full sack lunch.

Space is limited to 20 participants that RSVP to Donnie Bundman at [dbundman@gmail.com](mailto:dbundman@gmail.com). All participants are required to wear masks and check-in at the Rotunda. Following our dual gatherings in April, Kids' Meals will continue its recurring meetings on **the third Tuesday of the month on Tuesday, May 18 at 9:30 a.m.**

### Classics Havdalah & Picnic

Saturday, April 24, 6:30 p.m.

Grab your favorite blanket or lawn chair, pack a picnic dinner, and join the Classics in-person for Havdalah and a picnic!

We will schmooze in the sculpture garden outside, eat our individual picnic dinners, and celebrate being together by ending our evening with a beautiful Havdalah service led by Rabbi Hayon. Of course, we will practice social distancing (no sharing!) and wear our masks when appropriate, but we will be together at the synagogue for the first time in over a year. Truly a Shehecheyanu moment!

Although there is no charge for this program, space is limited, and we ask that you please register online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) so that we know you will join us. Due to space limitations, this event is open to members of Emanu El only.

The Classics is Emanu El's social group for those in their 50's and 60's, singles and couples alike. We are always open to new program ideas and welcome your input. Email [emanuelclassics@gmail.com](mailto:emanuelclassics@gmail.com) with ideas, thoughts, or questions.

### Snack Packs for SEARCH

Tuesdays, April 27 & May 25, 10:00 a.m.

Our monthly SEARCH volunteer returned to the building in March.

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

Please know that all attendees will be required to check-in at the Rotunda, wear masks during their stay in the building, and help us maintain social distancing in the board room while assembling their own bags with supplies we provide.

Due to limited space, we are requiring pre-event registration to Sandy Harris at [sdharr@comcast.net](mailto:sdharr@comcast.net).

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## An Interactive Storytelling Experience with Jana Banana

Sunday, May 2, 4:00 p.m.

Calling all families with 4–7-year-olds!



Bring your picnic blankets and join us in the Emanu El sculpture garden outside to enjoy interactive storyteller **Jana Banana**. Jana promises to get our kids (and parents) moving around in their spots during this interactive experience.

If weather dictates a change of space, we will move elsewhere on the Emanu El campus and share that ahead of time.

Please note that space is limited to just 25 people, and pre-registration is a must. Due to space considerations, this event is open to Emanu El members and Becker families only. To register, visit [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).

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.

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## Israel Now with Ambassador Dennis

### Ross & David Makovsky

Tuesday, April 20, 7:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El will host a conversation with Ambassador Dennis Ross and David Makovsky, Director of the Koret Project on Arab-Israel Relations. The conversation will focus on the recent Israeli elections, the Abraham Accords, and what the new Biden administration means for relations between the United States and Israel. There will be an opportunity to participate in a question-and-answer segment moderated by Rabbi Hayon following the conversation.

Both guests bring years of international diplomacy to the conversation. Ambassador Ross is Counselor and the William Davidson Distinguished Fellow at the Washington Institute for Near East Policy. Prior to returning to the Institute in 2011, he served two years as special assistant to President Obama and National Security Council senior director for the Central Region, and a year as special advisor to Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton.



**Dennis Ross**

For more than 12 years, Ambassador Ross played a leading role in shaping U.S. involvement in the Middle East peace process and dealing directly with the parties in negotiations. A highly skilled diplomat, Ambassador Ross was U.S. point man on the peace process in both the George H.W. Bush and Bill Clinton administrations. He was instrumental in assisting Israelis and Palestinians to reach the 1995 Interim Agreement; he also successfully brokered the 1997 Hebron Accord, facilitated the 1994 Israel-Jordan peace treaty, and intensively worked to bring Israel and Syria together.

Over the years, Ambassador Ross worked closely with Secretaries of State James Baker, Warren Christopher and Madeleine Albright. Prior to his service as Special Middle

East Coordinator under President Clinton, Ambassador Ross served as Director of the State Department's Policy Planning Staff in the first Bush administration and under President Reagan, Director of Near East and South Asian Affairs on the National Security Council staff and Deputy Director of the Pentagon's Office of Net Assessment.

David Makovsky is the Ziegler distinguished fellow at the Washington Institute. He is also an adjunct professor in Middle East studies at Johns Hopkins University's Paul H. Nitze School of Advanced International Studies (SAIS). In 2013-2014, he worked in the Office of the U.S. Secretary of State, serving as a senior advisor to the Special Envoy for Israeli-Palestinian Negotiations.



**David Makovsky**

Author of numerous Washington Institute monographs and essays on issues related to the Middle East Peace Process and the Arab-Israeli conflict, he is also coauthor, with Ambassador Ross, of the 2019 book *Be Strong and of Good Courage: How Israel's Most Important Leaders Shaped Its Destiny* and the 2009 *Washington Post* bestseller *Myths, Illusions, and Peace: Finding a New Direction for America in the Middle East*.

His 2017 interactive mapping project, "Settlements and Solutions," is designed to help users discover for themselves whether a two-state solution is still viable. His 2011 maps on alternative territorial solutions to the Israeli-Palestinian conflict were reprinted by the *New York Times* in the paper's first interactive treatment of an op-ed. His widely acclaimed September 2012 *New Yorker* essay, "The Silent Strike," focused on the U.S.-Israel dynamics leading up to the 2007 Israeli attack on Syrian nuclear facilities.

To participate, all guests must register online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) to gain access to the Zoom for the program. The Zoom information will be sent upon registering, and this event will not be recorded.

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# Sisterhood News & Happenings

April – May 2021



## BOOK REVIEW:

*The Star and the Shamrock*

by Jean Grainger; reviewed by Sandi Berman

THURSDAY, MAY 13, 12:30 PM

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

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 May book selection, *The Star and the Shamrock*, by Jean Grainger:

Berlin, 1939: When her husband fails to return home, Ariella concludes that the only way to ensure the safety of her Jewish children, Liesl and Erich, is to move them out of Germany via Kindertransport. A thousand miles away, Elizabeth Klein has closed herself off from the world. Losing her husband on the last day of WWI, then her child months later, she refuses to let herself love another. Elizabeth, however, is all Liesl and Erich Bannan have. The newly-formed family, together by circumstance, resilience, and reliance, locate first in Liverpool, where Elizabeth has a job teaching schoolchildren. After their house in Liverpool is destroyed in a German bombing raid, the three locate to the countryside of Northern Ireland, where they live in Elizabeth's ancestral home. Elizabeth, in turn, finds love, and Liesl and Erich are enriched, loved, and nurtured by their adopted community. [Note: *The Star and the Shamrock* is the first novel in a series of three, including *The Emerald Horizon*, Book Two, and *The Hard Way Home*, Book Three].

To help us plan for our book reviews and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, May 12**, by contacting the Sisterhood at [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

## All About Cupcakes with Sara Brook of Dessert Gallery

Wednesday, April 7, 7:00 p.m.

If you have ever wondered what a piñata cupcake is, how to dazzle your friends with cupcakes in a jar, or even how to "fill" a cupcake, here is your chance to learn! Join Sisterhood for a virtual program as Sara Brook demonstrates how to assemble these fabulous cupcakes. Sara is the owner of Dessert Gallery Bakery & Café, a fairytale land of desserts, including beautiful cakes, pies, cookie bars, and theme-decorated cookies.

There is no charge for this Zoom program, but reservations are a must. All those who register by **Friday, April 2** will

be welcome to a kit, supplied by Dessert Gallery, containing cupcakes and other items they will need to assemble the decorated cupcakes along



Sara Brook

with Sara that evening. The **kits can be picked up on the day of the program between 11:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m.**

at the Rotunda (west side) of Congregation Emanu El. We ask those who are participating in the drive through to remain in their car and the materials will be loaded into your vehicle.

Please RSVP online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Zoom information will be sent prior to the program.

## Girl Power on Broadway

Wednesday, April 28, 10:00 a.m.

From Ethel Merman to Patti LuPone, strong female performers have always held the spotlight on Broadway. Behind the scenes, however, has been a different story. Debra Dickinson, a former professional actress, singer and director and now lecturer of the history of musical theater in the School of Continuing Studies at Rice University, will explore some of the women who have broken the barrier in a predominantly male-based hierarchy of directors and choreographers. She will also

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examine ground-breaking musicals that present empowered female characters. Video clips of scenes featuring such characters will be shown from *Gypsy*, *Wicked*, *The Lion King*, *The Secret Garden* and *The Producers*.

There is no charge for this Zoom program, but reservations are a must. Please RSVP online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Zoom information will be sent prior to the program.

## Sisterhood Installation

Wednesday, May 19, 11:30 a.m.

Please join Sisterhood for the installation of the 2021-2022 officers and board members. The installation service will be conducted by Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, and Rabbi Fixler, and will be enhanced by the beautiful music of Cantor Simmons.

This installation service will be conducted via Zoom. Please RSVP online at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org). Zoom information will be sent prior to the program.

## Sisterhood Planning for 21-22 Budget Year



The Sisterhood budget committee recently met to discuss plans for the 2021-22 budget year. This meeting which featured from left to right: Claire Brooks, Sylvia Brody, Carol Sue Zions, and Linda Kates, was amongst the first in-person meetings held in the building as part of the congregation's move into Phase 3 of the reopening plan.

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## HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS

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# Helfman Religious School

## Helfman Religious School Parent & Engagement Series

Tiffany Shlain, Internationally Known Author, Speaker & Filmmaker  
Sunday, April 25, 10:30 a.m.

The Helfman Religious School Committee is delighted to announce the continuation of their Parent Engagement and Education series with a program exploring the relationship between technology and spirituality featuring internationally known author, speaker and filmmaker Tiffany Shlain. The event will be held via Zoom.

Tiffany Shlain is an Emmy-nominated filmmaker, founder of the Webby Awards, and author of the national bestselling book *24/6: Giving up Screens One Day a Week to Get More Time, Creativity, and Connection*, winner of the Marshall McLuhan Outstanding Book Award. She lectures and performs worldwide on the relationship between technology and humanity. The Museum of Modern Art in New York premiered her one woman "Spoken Cinema" performance *Dear Human* at the start of 2020. Shlain has received over 80 awards and distinctions for her films and work, including selection



for the Albert Einstein Foundation's initiative *Genius:100 Visions for the Future*, and inclusion on NPR's list of Best Commencement Speeches.

This very special event is free and open to the community. Registration is required at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org). Thanks to the generosity of the Helfman Religious School Committee, the first 36 people to register for the event will receive a complimentary copy of *24/6*. Additional copies can be purchased at <https://www.24sixlife.com/order>.

## Helfman Religious School Conducts Purim Drive-Through

In late February, the Helfman Religious School had a Purim Drive-Through event. The happening featured multiple stations of activities and a chance for congregants to pick up hamantaschen that were pre-ordered from our preferred caterer, the Bagel Shop Bakery. Pictured is Helfman teacher Mr. Todd Weiss.



## Purim Costumes Aplenty

We loved seeing all the Purim costumes at the Helfman Religious School Purim Drive-Through event. The event capped off a silly week of festivities with Emanu El during Purim. Miss the Purim Schpiel? Make sure to head over to the Emanu El YouTube channel to rewatch the skits or the Schpiel in its entirety!

## 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Class Conducts Havdalah and Program at Emanu El

Happy to be back in person! Our 10th grade Confirmation class gathered at Emanu El for a program and havdalah on Saturday, March 6, led by Rabbi Oren Hayon. The teens made their own havdalah spice bags with the concepts that were most meaningful for their Jewish identity. Each spice represented something different: lavender for comfort, orange peel for joy, cinnamon for memory, and more.







### Emanu El Votes

## Emanu El Votes and Statewide Advocacy

Our inaugural Emanu El Votes campaign last Fall was built on the belief that voting is a Jewish value, and our goal was to turn our synagogue into a 100% voting congregation. When we ran the numbers from the 2018 mid-term election, we found out that even though almost all our members are registered to vote, only 50.8% voted that year. I am proud to report that, thanks to our EEVotes campaign, our numbers rose to 68.8%. We even outpaced Harris County's participation rate (68.1%), which is particularly impressive in a year that saw historic voter turnout. Thank you to the hundreds of congregants who took our voter pledge, to the many volunteers who made calls to voters, and especially to our campaign chairs, Emily Schaffer and Keith Remels. We still have work to do to reach 100%, but I am incredibly proud of how much progress we made in our first attempt.

And our work is far from over. In this election, many of our congregants saw firsthand what voter suppression looks like. Because of the pandemic and the lawsuits that resulted in constantly changing rules for voting, we were each asked to navigate a complex and uninviting system. Too many of neighbors looked at that system and did not have the time, resources, or social capital to navigate it. Our state officials know this and are responding. As I write this, more than 200 pieces of legislation related to voting rights have been introduced for the 2021 legislative session. Some seek to expand voting rights and eliminate barriers to democratic participation. Others seek to further restrict voting and make it more difficult for Texans to cast their ballots. These restrictions will disproportionately affect poorer communities and people of color.

I am proud that Emanu El is working with the Religious Action Center of Texas (RAC-TX) on their 2021 Democracy Protection Campaign. We are partnered with Reform synagogues all over the state to raise our voices in defense of voting rights for all Texans. We are meeting with local and state officials to push for bills that expand voting access and to fight against bills that seek to suppress votes. You'll be hearing more about this campaign in the weeks to come. If you are interested in getting involved, or if you have a story of experiencing or witnessing voter suppression this past year, please reach out to me at [rabbifixler@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:rabbifixler@emanuelhouston.org). I look forward to partnering with you in this important work.

The midrash (*Tanchuma, Mishpatim 2:1*) teaches that if a person participates in the affairs of their community, they lend stability to the land. But if a person sits at

home and says to themselves, "What have the affairs of society to do with me? . . . Why should I trouble myself with the people's voices of protest? Let my soul dwell in peace!" – that person overthrows the world. Thank you to everyone who lent stability to our land by participating in EEVotes and voting in the last election. I look forward to working together to ensure that every eligible Texan has that same right and opportunity.

– Rabbi Josh Fixler

## New Traditions Gift Shop Open by Appointment

In conjunction with Congregation Emanu El's move to Phase 3 in February, the New Traditions gift shop is open **by appointment only on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.**

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

## An Update on Emanu El's COVID-19 Protocols

NOTE: *This communication was sent via email on Wednesday, March 3. Please note that as of the print deadline of this Bulletin, Congregation Emanu El remained in Phase 3 of its COVID reopening plan. We encourage those seeking updates to visit our website at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org), or call us at 713.529.5771.*

Dear Congregants,

As you may be aware, Governor Abbott recently announced that the statewide mask mandate and capacity limits on businesses will be lifted as of March 10. As part of this same announcement, the governor encouraged Texans to continue following medical advice and observing safe personal practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

To that end, and as part of our ongoing commitment to health and safety, Emanu El will maintain our existing set of protocols and policies designed to prevent the spread of the virus. We will continue adhering to our congregational Reopening Plan Guiding Principles and the guidance of our medical advisors. As always, the details of our COVID-19 Reopening Plan are available at [www.emanuelhouston.org/reopening2021](http://www.emanuelhouston.org/reopening2021).

With many thanks for your understanding and support,

– David Lamden, Executive Director



## ENDOWMENT FUNDS AND OUR CONGREGATION

*Their origin, what they do and how they make a difference*

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On Thursday, June 18, 1944, 225 people gathered to establish a new congregation, to be named Congregation Emanu El, of Houston, Texas. The following night they held their first Shabbat service, led by members of the newly formed Temple. A telegram was sent to Rabbi Robert I. Kahn, who was serving in the Pacific as an Army chaplain, inviting him to become their rabbi. He responded affirmatively and became the congregation's founding rabbi. By October, when the official charter was signed, 190 families had joined to begin what they would later call their "Adventure of the Spirit." They created a warm, supportive, dynamic spiritual community, dedicated to a living, growing Reform Judaism involved with the greater whole of the Jewish people.

The introduction to the by-laws of the new congregation expressed the Founders' commitment to the values of Judaism and the principles of democracy. They emphasized freedom of the pulpit and the pew, the desire to be rooted in Jewish tradition and forward-thinking in making Judaism relevant in the lives of congregants, and to play an active, positive role in the Jewish and wider community. Over the years, under the leadership of Rabbi Kahn, the congregation inspired both members and non-members through creative worship, education and programming.

As the breadth and depth of Emanu El's programs increased, it became apparent that a dependable source of income would be necessary to maintain the vitality of the congregation. At the 1970 annual meeting, with Rabbi Kahn's encouragement, Emanu El established a Foundation Fund, which would enable "our children and their children to make the heritage of Judaism and Emanu El live." The Fund's goal was to create long-term financial security for the Temple and to provide income to underwrite countless innovative projects and programming. In time, the name was changed to the Emanu El Endowment Fund, and through the years it has been the source of funding for some of the most innovative temple activities in the nation.

When Rabbi Kahn's successor Rabbi Roy Walter became Senior Rabbi, he continued to encourage using members'

talents and to use Endowment Funds in new and inspirational ways. Under his leadership, the congregation continued to provide opportunities for exciting innovation. Thanks to the generosity of many congregants, many unique and impactful funds were added to the Endowment Fund, offering congregants numerous ways to uphold special interests and provide opportunities for Emanu El's meaningful involvement in the community.

**"The Endowment Fund is the backbone and rock of the congregation. It is an evolving and ongoing reflection of our congregation's past, present and future. It demonstrates the power of empathy, service and connection as Jews, and ideally, it enables members to bring their whole self, to Emanu El."**

**RABBI ROY WALTER**

"At its core, Emanu El has always been known for its creative spirit and its intention to connect us to something larger than ourselves," Rabbi Walter explains. "These funds have enabled us to engage with our congregants and become an active voice in the community."

Today, Rabbi Oren Hayon continues to embrace the compassionate, creative soul of the congregation and the essential role its member-inspired funds play in supporting its future. "Emanu El leaders have blessed us with great vision, love, energy and resources," he proclaims. "As Jews, we are all connected through a bond

# Guidance from our past, growth for our future

of mutual care and concern. Today, our Endowment provides support for a diverse array of programs, opportunities for Tikkun Olam and community enrichment. Our funds make a difference in childhood education, creating prayerful inspiration and upholding critical social justice. They allow us to host internationally-renowned speakers, moving musical performances, important art exhibits and collaborative programs with other institutions and faiths. Through our Endowment funds, we have created a powerful culture that benefits all generations, all walks of life and those both inside and outside Emanu El. The funds allow us to maintain the integrity of our congregation, devote ourselves to causes and needs beyond our own, and ensure that Judaism's best days are yet to come."

As Emanu El does not conduct an annual fundraising campaign, like many other synagogues, the Endowment funds also provide critical resources for bridging budgetary gaps for the temple's annual budget. As a testament to the critical importance of the Endowment Fund in the long-term operations and viability of Emanu El, the Temple *Bulletin* and website will be presenting a continuing series highlighting various Fund categories and how Endowment Funds enrich our congregational family. The purpose is to educate you, our members, on the scope and impact these funds continue to have in maintaining and growing our congregation's values, traditions, heritage and plans for 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 or establishing an Endowment Fund, please contact David Lamden at [DavidL@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:DavidL@emanuelhouston.org), or swipe the QR code.

**"A gift to this fund is planting a tree of Jewish life in Emanu El. Generations yet to come will bless our foresight and our generosity and we will continue living from strength to strength."**

**RABBI ROBERT I. KAHN**



We have no quarrels with others; we have no scores to settle; we have no desire to do other than render service in the vineyard of the Lord. And, as I look back over the year of tremendous accomplishment . . . interspersed with errors, which all men make, I feel a sense of humility and gratitude for having had a little to do in the formation of Congregation Emanu El. To all of you I say – May our name be indicative of our conduct and our life. 'God be with us.' And with you – in our efforts to accomplish what we have set out to do.



**NATHAN KLEIN, FOUNDING PRESIDENT,  
AT THE FIRST ANNUAL MEETING, MAY, 1945**



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SAVE THE DATE:

Leadership Shabbat  
Friday, May 14, 6 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El's annual Leadership Shabbat will take place during Shabbat services.

Leadership Shabbat serves as the congregation's annual opportunity to install its Board of Trustees and the elected leadership of the Temple's auxiliaries. President Jeri Amundsen will deliver the D'var Torah and we will also honor congregant Judy Stein on her 50 years of service to the Helfman Religious School.

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