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FROM RABBI HAYON



Although few of us will have had experiences this summer which are as memorable and transformational as those enjoyed by the teenage participants on our Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience, I still hope that all of us will find the chance to relax and recharge.

When this month's edition of the Temple *Bulletin* arrives in your mailbox, our Temple teens will just be preparing to return home from an amazing four-week stay in Israel on this year's Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience. It is not an exaggeration for me to say that every single participant on the trip – students, staff and clergy – all come back different.

Immersing oneself in the extraordinary history of the Jewish people and the Jewish state is always a transformational experience. For some, a trip like this deepens their feeling of connectedness with their people; for others, it strengthens their resolve about upholding Jewish tradition in their adult lives; for still others, it brings about a new level of spiritual insight and fortifies their relationship with God.

I am reminded of a famous Hasidic story about a young boy who had developed the habit of sneaking out of his house to go wander alone in the woods. After several unsupervised outings, the boy's father grew concerned. One day the man took his son aside and said to him, "Son, I have noticed that you have been spending a lot of time alone in the woods. What is it that you're doing out there?"

"Well," the boy replied, "I go to the woods so I can find God."

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Community Shabbat Dinner (in-person) Friday, July 22, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat service

Join the congregation for Shabbat Dinner!

With two different options for worship on **Friday, July 22**, there is something for everyone. Choose your service, 6:00 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat or 8:00 p.m. Warehouse Shabbat with Emanu El's Young Professionals, then meet your fellow congregants in Feld Hall for dinner at 7:00 p.m. At our second Community Shabbat Dinner of the summer, you will have an opportunity to reconnect with friends, meet new people, and enjoy a nice meal together.

Dinner is \$5 per person, and everyone is welcome! Bring friends and family and enjoy a night at temple together. RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org. Questions? Contact Jessie Cassorla at jessiec@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.7713 The meal will be catered by Emanu El's preferred caterer, Houston Catering Concepts.

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Warehouse Shabbat (in-person) Friday, July 22, 8:00 p.m. (doors open at 7:30 p.m.)

Emanu El's Young Professionals are invited to join Rabbi Fixler, Cantor Simmons, and their live band for our next installment of Warehouse Shabbat! This rocking, adults-only worship event has been designed to be a dynamic, lively, and musical prayer experience to brighten your heart and uplift your spirit. Our next Warehouse Shabbat will take place at Emanu El.

Come enjoy local desserts and drinks during this exciting Shabbat experience!

WORSHIP SERVICES

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 Chukat **Friday, July 8**

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

Saturday, July 9

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

Shabbat Balak **Friday, July 15**

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

Saturday, July 16

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

Shabbat Pinchas **Friday, July 22**

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

Community Shabbat Dinner

8:00 p.m., Warehouse Shabbat,
Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, July 23

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

Shabbat Matot – Mas'ei **Friday, July 29**

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

Saturday, July 30

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

Shabbat D'varim **Friday, August 5**

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

Saturday, August 6

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

Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeer

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on our website as well as our Emanu El Facebook page, YouTube channel and Roku channel. Our Saturday morning Proler Chapel service is not streamed. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nei Mitzvah are streamed on our website and Roku channel.

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“Oh,” his father said, with a sigh of relief. “That’s wonderful! But don’t you remember? God is the same everywhere?”

“I know,” the boy replied. “But I’m not.”

Many of us can relate to the perspective of that child in the story. Although we know intellectually that the presence of God is always accessible to us, sometimes a small change of scenery enables us to open our inner selves in new ways. Time spent away from home – during a session at summer camp, on a trip to visit relatives, or on a peaceful vacation at the beach or in the mountains – is an effective way to bring us deeper into relationship with the most essential parts of our own souls and with the Divine.

Although few of us will have had experiences this summer which are as memorable and transformational as those enjoyed by the teenage participants on our Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience, I still hope that all of us will find the chance to relax and recharge. Whether you’re traveling around the globe, or just

around the corner, I hope that these months will bring you many new opportunities to find insight, joy and renewal. As the Book of Deuteronomy says: “Blessed may you be when you return, and blessed may you be when you go out again.”

Get Social With Us!



Did you know Congregation Emanu El is on Instagram? In addition to our active Facebook pages, be sure to follow us on Instagram to catch snap shots of happenings around the synagogue. From

camel sightings to social action, a thriving youth group to clergy in action and more!

Find us at [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!

COMMUNITY SHABBAT DINNER

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Please note that RSVPs are required, and Emanu El will unfortunately be unable to accommodate walk-ups. RSVP online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by calling 713.529.5771. The **RSVP deadline is Wednesday, July 20**, for the July gathering.



LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Shayna Goldblatt & Ben Proler

Leslie Lugin & Tyler Freed

DEATHS

Elaine Altschuler, mother of Marilynne & Alford Bleeker; grandmother of Miriam & Andrew Franks and Brian Ross Franks; great-grandmother of Ilana Robin Ledley Franks

Bess Frumin, mother of Judi & Joel Levy, Mindy & Arbey Arce, and David Frumin; grandmother of Samuel Arce, Eva & Serge Kapyrin, Sarah & Sergey Zubkov, Maureen & Jorel Martinez, Elizabeth Arce, and Daniel Levy; great-grandmother of Damien and Luna Zubkov

Bernard "Bernie" Lauterbach, father of Barbara & Linda Loeser, Ann & Steve Lauterbach, Amy & Chris Kinkade, and Debby & Mike Robalin; grandfather of Sarah & Lawrence Kass, Becky & Justin Blumberg, Anisa & Kyle Lauterbach, Rachel & Richard Slaton, Kate & Karim Plaza, Carly & Adam Fox, Casey & Charlie Gore, Sarah & Philip Lauterbach, Amanda Robalin, Shelby Robalin, and Halle Lauterbach; great-grandfather of Lacey and Aiden Kass, Owen and Shayna Blumberg, Jack Slaton, June and Laney Gore, Sadie and Margot Fox, Lina and Luke Lauterbach, Paloma and Leo Plaza, and Brynne and Ellie Lauterbach

Evelyn Roth, mother of Robin & Rodney Roth, Lynnne & Jason Roth, and Barry Glauben; grandmother of Hayley Glauben, Blake Glauben, Gavin Roth, Cameron Roth, and Ellie Roth; sister of Barbara & Allen Pauly

Marsha Tsuchida, wife of Douglas Tsuchida; mother of Kathryn & Bill Mann, and Zoe Tsuchida & Artem Tomashevsky; grandmother of Ollie and Tilly Mann, and Winnie and Teddy Tsuchida-Tomashevsky

Lyudmila Zaretskaya, mother of Lili Rubin & Dennis Langlois; grandmother of Michelle Rubin-Onur & Tarik Onur

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.

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, digital 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.
- **DIGITAL.** 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 digital 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, digitally, 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.



YP Night at the Movies Wednesday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.

Calling all Emanu El Young Professionals: Join us for dinner and a movie! We'll get together for dinner (on us!) at Thai Cottage (3995 Richmond Ave Suite B), then we'll walk over to Edwards Greenway Palace (3839 Wesleyan St.), to see Baz Luhrmann's new movie, *Elvis*.

Due to limited parking at Thai Cottage, we advise registrants to park at the movie theater and walk down the street to meet us for dinner. There is a \$10/person charge for this event, so please register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

7th Annual Night at the Ballpark (in-person) Tuesday, August 9, 7:10 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce its seventh annual Night at the Ballpark! Join your Emanu El family at Minute Maid Park as the Houston Astros welcome the Texas Rangers to town.

Tickets are \$20, and seats are located in the Chevy Mezzanine section of Minute Maid Park (section 254 & 255). This game is a "Dollar Dog Night" at the ballpark. Due to a limited number of tickets available in the Emanu El section, this event is open to Emanu El members only and, based on prior year participation, is anticipated to sell out.



Tickets are expected to arrive at the synagogue in late July, and participants will receive communication to pick up their tickets or receive them in the mail prior to the ball game.

For more information, contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org.



Sisterhood's Opening Dinner Wednesday, August 31, 6:30 p.m.

Join Sisterhood for a celebration of being together! Don't miss this wonderful evening of good friends, delicious food, and delightful music! The covert for dinner is \$20 for Sisterhood members and \$25 for non-members. Please RSVP online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org, or contact the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

Stay tuned for more details!



Helfman Religious School

Confirmation Class of 2022



Our Emanu El Confirmation class featuring the 10th grade Helfman Religious School class led our Erev Shavuot service on June 4.

Front row, L to R: TJ Owers, Larkin Boucher, Maddie Mark, Evelyn Arouty, Mia Septimus and Isabelle Pesikoff; second row; Hannah Marmo, Noa Granoff, Josie Pulaski, Maddie Frank and Natalie Walters; third row; Ben Ostrin: Ellie Pogach, Cole Nodler, Sam Rosen, Jack Applebaum and Noah Friesen; fourth row; Lisa Brooks, Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, Cantor Simmons, Rabbi Fixler and Stefani Carlson.

Confirmation Awards



Front row, L to R: Josie Pulaski and Hannah Marmo; back row: Maddie Frank, Isabelle Pesikoff, Mia Septimus, Maddie Mark, Evelyn Arouty and TJ Owers.

The Ben and Bertha Steinberg Confirmation Award is given annually in memory of Ben and Bertha Steinberg, who were founding members of Congregation Emanu El. This award honors the top 10% of the confirmation class as determined by their teachers and the director. Students are recommended for this award based on their participation, behavior, and attendance in high school.

Awarded to Isabelle Pesikoff and Ellie Pogach

The Honor Roll Award honors the 2nd 10% of the confirmation class as determined by their teachers and the director. Students are recommended for this award based on their participation, behavior and attendance in high school.

Awarded to Evelyn Arouty and Jack Applebaum

The Ben and Esther Noble Campership Award is presented to Confirmands who have exhibited outstanding leadership in youth group or in class. The award is given to attend a NFTY-TOR event held at Greene Family Camp or can be used for any Israel trip.

Awarded to Cole Nodler

The Rose Goodfriend Award was created by her children, Norris and Dr. Barry Goodfriend and their families, in memory of their mother. The Goodfriend Award is given annually to a Confirmand who has achieved academic excellence, has been a leader, and who commits to continue his/her Jewish education through high school graduation. It can be applied to any Jewish program.

Awarded to Larkin Boucher

The Emanuel and Cecile Wulfe Confirmation Award is given by their son, Ed Wulfe, and his family in their memory. It is awarded to a Confirmand in good academic standing who has proven to be an outstanding participant and leader in Religious School. The money can be used for any Jewish youth group, camp, or Israel trip experience.

Awarded to Noa Granoff

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

July 2022

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

To help us plan for our book reviews and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly RSVP by completing the online registration form found on our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

PLEASE NOTE: July's book review will be held by Zoom, and the information to access will be emailed ahead of time to those who register.

July's book review will be led by our congregant, Mima Jackson.

To help us plan for our book reviews and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, July 13**, by completing the online registration form located on our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

beloved Yeshiva to work in the city, and Leah confronts the often-agonizing restrictions imposed by religious laws governing even the most intimate moments of their married lives. Adding to the difficulties is the hostility of some in the community who continue to view Leah as a dangerous interloper, questioning her sincerity and adherence to religious laws and spreading outrageous rumors. Compromise and love lead Leah and Yaakov on their future path with happiness and contentment.

Mah Jongg Mondays: A Memoir About Friendship, Love and Faith by Fern Bernstein
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10, 7:00 PM

Bernstein illustrates the benefits of Monday mah jongg, threading the mental challenge, support, and deep bonds of devoted friendships. This heartwarming story illustrates the wonderful things that can happen when five women are destined to come together to play an old Chinese game, sitting around a table with tiles, dice, and a mah jongg card.

BOOK REVIEWS



Not Our Kind
by Kitty Zeldis
THURSDAY, JULY 14, 7:00 PM (digital)

A young Jewish teacher and a WASPy married woman find an unexpected connection in post-World War II New York. This is a compelling tale of friendship, class, prejudice, and love.

Eleanor Moskowitz is used to experiencing anti-Semitism. On the way to a job interview, her cab is hit. It isn't a serious accident, but the other cab's passenger, Patricia Bellamy, insists on taking Eleanor home with her so she can freshen up. It's there that Eleanor meets Patricia's daughter, Margaux, a polio survivor who recently scared off a tutor with her surly attitude. Margaux takes a liking to Eleanor and asks Patricia if she can be her tutor. Patricia, who rarely interacts with Jewish people, doesn't know what her stodgy husband and her status-obsessed friends will think. She hires Eleanor, and Margaux begins to flourish. Eleanor, who has never had much money, is sucked into the Bellamys' world of glamour and privilege. But when Eleanor begins a romance with Patricia's bohemian brother, things start to get complicated. Could Eleanor ever really be part of the Bellamys' world, or is she just too different?

Zeldis paints a vivid picture of two separate New Yorks in the 1940s – Eleanor's shabby clothes and budget meals versus Patricia's fancy dresses and staff-prepared dinners. Their twin journeys toward independence – Eleanor's from her mother and Patricia's from her husband – show that no matter how much money a woman had, she was still constrained by the misogyny and stifling gender roles of the time.

An Observant Wife by Naomi Ragan
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 7:00 PM

In this rich and compassionate novel, *An Observant Wife*, Naomi Ragan continues the love story between newly observant California-girl Leah and ultra-Orthodox Yaakov from *An Unorthodox Match*. From the joy of their wedding day, surrounded by supportive friends and family, Yaakov and Leah are soon plunged into their new lives together as Yaakov leaves his

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

Below please find a snapshot of the High Holy Days featuring the schedule and pertinent information. Additional information including our guest pass policy for this year, parking, and more will arrive to our congregants in an upcoming mailout.

SERVICE SCHEDULE

S'LICHOT

Saturday, September 17, 9:00 p.m.

ROSH HASHANAH

Sunday, September 25

High Holy Day Kickoff Reception, 4:00 p.m.

Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, 5:00 p.m.

Monday, September 26

Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Tashlich, immediately following morning service (Bill Coates Bridge)

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 30, 6:00 p.m.

OUTDOOR HIGH HOLY DAY FAMILY EXPERIENCE

Sunday, October 2, 9:00 a.m.

Nature Discovery Center (7112 Newcastle)

CEMETERY SERVICE

Sunday, October 2, 5:00 p.m.

Emanu El Memorial Park (8431 Bissonnet St.)

KOL NIDRE

Tuesday, October 4, 7:30 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR

Wednesday, October 5

Children's Service, 9:00 a.m.

Morning Service 10:30 a.m.

Afternoon Experience, 12:30 p.m.

Healing & Wholeness, 3:30 p.m.

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

Break the Fast, 6:30 p.m.

LIVE STREAMING

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

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

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

ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, please contact Christian Simmons at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or christians@emanuelhouston.org.

The only reserved seats during the High Holy Days are for those that request this access ahead of time. When contacting Christian, 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 21**, and Yom Kippur is **Wednesday, September 28**.

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

To ensure those who are hard of hearing can enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, the Brotherhood will be generously providing closed captioning for all Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services in the Barish Sanctuary 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.

Going out of Town for High Holy Days? Let Us Help You!

Will you be out of town for Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur? Through our affiliation with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), our congregation enjoys reciprocity with hundreds of synagogues nationally. Please contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org 713.529.5771, ext. 261. We will work with our partners to ensure your seat at your destination synagogue.

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

Please notify Heidi Suprun by **Friday, August 19**, if you need an ASL Interpreter.

If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter, please contact Heidi at the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or heidis@emanuelhouston.org by the deadline date in order to insure the availability of these services.



Congregation Emanu El Responds to Ukraine Crisis

Ever since Russia invaded Ukraine in late February 2022, we've all been following along, praying for peace, and wondering what we could do to help. As is often the case with crises in foreign countries, we are not always sure what we can do to help. We often do not know what organizations we can trust, which people are really making a difference, and how what I have to offer can really help.

Congregation Emanu El clergy and congregants stepped up in a big way to help. Individual donations and a contribution from the Clergy Good Works Fund sent over \$18,000 (that we know about!) to the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee (JDC) Ukraine Crisis Fund. JDC is on the ground, providing aid to those Jews remaining in Ukraine, those willing and able to evacuate, the thousands of refugees who have fled to neighboring countries. Learn more about what the JDC is doing for the people of Ukraine at <https://www.jdc.org/disasters/ukraine-response/>.

Not only did our congregation provide financial support but also one of our congregants is making an enormous difference on the ground. Ed Wayne, who has been a member of Emanu El for over 30 years, is doing amazing and heroic work in and around Ukraine. Ed has facilitated the purchase and delivery of 2 ambulances as well as an emergency vehicle to transport patients to the Lviv Regional Psychiatric hospital. He has been instrumental in several shipments of food, medications, medical supplies, and more between JDC offices in Warsaw and JDC offices in Lviv. Ed and his wife Tanya purchased bullet proof vests for ambulance drivers and ensured that surgical supplies were available for surgeons on the front lines in Ukraine. Ed explains, "The needs do not stop." Congregation Emanu El is so proud of the work that Ed and Tanya are doing for the people of Ukraine.

Rabbi Hayon adds, "Our hearts have been moved by the stories of families displaced and separated from each other and our souls have been chilled as we track the rising tally of casualties throughout Ukraine. We should also be inspired by the generosity of our community and

in awe of the impact that Ed and Tanya are making on the ground in Ukraine."

Endowment Funds of Congregation Emanu El

Supporting Today, Securing Tomorrow



When Sybil Balasco passed away in April 2021, a beautiful philanthropic gift was left through her estate to Congregation Emanu El to establish the Sybil and Ralph Balasco Endowment Fund. Congregation Emanu El is honored and elated that the Balascos chose to leave a gift to Emanu El in their estate plans. The Balasco Endowment

Fund supports the ongoing programs, operations, and services of Emanu El and will continue to do so in perpetuity. The Balascos were clear that they wanted the fund's purpose to be flexible enough to execute the vision of the synagogue's leadership as it evolved throughout the years.

"Ralph and Sybil were both brilliant attorneys who were activists and supporters of those less fortunate than themselves. They were so proud of the work that Emanu El and its Rabbis were doing in the community, and they wanted to make sure that continued well beyond them," explains Rabbi Walter. Rabbi Walter was close with Sybil before her death, supporting her through the grief following the loss of her true love, Ralph.

Judy Jacobson is Sybil and Ralph's niece who has overseen the disbursement of the estate gift to establish the Fund. Judy explains, "Our family is so proud of my aunt and uncle for making this gift. The knowledge of what good things will happen at Emanu El for years to come because of this gift gives us so much joy."

Anyone can leave a gift in their estate plans to benefit Congregation Emanu El. Estate gifts are an incredible way to make a difference in the future of your favorite causes and organizations including Emanu El.

The Endowment Funds of Congregation Emanu El support today and secure tomorrow and the Balascos have done just that. Their legacy will live on at Congregation Emanu El in perpetuity and will make an impact on future generations for years and years to come. We are so appreciative of their generosity.

If you have questions about leaving a planned gift or about establishing an endowment fund, please contact Anna Shabtay, Director of Congregational Advancement at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.987.3316.



Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience

By the time this *Bulletin* hits your mailbox or email, the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience group will be back from their adventure.

Throughout the trip, the group posted on social media. Find them on Facebook by searching for “Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience” and on Instagram at the @ emanuel_teens profile page.

Front row: TJ Owers, Josie Pulaski, Maddie Mark, Isabelle Pesikoff, Mia Septimus, Evelyn Arouty, Hannah Marmo and Noa Granoff; **middle row:** Leah Lynch, Ben Ostrin, Riley Greene, Sam Rosen, Larkin Boucher, Natalie Walters, Ronnie Ostrin, Scout Brooks, Amara Freedson, Anna Chaikin, Jordan Howard and Megan Carson; **back row:** Cole Nodler, Jack Applebaum and Jason Gerber.

Helfman Religious School Teachers

This special Shabbat service and dinner was held on May 27 to honor teachers and educators at Becker and Helfman for years of outstanding service. Also included in the celebration were milestone years of teaching and the “Over the Chai Club” of teachers who have been at Helfman Religious School for more than 18 years.

Steve Daum & Gila Cohen honored for 10 years at Helfman Religious School.



Family Shabbat for Linda Lynn and Leslie Strug

At Family Shabbat Linda Lynn and Leslie Strug (pictured) were celebrated before retiring from Becker School at the end of the year.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through June 14, 2022.

ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

To provide for creative arts programs

In Memory of

Evelyn Roth

Alene Levy

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

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

In Honor of

Aaron Laine

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

Rabbi Amy Weiss

Anonymous

In Memory of

Elaine Altschuler

Thelma Zirkelbach

Evelyn Roth

The Baird Team

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHING ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teaching assistants

In Memory of

Evelyn Roth

Melinda & Steven Gordon

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

A Donation For S.E.A.R.C.H.

Sharon & Herb Cohn

In Memory of

Elaine Altschuler

Cookie & Salomon Schein

Joel Howard Cyprus

Evelyn Roth

Shelly Cyprus

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide and enhance the Becker School

In Memory of

Elaine Altschuler

Elizabeth & Bob Remels

Bernard "Bernie" Lauterbach

Jeri Amundsen &

Arthur Feldman

fredi & Paul Franks

Linda & Harris Miller

Eileen & Richard Westerman

Evelyn Roth

Eileen & Richard Westerman

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker School scholarships

In Memory of

Bernard "Bernie" Lauterbach

Jennis Kauffman

Kathy & Stephen Parven

BILL & JOAN SPITZ

PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP FUND

To strengthen the vision of Congregation Emanu El's leaders

In Memory of

Evelyn Roth

Aliza & Jason Plotkin

CANTOR-STONE RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Honor of

Lisa Stone - 2022 winner of

a Beth Israel Spirit Award

Susan & Ed Septimus

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Peggy & Louis Ashe

Roni Light

Sharon & Herb Cohn

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 Appreciation of

Rabbi Pamela Silk

Cheryl & Bill Freed

In Honor of

Lindsay Frankfort's Graduation

Marsha & Marty Block

Rabbi Pamela Silk

Valerie & Michael Lewis

The Birthday of

M.M. Feld Jr. - 90th

Victor Shainock

Rabbi Roy Walter

Bitsy Proler

Jack Zimmerman

Marsha & Marty Block

In Memory of

Elaine Altschuler

Carol & Gary Brush

Lorri Feiwell

Dee Dee & Bob Halpin

Sue & Roger Hochman

Rita Keeler

Israel Leon Glassgold

Lori Glassgold-Gibson &

Larry Gibson

Bernard "Bernie" Lauterbach

Irene Weingarten

Roni Light

Sandy & Bob Light

Marty Rosenkrantz

Lynda Newman

Evelyn Roth

Helen Brounes

Tammy & Dan Feldstein

Tootie & Steve Fradkin

Karen Lee

Julie Stein

Lisa & Brian Strauss

EDIS LEWIS PARKANS

EMANU ELDERS FUND

To provide programs for Emanu Elders

In Memory of

Elaine Altschuler

Nancy Ehrenkranz

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston

A Donation

Gail Eldridge

Sheila Heimbinder

In Honor of

Rabbi Joshua Fixler

Anonymous

In Memory of

Elaine Altschuler

Sonia & Peter Benjamin

Bernard "Bernie" Lauterbach

Don & Kate Robins

Evelyn Roth

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Snakes At Becker

Some very special visitors slithered over to Becker this morning! Our students loved a little hands-on learning that truly brought the Wild Things camp theme to life.

Meet-A-Teacher Tuesday

June 14 was Meet-A-Teacher Tuesday at Becker. Although Sarah Williams is the Becker



School Director and not a classroom teacher, she views herself as a lifelong teacher and student. Sarah taught in elementary and early childhood, is a trained dyslexia specialist, and the co-creator of Literacy Enrichment and Play. Ms. Sarah views children as rich in potential and believes their time in early childhood create the path to a love of learning.

Wednesday Yoga at Becker

Every week, our Becker Wild campers enjoy yoga with Ms. Stacey. Through deep breathing, movement, songs, and stories, Ms. Stacey's yoga class focuses on the whole child. Namaste!



Mud Day

A little good old-fashion muddy fun! Did you know that exposure to friendly soil bacteria stimulates the immune system causing the brain to release serotonin, the endorphin used to regulate mood. Mud makes you happy!

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.

Jenna & Michael Eichberg, daughter Zoe
Melissa & David Feinerman, children Olive & Sally
Bonnie & Michael Fradkin, children Eliana & maya
Rebecca Hur, daughter Hazel
Melissa Hyatt, children Davis & Henry
Justin Levine & Rachelle Weinstein-Levine, son Julian
Valerie Novy Pugh
Dena & Zachary Stoler

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 Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 261.

BOOK OF MEMORY 2022

The *Book of Memory* is shared at our Yom Kippur Yizkor service and is among our most treasured congregational traditions. Within it, we inscribe the names of our loved ones. It serves as an acknowledgement that those who came before us, taught us, loved us, and inspired us have not been forgotten.

The *Book of Memory* will be available for pickup at the synagogue beginning **Tuesday, September 27**, during business hours, and it will also be distributed on Yom Kippur afternoon. Additional copies will be available at the synagogue following the High Holy Days. We suggest a minimum of \$15 per name.

Due to our mailing and printing deadlines, all information and donations must be received by the office by **Wednesday, August 17**. Information received after the deadline will be printed in the *Bulletin*. We regret that we cannot take *Book of Memory* information over the phone. Names can also be submitted online through our website at emanuelhouston.org/book-of-memory.

Please print the names clearly in the spaces below as you wish them to appear in the book.

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We are looking forward to welcoming larger numbers of our members in person for the High Holy Days this year and need ushers present at each of the services to help greet and assist attendees with finding appropriate seating. Would you help us with this important task?



Other than attending a mandatory training session in August, volunteers can commit to as little as at one service during the holidays.

We ask that all ushers be at least 18 years old; however, if you have a minor that would like to assist you while you are serving as an usher, we will welcome that!

Please complete the form online at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship. We will reach out to confirm and provide details about the training brunch.

If you have any questions, please email David Lamden, Executive Director, at DavidL@emanuelhouston.org.

