



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, 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



Our congregation has been consistently kind and flexible, which has only strengthened my pride in serving this community.

The arrival of November brings with it a season that, for many of us, is a time of grateful reunion with the people and places we love the most. At Thanksgiving time, we return to childhood homes and delight in sharing beloved family recipes.

Many of us have been looking forward to this time of year as a time to get back together with friends and relatives we haven't seen in a very long time, and this year, the gratitude of reuniting may be greater than ever, after the past two years of isolation and separation.

Here at Emanu El, too, we have the opportunity to "come home for Thanksgiving," and I want to use my column in this month's *Bulletin* to invite you to do so. As the medical data in our city continue to improve, and vaccination rates continue to rise, it is once again safe for us to return to prayer and study together. We will, of course, need to proceed thoughtfully and deliberately, but I am eager to see your faces at Temple again soon, and so I want to ask you to help our Temple staff in returning our congregational home to its full robust life once again.

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Emanu El's Chanukah Celebration (hybrid)

Friday, December 3, Dinner 6:00 p.m., Service 7:00 p.m.

Emanu El looks forward to welcoming the congregation and the community to our annual Chanukah Shabbat.

Join us for an optional dinner at 6:00 p.m. featuring brisket, chicken, latkes, challah rolls, and vegetables. Gluten-free and vegetarian options will also be available.

The cost is \$6 for member children and \$12 for member adults. The non-member cost is \$8 for children and \$15 for adults.

The service will begin at 7:00 p.m., and we are calling on our congregants to help light up the Barish Sanctuary with their Chanukiah's all around the room. Please bring your menorah(s) and candles. We'll provide the matches.

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New Traditions 2nd Annual Outdoor Chanukah Market (in-person)

Sunday, November 14, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

NEW TRADITIONS

SISTERHOOD JUDAICA SHOP

CONGREGATION EMANU EL

Come shop to support Sisterhood and visit with friends in the comfort of the outdoors as you prepare for Chanukah, which begins **Sunday, November 28**.

We will have all your favorites: NUT-FREE GELT, candles, menorahs, toys, dreidels, decorations, and gifts! We ask that participants park in the west surface lot, and the market will be located in the west driveway.

New Traditions is currently open **Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.** or by appointment. For more information or to make an appointment, call 713.529.5771, ext. 234.

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 Toldot Friday, November 5

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat with Ellen Allard

Saturday, November 6

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

Shabbat Vayetzei Friday, November 12

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

Saturday, November 13

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Sophie Blitz**, daughter of Dawn & Mitch Blitz and **Julia Ziff**, daughter of Lauren & Garrison Ziff

Shabbat Vayishlach Friday, November 19

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
8:00 p.m., Warehouse Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

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Though it has not yet been made official as I write these words, I am anticipating that we will receive our medical advisors' blessing to ease some of the restrictions on congregational gathering and fellowship. We are making plans for the return of Shabbat services to the Proler Chapel at the end of this month, and our staff team is hard at work on preparing additional opportunities for us to gather and celebrate in person in more expansive ways. I hope you will peruse the coming weeks' calendar and make plans for when the time will be right for you and your loved ones to return to temple in person once again.

I've been so grateful for your patience and understanding with our public health practices, especially as they have waxed and waned during each successive wave of this pandemic. Our congregation has been consistently kind and flexible, which has only strengthened my pride in serving this community.

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Saturday, November 20

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Dana & Matthew Henning**, children of Erica & Gary Henning

Shabbat Vayeishev Friday, November 26

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

Saturday, November 27

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

Shabbat Mikeitz Friday, December 3

6:00 p.m., Chanukah Shabbat Dinner
7:00 p.m., Chanukah Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, December 4

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

Shabbat Viyigash Friday, December 10

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

Saturday, December 11

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Zoe Kalba**, daughter of Sarah Fischer & Gregg Kalba and **Eden Sussman**, daughter of Kelly Nealon & John Sussman

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.

Although it is too early to conclude that the pandemic is "over," in any real way, I am greeting the improvement in Houston's public health with great relief and gratitude. I know that you join me in that sentiment, and it is my sincere hope that you will also join me at temple in person very soon. The season of thanksgiving is almost upon us, and so, my friends, it's time to come home.

Be on the Lookout! World Series Wager!

Congregation Emanu El and Temple Sinai (Atlanta suburb of Sandy Springs, Ga.) made a friendly wager surrounding the 2021 World Series between the Houston Astros and the Atlanta Braves.

By the time this arrives in your homes, the World Series will have concluded. Who won? What were the stakes? Check Emanu El's social media platforms for more!

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Earlier this month, **Linda & Richard Zoll** received the 2021 Governor's Volunteers Award for the Volunteer Family of the Year in recognition of more than 20 years of outstanding volunteer service with SEARCH Homeless Services. The Governor's Volunteer Awards honor the exemplary service & volunteerism of individuals like Linda and Richard who are making a significant impact in communities across Texas.

BIRTHS

Elijah Nathaniel Barr-Meyer, son of Noa & Benjamin Barr-Meyer; grandson of Larry & Don Barr-Meyer, Claudia & Jake Doron; great-grandson of Ayala Doron, Margreth & Josef Zahner

Sutton Grey Donnenfield, daughter of Emily & Noah Donnenfield; granddaughter of Leslie & Rick Byrd, Susan Regan Donnenfield; great-granddaughter of Clyde Selig & Paige Alyn, Adele Regan

Aaron Julius Gold, son of Leah & Joshua Gold; grandson of Marsha & Joe Cohen, Jeffrey Gold, Jeanie Gold; great-grandson of Lewis Frapart, Kay Krause

Barrett Morgan Hertz, daughter of Jennifer & Brian Hertz; granddaughter of Julie & Dennis Pickett, Susan Hertz; great-granddaughter of Annette Schwartz, Bill Orlin, Betsy Atlas

Aaron Daniel Levy, son of Jason & Alana Levy; grandson of Eliot & Constance Levy, Hamilton & Gloria Scoon

WEDDING

Sheila Newar & Michael Wernick

Julie Slusky & Brogan Brasseaux

DEATHS

Florence Kooperman Berger, mother of Susan & Walter Berger, Danice & Bruce Berger; grandmother of Christopher and John Berger; great-grandmother of Oliver and Leland Berger

Robert Grossman, husband of Ellin Grossman; father of Amy & Michael Coburn, Kate Rose, Jennifer & Bruce Oakley; grandfather of Jeff Coburn, Laura Coburn, Joel Gottsegen, Claire Gottsegen, Jessica & Jonathan Sosa, Sarah Oakley, Connor Albert, Paige Albert, William Robert Oakley.

Michael Laviage, husband of Elissa Laviage; father of Jessica & Brian Laviage, Marcy & Jason Laviage; grandfather of Morgan, Zac, Mia and Charlotte; brother of Arline & Barry Verkauf.

Arlene Davidson Merson, sister of Marilyn Davidson Waldman, Lisa Davidson and Michael Davidson

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.

EMANU EL'S CHANUKAH CELEBRATION

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At the conclusion of the service, we'll enjoy Chanukah cookies and gelt.

For those unable to attend in-person, the Chanukah service will be streamed in a similar nature to our Friday night worship. The service will be available on our website (Barish Sanctuary streaming video), Facebook, Roku, and YouTube locations.

Please do note that the Chanukah service will begin at 7:00 p.m.

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

Our clergy want to know . . .

If you or a loved one is sick or hospitalized please let us know.

Contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771, so that our rabbis can reach out and visit and be a source of strength and support.

Visiting the sick and praying for those who are ill are important and meaningful mitzvot.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Programming at Emanu El

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

- **IN-PERSON.** Available for in-person attendance only. These offerings will not be livestreamed or broadcast for online audiences.
- **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.

If you have a suggestion for a program, or any questions about the details above, please contact Program Director Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

Refugee 101: From A Global Perspective to Local Solutions (digital) Thursday, November 4, 7:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Hayon and the team from the Refugee Services office at Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston (IMGH) on Zoom for this inside look at refugee resettlement.

The Refugee Services staff will offer a global perspective on refugee resettlement and discuss the United States' refugee resettlement program along with IMGH's work in the context of the collaboration with the U.S. State Department and Episcopal Migration Ministries.

This session will provide a better understanding of the security screening process and the immigration status terminology, as well the services provided to refugee families, supplemental programming, and ways to get involved in supporting refugee families resettling in Houston.

Following the presentation, Rabbi Hayon will moderate a question-and-answer session.

To help prepare for the event, we ask that you register in advance online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org. A Zoom link will be sent out the morning of the event.

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

Tot Shabbat with Ellen Allard (in-person) Friday, November 5, Dinner 5:45 p.m., Service 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 visiting our web calendar and registering online at 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. This optional dinner will be provided by Houston Catering Concepts and feature pasta with yummy offerings. Gluten-free and vegetarian options will also be available. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person.

Following dinner, we'll move to the playground for a special musical Tot Shabbat as nationally known musician Ellen Allard will join us.

Dubbed "*The Queen of Jewish Early Childhood Music*," Allard has been performing children's concerts for decades at synagogues, festivals and more – encouraging children and parents alike to join in on the singing, dancing, moving, and grooving. Simply put, you won't want to miss it!

For more information on our Tot Shabbat programming, please contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

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

Dare to Speak: Defending Free Speech for All (hybrid)

Monday, November 15, 12:00 p.m.



Suzanne Nossel

The Evelyn Rubenstein JCC's Ann and Stephen Kaufman 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*. The Emanu El Sisterhood is a presenting partner in this program.

The CEO of PEN America, Suzanne Nossel, a leading voice in support of free expression, delivers a clear pathway for maintaining honest debate that can be both open and respectful. This necessary guide provides the tools needed to maintain a democratic debate that is open and considers diverse opinions and backgrounds in a changing country. Perhaps no topic is more timelier, than that explored in this playbook.

For more information and tickets, visit erjchouston.org/bookfestival. An opportunity to be an online participant with a special rate will also be available through the festival.

New Member Shabbat Experience (in-person)

Friday, November 19

Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m., New Member Dinner 7:00 p.m. & Warehouse Shabbat 8:00 p.m.

Have you joined Congregation Emanu El since March 2020? If so, the Membership Committee would like to officially welcome you!

Join us for our New Member Shabbat Experience on **Friday, November 19.**

Curate your own meaningful Shabbat experience by attending our weekly Kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:00 p.m. or our adults-only Warehouse Shabbat (more information below) at 8:00 p.m. In between those offerings, we will offer a special dinner for our new members at 7:00 p.m.

Your official invitation is in your Inbox, so please be sure to RSVP!

Questions? Contact Anna Shabtay, Director of Congregational Advancement at 713.987.3316 or annas@emanuelhouston.org.

Warehouse Shabbat (in-person)

Friday, November 19, 8:00 p.m.

Hosted by our Young Professionals and The Middle social groups, we have designed this dynamic, lively and musical prayer experience for adults-only to enliven your heart and uplift your spirit.

Join us for our next installment of this rocking worship experience at Emanu El.

To help us plan accordingly, we ask that you register online at emanuelhouston.org or call 713.529.5771.

A Look Inside the Houston Jewish Mental Health Study (digital)

Jewish Mental Health and Stigma Talk and Discussion

Thursday, December 9, 12:30 p.m.



Dr. Robin Gearing

The congregation is invited to come join **Dr. Robin Gearing** and **Limor Smith, MSW** as they discuss results of the Houston Jewish Mental Health study.

This study that occurred prior to the COVID-19 pandemic includes data which was collected at Congregation Emanu El as well as other institutions and organizations within the Houston Jewish community.

Our discussion will be led by Dr. Gearing, a professor at the Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW) at the University of Houston whose work specializes in areas of mental health including treatment engagement, adolescents, and suicide. Dr. Gearing is the director of the Mental Health Research Innovation Treatment Engagement Service (MH-RITES) center.

As part of the center, the Mental Health Access Program has been gathering data in various countries including China and Mexico to study mental health attitudes, perceptions and stigma.

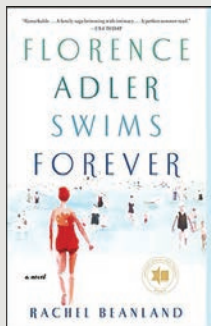
Currently, Dr. Gearing and his research team are beginning a large study on mental health stigma in Israel in collaboration with the University of Haifa. Limor Smith is a doctoral student at the Graduate College of Social Work at the University of Houston who is interested in self-stigma, the internalization of the public stigma of mental illness.

To take part in this Zoom event, please register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org. The Zoom information will be sent to all registrants prior to the event.

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Sisterhood News & Happenings

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BOOK REVIEW:

Florence Adler Swims Forever

by Rachel Beanland

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 7:00 PM (digital)

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

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 November book selection can be found below:

Atlantic City, 1934. Every summer Esther and Joseph Adler rent their house out to vacationers and move into the small apartment above their bakery, where they raised their two daughters, Fannie and Florence. Florence has returned from college determined to spend the summer training to swim the English Channel. Her sister Fannie, pregnant again after recently losing a baby is on bed rest at Atlantic City Hospital for the duration of her pregnancy and has left her daughter Gussie in Esther's care. At the same time, Joseph has offered hospitality to Anna, a young woman whom he helped emigrate from Nazi Germany.

Esther wants to keep her daughters close and safe, but some matters are beyond her control: Fannie's risky pregnancy-not to mention her always-scheming husband Isaac – and the fact that the heir of a hotel notorious for its anti-Semitic policies seems to be in love with Florence.

When tragedy strikes, Esther makes the decision to hide the truth – at least until Fannie's baby is born – and pulls the family into an elaborate web of secret-keeping and lies, bringing long-buried tensions to the surface that reveal how quickly the act of protecting those we love can turn into betrayal.

Based on a true story, this family saga is a breathtaking portrait of just how far we will go to protect our loved ones and an uplifting portrayal of how the human spirit can endure – and even thrive – after tragedy.

To help us plan for our book reviews and to receive communications about future book reviews, we ask that you kindly **RSVP by Wednesday, November 10**, by completing the form online, or by contacting the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Afternoon Mah Jongg (in-person) Mondays, November 8 & December 13 1:00 p.m.

Play Mah Jongg at Emanu El and be a Winner.

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

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

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

To help us plan accordingly, please **RSVP by Thursday, November 4** for the November gathering and **Thursday, December 9** for the December gathering, either online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext 233.

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DEADLINE JANUARY 28, 2022

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STANDARD CARD \$9 LARGE CARD \$10

Women's Day: Inspiring Women Facing Challenges (digital)

Wednesday, November 17, 10:00 a.m.

Join Sisterhood for a special Women's Day event as we welcome two dynamic women from the diverse Houston community who will share their personal stories from immigration adversities to subsequent triumphs.

Y. Ping Sun is widely recognized in Houston and around the globe for her generous spirit and a strong commitment to community engagement. Raised in Shanghai during the Cultural Revolution in China, she persevered in school while teachers, scholars and intellectuals were denounced. She graduated from Beijing Language and Culture University and later attended Princeton University on a full scholarship, where she graduated cum laude. Sun then earned a law degree from Columbia University. She came to Houston in 2004 when her husband, David Leebron, became president of Rice University. She currently serves as a University Representative and is of counsel with the law firm of Yetter Coleman, LLP.

Dr. Joanna Molina Razavi is a cardiac electrophysiologist at the Texas Heart Institute and Baylor College of Medicine. A native of Tijuana, Mexico, she attended medical school at Universidad Autonoma de Baja California after obtaining the highest score statewide in the medical school entry examination. Dr. Razavi then completed a residency at Baylor College of Medicine and became the first female international graduate of the Texas Heart Institute Fellowship program and the first Hispanic woman to pursue the additional electrophysiology subspecialty training program of cardiology – a highly competitive path few women

choose. She has garnered an international reputation as one of the best teachers in her field.

Please don't miss this unique opportunity to learn more about these two inspiring women!

There is no cost for this Zoom program. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by **Monday, November 15**. Registration is also available at emanuelhouston.org. The Zoom link will be sent to registrants prior to the event.

Sisterhood Makes Shabbat Boxes for JFS

In early October, members of the Emanu El Sisterhood help decorate Shabbat boxes for the Velva G. & H. Fred Levine Jewish Chaplaincy Program at Jewish Family Service of Houston.

These boxes are delivered by JFS chaplains and volunteers to patients in Houston area hospitals. Contained in the box are symbols of Shabbat and other Shabbat items that help uplift the patients.



Apps You've Always Wanted to Meet: Social/Digital Media Boot Camp (digital)

Wednesday, December 8, 2021, 7:00 p.m.

Tik Tok, Twitter, Facebook . . . Have you always wanted to know how to navigate social media? Do your electronic devices puzzle you?

Learn how to find your way with Sisterhood as Samantha Rosenthal, an educational technology consultant, answers all of your digital questions!

There is no cost for this Zoom program. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by **Monday, December 6**. Registration is also available at emanuelhouston.org.



Call to Action: Seeking Kidney Transplant for Family Member of Congregant

Samuel Peters, son of our member Annette Peters, is in need of a kidney transplant. If you'd like information about becoming a live kidney donor please contact St Luke's Living Donor program at 832.355.5506.

Music at Emanu El – Enriching and Enhancing the Spiritual Experience

Throughout its history, Congregation Emanu El has been blessed to enjoy a rich legacy of music that uplifts, transcends, soothes and enhances its members’ lives and their spiritual experience. From Heritage Shabbats and High Holy Days to contemporary ballads and commissioned works, our musical offerings include the vast treasury of Jewish music and serve as a hallmark of our temple and its beloved traditions. The story behind the congregation’s music is best told through the eyes of those directly involved in its creation:

“Music speaks to people in a way that words cannot,” shares Gloria Pryzant, Chair of the Ritual and Music Committee. “It’s through our robust musical programs that we can really reach all kinds of people in the community, both Jewish and non-Jewish. Music also

brings back memories from when you were in Sunday School at temple singing certain tunes or a particular life-cycle event. Today, the same prayers may be musically different, but they still resonate and appeal to many on various levels. The Temple’s Endowment Funds enable us to provide more programs around both sacred and secular music and help us grow the scope of our musical offerings.”

“Jewish sacred music is one of the most beautiful bodies of music in the world,” adds Ann Frohbieter, our gifted organist of 50+ years and Choir Director. “It is a great privilege and responsibility to be one of the musicians who provides this music to Congregation Emanu El. It is particularly special to play our Aeolian Skinner organ, which was acquired with Rabbi Robert I. Kahn’s vision, in the late 1960s. Dr. Michael Horvit, our former Director of Music, hired me shortly thereafter, and soon began composing original works to play. This was a golden age for Jewish composers, and we were fortunate to benefit



Photo by Buz Marvins

A photo from the archives of Congregation Emanu El’s professional choir in the summer of 2015 before a program entitled ‘Hidden Treasures’ that showcased this talented group on the bimah. The professional octet traditionally performs in the choir loft under the direction of Ann Frohbieter, who has directed the group since 1992. Prior choir directors included Lorraine Whitley (1944-1966) and Michael Horvit (1967-1992). This group most recently joined our congregation for the High Holy Days and will participate in a ‘Heritage Shabbat’ this December.

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Guidance from our past, growth for our future

“My pioneering aunt was a great singer and arts supporter. As a successful, independent woman in her own right, she established the Ablon Fund for the Creative Arts with the music of the Temple in mind. Her parents – my grandparents – Louise and Zemore Ablon, were founding members of Emanu El.

Music was always a large part of our family’s cultural and religious experience, and I am so proud to be a part of this important legacy.”

Alene Levy, niece of Katherine Ablon Schwartz Feldt

Endowment Funds that contribute to the music of Congregation Emanu El include:

Fredell Lack Eichhorn Cantor’s Music Fund:

To enhance musical programming

Julius Nathan Music Fund:

To provide musical programs

Ablon Fund for Creative Arts:

To provide creative arts programs

Rabbi Roy and Linda Walter Enrichment Fund:

To support spiritual and cultural enrichment

from his gifts. Over the years, it continues to be a joy and honor to perform as well as guide our talented and dedicated professional choir. Each member of our long-standing choir sight-reads music and has a trained voice. Together, they are an unseen treasure which helps open our hearts and bring us closer to all that is holy.”

“I have witnessed such extraordinary growth and creativity in the music at our congregation,” expresses Rabbi Roy Walter. “While I was Senior Rabbi, Emanu El commissioned several original pieces. We sponsored musician residencies. We have hosted everything from performances by visiting artists, the Houston Symphony, the Rice University Orchestra, the University of Houston Orchestra to numerous Cantors’ concerts. We have listened in awe and never-ending wonder as Fredell Lack Eichhorn played her Stradivarius violin at Kol Nidre services for 40+ years. I have always loved the music at Emanu El, and am thrilled to watch and help it evolve over the years.”

“For many people, music is their spirituality. It makes both the liturgy and service more meaningful,” adds Barbara Loeser, Emanu El’s beloved song leader and teacher of 45+ years. “I have been fortunate to be part of the musical programming at Emanu El and help bring new ideas and approaches to life. I directly

“Arts and culture have always remained at the core of our synagogue’s identity. Our founders realized that musical excellence – whether vocal, instrumental, or choral – can stir the soul and enable us to access new spiritual heights. Emanu El’s strong legacy of Jewish music has shaped our identity in every generation, and I am proud that this heritage continues today.”

Rabbi Oren Hayon

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The Endowment Funds of Emanu El have allowed talented artists in residence to come to the congregation including Noah Aronson (front left) and Elana Arian (front middle) who joined Cantor Simmons, the youth and volunteer choirs during a concert during the 75th anniversary. The combined ensemble led our congregation in ‘Do Justice/Hinei Mah Tov’, a song with music by Aronson and the English text from Rabbi Oren Hayon that was commissioned for the 75th anniversary.



Be a Part of It

On any financial level, we all have the capacity to impact the future. For additional information on contributing to the Temple’s Endowment through planned giving and legacy gifts, please contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org, or scan the QR code with your cell phone camera.

benefitted from educational programs underwritten by Endowment Funds, which helped us stay current with new music and contemporary worship trends. It’s important to stay engaged with what’s available for soloists, groups and congregational singing. Music, along with singing, makes for community and fellowship.”

“I am so proud to be part of the rich musical heritage at Emanu El,” states Cantor Rollin Simmons. “The energy of music connects us to prayer and to each other in ways that words in Hebrew and English alone cannot. In our worship and our musical programming, we strive to blend the vast array of styles from classical to folk, from the lofty to the intimate, balancing the old and the new

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Emanu El has an active volunteer choir that practices regularly on Tuesday nights. Cantor Rollin Simmons is pictured with several choir members who played a role in the congregational Purim Schpiel. In addition to participation in congregational events, the choir performs around the Houston area, including in senior living homes.

within our musical experiences at Temple. Our fabulous musicians lend their talents with different voices and instruments to enhance our spiritual experience. On the High Holy Days or on a Heritage Shabbat, it is an experience like no other to sit in the Barish Sanctuary and let the sounds of the choir and organ wash over you and fill the space with its majesty. Our Endowment Funds have helped us build musical connections between our schools, our youth and professional choirs, and our worship. They allow us to purchase musical instruments, keep our music library current, and stay up-to-date with technology. They also underwrite

attendance of our musical staff at the Reform Movement's annual music conference, Hava Nashira, helping us to stay informed and inspired by Jewish musicians and teachers from around the country and the world. I am particularly proud of our new program of teen song leaders, who are sharing their passion for Jewish music with our younger students. Music plays an essential role at all stages of life in helping us connect to ourselves, our community and our history. Ultimately, I hope to continue to elevate the overall spiritual experience and the musical profile of Emanu El in Houston and the Jewish community."

#GivingTuesday to Benefit Becker Scholarship Fund Tuesday, November 30



Join the movement of generosity on #GIVINGTUESDAY and support Congregation Emanu El & the Becker School Scholarship Fund.

Every child deserves a Becker education. Every dollar raised helps families receive the financial assistance to attend the Becker School. Stay tuned for more information on

how to get involved on #GIVINGTUESDAY, **November 30!**

Congregants & Community Members Tune in From Near & Far to Watch High Holy Days



Rabbi Pam Silk sounds the shofar outside in a video clip from the Yom Kippur children's service captured by drone. This video along with more than 900 produced during the pandemic can be found on the Congregation Emanu El YouTube channel.

Another unique High Holy Day experience as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic and new routines in which people across the world have settled into led to substantial increases of viewership of Emanu El's High Holy Day experiences online.

Over 16,000 unique devices attended parts of our High Holy Days in 2021, a 22 percent year-over-year increase from 2020. This total includes YouTube, Facebook, Emanu El's website, and the synagogue's Roku channels.

While viewers turned in from across the globe, the largest non-Houston hot spots in 2021 included New York City, Washington DC, Dallas and Los Angeles. New York City and Los Angeles are holdovers from the top four non-Houston viewership hubs the previous year.

The largest area of growth in 2021 came from the YouTube platform where there was over a 60 percent increase from the previous year. The congregation's YouTube channel remains a hotspot of activity with over 70 clips including sermons, musical highlights and more

from the 2021 High Holy Day season featured. Emanu El has produced more than 900 videos to its YouTube channel over the course of the pandemic.

For more information on how to connect to the many Emanu El streaming platforms, please contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

Medicare Prescription Drug Plan (PDP)

ATTENTION SENIORS: Your current PDP sponsor should have or will provide you with an 'Annual Notice of Change' about your current prescription drug plan for 2022. Review that notice, which describes changes in your plan, including changes to the premium, co-pay, and the drugs covered. If you are satisfied with the changes and want to remain in that drug plan, you do not have to do anything to stay in that plan for 2022. However, you might be advised that your current plan will be discontinued or merged with another plan for 2022. If you are in doubt as to whether or not your current plan is the best plan for you, you may want to review your options before accepting that change or staying with your current plan. You have from **Friday, October 15 to Tuesday, December 7, 2021**, to make changes to your Medicare prescription drug coverage. To change your prescription drug plan, **you must sign up by Tuesday, December 7**. The change will be **effective January 1, 2022**.

If you want to review your current Part D plan, the Emanu El Social Action Committee will provide a trained volunteer to assist your analysis of alternatives.

If you know how to contact the person that helped you in the past, please contact them directly. If you are not sure and/or would like a volunteer to contact you between **Friday, October 15 and Tuesday, December 7**, please call Cynthia Pleason at 713.855.9260 and leave your name, phone number and email address to be contacted about scheduling a convenient time to assist you.

When contacted by a volunteer, you will need to have available the following information:

1. Your MyMedicare username & password. If you do not have an account, you will need to create one at mymedicare.gov. The volunteer can assist you in doing so
2. Your new Medicare number
3. Your drug list: name, dosage and frequency of each
4. The name of your current insurance plan, if any
5. The name of your preferred pharmacy
6. Your zip code

We ask that you do not wait until the last minute to make your call. This year because of COVID, we do not anticipate person to person appointments at this time. All assistance will be provided by email or phone.



“Better Together” Jews Cruise & Booze: Brewery Crawl

Sunday, December 12, 10:30 a.m. - Final Tour

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 embark on a brewery crawl.

Board a bus at Congregation Emanu El before heading out on a three-stop brewery crawl.

The first stop will be St. Arnold’s Brewery for a private tour, tasting and lunch. We will follow that with a stop at Houston Cider with a six-cider flight in their taproom/garden.

The last visit on our crawl will occur at 8th Wonder Distillery where our participants will take part in a semi-private Q&A with a brew master in addition to a tasting of four craft cocktails.

The cost of the all-inclusive tour is \$100, which is to be

paid upon registration. To register, visit the calendar on our website at emanuelhouston.org.

To receive more information on future programs for Better Together, please contact 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.

Heritage Shabbat (hybrid)

Friday, December 17, 6:00 p.m.

Join us for Heritage Shabbat featuring Cantor Simmons, Emanu El’s professional octet and our organist, Ann Frohbieter. We will share the treasured music of our heritage with classical settings that convey the majesty, tranquility and joy of Shabbat.

In addition to being held in-person, this service will be available on our Barish Sanctuary (streaming video) page, Facebook, YouTube, and Roku platforms.

Back to Broadway: A Volunteer Choir Showcase (in-person)

Sunday, December 19, 5:00 p.m.

Broadway at Emanu El is back!

Emanu El’s volunteer choir will host its annual winter showcase featuring music from My Fair Lady, Oliver and tributes to the Gershwins and Judy Garland.

To help us plan accordingly, we kindly ask that you register online at emanuelhouston.org or by calling the synagogue at 713.529.5771. This event will not be streamed live.

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Helfman Religious School



Wednesday Upper School Supper Resumes

In October, our Helfman Religious School's Upper School program came together in person as a school for the first time in 19 months. Amongst the highlights is the return of the pre-school supper. Students and faculty alike gather for supper in Feld Hall prior to school. The meals are catered by Houston Catering Concepts, Emanu El's preferred caterer.

Helfman Curriculum Update for Pre-K through 3rd Grade

We are excited to share with you some new developments in our Helfman Religious School curriculum for this year, for our students in PK-3rd grade. Last year, we used a purpose-built curriculum for home-based learning, La-Bri'ut, which used Jewish values and hands-on activities to help us to think about the big question: "How does Judaism help us to navigate 'big feelings' moments, especially those that have arisen during the pandemic?" While we are delighted to be back to meeting on campus, and excited to be resuming our beloved grade-level curricula, we wanted to make sure to keep asking big questions about how Judaism connects to our lives and to keep exploring our Jewish values through our senses.

This year, we will continue to spotlight a Jewish value each quarter, and to explore those values through our *T'filah* (prayer) services and classroom activities. We have also re-shaped our "specials" program, with all new teachers and activities to help us explore our Jewish values through each of our senses. Classes will visit each of our new STEAM Labs each quarter, to engage with the spotlighted value in a new and creative way. In September and October, we learned about coming together as a *K'hilah K'doshah* – a holy community. In November and December, we will explore how our Jewish family traditions help us to express *Ahavah*, our love for one another. Be sure to follow our Facebook page for more photos of what we're creating together!



Ms. Monica's 1st grade class doing the "Penguin Dance" in Music Lab with TAs Lindsay and Benjamin.



Ms. Sophi's 3rd grade class making Israeli Salad in Cooking Lab with Ms. Lisa.



Ms. Monica's 1st grade class creating their class banner in Art Lab with Ms. Suzie.



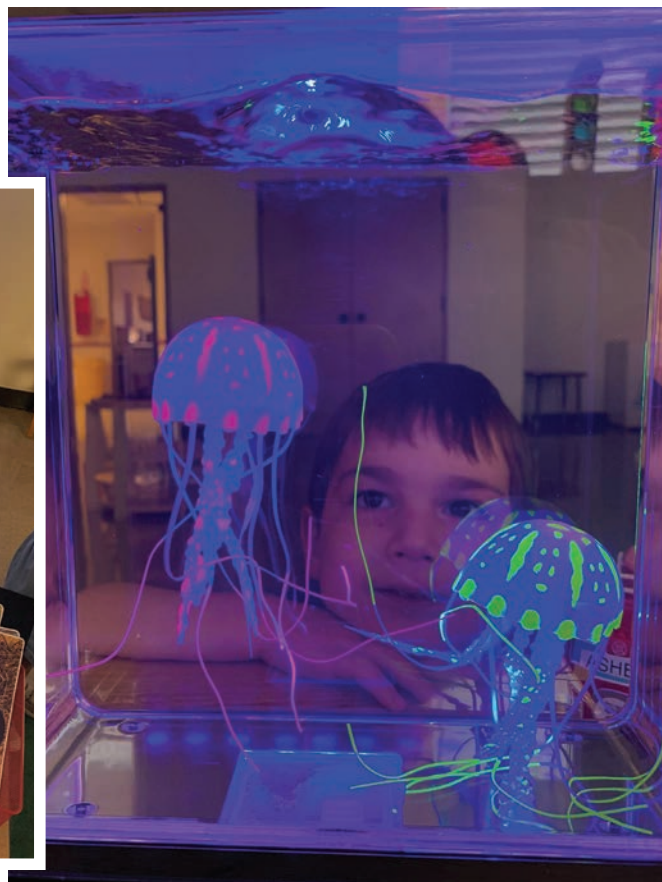
Ms. Gila's 2nd grade class "building community" in STEM Lab with Ms. Liz.



A Message from Becker to the Emanu El Sisterhood

Thank you to Congregation Emanu El's Sisterhood for their generous donation that allowed us to underwrite Becker's Light and Shadow Studio.

We are thrilled to have their support in creating this unique learning environment that supports our mission to provide an outstanding education for our unique and capable students. The Light and Shadow Studio is one of three new Reggio Emilia-inspired Studio spaces at Becker this year.



Find Us On YouTube!

Looking for a one-stop shop to catch the latest worship services, musical selections, videos from our schools and more while we are separated during COVID-19?

More than 900 videos of new content created since the pandemic have been posted to Emanu El's YouTube page with dozens and dozens more from the archives also shared.

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



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!



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

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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.

Lindsey & Jakob Ben-Ezra, daughter Julia

Gustavo Hernandez

Emily & Damon Rahbar-Daniels, children Colton, Sage, Robert

New members will be shared in the *Bulletin* regularly. Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town or looking to find a way to connect with Emanu El? Contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

City Addresses Safety Concern at Rice/Sunset Intersection New Traffic Pattern Established on Sunset Blvd.

For nearly two decades, members of Congregation Emanu El have been involved in trying to correct an unsafe intersection in front the congregation's campus at the corner of Rice and Sunset.

"The needs for a change occurring were evident with the many accidents and near misses over the years involving not only vehicles, but pedestrians and bicyclists," said Emanu El program director Jason Plotkin, who initially became involved in the project in 2014 and serves as the congregation's liaison to the neighborhood.

In-conjunction with Houston city councilmember Abbie Kamin's office, the community group which consists of Emanu EL, First Christian Church, Rice University, the University Place Association Super Neighborhood and Bike Houston, amongst others were able to finally bring about the change.

While a roundabout was the preferred and supported method to address the intersection, the cost which included buying a large portion of the point from neighboring First Christian Church proved to be too significant.

In the spring, Kamin along with the city planning office presented a new plan to the various partners which could be competed for under \$20,000 in discretionary funds from the councilmember's office.

In early October, work began and was completed later the same month following several revisions.

"The was a quick-build safety improvement and we are appreciative of the city planning office for addressing concerns that became clear at the onset," said Plotkin. "Several signs were moved around or removed from the area, more visibility was created for those drivers coming westbound on Sunset and the initial bike lane had its width reduced."

Additional check-ins with the community partners are scheduled and while the area is currently one consistent of bright-yellow concrete curbs, the hope is to establish a greenspace eventually for the whole community to enjoy complete with public art representative of the long-

standing relationship between Emanu El, First Christian Church and Rice University.



Photos provided by Bike Houston of the changes made to the Rice/Sunset intersection.





Tot Shabbat Returns . . . in the Gaylor Parking Facility

Due to a wet forecast and the need to eat outside due to COVID protocols, Emanu El showed flexibility in moving its Tot Shabbat to the first floor of the Gaylor Parking Facility. The program was led by Cantor Simmons (left) and Rabbi Fixler (right), who put together a creative backdrop for the Tot Shabbat festivities.

Sukkot Celebrated Under the Stars

In late September, Emanu El hosted 'Sukkot Under the Stars' featuring a Havdalah service in the Sukkah before enjoying the movie E.T. on an outdoor movie screen behind the cottages. Guests were treated to movie theatre fare including popcorn, candy and the ever-popular Dippin' Dots.



New Traditions Gift Shop Operating Through Remediation

The Emanu El Sisterhood's New Traditions gift shop is still operating, albeit in a smaller space at present. The gift shop is **open 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays or by appointment.**

The gift shop's space was impacted by a water pipe break on Rosh HaShanah morning that is being remediated as of press time in the Parkans Administrative Hallway.

We hope you'll support the gift shop in the coming weeks as you make your Chanukah plans! For more information on the New Traditions Outdoor Chanukah Market, please read the story on page one of this month's *Bulletin*.



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Shabbat Shirah: A Sabbath of Song
Celebrating Barbara Loeser
Friday, January 14, 6:00 p.m.



Make plans to join us on *Shabbat Shirah, the Sabbath of Song*. As our Torah portion and the accompanying extraordinary music highlight Moses and Miriam leading the Israelites across the Red Sea and out of Egypt, we will add in our own celebratory tune as we honor Barbara Loeser as she steps down after more than 45 years of contributions to musical and educational

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