



Bulletin

FROM RABBI HAYON



If you remember singing “The Hokey-Pokey” when you were a child (or singing it with your own kids or grandkids), then you will remember being seized with glee and excitement when you arrived at the last verse. Children can’t help giggling when they arrive at the part when “you put your whole self in,” wiggling their bodies and dancing joyfully.

The rewards of this holy season are proportional to our willingness to bring the fullness of our selves to the experience: body, mind, and spirit.

Over the weeks ahead, we will enter into the most spiritually dense period of the entire Jewish year. This year, the months of September and October are packed tightly with holidays and festivals, drawing us into a period of intense religious preparation and observance.

Around the turn of the 19th century, in western Ukraine, Rabbi Baruch of Medzhibozh assumed the leadership of his family’s Hasidic dynasty. Among the many deep spiritual teachings of the Medzhibozher, as he is familiarly known, is this beautifully insightful tidbit, in which he reflects about this season of the Jewish year:

“During the holy days in the Hebrew month of Tishrei, a Jew serves God with one’s whole being: on Rosh HaShanah, with one’s brain, when the mind focuses on reflection and memory; on Yom Kippur, with one’s heart, since fasting strains the heart; on Sukkot, with one’s hands, as we grasp the etrog and lulav; and on Simchat Torah, with one’s feet, when one parades in circles and dances with the Torah!”

Although Rabbi Baruch of Medzhibozh never did the

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Emanu El Welcomes Steven J. Frank, MD, During Shabbat Shuvah Friday, September 22, 6:00 p.m.

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



Steven J. Frank, MD

This year we are pleased to invite Steven J. Frank, MD to share some personal reflections.

Dr. Frank is an endowed tenured professor of Radiation Oncology and holds the Bessie McGoldrick Professorship in Clinical Research at The University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center.

He and his family are deeply devoted to Jewish life and Jewish learning. He will reflect on the Jewish values that have motivated him during his time in the military, and through his work as a highly respected cancer researcher.

Build the Sukkah with Us

Join us on **Tuesday, September 26, beginning at 9:30 a.m.** to build the Congregation Emanu El Sukkah. No construction or building experience is necessary, just a willingness to learn and be outside. Lunch will be available for volunteers. Come and stay as long as you’d like (or until it’s over). If you can join us, please email Jessie Cassorla at jessiec@emanuelhouston.org so we have enough food.

WORSHIP SERVICES

Friday night services are streamed on our website, Facebook page, Roku channel, and YouTube. Saturday morning B'nei Mitzvah services are available solely on the website and Saturday services take place in Proler Chapel as an in-person experience only. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

Shabbat Ki Tavo

Friday, September 1

5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner, Feld Hall
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
6:15 p.m., Tot Shabbat Service, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, September 2

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeear
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Jesse Gordon** & **Shane Gordon**, sons of Jennifer Gordon and Adam Gordon

Shabbat Nitzavim - Vayeilech

Friday, September 8

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

Saturday, September 9

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Levi Blumrosen**, son of Amy Blumrosen & Shari Heyen, and **Eli Sussman**, son of Kelly Nealon & John Sussman
9:00 p.m., S'lichot Service, Barish Sanctuary

Erev Rosh HaShanah

Friday, September 15

5:00 p.m., High Holy Day Kick-Off Reception
6:00 p.m., Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, Barish Sanctuary

Rosh HaShanah

Saturday, September 16

9:00 a.m., Children's Service, Barish Sanctuary
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Immediately following morning service, Tashlich, Bill Coats Bridge (Hermann Park)

Sunday, September 17

9:00 a.m., Outdoor High Holy Day Family Experience, Nature Discovery Center (7112 Newcastle)
5:00 p.m., Cemetery Service, Emanu El Memorial Park (8341 Bissonnet St.)

Shabbat Haazinu

Friday, September 22

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

Saturday, September 23

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

Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 24

7:30 p.m., Kol Nidre Service, Barish Sanctuary

Monday, September 25

9:00 a.m., Children's Service, Barish Sanctuary
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Afternoon Experience, various spaces
3:30 p.m., Healing & Wholeness, Barish Sanctuary
4:30 p.m., Yizkor, Barish Sanctuary
5:30 p.m., N'ilah, Barish Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Break Fast, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Yom Rishon shel Sukkot

Friday, September 29

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

Saturday, September 30

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

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Hokey-Pokey, I can't help but think about the classic children's song when I return to this teaching. Different seasons of the calendar, and different times of our lives, make demands on different parts of ourselves. At sometimes, we need to activate our hearts or our brains; at others, we are called upon to use our hands or feet to respond to the world around us. During the High Holy Days, however, we are invited to devote our whole selves to responding fully to the spiritual moment with which we are faced.

This Jewish season calls us to refine all parts of ourselves: our thoughts and feelings, the words we speak and the actions we undertake, the generosity of our hands and the attention of our eyes and ears. And the rewards of this holy season are proportional to our willingness to bring the fullness of our selves to the experience: body, mind, and spirit.

As we make our way toward the threshold of a new year, and prepare to answer the season's call for rejoicing and repentance, let us do so with full strength and vigor, and with an enthusiastic willingness to "put our whole selves in" to these joyful and transcendent days. Because that, as the song reminds us, *is* what it's all about.

L'shana tova tikateivu – may we all be inscribed for a new year of goodness and sweetness!



LIFECYCLE EVENTS

BIRTHS

Asher Murray Ebner, son of Debra Gross & Alex Ebner; grandson of Deborah Ebner & Ira Bloom

Georgia Mae Hammer, daughter of Emily & Michael Hammer; granddaughter of Rebecca & Jost Lunstroth

Ethan Harrison Rauch, son of Brittany & Daniel Rauch; grandson of Sharon & Bradley Rauch and Susie & Hugh van Gelder

DEATHS

Peter Garey, brother of Arlyne & Maynard Gimble

Relda Finger Hoffer, mother of Pam & Mark Wallock

Steven Mayer, husband of Barbara Mayer; father of J. Charisse Mayer, Brittany Schaefer, and Hillary & Craig Mueller; grandfather of Zachary Johnson, Ethan and Alec Schaefer, and Paige and Brooke Mueller; brother of Lawrence Mayer

Leah Nitishin, mother of Annette & Larry Weiser, Renee & Zeev Kofman, Cheryl Rose Nitishin, and Lawrence David Nitishin

Gayle Rockoff, wife of Richard Rockoff; mother of Brettne & Andrew Hemley and Lindsey & Jared Rockoff; grandmother of Myca and Harrison Hemley and Jackson, Preston, and Grayson Rockoff; sibling of Dee Dee & Dr. Robert Halpin

Shirley Schnoll, mother of Beth Ann Scher, Amy Schnoll Gritz, and Holly Hunsicker; mother-in-law of Ed Goodwin; grandmother of Eric Scher, Dan Scher, Sonia Spaw & Mike Vachmiel, Hillary & Aaron Valor, and Suz Cuellar & Ash Brayley; great-grandmother of Nolan Valor

Joseph Siff, father of Iris and Jordan Siff, and their mother Bonnie; brother of Janelle Buchanan & Ted Siff; cousin of Marilyn & Al Eisenberg

Keith Silverblatt, son of Julian Silverblatt; husband of Shelley Silverblatt; father of Rebecca Silverblatt & Alex Sierra and Julie Silverblatt & Vinnie Hogan; grandfather of Rose, Clara, Noah, and Gabriel; brother of Terri & Barry Brown, Pam & Stan Clark, and Cindy & Steven Reiner; brother-in-law of Chuck & Sally Pehr, Ben Pehr, Elaine Gelbard, Dan Mattern, Lisa Goldberg, and Michael Cohen

Herb Weiss, husband of Arlyne Weiss; father of Morris Weiss

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.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the newest and returning members to our congregational family from July 14 – August 10. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Lauren & Josh Hill, children Ellie & Zachary
Shawna Murland & Tony Beardmore
Roslyn & Robert Pittsford
Suzanne Rismiller & Henry Rubinsztein
Miriam Rozenbaum & Yaniv Fisher, daughter Michaela
Jeffrey Schechter
Kelli & Brian Selbst, children Noah & Reagan
Jennifer Selzer, children Austin, Hayley, & Landon
Sarna & Bill Sunshine
Kayla & Elan Tavor, children Alexa, Andrew, & Arianna

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.

HIGH HOLY DAY INFORMATION

Below please find important information about the High Holy Days. Additional information and details of the schedule can be found by visiting our online High Holy Day hub at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship.

LIVE STREAMING

High Holy Day services can be watched in 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 who 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 **Sunday, September 10**, and Yom Kippur is **Tuesday, September 19**.

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, we will be 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.

Passes *NEW* for High Holy Days 5784



Emanu El is excited to announce that we will be using digital passes for High Holy Day services this year. Each adult member of your household will receive one digital pass via email which may be used for all High Holy Day services. If only one member of your household has an email address, passes for all adults will be emailed to that address. You will receive an email from orders@simpletix.com which will be sent to the email address on file in your ShulCloud account early this month. You can print your pass at home or simply save

it on your phone to be scanned when you arrive at the building for services. Passes can be saved to your Apple Wallet, Google Wallet, etc. Your name will be on your pass, and passes are NOT transferrable. As a reminder, you must be a member in good standing to receive High Holy Day passes.

As in previous years, members in good standing may request up to two passes for out-of-town guests. Please email jessiec@emanuelhouston.org with the name and email address of your guests, so that they can receive the email with their guest pass.

We also welcome members of the community who have moved to Houston since the last High Holy Days. Please ask them to contact Anna Shabtay at 713.529.5771, ext. 261 or annas@emanuelhouston.org to arrange for newcomer passes.

As always, finances are never a barrier to membership at Emanu El, and guest pass options are also available for non-members. If you would like more information about these options, contact Fredi Bleeker Franks at 713.529.5771, ext. 221 or fredif@emanuehouston.org.

**Members in good standing are those who do not have a balance from the prior fiscal year and have returned their 2023-2024 Annual Commitment form.*

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PARKING

Please remember to bring your cell phones or your printed digital passes! Only individuals with High Holy Days passes will be permitted entry to the Emanu El campus. Parking on Floors 1 and 2 of the Gaylor Parking Facility will be reserved for handicap-accessible use. The West Lot is reserved for Rabbi's Circle members with a required special pass. Because there is limited garage parking, we encourage you to park off-site. Buses will run continually between satellite parking and Emanu El.

Parking for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre will be at the Medical Clinic of Houston at 1707 Sunset Blvd. The parking garage entrance is located on Rice Blvd. On Yom Kippur day, parking will be available at Rice University.

For those attending our Tashlich service, parking is available at Bill Coats Bridge.

NEW THIS YEAR – there will be a bus available for those who wish to attend but not park at the bridge. A map of Bill Coats Bridge and available parking can be found on our website.

CHILDCARE

Childcare for children ages 15 months to 8 years is available during both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur morning services. Registration in advance **MUST** be received in order to prepare for the appropriate number of caregivers. The cost is \$10 per child, per service. A light snack will be provided; however, children with allergies are encouraged to bring their own snacks. The registration deadline for Rosh HaShanah is **September 12**; the Yom Kippur registration deadline is **September 19**. Visit us online to register at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship or contact Sarah Kronman at 713.529.5771 or sarahk@emanuelhouston.org.

HUNGER FUND

Last year, your generosity allowed us to contribute \$5000 each to the Emergency Aid Coalition, Second Servings, the Houston Food Bank and Meals on Wheels.

Congregation Emanu El's longstanding commitment to fighting hunger is made possible by contributions to the Edward Wayne Hunger Fund.

Donations to the Hunger Fund support emergency food needs in the Houston area, our partners in the community helping to fight hunger, and our ongoing projects with SEARCH Homeless Services and Kids' Meals.

Please return the envelope enclosed in your High Holy Day packet to the synagogue or drop it off at the rotunda during the High Holy Days. Donations can also be made online at emanuelhouston.org/giving.

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? If you are planning to worship at a congregation near your travel destination, you may be eligible for reciprocity. Through our affiliation with the Union for Reform Judaism, our congregation enjoys reciprocity with hundreds of Reform synagogues nationally. Please contact Sue Lewis at suel@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771.

The form to request reciprocity is available on our High Holy Day page, at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship. The destination synagogue will notify you when your request has been received.

If you have questions, please contact Fredi Bleeker Franks at fredif@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.2842.

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

Tot Shabbat

Friday, September 1

Dinner: 5:45 p.m., Service: 6:15 p.m.



Following a two-month break, we are thrilled to invite families with young children to join us for this monthly joyous Shabbat experience geared toward ages 0-6. Beginning with an optional dinner in Feld Hall for \$5 per person (vegetarian and gluten-free options available), the shortened service to follow is guaranteed fun family time.

Questions? Contact Anna Shabtay at 713.987.3316 or annas@emanuelhouston.org.

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



FALL ISRAEL SPEAKER

Dr. Meron Medzini, "Golda during the Yom Kippur War: an Eyewitness Account"

Wednesday, September 6, 7:00 p.m.

50 years ago, this fall, the Yom Kippur War shook Israel to its foundation and forever changed its role in geopolitics. Golda Meir, the "Iron Lady of Israel," and her leadership during this cataclysmic three-week period is the subject of a new biopic, currently in theaters. Our Fall Israel Speaker, Dr. Meron Medzini, who served as Golda's official spokesman, had a front-row seat to the real-life political drama depicted in the film. He will share with us his unique insider's perspective on this pivotal moment in

Israel's political history and its far-reaching implications.

To RSVP for this program, visit our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

This program is generously underwritten by the Barish Israel Fund. A wine and dessert reception will follow the presentation.

PANEL DISCUSSION: The State of Women's Equity in 2023 Thursday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.

The congregation is invited to attend an engaging and thought-provoking panel discussion at Emanu El hosted by the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) Houston.

As a leading organization dedicated to social justice, gender equality, and women's empowerment, NCJW believes it is imperative to foster dialogue and collaboration among influential figures and thought leaders. This panel discussion aims to assess the current state of women's equity and explore actionable strategies to promote positive change in our society.

Join us for the panel to gain valuable insights into the progress and challenges faced by women in achieving equity in various spheres, and explore potential solutions for a more inclusive and empowered future. Don't miss this engaging panel, highlighting voices at the forefront of the fight for gender equality. Your presence will inspire others and reaffirm the importance of ongoing efforts to achieve gender equality in our community and beyond.

DISTINGUISHED PANELISTS INCLUDE:

Sheila Katz: Fearless and visionary CEO of NCJW, Sheila is at the forefront of empowering women and promoting social justice.

Abbie Kamin: A dynamic force in politics, Abbie serves as a Houston City Council Member, advocating for women's rights and equitable policies.

Dr. Jenna Rosen: Leading by example, Jenna serves as the President of NCJW Houston, passionately championing women's causes and empowerment.

Dr. Elizabeth Gregory: Director of Women's Gender and Sexuality Studies at UH, Dr. Gregory's data driven insights shed light on societal norms and their impact on women's progress.

Rabbi Josh Fixler (Moderator): With wisdom and empathy, Rabbi Fixler guides the conversation, ensuring a rich and inclusive dialogue.

Registration is required and available online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

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Emanu El Young Families Playdates in the Park: School Year Series
Sunday, September 10, 8:30 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Evelyn's Park (4400 Bellaire Blvd)



Come connect with other young families while we celebrate our love of music! Please join us at Evelyn's Park for the first Young Families Playdate in the Park: School Year Series. Snacks, drinks and fun will be provided! If your child is five years old or younger we would love to meet up with you. As always, older siblings are welcome!

Register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

Morocco 2024: Orientation & Informational Meeting
Sunday, September 10, 12:00 p.m.



Join Rabbi Hayon for this information session to have all of your questions answered and learn everything there is to know about our upcoming Jewish journey through Morocco in March 2024.

There will be two opportunities to attend: **Sunday, September 10, at 12:00 p.m.** and **Thursday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m.** (in the Sukkah).

Please RSVP in advance and allow us to make appropriate accommodations for the meeting. Sign up for one of the orientation sessions and find additional information regarding the itinerary and registration for the trip on our Morocco 2024 information hub, located at emanuelhouston.org/morocco2024.

SUKKOT  *on Sunset*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1 | 4:00 PM

Celebrate the joy of Sukkot together this season as we gather in our new Sukkah throughout the festival. There will be food and fun for the whole family, delicious BBQ and a beautiful service in our Sukkah.


The fun will include our rock-climbing wall, hayrides, bounce houses, crafts, and more.

The evening will feature a delicious BBQ dinner, refreshments and an Erev Sukkot service in the Sukkah!

The cost to attend is \$5 for individual member passes (3 people or less), \$20 for a member family pass (4 people or more) and \$10 per person for non-member passes.

Visit our web calendar to register and join us!

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Basic Judaism

Basic Judaism

Sunday mornings, October 1 – November 12
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.

Seeking to learn more about Judaism or refresh what you learned years ago?

Join us for the fall semester of this fabulous multi-session class. Taught by our clergy, the classes will cover the topics of Jewish history, Jewish denominations and Shabbat. No homework, tests, or quizzes. Just come and learn for the sake of learning.

Class size is limited. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Shira in Rabbi Silk's office at shiram@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 212.

Adult Hebrew

Sunday mornings beginning October 1
9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m. Intermediate Adult Hebrew
10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Beginning Adult Hebrew



Two terrific yearlong adult Hebrew classes are about to begin, and you are invited to participate.

The beginning adult Hebrew class will focus on learning the Hebrew aleph bet and help students acquire the skills to decode simple words and phrases.

The intermediate adult Hebrew level class is for students who are familiar with the Hebrew letters and vowels and are ready to start stringing words together. The goal is to increase prayer reading fluency.

The course cost is \$180. Try the first couple of sessions at no cost to decide if it is a good fit for you. Pre-registration is required. Please contact Shira in Rabbi Silk's office at shiram@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 212.

New Series – Sex, Intimacy, and Relationships: Toward a Postmodern Jewish Sexual Ethic

Beginning October 4, 12:30 p.m.



We're thrilled to announce the launch of a new monthly lunch-and-learn opportunity with Rabbi Silk. This eight-session class will

meet on the **first Wednesday of the month, beginning in October.**

Sexuality and intimacy are central to our identities and experiences as human beings, yet we have few opportunities to speak about them in a frank, open, and explicitly Jewish way. Using the IYUN program from Hillel's Jewish Learning Fellowship, we will read – broadly and generously – traditional Jewish texts on intimacy, gender, sexuality, and other related topics.

Bring your lunch, we will provide dessert, beverages, and nourishment for your mind and soul.

Pre-registration is required. Please contact Shira Moses in Rabbi Silk's office at shiram@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 212. The cost to attend is \$18, and space is limited.



Helfman Religious School

Consecration

Sunday, October 8, 10:45 a.m.

Consecration is coming! At Consecration, we celebrate the beginning of our kindergarten students' educational journey in Judaism. All kindergarten students (including children of Emanu El members who attend Jewish day schools) and students who are just beginning their religious school education in 1st-3rd grade, will be consecrated at **10:45 a.m. on Sunday, October 8**. Students and their parents are requested to attend a Consecration family education event from **9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. on Sunday, September 10**, during which the Consecration class will take their class photo, learn about the Torah from Rabbi Hayon and more! Please contact Elizabeth Townsend at 713.535.6400 or elizabethht@emanuelhouston.org for more information.



Bereavement group

October 26, November 2, 9, 16
10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

We invite you to embrace your grief journey and find comfort among others who have experienced a loss. This four-week group will provide the opportunity to come together to describe and process your pain in a safe, brave space. This group session will be led by Rabbi Seth Stander, Community Aging Specialist at HHCI. Pre-registration is required, please contact Shira in Rabbi Silk's office at shiram@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 212.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

September - October 2023

Mah Jongg 2023-2024 – Let's Play!

Registration for Sisterhood mah jongg events can be found online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.



Mah Jongg Afternoon

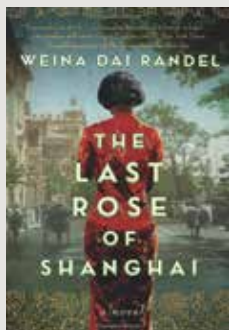
Tuesday, September 5, 1:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of mah jongg at Emanu El! Noshes are complimentary.

Evening Mahj

Tuesday, September 19, 5:30 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Calling all mah jongg mavens! Join us for mahj and a light supper and wine for \$7.



BOOK REVIEW:

The Last Rose of Shanghai by Weina Dai Randel
Thursday, September 7, 7:00 p.m.

The Last Rose of Shanghai is a powerful story involving the relationship between a Shanghai heiress and a penniless Jewish refugee. Sophisticated heiress Aiyi takes a chance when she hires Jewish pianist Ernest to play jazz in her nightclub. She has no idea that she will be risking everything that she loves and holds dear as a forbidden love blossoms between her and Ernest. Waina Dai Randel's poignant unforgettable love story is a page turner filled with suspense, while revealing a little-known segment of World War II history.

This event will be held in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room, and refreshments will be served. There is no charge for this event. Please RSVP online or by contacting the Sisterhood office

at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org.

NEW TRADITIONS SALE



Just in time for the High Holy Days, the Sisterhood gift shop is excited to offer 20% off all tallitot during September! Come in and see the fantastic selection of traditional and classic styles as

well as colorful and modern styles of tallitot.

SUMMER HOURS:

Tuesday – Friday 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Sundays 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., when

Helfman Religious School resumes.

Also available by appointment!

713.529.5771, ext. 234.

Knead Out Breast Cancer!

Thursday, October 12, 6:00 p.m.

Hone your baking skills with Sisterhood and learn to make challah with expert challah maker Phyllis Berman! Enjoy a fun-filled evening of baking, then have dinner with friends. No challah-making experience is necessary.



In conjunction with Breast Cancer Awareness Month, Dr. Kelli Ha will talk about women's health and breast cancer. Dr. Ha is a breast radiologist at Houston Methodist the Woodlands.

Couvert is \$20 for Sisterhood members and \$25 for non-members. A portion of the proceeds from this evening will go toward breast cancer research.

Please RSVP by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by **Monday, October 9.**

YOUR VOICE/YOUR VOTE

Policy begins at the local level. Make your voice heard.

MAKE YOUR PLAN NOW. ELECTION DAY IS SOON!

- ✓ OCTOBER 27: MAIL-IN BALLOT APPLICATION DEADLINE: RECEIVED (NOT POSTMARKED)
- ✓✓ REMINDER: YOU MUST REAPPLY TO VOTE BY MAIL EVERY YEAR
- ✓ OCTOBER 23 - NOVEMBER 3: EARLY VOTING
- ✓ NOVEMBER 7, 7:00 AM - 7:00 PM: HOUSTON MAYORAL & CITY COUNCIL ELECTION
- ✓ VOTE AT ANY POLLING LOCATION

FOR MORE INFORMATION, POLLING LOCATIONS, YOUR OFFICIAL
BALLOT, AND TO CHECK YOUR VOTER REGISTRATION, VISIT
[EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG/EEVOTES](https://emanuelhouston.org/eevotes)



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!



Find Us On YouTube!

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

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

MUSIC AT EMANUEL



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SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT
COMING SOON IN YOUR MAIL.





We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through August 9, 2023.

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

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

In Honor of

The Birthday of Carol Wilk – 80th

Pat & Aaron Fradkin

In Memory of

Relda Finger Hoffer

Sara Speer Selber

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

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