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FROM RABBI HAYON



Each year when the winter nights get longer and colder, Chanukah arrives to provide a bright glow in the darkest season. The primary symbol of the festival, the candles of our menorah, spread light into the evening's gloom and remind us of the values of this season: faith and courage and the eternal promise of our shared Jewish future.

As the calendar year draws to a close, I hope that all of us will do some thinking about how we can live Jewish lives of pride and confidence in 2023.

According to Jewish tradition, we kindle lights on Chanukah for a very specific reason. The candles are lit to fulfill the commandment known to ancient rabbis by the Aramaic phrase *pirsumei nisa*: to publicize the miracle. The sages insisted that it was not sufficient merely to remember the Maccabees' valor; we must take the extra step to share the stories of Jewish survival with the rest of the world.

This can be a challenging commandment to uphold. The rise in antisemitism in recent months may make some of us understandably uneasy about advertising our Jewish identity in the public sphere. Nevertheless, I hope that all of us will find meaningful ways to uphold the obligation to celebrate the miracles of Jewish life in the world outside our synagogues and homes. During the month of December, especially, when so much of public life is dedicated to religious symbols and celebrations that are not our own, it is even more important for us to demonstrate happiness and pride in our history and our heritage.

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Eight Wonder-full Nights

Chanukah 2022 runs from **Sunday, December 18** through **Monday, December 26**. Experience the joy of Chanukah at Emanu El with our Chanukah Shabbat service and Latke Supper on **Friday, December 23**. For more details see page 9.



Michael Twitty to Visit Emanu El as 2022-2023 Endowment Speaker Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

We are excited to welcome Michael Twitty, culinary historian, food writer and author of *Koshersoul*, as Emanu El's 2022-2023 Endowment Speaker. Join us for an evening with Michael as he shares with us his life experiences and perspectives on how food can make a people. Learn more about Michael on page 9.

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 Vayeitzei Friday, December 2

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

Saturday, December 3

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmear
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **Ethan Stulberg**, son of Dana & Jonah Stulberg

Shabbat Vayishlach Friday, December 9

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

Saturday, December 10

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Maxwell Leo Goldfarb**, son of Ann & Dr. David Goldfarb, and **Charlie Pasternak**, son of Rachel & Jeffrey Pasternak

Shabbat Vayeishev Friday, December 16

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

Saturday, December 17

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Maiara Kahn**, daughter of Alicia Kahn

Shabbat Mikeitz Friday, December 23

6:00 p.m., Chanukah Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
Chanukah Shabbat Dinner following the service

Saturday, December 24

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

Shabbat Vayigash Friday, December 30

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, December 31

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

Shabbat Vayeichi Friday, January 6

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

Saturday, January 7

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

Shabbat Sh'mot Friday, January 13

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 14

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Maxwell (Max) Leiman**, son of Liz & David Leiman, and **Beau Stafford**, son of Anna & Trey Stafford

Shabbat Va-eira Friday, January 20

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 21

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Ryan Wasserstein** & **Truman Wasserstein**, sons of Sallye Wolf & Brent Wasserstein

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As the calendar year draws to a close, I hope that all of us will do some thinking about how our we can live Jewish lives of pride and confidence in 2023. In particular, our congregational trip to Israel this coming summer will provide a wonderful opportunity to publicize the timeless miracle of Jewish survival and triumph over the centuries. I hope you'll explore the trip itinerary at emanuelhouston.org/israel2023 and consider registering to join us for this marvelous

travel experience. It will be an unforgettable joy and a deeply spiritual learning opportunity, and I truly hope to have you join me in Israel next summer.



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LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Hillary Adler & Emily Marlowe

Lindsey Brook & Curran Guiney

Staci Minchen & Mark Zeidman

BIRTHS

Jacey Sloan Danna, daughter of Sloane & Joseph Danna; granddaughter of Rita & Steven Engelhardt, Cheryl Verlander & Chuck Bracht, Marion Danna, and Kay Danna; great-granddaughter of Claudia Verlander and Mary Romeo

Elliot Reid Saghian, son of Rachel & Michael Saghian; grandson of Mindy & Lee Rosenthal; great-grandson of Julien Rosenthal

Kira Gwen Sivam, daughter of Julie Schackman & Sunthosh Sivam; granddaughter of Susan & Sanford Schackman and Magesh & T.P. Sivam

Lainey Maeve Spellman, daughter of Mindy & Mark Spellman; granddaughter of Michelle & Howard Stone; great-granddaughter of Larry Greenfield

DEATHS

Bruce Glikin, husband of Rachel Glikin

Natalie Keen, mother of our members Cindy & Brett Perlman, Barbara & William Drell, and DeDe & David Wadler; grandmother of Brian, Drew, and Hallie Perlman

Natalie Littman, wife of Earl Littman; mother of Erica & Ronnie Humphrey, Bonnie & Larry Likover, and Mary & Michael Littman; grandmother of Stephanie & Brent Humphrey, Jenn & Clay Likover, Lee Likover, Alexandra & Collin Likover, Katie & Ryan Littman, and Robert Littman; great-grandmother of Melanie & Nolan Humphrey and Josephine Likover

Michael Mark, husband of Jeri Mark; father of our members Jenny & Brandon Mark; father-in-law of Julia Mark; grandfather of Brody, Jake, & Maddie Mark, Emily & Ethan Mark, and Sasha Mackoff

Barbara Rosenzweig, wife of Ted Rosenzweig; mother of our members Clarice Jacobson & Brian Rosenzweig

Dan Silverman, husband of Eileen Silverman; father of Traci & Neil Silverman; grandfather of Grant Silverman and Ali & Ben Tucker

Jerry Spencer, husband of Janice Spencer; father of Vikki & Bill Spencer and Alyssa & Jon Spencer; stepfather of Laura & Richard Dana and Jennifer & Sandy Falco; grandfather of Eric and Sam Dana

Spencer Strellis, husband of Judy Strellis; father of our members Lauren & George Mattiuzzi, Barbara Banks & Eric Strellis, Paisley Strellis & Will Springer, and Keith Strellis; grandfather of Willow Banks, Amber Strellis, Westley Strellis, Brandon Strellis, Sidney Strellis, Benjamin Mattiuzzi, Noah Mattiuzzi, Oskar Allen, and Rowan Allen

Samuel Weber, husband of Simone Weber; father of Katherine & Andrew Weber, Monica & Michael Weber, and Amy & Jeff Lilly; grandfather of Elizabeth Weber, Sarah Weber, Jacob Weber, Joshua Weber, Jonah Weber, David Weber, Anna Kate Cooper, and Miles Lilly; brother of Sally & Lowell Pearlman, Susan McDaniel & Robert Gaston, and Jane Edmond & Randal Weber

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.

**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.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

December 2022

Get Ready to Become an Instagram Insider! (digital) Wednesday, December 14, 7:00 p.m.



You are invited to join Samantha Rosenthal, an educational technology consultant, and your “sisters” for an evening of tips, tricks and timely tools for using your Instagram account. Don’t have an account yet? No problem! We will cover how to get started from the very first step, who to follow, how to save photos, and how to post photos and videos. Don’t

you think it’s time we all see what’s happening with our families in Houston and around the world?

There is no cost for this Zoom program. Register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or contact Sisterhood at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by **Friday, December 9**. Following your registration, you will be emailed a one-page outline to print and follow along with Samantha.



Mah Jongg Opportunities Monday, December 5, 1:00 p.m.

Enjoy an afternoon of mah jongg with your friends! Noshes are complimentary. Please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Tuesday, December 6, 5:30 p.m.

One bam, two crak. Tuesday night mah jongg is back! Please join us for a fun evening playing mah jongg with your friends and a light supper for \$7. Please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.



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](https://www.instagram.com/emanuelhouston). And yes, please feel free to “check-in” at Emanu El when you are here for events and happenings!

Helfman Religious School

It's been a busy fall semester at Helfman Religious School! We've learned about the fall holidays, read Torah stories, learned Hebrew, and enjoyed exploring our lab spaces – movement, art, music, cooking, and STEM. Our newest learners celebrated their Consecration while our Upper School returned to classes ranging from American Jewish history to Jewish ethics – even taking some time to play mah jongg! We can't wait to see what next semester brings!



A Torah scroll wrapped all the way around our Consecration students.



Rabbi Hayon and Rabbi Fixler share a Torah scroll with our Consecration students and their families.



Ms. Sarah's first grade class explores the STEM lab.



Our teachers and teaching assistants working together to get ready for the school year.



Ms. Joanie's second grade class celebrates the birthday of the world at Rosh Hashanah.



Ms. Kyndhal's fifth grade class works on Hebrew at the white board.



Our Upper School students enjoy a game of mah jongg.



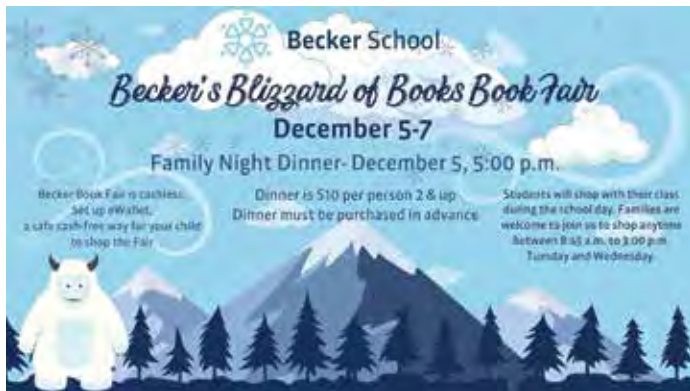
Becker School Proudly Represented at the National Conference for Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism

Congregation Emanu El's Becker School was proudly represented at the national conference for Early Childhood Educators of Reform Judaism in San Diego, CA last week. Two Becker School teachers, Brianna Francis and Brooke Schoch were able to attend three days filled with professional development, networking alongside fellow Jewish educators and opportunities to be mentored by renowned leaders in Early Childhood Education. Both teachers were lovingly embraced by the ECE-RJ organization and were recognized for their eagerness to learn and their passion for teaching.

Becker's Assistant Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, Ashly Tamayo, also attended the conference as a guest speaker. Ashly led two workshop sessions entitled, *Kef Ba Teva: Bringing Jewish Values to Life Through Outdoor Learning Experiences* and another about bringing outdoor learning experiences to students while exploring Earth-based Jewish values such as *Shomrei Adamah*



(Guardianship of the Earth) and *Kavod Briut* (the dignity of all creation). Thank you to the Emanu El staff, administration and entire congregation for making this life-changing opportunity possible!



Becker Book Fair

Monday, December 5 - Wednesday, December 7

Join us for *snow* much fun at the Becker's Blizzard of Books Book Fair. The event will kick off **Monday, December 5 at 5:00 p.m.** with a family dinner and shopping.

Come to Becker's Book Fair Family Night Dinner and enjoy a pancake and waffle dinner for \$10 per person (2 and under are free). Visit us online at emanuelhouston.org/calendar to register for dinner and to set up your online shopping account to purchase books.

Becker students love the Astros

There was no shortage of kvelling in the Becker school as the Astros won their World Series trophy!





Jewish Federation
OF GREATER HOUSTON



Jewish Federation of Greater Houston

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston wants input from Houston's Jewish community to collectively shape our shared future.

Hineni Houston is its community-wide listening journey that aims to engage up to 1,000 Houstonians in conversations. This effort is led by more than 50 volunteers in our community and Chaired by Joe Pryzant and Dori Goldman in partnership with Federation Board Chair Ben Samuels and CEO Renée Wizig-Barrios.

Together, we will imagine and ultimately co-create Jewish life in Houston that is joyful, meaningful, and relevant for ALL of us, no matter where we live or how we live our Jewish lives. The central question Hineni Houston asks is: *"What are your aspirations for Houston's Jewish community, now and for the future?"*

Through an intentionally designed community listening approach, Hineni Houston will seek to understand the following questions: How have our needs as a Jewish community changed? What is important to us? What are our strengths? What are the barriers to a Jewish community that is connected, inclusive, vibrant and meaningful? Where can we grow or innovate? What is missing in our Houston Jewish community?

We invite you to participate in a Listening Forum. Please register online at houstonjewish.org/hineni. More than 40 Listening Forums are scheduled through January, including those being held over the Hineni Listening Weekend, **December 2-4**.

If you have any questions, please submit them to hello@houstonjewish.org.

On **Tuesday, December 6, at 7:00 p.m.**, Congregation Emanu El will host a Listening Forum for our congregants and the Jewish community. We hope to see you there.

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Jewish Federation OF GREATER HOUSTON Congregation Emanu El

HANUKKAH
FESTIVUS FOR THE
REST OF US
JEWISH SINGLES OVER 50

DECEMBER 25TH, 2022
3:00 P.M. - 5:00 P.M.

GENESIS STEAKHOUSE & WINE BAR
80 BRAESWOOD SQUARE, 77096

Kosher Chinese Buffet & 2 cocktails

Better Together Chanukah Party

Sunday, December 25, 3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

"Better Together" is a group for Jewish singles over 50 across Houston to join together over a variety of monthly social opportunities made possible by the partnership of Houston Jewish congregations and organizations.

On **December 25**, join the Better Together group at Genesis Steakhouse (80 Braeswood Square) to enjoy a delicious Kosher Chinese Buffet dinner and cocktails.

Cost is \$25 for the first 80 registrants, and \$42 for registrations beyond that. Cash only at the door. Price includes dinner and two cocktails.

Please register at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar.

This month's event is graciously underwritten by Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism and Congregation Brith Shalom.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL



Tot Shabbat Dinner & Service

December 2, Dinner: 5:45 p.m., Service: 6:15 p.m.

Families with young children will join Congregation Emanu El for this monthly event to share a special Shabbat led by a member of our clergy, geared toward families with little ones ages 0-6.

Our Tot Shabbat will begin with dinner in Feld Hall at 5:45 p.m. This optional dinner will be provided by Houston Catering Concepts, and vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person. The deadline for registration is Wednesday, November 30, or upon hitting our capacity number.

For more information on our Tot Shabbat programming, please contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 261.

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



Adult Learning Opportunities



Stefani Carlson

Taste of Talmud (hybrid)
Thursday, December 1, 12:30 p.m.
December 2, Dinner: 5:45 p.m.,
Service: 6:15 p.m.

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

Judaism and a fun group of people? If your is yes, then join us for *A Taste of Talmud*, our monthly study of rabbinic texts, led by Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson. No experience or Hebrew knowledge required: all texts are provided in translation. All are welcome, this program takes place in person and online. RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org/calendar. For more information, contact Stefani Carlson at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 251.



Haviv Gur

Israel Lunch & Learn with Haviv Gur (digital)
Thursday, December 8,
12:30 p.m.

Join us for an online lunch and Learn with Haviv Gur, an Israeli journalist who serves as the political correspondent and senior analyst for *The Times* of Israel. Haviv will lead a riveting discussion around the recent Israeli election, the state of Israeli politics, and more. This event will be held online, so grab your lunch and tune in! Zoom link provided upon registration. RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org/calendar. For more information, contact Stefani Carlson at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 251.



Michael Twitty: *Koshersoul* Wednesday, December 7, 7:00 p.m.

Emanu El is thrilled to welcome Michael Twitty as our 2022-2023 Endowment Speaker. Michael W. Twitty is a culinary historian and food writer from the Washington D.C. area. He blogs at Afroculinaria.com. He's appeared on *Bizarre Foods America* with Andrew Zimmern, *Many Rivers to Cross* with Dr. Henry Louis Gates, and has lectured to over 450 groups.

He has served as a judge for the James Beard Awards and is a fellow with the Southern Foodways Alliance and TED, and was the first Revolutionary in Residence at the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation. *Southern Living* named Twitty, one of "Fifty People Changing the South," and theroot.com added him to their 100 most influential African Americans under 45.

He also made the *Jewish Forward's* list of most influential American Jews. HarperCollins released Twitty's *The Cooking Gene*, in 2017, tracing his ancestry through food from Africa to America and from slavery to freedom, a finalist for the Kirkus Prize and the Art of Eating Prize and a third-place winner of Barnes & Noble's Discover New Writer's Awards in Nonfiction. *The Cooking Gene* won the 2018 James Beard Award for best writing as well as book of the year, making him the first Black author so awarded. His piece on visiting Ghana in *Bon Appetit* was included in *Best Food Writing in 2019* and was nominated for a 2019 James Beard Award.

Visit emanuelhouston.org/michaeltwitty2022 to register in advance as well as purchase your copy of the *Koshersoul* cookbook. The event will conclude with a book signing!



Chanukah Shabbat & Latke Supper Friday, December 23, 6:00 p.m., dinner to follow

Celebrate Chanukah during an all-ages-and-stages friendly service in the Barish Sanctuary, with bright lights created by hundreds of chanukiyot glowing all around.

Bring your chanukiyah and candles, wear your ugly sweater, and share a delicious meal among your community. We'll have tons of Chanukah-themed crafts and activities all around!

Please register for dinner by December 21. The cost for dinner is \$15 for adults and \$10 for children 12 and under.



The Classics: Wine Tasting & Painting Saturday, January 14, 5:30 p.m.

Join the Classics – Emanu El's social group for those in their 50s and 60s – for a private wine tasting and painting party at French Country Wines (2433 Bartlett St. Houston 77098). Their wine expert, Victoria, will discuss the difference in wines aged in steel tanks versus oak barrels while you create your own wine-themed artistic masterpiece. All materials will be provided. No experience or skills necessary!

Tickets are \$50 plus tax (\$54.13). Each ticket includes 2.5 oz each of four different wines and all the art supplies.

The deadline to register is **Thursday, January 5**. Attendance is limited to the first 10 registrants, so register now to secure your spot by visiting emanuelhouston.org/calendar. Cancellations made within 24 hours qualify for full refund.

Music at Emanu El Presents the Emanu El Volunteer Choir Showcase: *Back to Broadway* Sunday, December 11, 5:00 p.m.

Emanu El's Volunteer Choir, led by legend Ann Frohbieter, will brighten your season with their performance of your favorite showtunes. This annual concert is sure to make you smile and enliven your spirit. Fun for all ages, the concert is free and open to everyone with an optional Italian dinner to follow, \$15 for adults, \$8 for children.

RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org/mee.



MLK Shabbat with the Phillip Hall Singers Friday, January 13, 6:00 p.m.

Our renowned pianist, Phillip Hall, will bring his choir to enhance our Friday Shabbat worship. The Phillip Hall Singers are a unifying force to all who hear them, regardless of age, gender, culture, ethnicity or socio-economic background, bringing truth to the idea that music is the "great unifier." Let us fill the Barish Sanctuary with joyful song!

No registration required.



Welcome Home Baskets

As a congregation, we're committed to providing "Welcome Home Baskets," for Afghan refugees, Houston's Jewish domestic violence victims, and to people experiencing homelessness. We have successfully completed the first 20 baskets and are grateful for all that has been donated.

Please help complete this mitzvah! There's an urgent need for new/nearly new bath towels, dish towels, sets of dishes for four, flatware for four, glassware for four, coffee makers, and pots and pans. **We need volunteers for the next assembly date on December 11 for delivery on December 18.** You can order items from our Amazon or

Target gift registries, donate funds for purchasing items, or volunteer to assemble baskets.

To take part, please visit emanuelhouston.org/welcomehomebaskets.

"These baskets will powerfully transform the structure that a family is living in, into a real home," said Rabbi Silk.



Congregation Emanu El

EMANU EL IS GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

DO YOU...

- like helping others?
- have a talent or skill to share?
- enjoy being part of a vibrant community?
- want to feel more connected as a member?



The newly formed "Volunteer & Committee Coordination Group" is here to help match YOUR passions and interests with the wide variety of volunteer opportunities at Emanu El.

Volunteer today to help shape the future of our congregation and broader community.

Questions?

Contact Scott Bormaster, *Chair, Volunteer & Committee Coordination Group*

📞 713.725.5212

✉️ sb4runner@aol.com

JOIN NOW!

There are three ways to sign up. Visit emanuelhouston.org/getinvolved to submit electronically, detach the following form and mail it to **Congregation Emanu El Attn: Anna Shabtay 1500 Sunset Blvd. Houston, TX 77005**, or bring it with you to High Holy Day Services and drop it in the marked locations. Also, feel free to reach out to any of our committee members listed on the back of this page with questions.



Volunteer Form

Name _____

Phone _____ Email _____

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Make your mark at Emanu El and GET INVOLVED!



All we need is YOU

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

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHING ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teaching assistants

In Memory of

Dan Silverman

Melinda & Steven Gordon

Sam Weber

Rachel Burgan

ALEX & WILLIE MAE GOLDSTEIN CHILDREN'S FUND

To support the educational, spiritual, physical, and emotional needs of children ages 10 and under

In Memory of

Sam Weber

Denise & Stef Gorel

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

In Honor of

The Birthday of Jeannette Nestvold

Shelly Cyprus

In Memory of
Larry Fradkin

Shelley & Vic Wisner

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide for and enhance the Becker School

In Memory of

Barbara Rosenzweig

Cheryl & Haran Levy

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker School scholarships

In Memory of

Sam Weber

Ellen Kalish

Judy & Allan Lazor
Alexander Ropper

CAPLOVITZ LIFELONG ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION FUND

To present programs on contemporary moral issues

In Memory of

Dan Silverman

Barbara & Raymond Kalmans

CARY PASTERNAK CEMETERY FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

A Donation

Vera Balog

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Larry Fradkin

Barbara Friedman

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

The Emanu El Clergy & Staff

Pat & Aaron Fradkin
Linda & Richard Zoll

In Honor of

The Emanu El Clergy & Staff

Ellen Brooks
Claudia & Joel Selzer
Linda Rauch Susman

The Birthday of Rabbi Oren Hayon

Carol & Barry Goodfriend

In Memory of

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Marie Brochstein & Family

Michael Epstein

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Sam Weber

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To enhance Emanu El's communications with congregants

In Honor of

The Birthday of Dolores Wilkenfeld

fredi & Paul Franks

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry of Houston

In Honor of

The Bar Mitzvah of Ryan Berger

Sara Astrich

The Birthday of Maynard Gimble

Cheryl & Haran Levy

The Birthday of Rabbi Oren Hayon

Sonia & Peter Benjamin

In Memory of

Larry Fradkin

Alice & Ralph Berkman

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Gay Yellen & Donald Reiser

David S. Kaufman

Pam Kaufman & Dennis Keierleber

Natalie Littman

Sara Astrich

Sam Weber

Sara Astrich

Joy & Richard Pulaski

ETERNAL FLAME FUND

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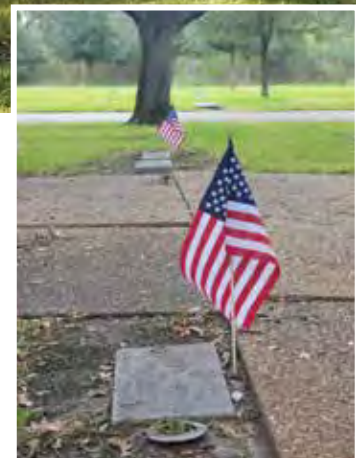
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Veterans Day At Emanu El Memorial Park

This past Veteran's Day the Emanu El Memorial Park Cemetery Committee posted American Flags to honor our veterans who are laid to rest at the cemetery. We are elated to now have a record of over 100 veterans in our system. This will be an annual event, and we look forward to sharing this moment next year with our community to honor and appreciate those who served.



At last month's Tot Shabbat service, families gathered to sing, dance and schmooze after a tasty fajita dinner. In this joyful Shabbat experience our youngest congregants delight in worship through story and song, making lasting memories of time with family and community.

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Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, President of Hebrew Union College, Visits Congregation Emanu El

This fall, Congregation Emanu El hosted a breakfast for Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) alumni to connect with Dr. Andrew Rehfeld, HUC-JIR President, who was visiting Houston. The event was attended by rabbis, cantors, and Jewish professionals from across Houston who attended HUC-JIR. The morning began with opening remarks from Emanu El's Senior Rabbi, Oren Hayon, followed by Dr. Rehfeld's address in which he discussed the current state of the College-Institute and his reflections on its future. It was an important opportunity for Dr. Rehfeld to engage in meaningful conversation with our local leaders.

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the newest and returning members to our congregational family from October 8 – November 3. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Debra & Jason Dluhy, children David & Sarah
Jan Drutz
Tedi & René Garza
Alison Goulding Mustoe & Anthony Mustoe, daughter Nora
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Caryn & Shawn Mackoff, children Sasha & Yakova
Maren Silberstein & Michael Watson, children Macklin & Madeline
Jana & Matt Sloan, children Charles & Jacob
Gary Tabakman, daughter Maya
Yana & Vladimir Tabakman, children Alexander & Milania

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.

Music at Emanu El Kicks Off Inaugural Season

In its inaugural season, Music at Emanu El is already off to a great start bringing a wide range of inspiring Jewish music to our community. At the end of October, congregants welcomed world renowned musician Dan Nichols to help us kick off the music series (pictured). Dan led deeply moving Shabbat services, an adult education class, and brought us a joyful Havdalah experience filled with song, laughter, and s'mores!



The Music at Emanu El series continued in mid-November with a performance in the Proler Chapel by students from the Shepherd School of Music of Rice University. The event featured music by a variety of Jewish composers as well as music connecting to Jewish themes. The beautiful sounds of chamber music filled the hearts of all who attended. We are so grateful to all our donors and the Houston Jewish Community Foundation who helped make this programming possible, as well as everyone who came out to enjoy these special events! We hope you will join us for more beautiful and soul-filled music coming up in December and January.



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