



Bulletin

FROM RABBI HAYON



As we settle into the first few weeks of 2023, I hope we will all give some thought to the ways in which we can draw others close through the simple but significant fellowship of sharing a meal.

Today, when we discard the scraps of uneaten food after a meal, we're likely to discard leftover fish bones without a second thought. Incredibly, however, a small pile of food waste – just like the ones we toss in the trash in our kitchens at home – recently yielded an extraordinary discovery for researchers at the Gesher B'not Ya'acov archaeological site in northern Israel.

The discovery was of a small number of bones that belonged to an ancient species of carp. Upon analyzing the bones, however, the archaeologists arrived at a remarkable conclusion. These scholars demonstrated that certain microscopic structures in the fish's teeth and bones had crystalized after exposure to elevated, but controlled, levels of heat. As a result, they were able to prove that the fish had been cooked as part of a communal meal. This finding was monumentally significant because the finds at this site date back to 780,000 years ago.

Before the discoveries at Gesher B'not Ya'acov, the earliest period from which archaeologists had evidence of prehistoric humans cooking their food was 200,000 years ago. This new information demonstrates that the experience of cooking and sharing food runs in deeper and more ancient levels of human history than we had ever imagined. In her paper analyzing the find, Dr. Nira Alperson-Afil of Bar-Ilan University points out that this

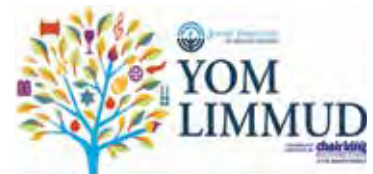
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SAVE THE DATE! Yom Limmud Scholar-in-Residence Dr. Kristine Henriksen Garroway February 17 – 19

We are excited to announce next month's visiting scholar-in-residence, Dr. Kristine Henriksen Garroway. Dr. Garroway, Associate Professor of Bible at the HUC-JIR's Skirball Campus in Los Angeles, is an author, has been published in various scholarly journals and is a regular contributor to thetorah.com. She is the recipient of the Biblical Archaeological Society's 2019 Publication Award for *Best Book Relating to the Hebrew Bible*.



Dr. Kristine Garroway



Music at Emanu El Continues

The inaugural season of Music at Emanu El continues with a full line up this spring that will take you on a musical journey. Don't miss the Phillip Hall Singers this month. To learn more about the other exciting experiences available to you in the coming months, see the full details on page 7.

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 Vayechi **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 & Schmeer

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

Shabbat Bo **Friday, January 27**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, January 28

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **Max Madof**, son of Leah and Andrew Madof

Shabbat B'Shalach **Friday, February 3**

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, February 4

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeer
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Benjamin Bernstein**, son of Debbie & Eitan Bernstein, and **Julia Saber**, daughter of Sara Saber and Joel & Mindy Saber

Shabbat Yitro **Friday, February 10**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 11

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Caroline Yoder**, daughter of Leah Seewald & Drew Yoder

Shabbat Mishpatim **Friday, February 17**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 18

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Shirli Hochman**, daughter of Ronith Epelbon & Matias Hochman

Shabbat T'rumah **Friday, February 24**

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat

Saturday, February 25

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of **Mason Granoff**, son of Amy & Marc Granoff

Mazel Tov

Congratulations to **Dr. Ed Septimus** on being named the new Chair of the Central Region Board of Advisors for HUC-JIR.

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discovery underscores that “the entire continuum of settlement at the site . . . revolved around fireplaces.”

From the earliest days of our evolution into social creatures, we humans have gained strength, security and well-being from gathering around the fire and sharing a meal together. Today, too, the kitchen table is a place in every home where confidences are shared, stories are exchanged, and the bonds of family and friendship are fortified at every sitting. I found myself moved and inspired by last month's endowment speaker, Michael Twitty, who encouraged us to reclaim the

practice of sharing meals with others – especially with those outside our household. This is an experience which largely fell out of practice during the years of pandemic, and which is only slowly returning today.

Now that a new year is upon us, let us renew our resolve and our enthusiasm for these important rituals of human connection. As we settle into the first few weeks of 2023, I hope we will all give some thought to the ways in which we can draw others close through the simple but significant fellowship of sharing a meal. It need not be anything fancy or elaborate, but as the millennia of human history remind us again and again, there is nothing so powerful in strengthening the bonds of community as the gesture of reaching out to others and inviting them to share company and nourishment in the warmth of our hearths and homes.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Nicole Longnecker & David Pesikoff

Sandra Trott & Roger Klaff

Rachel Treistman & Dean Melloul

BIRTHS

Reese Benjamin, daughter of Margot & Robert Benjamin of Charlotte, N.C.

James Daily Freedman, son of Auna & Sam Freedman; grandson of Barbara & Al Denson and Martha & Donald Freedman; great-grandson of Therese Brandl and Betty Freedman

Samuel Thomas Goldfarb, son of Megan & Stephen Goldfarb; grandson of Ann & Richard Goldfarb

Noa Eliana Singh, daughter of Mica Loewy & Jasjit Singh; granddaughter of Rabbi Bob & Lynn Loewy

Philip James Stryker Asher, son of Courtni Stryker & Justin Asher; grandson of Bryna Stryker

Marguerite Louise Zilkha, daughter of Jane & Daniel Zilkha, granddaughter of Nina & Michael Zilkha

Escher Sonny Zissman, son of Tamara & Eric Zissman; grandson of Debbie Zissman; great-grandson of Larry Greenfield

DEATHS

Connie Orler Bath, wife of Dr. Alan Bath; mother of Karen Krakower Kaplan & Dr. Samuel Kaplan; grandmother of Brittney Krakower Naaman and Andrew Krakower; great-grandmother of Charlie and Toni Naaman

Gary Beren, husband of Nancy Beren; father of Debbie & Stuart Diamond and Linda & Joel Beren; stepfather of Sharon & Jeffrey Fetterman and Mark Fetterman; grandfather of Ilana & Michael Dahan, Sarah & Jon Karelitz, Stephanie & Dr. Jeremy Nathaniel, Samantha & Joshua Beren, Rachelle Fetterman, and Danielle Fetterman; great-grandfather of Mia Karelitz, Danielle Karelitz, Zoey Nathaniel, and Asher Nathaniel; sibling of Kerry & Charles Beren

Shirley Landsberg, wife of Lucky Landsberg; mother of Sandy Burke; mother-in-law of Patti & Dan Steiner; grandmother of Laurie & Ross Pickei, Lauren & Scott Steiner, Marissa & Zach Savrick, and Katy & Carson Savrick; great-grandmother of Rina and Alaya Presley, Laine and Burke Wise, Max, Lucy, and Ryan Burke, Morgan and Tanner Pickei, Mason and Kennedy Steiner, and Eve and Stella Savrick

Toby Silverman Topek, mother of Susan & Rabbi Joseph Topek, Janet & Randy Swartz, and Philip Topek; sibling of Jane Self, Nancy Kottowitz, and Susan Brandy

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.

Dear Congregation Emanu El Community, friends, and partners,



I'm writing a bittersweet message that I have made the difficult decision to leave our staff, effective January 1. An unexpected opportunity has come along that will allow me to be more present with my family. I am sorry that I must step down so soon, as I have grown to love this place over the past months and have truly enjoyed getting to know all of you. Thank you for welcoming me with warm, open arms and your unending support. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity Emanu El has given to me and now, I am excited to continue to be a part of the temple as a Helfman Religious School teacher and congregant.

Gratefully,
Amy Hartley

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

January 2023

WHO'S POLICING THE POLICE?

Wednesday, January 18

10:00 a.m.



Dr. Stephen Sherman

Please join Sisterhood to hear Dr. Stephen Averill Sherman, research scientist at the Kinder Institute for Urban Research at Rice University, speak about police reform and our concerns regarding police oversight. We will begin with coffee and a visit with our "sisters" and then follow the program with a delicious luncheon catered by Chef Smirnov.

The cost is \$20 for Sisterhood members and \$25 for non-members. Register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or contact

Sisterhood at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by **Sunday, January 8.**

Mah Jongg 2023-2024 – Let's Play!

Tuesday, January 10

1:00 p.m.

Play mah jongg with Sisterhood and let the winds blow your way! Bring your cards and friends. Refreshments will be provided.

Please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Tuesday, January 24

5:30 p.m.

Enjoy a mah jongg evening with Sisterhood. A light dinner for \$7 will be served. **Registration is a must!** Please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.



Are you ready for a new card?

Standard Card \$14, Large card \$15

Checks Payable to: Sylvia Brody, 2004 Vermont, Houston, TX 77019

Deadline: **January 31, 2023**

SAVE THE DATE!

Jeans & Jewels Fundraiser for Congregation Emanu El's Sisterhood

Thursday, March 16, 6:30 p.m.

Enjoy a wonderful night in celebration of being together with great entertainment. Join in partnership with Sisterhood to support our congregation and important causes in the community. Watch for your invitation! Questions? Contact Sisterhood's office: 713.529.5771 ext. 233, sishood@emanuelhouston.org.



Becker School Priority Enrollment

Becker School Priority Enrollment for members of Congregation Emanu El begins on **Monday, February 6**. To be included in priority enrollment, be sure to submit an Admission Application. Please submit the application online by visiting our website at emanuelhouston.org/beckerschool/admissions.

On **Monday, February 6**, applicants will receive an email with information on how to enroll their child online for the 2023-2024 school year, which begins in late August of 2023.

Becker offers classes for Young Toddlers, Twos, Threes, PreK and Kindergarten for ages 15 months – 5 years. Early care and extended care hours are available.

For questions regarding admissions or to schedule a tour of Becker, please contact Judy Lazor at 713.535.6400 or judy1@emanuelhouston.org.

“Snow” Much Fun at Becker’s Blizzard of Books Book Fair!

Thanks to Becker librarian, Anjanette Blewer, Book Fair Chair, Taylor Allday and an amazing group of parent volunteers, Becker celebrated another successful Book Fair! The event kicked off with a family shopping event and pancake dinner, followed by two days of class shopping. We loved seeing parents, grandparents, and special friends join their children to celebrate our love of books. Proceeds from the event help support Sugar’s Library at Becker School.





Tot Shabbat Dinner & Service
Friday, January 6,
Dinner: 5:45 p.m., Service: 6:15 p.m.

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

Questions? 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.

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 Volunteer & Committee Coordination Group is here to help match YOUR passions and interests with the variety of volunteer opportunities at Emanu El

GET INVOLVED

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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.

J Book Festival Authors in Conversation
 Featuring Heather Cabot, Author of *Level Up: Rise Above the Hidden Forces Holding Your Business Back*
Wednesday, January 18, 7:30 p.m.



Heather Cabot

In partnership with the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center (ERJCC) and the Jerome Robinson Family Young Adult Division (YAD), we bring to you this exciting opportunity to hear from author Heather Cabot. Stacey Abrams and her friend, Lara Hodgson, are successful entrepreneurs

who share their secrets to starting and scaling a small business with Heather Cabot, author and award-winning journalist. Heather returns to the Festival to share their personal stories of how to overcome many relatable obstacles faced by America’s business owners.



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Music at Emanu El



MLK Shabbat with 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!



Shepherd School of Music Concert Sunday, February 12, 4:00 p.m.

Join us in the Proler Chapel for our second installation of chamber music by the students of the Shepherd School of Music at Rice University. We will continue to explore music by Jewish composers, well-known and less familiar. These students bring their awesome talents and inspiring spirits - you don't want to miss it!

SAVE THE DATE!

Israel @ 75: Celebrating the Hope in Harmony Yom Ha'atzmaut – Israel's 75th Birthday Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

In celebration of Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, join Cantor Simmons and some of the best cantors in the country – Cantor David Berger, Cantor Galit Dadoun-Cohen, and Cantor Leigh Korn – for a journey through the music of Israel.



Cantor Rollin Simmons



Cantor David Berger



Cantor Galit Dadoun-Cohen



Cantor Leigh Korn



Warehouse Shabbat Friday, January 27 Doors open at 7:30 p.m., service begins at 8:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Fixler, Cantor Simmons and their live band for Warehouse Shabbat! This rocking, adults-only worship event

has been designed to be a dynamic, lively and musical prayer experience to rejuvenate your heart and uplift your spirit. Come enjoy local desserts and drinks during this exciting Shabbat program! All adults, young professionals or young at heart, are welcome to join us for this Shabbat service.



Lunch & Learn with Rabbi Hara Persons Tuesday, February 7 12:30 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Rabbi Hara Person is the Chief Executive of Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) and will visit us at Emanu El for lunch and an opportunity to speak about the new Torah Commentary as well as what's new with Reform Rabbis.

THANK YOU TO OUR FRIENDS OF MUSIC AT EMANU EL

Thank you to all the Friends of **Music at Emanu El**! Your support helps Emanu El secure the amazing artists you will experience as well as keep the costs of the programs low for everyone.



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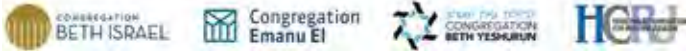
To become a Friend of **Music at Emanu El**, please visit emanuelhouston.org/mee, or contact Anna Shabtay, Director of Congregational Advancement at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.987.3316.

Music at Emanu El is supported by Friends of Music at Emanu El and the Houston Jewish Community Foundation.

thank you



A collaboration of synagogues and community partners enabling food security and nutritional self-sufficiency in Houston.



Food & Faith Collaborative to Expand in 2023

Congregation Emanu El is a partner of the Food & Faith Collaborative. The community wide effort to enable food security and nutritional self-sufficiency in Houston launched during the 2022 High Holy Days and has plans to expand in 2023.

During 2022, the Collaborative held four PopUp Grocery Store events in partnership with Second Servings of Houston. Between 10 and 15 volunteers, including dietitians and nutritionists, from the five synagogues partnered at each event.

Planning for 2023 is underway with the goal to add both weekend and additional weekday opportunities

for volunteers, including the opportunity for young adults to participate alongside their parents. Age and other details are being finalized.

If you would like to be added to the growing volunteer list, please send an email to foodandfaithcollaborative@gmail.com.

Give the Gift of Mobility

Give the gift of mobility to congregants who need the assistance of a wheelchair to move about the Emanu El campus. If you have unused wheelchairs at home, please consider donating them to the synagogue for use when there is a need. If you would like to make a donation, please contact Christian Simmons at christians@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771.



A Journey to Israel: May 27 - June 6 Informational Meeting Tuesday, January 17, 7:00 p.m.

Join us on an adventure for all ages and stages with an opportunity to experience new connections to Israel full of inspiration and education. Highlights of the trip will include ancient Jaffa and Tel Aviv, visiting a Druze village in the Carmel Mountains, Haifa, Zippori National Park, the Upper Galilee, Tsfat, Yad Vashem, a magical Shabbat experience in Jerusalem, the Dead Sea, and more. For full details of the draft itinerary please visit: emanuelhouston.org/israel2023.





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

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

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To provide Emanu El's clergy with funds to help individuals in need & to support organizations that benefit the community

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In Memory of

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To provide & enhance congregation programs

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Gloria & Larry Brenner

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To provide flowers in our worship spaces

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Pamela Silk

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The Birth of Lainey Maeve Spellman
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The Birth of Escher Sonny Zissman
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 The Stulberg Family

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MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the newest and returning members to our congregational family from November 4 - December 6. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Allison & Harris Brett,
children Hayden & Sophie

Roni Lavay & Arthur Straka

Jeryl Schultz

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.

The Classics at Mia's Table

The Classics, Emanu El's group for folks 50 and up, had a great time at Mia's Table for an after Thanksgiving meal where they brought gifts to donate to children in need.



Welcome Home Baskets

The Welcome Home Basket social action project came to a close in December. Our congregants were amazingly generous with their donations! Between the items they brought, monetary donations they made, and the funding from the Endowment Fund, we were able to complete our commitment to make, and deliver 40 completely filled baskets & boxes to refugees families, and those fleeing domestic violence and surviving homelessness. Families who received these baskets, and our partner organizations – Interfaith Ministries and Jewish Family Service - are extremely grateful for all they've been given. Project leaders Amy Kapiloff and Susie Askanase are most appreciative for the help and support you've given throughout.



Announcing the Marianne Greenfield Sisterhood Flower Fund



L to Rz: Michelle Stone, Marianne Greenfield (z'1), Elizabeth Krohn, Debbie Zissman and Larry Greenfield.

Congregation Emanu El is proud to announce the creation of the Marianne Greenfield Sisterhood Flower Fund to memorialize the incredible legacy of Marianne Greenfield. A collaboration of the Greenfield Family and the Emanu El Sisterhood, the Marianne Greenfield Sisterhood Flower Fund will provide the opportunity for Congregation Emanu El to continue its tradition of placing beautiful floral arrangements on the pulpit for Shabbat and Holidays. As the fund grows, there will be opportunities to beautify other places in our building with floral arrangements.

Elizabeth Greenfield Krohn, Marianne's eldest daughter explains, "Mom loved Emanu El. She said it felt like her home away from home since her family joined in the mid-1940s. She adored Rabbi Robert Kahn and growing up she loved spending time at Emanu El with her friends. Mom married our dad, Larry, in the sanctuary on August 22, 1959 and they had their wedding reception in Feld Hall."

Dr. Larry Greenfield, Elizabeth & Matt Krohn and family, Debbie Zissman and family, and Michelle & Howard Stone and family wanted to celebrate Marianne's memory in a place that meant so much to her. The creation of the Marianne Greenfield Sisterhood Flower Fund is a lasting way for Marianne's name to be associated with a place that she loved so much. She was an active volunteer and she served on numerous committees over the decades that she was a member of Congregation Emanu El.

Elizabeth continues, "Our parents were frequent contributors to the Flower Fund over the years partly because Mom really enjoyed the beauty fresh flowers bring to such a sacred space. In addition, Mom really enjoyed arranging flowers as a hobby! We want to continue that dedication to beautifying the space by ensuring that Emanu El can continue providing these floral arrangements in her memory."

Donations can be made to the Marianne Greenfield Sisterhood Flower Fund to celebrate lifecycle events, in memorial, and in honorarium of loved ones. Visit emanuelhouston.org and click Donate. The Marianne Greenfield Sisterhood Flower Fund can be found in the dropdown menu. Checks should be made payable to Congregation Emanu El and write "Greenfield/Sisterhood Flower Fund" on memo line.

Establishing an Endowment Fund in one's lifetime or by bequest can be an excellent way to create a lasting legacy at Congregation Emanu El. Please contact Anna Shabtay, Director of Congregational Advancement at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.987.3316 to learn more.

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