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FROM RABBI HAYON



In addition to all the preparations that you're making for your own holiday observances, I'd like to encourage you to consider setting aside some funds to make a charitable gift to support the needy in our community this month.

The *Book of Exodus*, in describing the origins of the Israelites' slavery in Egypt, relates the story of how the Pharaoh rose to power. According to the text, the Pharaoh's first pronouncement upon taking the throne was to initiate a campaign of cruelty against the Jewish community. "Look, the Israelite people are much too numerous for us," he declares. "Let us deal shrewdly with them, so that they may not increase." [Exodus 1:10]

According to the rabbinic commentators, the phrase "deal shrewdly" is intended as a euphemistic expression for the Pharaoh's system of gradually increasing acts of oppression, coupled with a calculated reduction in resources with which the Israelites could satisfy their basic needs.

It is notable that in characterizing Pharaoh, who is in many ways the Torah's embodiment of evil, the Bible is careful to point out his cruelty to those who are vulnerable and impoverished. We see the wickedness of his character from the very moment he is introduced to us because of the way he treats those who are weak and needy.

In our customs of today's observances of Passover, in contrast, we are encouraged to embody the opposite of

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Krautkopf Congregant of the Year Luncheon & Annual Meeting

Sunday, April 23, Luncheon: 12:30 p.m., Meeting: 1:30 p.m.



Elyse Spector Kalmans



Cheryl Levy

Join Emanu El as we honor the 2023 Ernest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year: Elyse Spector Kalmans and Cheryl Levy! A complimentary lunch will be served at **12:30 p.m.** with the awards presentation to follow. Afterward, make sure to stay and take part in our Annual Meeting.

Your participation in this year's Annual Meeting helps shape Emanu El's future by voting on key items and being a part of the necessary quorum to conduct important synagogue business. The agenda items include:

- Important updates about the congregation from the President, Stuart Gaylor, and Senior Rabbi, Oren Hayon
- Approval of the operating budget for 2023-2024 (summary budget included in congregational mailing sent in March)
- Electing officers and trustees (Nominating Committee report and biographies included in the mailing)

Childcare will be provided for those in Pre-K through 6th grade. Registration is available online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org. Contact Fredi Franks at frediF@emanuelhouston.org if you have any questions.



Music at Emanu El's Inaugural Season Concludes Tuesday, April 25, 7:00 p.m.

Help us celebrate Israel's 75th birthday with our special cantor's concert, our final musical event of the season. See page 5 for details.

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 Tzav **Friday, March 31**

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

Saturday, April 1

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeat
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Mason Lord**, son of Stacy & Jeremy Lord, and **Ben Stopnicki**, son of Karen & Jack Stopnicki

Shabbat Chol HaMo-eid Pesach **Friday, April 7**

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

Saturday, April 8

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

Passover Yizkor **Wednesday, April 12**

10:30 a.m., Passover Yizkor Service, Barish Sanctuary

Shabbat Sh'mini **Friday, April 14**

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

Saturday, April 15

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Levi Leibman**, son of April & Ben Leibman, and **Chloe Pinsky**, daughter of Roanna & Jay Pinsky

Shabbat Tazria – M'tzora **Friday, April 21**

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

Saturday, April 22

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Samuel Friedberg**, son of Jennifer & Andrew Friedberg, and **Mason Mendelovitz**, son of Judi & Roger Mendelovitz

Shabbat Acharei Mot – K'doshim **Friday, April 28**

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

Saturday, April 29

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Annabel** and **Jack Perry**, children of Allison & Ian Perry

Shabbat Emor **Friday, May 5**

5:45 p.m., Tot Shabbat Dinner, Feld Hall
6:00 p.m., Helfman All School Family Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
6:15 p.m., Tot Shabbat Service, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, May 6

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

Shabbat B'har – B'chukotai **Friday, May 12**

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

Saturday, May 13

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Rebecca Balke**, daughter of Valerie & Bill Balke, and **Hazel Slaugenwhite**, daughter of Jennifer Hamburg & Jeremy Slaugenwhite

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Pharaoh's character. Seder night is a time of comfort and abundance, when we drink four cups of wine and eat while reclining, like ancient royalty. Most significantly, we use our power and resources on Passover to ensure that the needs of others will be met, not suppressed. "Let all who are hungry come and eat," we announce at the seder.

Another very important commandment of Passover is one that does not take place at the seder table. In sharp contrast to Pharaoh's cruelty, we use this time of year as an opportunity to give charity to provide for the basic needs of others. The rabbis of 4th century Jerusalem

called this custom "kimcha de-Pischa," or "Passover flour," in recognition that our tzedakah donations at this season may make it possible for others to procure holiday staples for themselves and their families on Passover.

In addition to all the preparations that you're making for your own holiday observances, I'd like to encourage you to consider setting aside some funds to make a charitable gift to support the needy in our community this month. Here in Houston, the Passover Assistance program at Jewish Family Service is a wonderful way for us to provide care for those who are in need. Details about the Passover Assistance program at the Joan and Stanford Alexander JFS can be found online. I do hope you'll consider supporting this very worthy cause for Passover this year so that we can fulfill our annual promise that all who are hungry may come and eat.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Ilana Freedman & **David Ramish**

Janelle Klein & **Matthew Bronstein**

Wendy Rogers & **Clarence Mayer**

BIRTHS

Alex Joseph Eichenbaum, son of Amanda & Marc Eichenbaum; grandson of Judy & Larry Eichenbaum and Pam & Joe Zimmerman; great-grandson of Mary Zimmerman

Emma Jane Falkenhagen, daughter of Stephanie & Tyler Falkenhagen; granddaughter of Peggy Kamion, Alan Kamion, Robin Capela, and Jack Falkenhagen

Jack Weston Lieman, son of Melissa & Spencer Lieman; grandson of Sherry Leva; great-grandson of Larry Leva

Benjamin Louis Reiner, son of Amy & Jason Reiner; grandson of Cindy & Steven Reiner and Larry Goins; great-grandson of June & Julian Silverblatt

DEATHS

Carol Barbanell, mother of Karen & Larry Feld, Mark Feld, Ellen Feld & Jan Schwartz, and Melissa & Ed Barbanell; grandmother of 11 including Emily Goldstone and Jenn & Kevin Feld; great-grandmother of 7 including Ava, Austin, and Tucker Goldstone, and Eliza and Aiden Feld

Roland Chiasson, husband of Ena Chiasson; father of Janie & Alan Chiasson; grandfather of Kaitlyn Kendziora & Keenan Chiasson, and Krystle and Kyra Chiasson; great-grandfather of Ruth and Maggie Chiasson, Maverick Adams, and Kaylie, Kaden, and Kalissa Perez

Carole Feld, wife of M.M. Feld, Jr.; mother of Jan & Tracy Hammer, Michael Feld, Karen & Larry Feld, Mark Feld, and Ellen Feld & Jan Schwartz; grandmother of 17; great-grandmother of 8

Jerry Fiman, father of Marcia & Keith Fiman and Randi & David Schenberg; grandfather of Alex and Drew Fiman and Adam and Ben Schenberg; sibling of Vivian & Larry Waldman

Don Graubart, husband of Anne Graubart; father of Marc and Steven Graubart; grandfather of Grace, Isabel, Lewis, Beatrice, Maya, and Fernando Graubart; sibling of Lila Croen and Noel Graubart

Adam Grossman, son of Roberta Grossman; sibling of Irene Heifetz; uncle of Benjamin, Danielle, and David Heifetz

Hilda Kaufman, mother of Carol & David Kahn and Pam & Donnie Laudenheimer; grandmother of 4; great-grandmother of 4

Sonia Philipson, mother of Cynthia & Ben Klein, Leslie & Bob Krakow, Julie & Todd Boren, and Nancy Philipson; grandmother of Jason and Robert Klein, Ben and Eli Krakow, and Lilli, Philip, Michael, and Thomas Boren; sibling of Betty Sue Sheinberg

Lanney Ratcliff, husband of Tammy Ratcliff; father of Lisa Ratcliff and Kasey Weens; grandfather of Alexandria and Drayton Ratcliff and Chesney Stephenson; great-grandfather of Preston and Parker Ratcliff-Grant

Camille Simpson, mother of Mary Axelrad, Camille Fitzsimmons, Carol & Joel Mohrman, Martha & John Simpson, and Kathryn & Robert Vidal; grandmother of Shannon Mohrman & Kat Statman, Camille & John Boon, Catherine Fitzsimmons, Megan Fitzsimmons, Meredith James & Jacques Vidal, Byron Simpson, Gary Simpson, and Maurice Tourenq; great-grandmother of Elijah and Ernest Boon, and Louis and Waleska Vidal

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.



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!



Congregation Emanu El

SCHMOOZE & SCHMEAR

Join us on the first Saturday of each month for an engaging and spiritual prayer service at 10:30 a.m., then stay after the service for a nosh.



8th Annual Second Night Seder Thursday, April 6, 6:00 p.m.



A Passover Seder led by our clergy, our seder features a fully catered meal that includes all the staples from matzoh ball soup to gefilte fish! The meal is catered by Houston Catering Concepts, the preferred caterer of Congregation Emanu El. The cost of attending the seder is \$45 for members, \$55 for non-members, and \$20 for children ages 12 and under.

Although registration has closed, limited spots may still be available. For more information, contact Anna Shabtay, Director of Congregational Advancement, at 713.987.3316 or AnnaS@emanuelhouston.org.

Emanu El Young Families Play Date Sunday, April 30, 2:00 p.m.

Spring is here and it's time to play outside! Please join us for a community building play date geared toward Emanu El and Becker families with young children. If your kids are ages five or younger, we would love to meet up with you for play time and snacks at Colonial Park in West University – older siblings are welcome!

Register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org. If you have any questions, contact Tewlyn Yoburn at tewlyn@gmail.com.



FAMILY PLAYDATE
come by the park & play with
your Emanu El friends
SUNDAY, APRIL 30TH
2:00-4:00
COLONIAL PARK
4130 BYRON ST.

Congregation
Emanu El

Tot Shabbat Dinner & Service

Friday, May 5

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 713.529.5771, ext. 261 or AnnaS@emanuelhouston.org. This program is generously underwritten by the Alex & Willie Mae Goldstein Children's Fund.

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ISRAEL AT 75: CELEBRATING THE HOPE IN HARMONY



APRIL 25, 2023

7:00PM

CELEBRATE ISRAEL'S 75TH BIRTHDAY
WITH A VERY SPECIAL MUSICAL EVENT



Join us to celebrate Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day
through classical compositions, Sephardic melodies, folk tunes, and more.

Cantor Rollin Simmons, along with some of the best cantors in the country — Cantor David Berger, Cantor Galit Dadoun-Cohen and Cantor Leigh Korn — will take you on a musical journey through many facets of Israel's complicated and fascinating story, spanning both time and genre. Our visiting cantors come with a wide range of knowledge and talent to sing and teach from their own experiences of American and Israeli culture.

A ONCE-IN-A-LIFETIME CONCERT

Tickets are \$18. Students are free with student ID | www.emanuelhouston.org/worship/mec/

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

April 2023

Mah Jongg 2023-2024 – Let's Play!



Evening Mah Jongg – Tuesday, April 18, 5:30 p.m.

Play mah jongg with Sisterhood and let the winds blow your way! Bring your friends and enjoy a light dinner for \$7.

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

Tour of POST Downtown & Lunch Wednesday, April 19, 10:30 a.m.

Join your “sisters” for a fascinating guided tour of POST Houston, located at 401 Franklin St. in downtown Houston. Originally built in 1934 and once the center of Houston’s U.S. mail system, this historic building has been transformed into a hub of culture, food, and recreation. POST is now a dynamic mixed-use complex that now contains event venues, restaurants, and an urban roof-top park. Following the tour, we will enjoy lunch at one of the many restaurants at POST on our own.

There is no cost for this program. Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org by Monday, April 17. Registration is also available by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.





Helfman Religious School

Helfman Early Enrollment Is Here!

Enroll by April 30 and save \$75 (half off the enrollment fee!) per child!

Enrollment takes place online using Congregation Emanu El's online portal.

1. Visit <https://www.emmanuelhouston.org/learning/helfman> and click "Enrollment", then log on to your account.
2. Fill out all of the required information.
3. Payment of the \$150 per child, non-refundable registration fee is necessary to confirm your enrollment. Payment must be made online.
4. We will confirm enrollment(s) once the forms are complete and the registration fee is paid. The balance of the tuition will then be added to your account and is due by August 31, 2023.

Contact Elizabeth Townsend at ElizabethT@emmanuelhouston.org with any questions!

SAVE THE DATE!

All School Family Shabbat Friday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.

All Helfman families are invited to join us for Shabbat services at **6:00 p.m.** Afterward, we'll come together for a delicious dinner. We hope to see you there! Register online by **Wednesday, May 3.**



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!



Community-wide Observance of Yom HaShoah Sunday, April 16, 3:00 p.m.

Please join us in observance of Yom HaShoah, a day of remembrance for the 6,000,000 Jewish people who lost their lives during the Holocaust. During this annual commemoration, we will mourn the loss of all who perished, honor those who survived and come together as a community to remember and reflect. Coordinated by the Yom HaShoah steering committee and the Holocaust Museum Houston, this year's event will take place at Congregation Emanu El.

This event will be live streamed for those unable to join us in person. A live stream link will be provided closer to the event and in community-wide communications.

Better Together: Pickleball at Beth Yeshurun Sunday, April 30, 12:00 p.m.

You are invited to join Better Together – a social group for Jewish singles over 50 – for Pickleball at Congregation Beth Yeshurun! Paddles will be provided, or you're welcome to bring your own!

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



Administrative Office Closures for Passover

Please be aware that the administrative offices will be closed in observance of the first and last days of Passover: **Thursday, April 6**, and **Wednesday, April 12**. If you need to reach out to our clergy regarding a pastoral emergency, please call 713.529.5771 and select Option 5. Voice messages are checked regularly.

New Ride Share Instructions Effective Immediately

If you contact Uber or Lyft to drive you to Emanu El, please direct your driver to the security guard at the East Gate. Inform the guard that you are a congregant, visitor, etc. and state the reason for your visit. The guard will direct your driver to drop you off at the horseshoe-shaped driveway at the North Entrance.

When you call Uber or Lyft to pick you up from Emanu El, please direct your driver to the security guard at the East Gate. Please ask your driver to inform the guard that he/she is an Uber or Lyft driver and is driving you home. The guard will direct your driver to pick you up at the horseshoe-shaped driveway at the North Entrance. If your driver needs to wait for you, he/she will park behind the temporary classrooms until you are ready. Your driver will follow the flow of traffic and exit through the West Gate.

Please contact Shel Vedlitz at shel@vedlitz.com if you have any questions or concerns.

MAZEL MOMENTS

- **Patricia Bernstein** published *A Noble Cunning: The Countess and the Tower*, her fourth book and first work of fiction.
- **fredi Bleeker Franks** was named one of the WRJ Southwest District's Women of Valor for 2023 at the WRJ Southwest Convention last month.
- **Joan Morgenstern** was honored by the Houston Center for Photography as a long-time community leader in the photography field and for her generosity toward artists and institutions.



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through March 7, 2023.

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

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

A Donation

Sandy & Michael Wexler

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Marcia & Randy Davidoff

Don Graubart

Sara Speer Selber

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHING ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teaching assistants

In Memory of

Ellis Rushefsky

Joni & Gary Lewis, Stuart & Anita Gaylor, Cynthia & Marvin Pleason, Melinda & Steven Gordon, and Lillian Gaylor

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

In Honor of

fredi Bleeker Franks – Receiving WRJ Woman of Valor Award

Shelley & Vic Wisner

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Shelley & Vic Wisner

Ricky Haikin

Eric & Carol Adatto Nelson

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide for and enhance the Becker School

In Memory of

Allen Becker

Linda & Joseph Pulaski

Carole Feld

Kathy & Bill Kottwitz
Eileen & Richard Westerman

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Wendy & Andy Bernstein

BILL & JOAN SPITZ PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP FUND

To strengthen the vision of Congregation Emanu El's leaders

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Dr. W. Kenneth Horwitz
Barbara & Raymond Kalmans

Joan & Bill Spitz

Ronna & Clay Spitz

CARY PASTERNAK CEMETERY FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Paul M. Frucht

Paula Stafford

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Scott Silver

Edie & Alan Lazowick

Jaci Nadav & David Lazowick

CHESTER MARCUS CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships

In Memory of

Henry Rosenblum

Cookie & Salomon Schein

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 Honor of

The Birth of Benjamin Louis Reiner

Amy & Jason Reiner

The Birthday of Richard Zoll

Marilyn Nathan

In Memory of

Marvin Aronowitz

Susan & Richard Speer

Harry H. Brochstein

Marie Brochstein

Carole Feld

Debbie & Stu Diamond
Tania & Rick Oshman
Lillian Putterman
Barbara Rubenstein

Victor M. Shainock
Eileen Silverman
Irene Weingarten
Richard Wolf
Merryl & Gordon Zuber

Don Graubart

Lillian Putterman

Adam Grossman

Joel Schneider

Linda & Richard Zoll

Lester Slobin

Shelley & Vic Wisner

EDIS LEWIS PARKANS EMANU ELDERS FUND

To provide programs for Emanu Elders

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Lisa & Seth Hochberg-Miller

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry in Houston and to support Kids Meals

A Donation

Roselyn & Greg Johnston

In Memory of

Morris Berkman

Sondra Ross

Don Graubart

Linda & Paul Lynn

Sonia Topletz Philipson

Donnie Bundman

Felice & Ed Klein

Gloria Ribnick

Sandy Frieden

ETERNAL FLAME FUND

To provide for the general needs of Emanu El and its facilities

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Carol & Barry Goodfriend

Myra Lipper

Don Graubart

Myra Lipper

FARB TZEDAKAH (CANS)

Tzedakah collected by congregants throughout the year that benefit the Aubrey & Sylvia Farb Community Service Fund

A Donation

Anonymous

JASON & DAVID MARCUS PLAYSPACE FUND

To maintain and enhance the playground

In Memory of

Marvin Aronowitz

Rhonda & Seth Freedman

JEAN & JULIAN GOLDBERG CHILDREN'S FUND

To provide arts programs for children

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Sydney Roggen

Sondra Ross

MARIANNE GREENFIELD SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

To provide flowers in our worship spaces

In Honor of

fredi Bleeker Franks – Receiving WRJ Woman of Valor Award

Marlene Rubin

The Bar Mitzvah of Mason Granoff

The Granoff Family

The Bat Mitzvah of Shirli Hochman

The Hochman Family

The Bat Mitzvah of Caroline Yoder

The Yoder Family

The B'not Mitzvah of Mia & Riana Pliskin

The Pliskin Family

In Memory of

Meyer Chaskin

Larry J. Greenfield

Noel Epelbon

The Hochman Family

Carole Feld

Celine Kaplan

Shirley L. Getz & Jeanette Getz

Philip Getz

Merle Granoff, Mildred Granoff, Harold Granoff, Nesta Green, Harry Green, Lily Weinstein, and Robert Weinstein

The Granoff Family

Marianne Greenfield

Sondra Ross

Westbury Lions Club

Ricky Haikin

Julius Hochstein

Rita Kaplan

Henry Rosenblum

Larry J. Greenfield

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Papa Jack & Nanny Irma Seewald, Grandma Cecile Seewald, Uncle Robbie Seewald, Marvin Zelonky, and Barbara Margolis
The Yoder Family
Seymour Sugar
Larry J. Greenfield

MOSER LIBRARY FUND
To provide library programs
In Memory of
Ted Roggen
Chris Kase

PRAYER BOOK FUND
To provide prayer books for worship
In Memory of
Jerry Fiman
Sandy & Michael Wexler

RABBI ROY & LINDA WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND
To support spiritual and cultural enrichment
In Honor of
Barbara & Allen Pauly
Sharon Brener
Rabbi Roy Walter
Carolyn & Leland Putterman
The Birthday of Marilynne Franks Bleeker
Kathy & Stephen Parven
The Birthday of Michael Wilk
Rhonda & Seth Freedman

In Memory of
Marvin Aronowitz
Carol & Ronnie Rauch
Allen Becker
Lillian Putterman
Carole Feld
Carol Fradkin
Bitsy Proler
Carol & Ronnie Rauch
Arlene & Jack Rawitscher
Don Graubart
Ricki & Milton Frankfort
Ina Perlman
Sonia Topletz Philipson
Sara Astrich
Samuel Siegel
Barbara & Martin Meyer

RICKY SCHNURR CAMPERSHIP FUND
To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships
In Memory of
Ted Roggen
Gladys Schnurr

RIVA BURSTEN CARING CONGREGATION FUND
To support programs that assist people in the community
In Honor of
The Birth of Ella Hayden
Myra Mayer

In Memory of
Don Graubart
Susan & Richard Speer

ROBERT I. KAHN GALLERY FUND
To maintain and enhance the Robert I. Kahn Gallery
In Honor of
Joan Morgenstern
Libby & Buz Marvins

In Memory of
Henry Rosenblum
Libby & Buz Marvins

ROBERT I. KAHN SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND
To send congregants to the Consultation on Conscience at the Religious Action Center
In Memory of
Henry Rosenblum
Betty Duson & Al Kahn

SISTERHOOD FUND
To provide for the Sisterhood
In Honor of
fredi Bleeker Franks – Receiving WRJ Woman of Valor Award
Sara Astrich
Sylvia & Steven Brody
Susan Levy

The Birthday of Barbara Maidenberg
Heidi Suprun

In Memory of
Rosalee Baer Fink
Perri & Aaron Fink

SUSMAN FUND FOR FAMILY PROGRAMMING
To support programs for families
In Honor of
The Birthday of Linda Susman

Diana Brackman
Ricki & Milton Frankfort
Susie Hale
Barbara Josephson
Barbara & Barry Lewis
Lou & Herb Mizis
Paula & Irving Pozmantier
Carol & Ronnie Rauch
Rozanne & Howard Rubin

The Speedy Recovery of Lila Rauch
Rozanne & Howard Rubin

TEMPLE FUND
To support the needs of the temple and to fulfill the mission of Congregation Emanu El
A Donation For Security
Joan Morgenstern

In Appreciation of
fredi Bleeker Franks, Philip Tenenbaum, and Shel Vedlitz
Jeri Amundsen

In Honor of
fredi Bleeker Franks – Receiving WRJ Woman of Valor Award
Donna & Philip Tenenbaum
Shel Vedlitz
Lori & Don Degen
The Birthday of Ronnie Rauch
Lila Rauch

In Memory of
Carole Feld
Marsha & Joe Cohen
Helen Dow
Fran Friedman
Debra & Joel Goldstein
Joan Kaplan
Laurie & Jim Lefko
Linda Lesser
Marsha Meyers
Karen & David Palans
Ina Perlman
Nanette & Barry Putterman
Lynette Rauch
Anita & Mortin Seline
Erla & Harry Zuber

Jerry Fiman
Lisa & Adam Pollock and Family
Adam Grossman
Rhoda Brand
Claire & Dick Brooks
Sharon & Van Gardner
Helen Wils & Leonard Goldstein
Ted Roggen
Sylvia & Marty Mintzer
Henry Rosenblum
Lisa & Adam Pollock and Family
Stephen Weil
Lynn & Jerry Yellen
Harvey Stalarow
Ann & Kenny Friedman

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We are pleased to welcome the newest and returning members to our congregational family from February 9 – March 9. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Betty & Richard Graber
Priscila & David Gross, son Johnny
Daphna Guttin & Danny Beaser, daughter Paloma
Mari & Jim O’Leary, children Daniel & Edward
Christie & Daniel Philips, children Eleanore & Ezra
Jan & Arnold Shelby
Shelly White & Larry Land

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.



Rabbi Oren Hayon, elected officials, and other local Jewish Community leaders met with Second Gentleman, Doug Emhoff, to discuss antisemitism and its effects on the Houston community.



Rabbi Pam Silk enjoys her Sabbatical while attending the Central Conference of American Rabbis Convention in Israel. We're so excited to have her back at Emanu El!



Rabbi Josh Fixler leads a conversation at NCJW Houston's Repro Shabbat Breakfast & Learn, featuring guest speakers Beth Merfish (left) and Emily Bourgeois (right).



Cantor Rollin Simmons poses with *Shabbat Anthology, Volume X*, a brand-new Shabbat songbook which includes her musical composition of "Modim". Mazel Tov!

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Emanu El and Helfman Religious School had a blast at our annual Purim Spiel (“the *Mamma Mia!* Megillah”) and Carnival. Many thanks to our amazing sponsors and volunteers! Photos generously provided by Scott Kelley.



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