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FROM RABBI HAYON



I am deeply thankful to those who have served over the past year, and I am eager and excited to begin my partnership with the new crop of volunteer leaders whose terms begin this month.

At the end of this month, our congregation, along with synagogues all over the world, will celebrate the festival of Shavuot. This joyous festival originally commemorated the beginning of the springtime harvest in antiquity.

However, over the centuries that have passed since the destruction of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem, the holiday came to assume a new layer of religious significance. Today, Shavuot is the time at which we celebrate the giving of Torah on Sinai and give thanks for the ever-new gift of study, discovery, and enlightenment.

As part of the festival worship service on Shavuot, we read a selection from the biblical *Book of Ruth*. This text is prescribed for reading and study on Shavuot in part because the story is set during the barley festival in the biblical territory of Judah, which fell during the springtime of the year. The most familiar and beloved moment in the *Book of Ruth* arrives when Ruth, a non-Jewish Moabite widow, affirms her choice to become (and remain) a part of the community of Israel. Resisting her mother-in-law Naomi's urging to return to her homeland in Moab, Ruth cries out passionately: "Do not urge me to leave you! . . . Wherever you go, I will go; wherever you lodge, I will lodge. Your people shall be my people, and your God shall be my God." [1:16]

Over the years, these lines from Ruth have become

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Celebrate Shavuot With Us



We invite you to celebrate Shavuot with us at Emanu El, as we have two opportunities for worship. On **Thursday, May 25, 6:00 p.m.**, join Helfman Religious School's 10th grade students for their Confirmation ceremony during Shavuot services. This service is an opportunity for our Confirmation students to stand together and affirm their connection to Judaism. On **Friday, May 26, 10:30 a.m.**, join us for our Shavuot Festival service led by our clergy, which will include prayers of Yizkor.

Location details are listed under Worship Services on page 2.



Upcoming Administrative Office Closures

Please be aware that the administrative offices will be closed in observance of Shavuot (**Friday, May 26**) and Memorial Day (**Monday, May 29**). 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.

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 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 & Schmear

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

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
8:00 p.m., Warehouse Shabbat, location to be determined

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

Shabbat B'midbar Friday, May 19

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

Saturday, May 20

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

Shavuot Worship Thursday, May 25

6:00 p.m., Shavuot & Confirmation Service, Barish Sanctuary

Friday, May 26

10:30 a.m., Shavuot Yizkor, Barish Sanctuary

Shabbat Naso I Friday, May 26

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

Saturday, May 27

10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Shabbat Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of **Stella Farber**, daughter of Karen Farber and Stephan Farber

Shabbat Naso II Friday, June 2

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, June 3

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

Shabbat B'haalot'cha Friday, June 9

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

Saturday, June 10

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

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enshrined as a beautiful and succinct expression of loyalty and connection to the Jewish community. They have been studied and embraced by students who seek to deepen their understanding of Jewish life, and by those who make the powerful commitment to join the Jewish people through conversion. Even for those of us who have been lifelong members of the Jewish community, however, Ruth's words remain as an inspiring invitation to deep and sustained relationships with Jewish community and Jewish peoplehood.

This month, our congregation begins its new fiscal year and welcomes the leadership of new members of our governance committees, the Board of Trustees and its Executive Committee. All of these individuals who have stepped forward into leadership have done so as an expression of their willingness to assume responsibility and stewardship for our synagogue, its resources, and its

vision for Jewish life in Houston. I am deeply thankful to those who have served over the past year, and I am eager and excited to begin my partnership with the new crop of volunteer leaders whose terms begin this month.

But the opportunity to uphold Ruth's vision of connectedness with the people and the God of Israel is not restricted only to those who are nominated and elected for the service of congregational governance. There are countless possibilities for continued engagement and involvement in our congregation – through worship, study, and service – and I strongly hope that all of us will find ways of connecting deeply and personally to our spiritual home over the course of the year to come, and for many years into the future.

I know that you join me in thanking all those who have given their time and effort as volunteer leaders of Congregation Emanu El, and that your good wishes join with mine as we congratulate those who have stepped into leadership this month. May the work of their hands prosper, and may all of us benefit from their wisdom and guidance!

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LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDING

Jenna Mark & Zachary Plesent

BIRTHS

Lucy Anne Gustafson, daughter of Jennifer & Eric Gustafson; granddaughter of Sara Selber

Rafael Phan Madorsky, son of Phan & Robert Madorsky, grandson of Minh Phan, Dinh Pham, Judith Richard, & Martin Madorsky

DEATHS

Charles Pesin, brother of Madgelyn & Richard Pesin; uncle of Isaac Pesin, Jillian Pesin-Fulop, Sarah Kessler, and Stuart, Danny, and Ilene Moss

Lila Rauch, mother of Linda Susman, Linda & Larry Rauch, and Patricia & Mark Rauch; grandmother of Keri & Michael Sprung, Scott Sprung, Aedan Sprung, Golnaz & Jeffrey Rauch, Tali Horowitz & Noah Rauch, Emily & Brent Stoller, Alissa Rauch, Danielle & Casey Millman, Robin Susman & Howard Block, Pam & Andrew Susman, and Olivia & Aron Susman; great-grandmother of Lillie Sprung, Sophia & Jonah Rauch, Juniper & Mika Rauch, Graham Stoller, Chelsey Millman, Braden, Zachary, and Alexis Susman, and Sawyer, Ashton and Summer Susman

Carolyn Weisberger, sibling of Yolanda & David Tisdale; aunt of Carl Josehart & Sam Jacobson, Donna & Joel Josehart, Laura & Neal Josehart, Risa & Brian Kirschner, and Jennifer & Ryan Kaluzny; great-aunt of Ruby Josehart, Allison Van Der Aue, Bayla and Asher Kaluzny, Charlotte Blasingame, and Phinn and Gus Josehart

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 March 10 – April 10. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

**Lindsay Davis & Joseph Cohen, children Ames & Dillon
Andrea Guttin
Daniela Ovaida & Yoshua Esquenazi, children Eithan & Noam
Sarah Sternlieb & Evan Bander, son Adam**

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.



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!



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.



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.

Warehouse Shabbat

Friday, May 12

Doors: 7:30 p.m., Service: 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.

The location of Warehouse Shabbat will be announced via electronic communications. Please contact Becca Schwartzberg at BeccaS@emanuelhouston.org with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES:

Community Shabbat Dinners

Fridays, June 9, July 21, & August 18, 7:00 p.m.



Mark your calendar for our upcoming Community Shabbat Dinners this summer, back by popular demand! Join us for Shabbat dinner following worship services as we come together as a community. This will be an opportunity to meet new people, connect with longtime friends, and have fun. Bring your friends and family, even if they aren't members at Congregation Emanu El. Each meal will be catered by Emanu El's preferred caterer, Houston Catering Concepts.

Online registration will be open in the following weeks. Please contact Anna Shabtay at 713.987.3316 or AnnaS@emanuelhouston.org with any questions!

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

May 2023

Mah Jongg 2023-2024 – Let's Play!

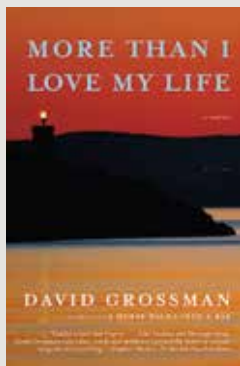


Afternoon Mah Jongg Tuesday, May 2, 1:00 p.m.

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.

Evening Mah Jongg Tuesday, May 16, 5:30 p.m.

One bam, two crak! 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.



BOOK REVIEW (digital)

More Than I Love My Life by David Grossman
THURSDAY, MAY 11, 7:00 P.M.

More Than I Love My Life, by author David Grossman, is the story of three strong women: Vera, age 90; her daughter, Nina; and her granddaughter, Gili, who is a filmmaker. A bitter secret divides each mother and daughter pair. They travel together to Goli Otok, a barren island off the coast of Croatia, where Vera was imprisoned and tortured for three years as a young wife after she refused to betray her husband and denounce him as an enemy of the people. This unlikely journey – filtered through the lens of Gili's camera, as she seeks to make a film that might help explain her life – lays bare the intertwining of fear, love, and mercy, and the complex overlapping demands of romantic and parental passion.

This book review, led by Susan Septimus, will be held online via Zoom and the information to access will be emailed ahead of time to those who register. Please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.

Installation & Closing Program Wednesday, May 17, 11:30 a.m.

Please plan to join Sisterhood to witness the installation of new officers and board members for 2023-2024 as we celebrate the past year and the beginning of a new one! The installation service will be led by our clergy in Proler Chapel and will include a selection of songs sung by Cantor Simmons. Afterward, join us for a delicious Mexican fiesta-style lunch. There is no cost for this event, but please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233 by **Monday, May 15.**



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Enrollment Is Here!

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

1. Visit <https://www.emanuelhouston.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@emanuelhouston.org with any questions!

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**.



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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!

Helfman Religious School celebrated Passover with our annual Passover Happening! Our Pre-K to 3rd grade students learned about the Passover story by sampling different charosets, making question catchers, learning about why bread rises, and doing yoga. Our older students made matzah and did a text study. Everyone had a great time!





Becker School Kindergarten and Pre-K Graduates of 2023

The month of May features the conclusion of the Becker School year and with it, the siyum (“end” or “completion” in Hebrew) celebration for Becker School’s kindergarten and pre-K class on **Wednesday, May 17**.



KINDERGARTEN STUDENTS:

Rachel Carbajal, daughter of Tam & Hector Carbajal

Eleanor Fixler, daughter of Annie & Joshua Fixler

Walsh Flournoy, daughter of Mary & John Flournoy

Ivri Haim-Fridman, son of Noy & Oz Haim-Fridman

Avery Kaplan, daughter of Erin & Steven Kaplan

Alexander McCauley, son of Maria Johannsen & Matthew McCauley

Hannah Mosbacher, daughter of Lucy & Peter Mosbacher

Niam Shah, son of Prachee Singh & Pranay Shah

Montague Whiteley, son of Fay Cantor-Stephens & James Whiteley

PRE-K STUDENTS:

Ayla Bajoghli, daughter of Shirin Hakimzadeh & Ramin Bajoghli

Devan Bansal, son of Roopal Amin & Vivek Bansal

Patrick Boone-Cervoni, son of Frances Cervoni-Curet & David Boone

Mateo Calderon, son of Mara & Erick Calderon

Flora Coleman-Merfish, daughter of Beth Merfish & Daniel Coleman

Miles Collins, son of Michelle Weisman & Kenneth Collins

Luke Dodig, son of Neda & Marko Dodig

Thomas Epstein, son of Rachel & Ryan Epstein

Win Flournoy, son of Mary & John Flournoy

Aira Sharma Goel, daughter of Ridhima Sharma & Manav Goel

Gefen Haim, son of Noy & Oz Haim-Fridman

Itamar Haim, son of Noy & Oz Haim-Fridman

Liam Jalali, son of Rose Khavari & Ali Jalali

Ben Kessler, son of Anat Friedman & Yosef Kessler

Lilah Klein, daughter of Nina & Stephen Klein

Aristide Kriegel, son of Elizabeth & Uri Kriegel

Aaron Kronman, son of Sarah & Michael Kronman

George Lee, son of Jiao Wen & Siegfried Lee

Amaya Mehta, daughter of Tina Bansal & Veeral Mehta

Louise Nelson, daughter of Laura Juliano & James Nelson

Isaac Nicolayevsky, son of Jessica Zachary & Marco Nicolayevsky

Ruby O’Neil, daughter of Marisa Hilliard & Evan O’Neil

Parmis Pezeshkmehr, daughter of Sanaz Rouhani & Amir Pezeshkmehr

Pasha Pezeshkmehr, son of Sanaz Rouhani & Amir Pezeshkmehr

Robert Putterman, son of Lindsey & Matthew Putterman

Robert Rahbar-Daniels, son of Emily & Damo Rahbar-Daniels

Edward Rappaport, son of Eliza & David Rappaport

Nathaniel Rappaport, son of Eliza & David Rappaport

Asher Rubenstein, son of Jodi & Michael Rubenstein

Elise Sada, daughter of Yvonne & David Sada

Twyla Siegel-Gardner, daughter of Hannah & Seth Siegel-Gardner

Adele Slootsky, daughter of Lana Rabinovich & Leo Slootsky

Jake Starling, son of Jennifer & Gregory Starling

Valentina Trachtenberg, daughter of Patricia & Barry Trachtenberg

Yuval Zhuravel, son of Erica & Roman Zhuravel

Emanu El Young Professionals Visit New Orleans

In March, a group of twelve Emanu El young adults traveled to New Orleans on the second annual Young Professionals Southern Jewish Heritage Trip. The group was led by Rabbi Fixler and Becca Schwartzberg, our Youth and Young Adult Engagement Coordinator, and was made possible by the generous support of the Robert Reichel Youth and Young Adult Engagement Fund.

For three days, this group of enthusiastic travelers experienced all the Crescent City had to offer: from beignets to a Voodoo tour (with a real Voodoo priest) to street corner jazz. Highlights of the trip included a Jewish walking tour of the French Quarter, a visit to the new Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, and Shabbat services at the historic Touro Synagogue.

Participants raved about our Friday night dinner at Saba, the restaurant of famed Israeli-American chef, Alon Shaya. Everyone enjoyed our Shabbat morning Torah study, where we sat in Lafayette Park and Rabbi Fixler connected the sacrifices described in Leviticus to the story of the Jewish family who took in and nurtured a young Louis Armstrong. We concluded Shabbat together

with a Havdalah service at Woldenberg Riverfront Park on Saturday evening, where we prayed together as we took in the sights and sounds of the steamboats traveling down the Mississippi River.

The goal of this annual trip is to connect young adults with each other, with their congregation, and with the unique story of southern Judaism. We are so grateful for the support from the Reichel Fund, which makes it possible to ensure that the cost to participants remains accessible. If you are interested in next year's trip, or you know someone in their 20's or 30's who might be, email Becca at BeccaS@emanuelhouston.org.

You can see pictures from the trip on page 12.

Getting Mail at Summer Camp!

Everyone loves getting mail at summer camp! Please send us your child(ren)'s camp info and address(es) for camp this summer so we can send them something special. The two options to communicate this information to our team are emailing Jessie Cassorla at JessieC@emanuelhouston.org or completing the online form at emanuelhouston.org/form/summer-camp-contact-info-2023.

Congregation Emanu El and Helfman Religious School Welcome Tobi Flick



We are delighted to welcome Tobi Flick to the newly-reimagined position of B'nei Mitzvah Coordinator. Tobi will work closely with our clergy, education, and administrative teams to offer our B'nei Mitzvah students and their families a concierge experience. She will be the primary point of contact for B'nei Mitzvah and will manage all administrative details of the program. Tobi brings a love of planning and communication to her new role at Congregation Emanu El. Her warm, reassuring presence and organization talent will help to ensure a positive experience for our students and their families throughout the process.

Tobi Flick

Tobi comes to us from Chicago by way of St. Paul, Minnesota. She currently lives in Lake Jackson and enjoys being closer to the beach than to Canada. Tobi studied Business at both Argosy University and Liberty University. She has a strong background in administration and customer service and has served as general manager of some amazing retail and experience-driven businesses: from trampoline parks to escape rooms!

Tobi grew up in a martial arts-centered home. Her father, Wayne, is an 8th degree Grand Master in Tae Kwon Do and still teaches at 74 years old! She received her black belt at 13 and has coached and mentored students of all ages and abilities. In her spare time, she rescues and rehabs reptiles and invertebrates, and enjoys the parks and outdoor spaces of Houston and Brazoria County.

A first-generation American of German-Jewish descent (her mother immigrated in 1949) and the granddaughter of Holocaust survivors in East Berlin, Tobi looks forward to finding a sense of community and family at Congregation Emanu El. Please be sure to introduce yourself the next time you see her!



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

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

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

In Memory of

Marvin Aronowitz

Joyce & Stephen Fadem

Lila Rauch

Sara Speer Selber

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHING ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teaching assistants

In Appreciation of

Elizabeth Townsend

fredi Bleeker Franks

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

In Honor of

Elyse Spector Kalmans – Congregant of the Year

Eric & Carol Adatto Nelson
Kathy & Stephen Parven

In Memory of

Carol Barbanell

Shelley & Vic Wisner

Adam Grossman

Susan & Ed Septimus

Charles Pesin

Eric & Carol Adatto Nelson

Lila Rauch

Shelley & Vic Wisner

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To provide for and enhance the Becker School

In Honor of

The Birth of Rafael Phan

Madorsky

Jeff Feiertag, Meritt Tollefson, and Family

In Memory of

Lila Rauch

Eileen & Richard Westerman

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships

In Memory of

Lila Rauch

Rochelle & Alan Jacobson

Martin Segal

Elizabeth & Bob Remels

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

A Donation

Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Joshua Fixler

Sydnee Lucas & Kiko Velez Phan & Robert Madorsky

Rabbi Oren Hayon

Amanda & Marc Eichenbaum

In Honor of

Rabbi Joshua Fixler

Esther & Terry Treistman

Elyse Spector Kalmans – Congregant of the Year

Kathryn & Richard Rabinow

Diane Puschett

Fran Friedman

The B'nei Mitzvah of Max Fishel & Levi Kasner

Adele Herzstein

In Memory of

Carol Barbanell

Debbie & Stuart Diamond
Tania & Rick Oshman

Irene Weingarten and Family

Kathy Eichenblatt, Goldie Solomon, Harris Weingarten, & Steve Weingarten

Irene Weingarten and Family

Hilda B. Kaufman

Cheryl & Haran Levy

Lila Rauch

Joan & Steve Dinerstein

Fran Friedman

Freda Proler

Kathryn & Richard Rabinow

Camille Simpson

June & Julian Silverblatt

EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER FUND

To feed the hungry in Houston and to support Kids Meals

In Honor of

The Marriage of Mr. & Mrs. Hance Myers

Joy & Dickie Pulaski

In Memory of

Carol Barbanell

Marsha & Joe Cohen

Don Graubart

Joy & Dickie Pulaski

Johnny Grinstein

Sondra Ross

Adam Grossman

Judy Simon

Harris Jacobs' Nephew

Jeff Schechter

Lila Rauch

Sara Astrich

Karen & Larry Feld

ETERNAL FLAME FUND

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

In Memory of

Don Graubart

Carol & Barry Goodfriend

Henry Rosenblum

Jan & Rick Sander

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials and underwrite leadership programs and speakers

In Honor of

Cheryl Levy – Congregant of the Year

Sara Brook & Erwin Rittinger

FREDELL LACK EICHHORN CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND

To enhance musical programming

In Appreciation of

Cantor Rollin Simmons

Amanda & Marc Eichenbaum

In Honor of

The Marriage of Jenna Mark & Zachary Plesent

Donna & Steve Mark

In Memory of

Lila Rauch

Karen & Jeff Basen-Engquist

GERARD & PAULINE LECHENGER MORGENSTERN ADULT EDUCATION FUND

To provide lifelong adult Jewish education programs

In Honor of

Joan Morgenstern – Houston Center for Photography Honoree

Dora Ann Cisneros

JASON & DAVID MARCUS PLAYSPACE FUND

To maintain and enhance the playground

In Memory of

Ricky Haikin

Sandy Marcus & Stan Poladsky

Lila Rauch

Ruby Sondock

Byron Wilkenfeld

Sandy Marcus & Stan Poladsky

JEAN & JULIAN GOLDBERG CHILDREN'S FUND

To provide arts programs for children

In Honor of

Alice Weiser Berkman

Sondra Ross

MARIANNE GREENFIELD SISTERHOOD FLOWER FUND

To provide flowers in our worship spaces

In Honor of

The Bat Mitzvah of Isabella Clark

The Clark Family

The Birthday of Nic Krohn

Elizabeth & Matt Krohn and Family

The B'nei Mitzvah of Samuel Dickerman & Olivia Marks

The Dickerman & Marks Families

The B'nei Mitzvah of Max Fishel & Levi Kasner

The Fishel & Kasner Families
Sandy Herzstein

The B'nei Mitzvah of Mason Lord & Ben Stopnicki

The Lord & Stopnicki Families

The B'nei Mitzvah of Annabel & Jack Perry

Allison & Ian Perry

In Memory of

Marianne Greenfield

Marilyn & Rob Corn
Larry J. Greenfield and Family

Elizabeth & Matt Krohn and Family

Richard Spivak

Michelle & Howard Stone and Family

Debbie Zissman and Family

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**Isabell & Max Herzstein
Randy Herzstein**

Sandy Herzstein

Hanna & Morris Kaplan

Sheila & Jerry Kaplan

Our Nextdoor Neighbors

Elizabeth & Matt Krohn
and Family

Olga Pogrebinsky

Nataly & Andrew Marks

Udell Premack & Fan Smilo

Herschel Premack

Lila Rauch

Marlene A. Rubin
The Vykoukal Family

Daniel Tiano

Elizabeth & Matt Krohn
and Family

Jerry Waldman

Marilyn Waldman and
Family

**MILTON POPKIN LIFELONG
ADULT JEWISH EDUCATION
FUND**

*To promote an understanding
of other religions and cultures*
In Memory of

Lila Rauch

Stephen Paine

THE PROLER CHAPEL FUND

*To maintain and enhance the
Proler Chapel*

In Honor of

**Elyse Spector Kalmans &
Cheryl Levy – Congregants of
the Year**

Maureen & Joseph Proler

**RABBI ROY & LINDA WALTER
ENRICHMENT FUND**

*To support spiritual and
cultural enrichment*

In Memory of

Carole Feld

Susan Brochstein &
Cherill Dubinski

Lila Rauch

Susie & David Askanase
Ricki & Milton Frankfort
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Dorene & Frank Herzog
Gayle & Scott Hoffer
Alison & Austin Hoffman
Arlene & Marshall Hoffman
Sheila & Jerry Kaplan
Stephanie Pollak Maieron
Lillian Putterman
Linda Weiner
Irene Weingarten and Family

**Harris, Sol, & Steven
Weingarten**

Sharon & Mike Segal and
Family

**RICKY SCHNURR
CAMBERSHIP FUND**
*To provide Greene Family
Camp scholarships*

In Honor of

**The Birthday of Evelyn
Wisenberg**

Sondra Ross

In Memory of
Ayala Doron

Hilda B. Kaufman

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer

**RIVA BURSTEN CARING
CONGREGATION FUND**

*To support programs that
assist people in the
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Young Professionals Trip to New Orleans (continued from page 9).



During an educational trip to The Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience (MSJE), the Young Professionals pose with a statue of Ruth Bader Ginsburg.



Rabbi Fixler (left), Becca Schwartzberg (bottom center), and the rest of the Emanu El Young Professionals take a quick break from their walking tour of the French Quarter, located in the heart of New Orleans.



The group spends Shabbat morning Torah Study at the iconic Louis Armstrong Park.



The group celebrates Shabbat with a delicious Israeli feast at Saba.



After a fun-filled weekend, the group congregates at Woldenberg Riverfront Park for Havdalah and boat-watching on the Mississippi River.

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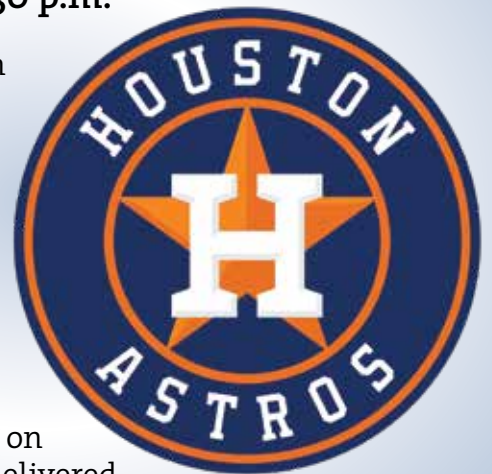
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