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FROM RABBI HAYON



Ari L. Goldman is a professor at Columbia University's School of Journalism who grew up in a Jewishly observant family. A number of years ago, he wrote a book – part memoir and part practical handbook – which he titled *Being Jewish*. In the section of the book about Shabbat, Goldman writes the following:

During these next few weeks of summer, whether we spend them here in Houston or someplace more exotic, we may find the opportunity to try out Ari Goldman's observations about what it feels like to live life without a watch for a few days.

The important thing about Sabbath observance is that you make the day different in big ways and in small ways. For example, I was brought up not to carry my wallet on the Sabbath, which is a good idea because it keeps me from carrying money [because] Shabbat is not a day for commerce. . . . Several years ago, when I was a reporter who lived by the watch, I stopped wearing my watch on the Sabbath. By the strict laws of Shabbat, there is nothing wrong with wearing a watch, but not wearing one liberated me from my enslavement to time. Shabbat gives us the opportunity one day a week to live for ourselves and not for the clock.

I think that Goldman's awareness of the way we are beholden to our schedules and calendars opens up an interesting and fruitful way for us to think about Shabbat and the way a day of rest can enrich and enliven

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Book of Memory 2023



The *Book of Memory* is shared at our Yom Kippur Yizkor service and is among our most treasured congregational traditions. Within it, we inscribe the names of our loved ones. It serves as an acknowledgement that those who came before us, taught us, loved us, and inspired us have not been forgotten.

Due to our mailing and printing deadlines, all information and donations must be received by the office by **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**. Information after the deadline will be printed in a future version of the *Bulletin*. We suggest a minimum donation of \$18 per name.

Please see page 15 for the *Book of Memory* form.



June Community Shabbat Dinner Friday, June 9, Following our evening service

Mark your calendar for our first Community Shabbat Dinner of the 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 is now open through **Wednesday, June 7**. Please contact Anna Shabtay at 713.987.3316 or AnnaS@emanuelhouston.org with any questions!

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 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
Community Shabbat Dinner

Saturday, June 10

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

Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha **Friday, June 16**

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

Saturday, June 17

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

Shabbat Korach **Friday, June 23**

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

Saturday, June 24

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

Shabbat Chukat - Balak **Friday, June 30**

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

Saturday, July 1

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

Shabbat Pinchas **Friday, July 7**

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

Saturday, July 8

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

MAZEL MOMENTS

Susie & David Askanse will celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary on **Friday, June 30**. They invite the entire congregation to join them for Kabbalat Shabbat services and a celebratory Oneg following services that evening.

Pam & John Blumenthal's son-in-law, **Elias Chajet**, was ordained as a Rabbi at Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion's Los Angeles campus on Sunday, May 14. He was also commissioned to be a Chaplain in the Navy.

Jessie Cassorla got engaged to her partner, Daniel Huvad, on Friday, May 5.

Dr. Ed Septimus was inaugurated into the Hebrew Union College – Jewish Institute of Religion's Board of Governors on Sunday, April 16.

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our lives. Just about all of us, I'm sure, go through our daily and weekly routines feeling keenly aware of just how much there is to get done, and most of us find ourselves reaching the end of a day or week reflecting ruefully on how much remains undone.

Goldman is correct in his assessment that Shabbat can offer a deeply liberating respite from our harried, busy lives. Now that summer is officially upon us, many of us will find the intensity of our schedules easing a bit. Being in "summer mode," we may have fewer obligations as the demands of work and school lighten up somewhat. Some of us will have the

chance to travel or enjoy vacations to visit friends and loved ones, or perhaps just enjoy the simple pleasures of days and nights spent more leisurely than during the rest of the year.

During these next few weeks of summer, whether we spend them here in Houston or someplace more exotic, we may find the opportunity to try out Ari Goldman's observations about what it feels like to live life without a watch for a few days. Perhaps, like he did, we too will find slower days and shorter to-do lists lending us a sense of tranquility and liberation. And perhaps, even when our vacations have ended and our summer travel has come to a close, we will find that feeling of calm, joyful fulfillment returning to us with reassuring regularity every time we welcome the arrival of another restorative Shabbat.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

BIRTHS

Levi James Hur, son of Rebecca & Ben Hur; grandson of Barbara & Ben Hur and Madeline & Lester Stein

Eleanor “Norrie” Kathleen Klaff, daughter of Evan & Jeremy Klaff; granddaughter of Marsha & Mark Klaff and Ann Gillen & Timothy Bogard; great-granddaughter of Jean Hayden

DEATHS

Theba Feldman, mother of Sherry & Stuart Feldman, Lori & Steven Kamins, and Beverly & Howard Feldman; grandmother of Justin Schultz & Will Hunt Lewis, Lindsay & Jason Kramer, Brynne & Mitchell Feldman, Melissa & Ben Mains, Daniel Feldman, and Brooke & Jefferey Wise; great-grandmother of William Kramer, Ethan Kramer, Fox Mains, Theo Mains, Blake Wise, and Dylan Wise

Sandra “Sandi” Greenstone, wife of Bob Greenstone; mother of Brian, Peter, and Andy Greenstone; grandmother of Meagan, Natalie, and Matthew Greenstone

Muriel Roberts, wife of Dan Roberts; sister of Dolores Kickstein

Arnold Saltzman, brother of Resanne & Earl Saltzman; husband of Barbara Saltzman; father of 3; grandfather of 6

Sylvia Solomon, mother of Shari Wright, Mitch Solomon, and J.D. Solomon

Richard Westerman, husband of Eileen Westerman; father of Lisa & Greg Westerman; grandfather of Chloe and Sofia Westerman; brother of Linda Feldheim and Sallee Ach

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 April 11 – May 9. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Tobi Flick
Sandy & Van Lessig
Amanda Martinez
Jan & Arnold Shelby

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.



Upcoming Administrative Office Closure

Please be aware that the administrative offices will be closed in observance of Juneteenth on **Monday, June 19**. 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.



Stuart Gaylor

Annual Meeting 2023

On Sunday, April 23, the congregation held our annual meeting, which was preceded by the 2023 Ernest Krautkopf Congregant of the Year luncheon. For over 50 years, we have honored outstanding congregants who have exemplified the admirable traits of compassion, leadership, a love of our congregation and the Jewish people, and a deep and abiding love of our Jewish value of *tikkun olam*, repairing the world.

Our honorees, Elyse Spector Kalmans and Cheryl Levy, spoke of their families' involvement in the congregation, going back several generations. They talked about the relationships they have built through their volunteer work and their passion for leaving a legacy of leadership and volunteer engagement to their children. Many thanks to our Brotherhood members who selected these very deserving role models to receive this award.

At the annual meeting, I spoke about our terrific clergy, staff, and teachers and how their leadership and commitment to our congregation is at the core of our success. The heart of our congregation, however, is our volunteers. There are over 30 committees whose volunteerism supports our schools, our facilities and security, and our clergy. Besides our active committees, we have many ways for our members to get involved in our congregational family.

Our Kids Meals effort, ably chaired by Donnie Bundman and Ron Nodler, has made over 12,000 sandwiches this fiscal year. Sandy Harris heads up our efforts for SEARCH, making snack packs. We have a volunteer choir, chaired by Richard Zoll, whose voices lift not only our spirits, but those of the people who they entertain outside of our congregation. Our greeters welcome our guests on Shabbat, making sure that everyone who enters our sanctuary gets a hello and Shabbat Shalom.

One of our newest initiatives, the Food and Faith Collaborative, under the leadership of Philip Tenenbaum, gives our congregants an opportunity to volunteer with members of other congregations and to actively work to alleviate hunger in our community. Phyllis Berman, along with other Emanu El volunteers, organizes The Gathering Place, monthly social events for community members living with mild to moderate memory loss due to Alzheimer's or other dementias.

These are only a few of the ways in which our members can volunteer together, building relationships with each other that will ultimately strengthen our entire congregational family. I encourage you to get involved in any of these volunteer activities. I invite you to visit emanuelhouston.org/getinvolved to find out more.

*Stuart Gaylor,
President, Congregation Emanu El*

2023 Congregants of the Year Luncheon & Annual Meeting

We honored Elyse Spector Kalmans and Cheryl Levy as the 2023 Ernest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year at our Annual Meeting on Sunday, April 23. Mazel Tov to these well deserving ladies! Also, huge thank you to the trustees of the Board whose terms expired in April: Richard Buxbaum, Ralph Herring, Diane Puschett, and Jennifer Stockel.





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, June 2,

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. Make sure to join us, as the following Tot Shabbat won't be until September!

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

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



Emanu El Young Families Playdate

Sunday, June 4, 8:00 a.m.

Ervan Chew Park (4502 Dunlavy St.)

Summer is here and it's time to play at the splash pad! Please join us for our second Emanu El and Becker Young Families community play date. If your child is five years old or younger, we would love to meet up with you for play time and snacks at Ervan Chew Park on Dunlavy. Wear a bathing suit and don't forget to bring sunscreen and a towel – older siblings are welcome!

If you have questions, please contact Tewlyn Yoburn at tewlyn@gmail.com.

June Mah Jongg with Sisterhood

Join the Sisterhood for two opportunities this month to play Mah Jongg! Afternoon Mahj will be on **Tuesday, June 6, 1:00 p.m.** with light refreshments provided and Evening Mahj will be on **Tuesday, June 20, 5:30 p.m.** with a light dinner for \$7. Please register online or by contacting the Sisterhood office at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 233.



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For Questions: BetterTogether@beth-israel.org

United Against Hate Initiative

In September of last year, Attorney General Merrick Garland launched the “United Against Hate Initiative,” designed to make it safer and easier for minority populations in America to report hate crimes in their communities.

Here in Houston, the United States Attorney’s Office has formed a collaborative partnership with the ADL and Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston to gather representatives of minority communities and share information and resources about hate crime and how to report it. The Hate Crimes & Bias Incident Reporting Initiative was designed to support Attorney General Garland’s initiative by forming a cooperative pilot group for local faith leaders representing communities traditionally impacted by hate crimes. Rabbi Hayon represented Emanu El at the inaugural meeting of this group to learn more about how to respond to and report bias-related incidents.

As the Reporting Initiative continues to do its work in the weeks and months ahead, we look forward to sharing important information with you about hate crime in our community, as well as offering some specific details about how to remain alert to these issues in our city and how to report bias-related crime most efficiently to law enforcement agencies.

Stefani Carlson Takes On A New Title



Stefani Carlson

We are pleased to announce that, effective this month, Stefani Carlson's job title will be changed to Director of Lifelong Learning. This change will bring Emanu El into better alignment with the prevailing trend within the field of Reform synagogue educators, and is also a more accurate reflection of the breadth of Stefani's work. As the supervisor of our Becker School faculty, as well as the chief educator over the Helfman Religious School and our full complement of adult education offerings, Stefani is truly a provider of lifelong Jewish learning for our entire community.

We know that all of our members are grateful for Stefani's hard work and dedication to the Jewish education of our community, and we hope that you will take an opportunity to thank her for her commitment to the well-being of all of Emanu El's learners, at every age and stage of life.

Mazel tov, Stefani!

A Message from Stefani Carlson

In Jewish tradition, when we reach the end of one of the five books of the *Torah* in our annual cycle of reading, as we did recently with the book of *Leviticus*, it is customary to take a pause and say: "*Chazak, Chazak, v'Nitchazek,*" which translates to, "*be strong, be strong, and together we will be strengthened.*" In its use of both singular and plural verb forms, this phrase reminds us of the power of being together in community. Our individual efforts are significant and important. Combined, they make a whole that is stronger than the sum of its parts.



For our Becker School community, the news that Sarah Williams will soon be leaving her role as Director of the Becker School to take a newly created position at the Houston Jewish Federation provides us with a similar opportunity to pause and reflect on our strengths. The three years of Sarah's tenure at Becker have been ones of great challenge and tremendous growth. Thanks to her vision and leadership, we are well-positioned for the future. Our faculty is world-class, and has formed a

cohesive, effective unit. Our shift to the Reggio Emilia philosophy has taken the learning that happens at Becker in exciting new directions and re-energized our teachers as they grow alongside their students. Our classrooms, hallways, and outdoor spaces are filled with love, laughter, and learning.



It has also been a time of significant change for the Congregation Emanu El community as a whole. Not only have we endured a global pandemic together, we have emerged from it with renewed vision and commitment to our spiritual home. During this time, our Emanu El schools have shifted how we think about our work together: from being two completely separate entities, the Becker School and the Helfman Religious School, to being one education team, under my leadership, with a united vision, operating at different times with different ages.



For the last two years, Becker and Helfman teachers have joined together for professional development and celebrations to build community and share expertise across the two schools. The administrative staffs of both schools meet monthly as a full education team for information sharing and goal setting. Even prior to Sarah's announcement, she and I were working together to reorganize the education staff team to better serve both school communities. We are confident that the plan we have made will lead us from strength to strength, through the coming school year and beyond. I am pleased to share that plan with you now.

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As I assume my new role as Director of Lifelong Learning, with an expanded focus on the educational programming at Congregation Emanu El as a whole, the Helfman Religious School remains in capable, familiar hands. Beginning this summer, Lucy Mosbacher, who has served as Assistant Director for the last four years, will have a new title – Helfman Religious School Principal – to reflect her expanding responsibilities. We are confident that Helfman Religious School will continue to flourish under her skilled leadership.



Becca Schwartzberg, Youth and Young Adult Engagement Coordinator, will be continuing in her role of providing excellent programming for our teens and young adults, including our exceptional TA program. Tobi Flick, B’nei Mitzvah Coordinator, who joined our staff last month, has already begun getting to know our B’nei Mitzvah students and their families. Elizabeth Townsend will continue to provide administrative support to me and to both schools – and answers to just about any Emanu El related question you can come up with! – in her role as Education Assistant and Helfman Registrar. This year, Helfman Religious School students and families have also benefitted from the presence on Sunday mornings of Rachel Kossar, LSC, our new Helfman Religious School Counselor, who has worked with teachers to ensure that every student has a positive learning experience. Rachel will be expanding her role next year, to add some mid-week hours for follow-up conversations.

To provide a seamless transition in Becker School leadership, Erika Roberts, who has served the Becker School for more than 10 years, first as a teacher and for the last three years as Licensing and Logistics Coordinator, has graciously agreed to serve as Interim Principal of the Becker School for the 2023-24 school year. I am confident that our Becker School community will continue to thrive under Erika’s skilled leadership, supported by her longstanding relationships and deep institutional knowledge. A Becker School Leadership Task Force, led by Barry Lichman, Vice President of Education for Congregation Emanu El, will be convened this summer to provide oversight and evaluation of the transition plan, and to conduct a nationwide search for a permanent leader of the Becker School.

Just as our tradition teaches us that we are stronger together, Erika will be supported in her new role by an expanded Becker School administrative team. As

Director of Lifelong Learning, I will provide Erika with supervision and mentorship, as well as with a vision for Jewish learning at Becker. I will also be a supportive resource for teachers, staff members – and especially parents and families. Judy Lazor, beloved to the Becker community for an amazing 23 years, will be continuing in her role as Admissions Director for the Becker School. And Sarah Kronman will continue to be the warm, welcoming presence at the school reception desk.

We will also be adding two new positions to the Becker School administrative team, both of which will be filled by current Becker teachers. Brooke Lewis, who in addition to having taught at Becker for several years holds a certification in Early Childhood Intervention, will be joining the administrative team as Child Development Coordinator. In this new position, Brooke will be responsible for ensuring that every child at Becker is fully supported in their learning. She will coordinate with teachers, therapists, and other specialists, and will maintain student records and clear lines of communication with parents and other caregivers. Brianna Francis, known to her students as “Ms. Bubbles,” will be taking on the newly created role of Teacher and Parent Engagement Coordinator. Among other duties, she will be working with the ECAC to expand Becker’s reach beyond our classrooms, building community among our parents and families, and engaging families with young children in the wider Emanu El community. She will also be developing enriching professional development opportunities for our teachers, as well as taking on responsibility for maintaining teacher files and onboarding new teachers. We are excited to be able to grow from within by building upon the strengths of our teachers to provide a strong administrative foundation for our school.

So, as we pause and reflect and say together, “*Chazak, Chazak, v’Nitchazek*,” my prayer for us all is that we can do so thinking of our Congregation Emanu El leaning community. Be strong, be strong, for together we are so much stronger than any one of us alone. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of any support or assistance. I can be reached at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org.

Heading to Camp This Summer?

Let’s send you off with a blessing! Join us for our Kabbalat Shabbat service on **Friday, June 9**, where we will offer a special blessing for campers, camp staff, and faculty as they prepare for their summer adventures. We hope you’ll stay after services for our first Community Shabbat Dinner of the season.

Additionally, 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.



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Enrollment Is Here!

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!

Mazel Tov to Our Graduating Seniors!



Front Row: Anna Chaikin, Megan Carson and Scout Brooks; 2nd Row: Michelle Frankfort, Talia Kalmans, Riley Greene, Hailey Frank and Stefani Carlson; 3rd Row: Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Pamela Silk, Cantor Rollin Simmons and Rabbi Josh Fixler.

Helfman Religious School

On May 7, Second Grade made all the parts to “dress” the Torah scrolls that they created over the course of the school year (ark, yad, breastplate, and cover). Then they proudly showed off their completed Torahs to their families! (continued from page 10).



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We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through May 8, 2023.

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

In Memory of
Mack Michael Martin
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Bitsy Proler

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*To send Emanu El
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A Message From Sarah Williams

Dear Emanu El Community,

It has been a true privilege to serve as the Becker Director for the past three years. While my time here had its challenges, I can honestly say that every minute has been a blessing. We have created a culture of belonging and lifelong learning, built deep relationships, and grown as a community.

Witnessing our dedicated teachers and staff learn alongside the students has been an honor. Becker has sent teachers all over the country (and out of the country) for continuing education during my tenure. While Becker has always been play-based, introducing the Reggio-Emilia philosophy has helped our school become even more community-focused and relationship-driven. I am proud of the progress we have made and confident that there is a solid foundation

to keep the school moving forward with a Constructivist Pedagogy.

Together we have grown a strong community that has united through hardships and celebrations. Plans to increase future meaningful engagement opportunities are already in the works. When people speak of Becker, they will continue to share the feelings of belonging, togetherness, and family which we have created.

Saying goodbye is never easy, but Becker will always hold a special place in my heart and Congregation Emanu El will always be a place I call home. I have been humbled by how this community embraced me as a leader, and grateful for the trust and support you all have shown me.

With heartfelt gratitude, Sarah Williams

BOOK OF MEMORY 2023

The *Book of Memory* used at our Yom Kippur Yizkor service is among our most treasured congregational traditions. In it, we inscribe the names of our loved ones, so that it can serve as an acknowledgement that those who came before us, taught us, loved us and inspired us, and have not been forgotten.

Due to our mailing and printing deadlines, all information and donations must be received by the office by **Wednesday, July 19, 2023**. Information received after the deadline will be printed in the *Bulletin*. We regret that we cannot take *Book of Memory* information over the phone.

We suggest a minimum donation of \$18 per name.

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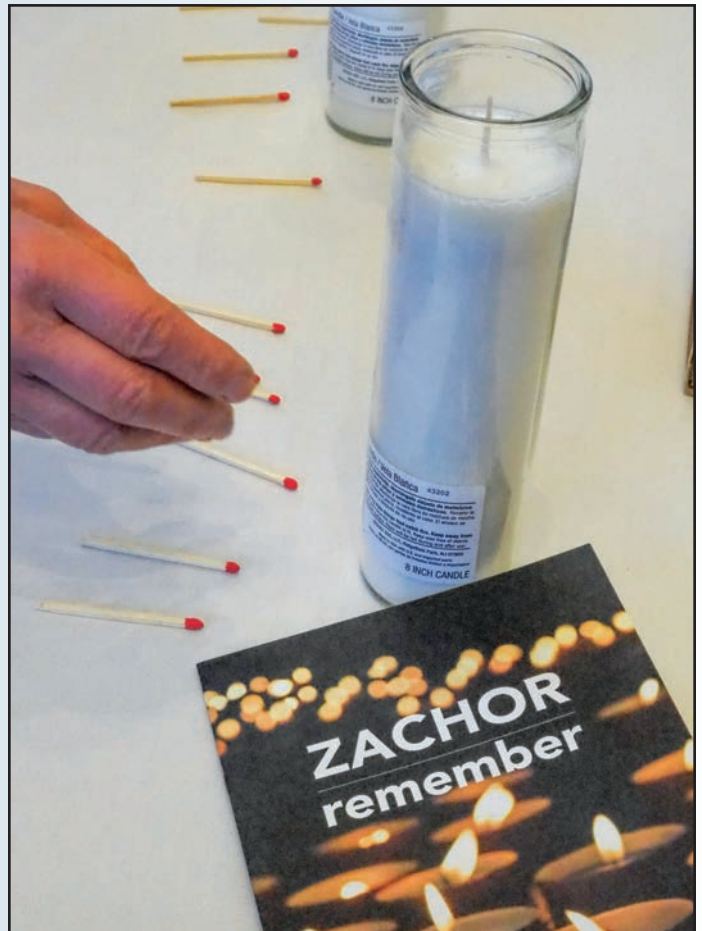
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We were honored to host the Houston community's observance of Yom HaShoah on Sunday, April 16. Program guests included Livia Link-Raviv, Consul General of Israel to the Southwest, Jewish War Veterans Houston-Levy Post 574, and Holocaust survivors who shared their stories with the community.



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THANK YOU FOR A WONDERFUL FIRST SEASON OF MUSIC AT EMANUEL

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Join Emanu El to cheer on the Houston Astros for our 8th Annual Night at the Ballpark!

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