



Congregation Emanu El

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## FROM RABBI HAYON



*We would do well to remember as well the other vital parts of the Jews' legacy throughout the story of human civilization: our insistent resistance in the face of oppression, our morality in an immoral world, and our stubborn survival despite those who would prefer to see us disappear.*

I'm filing my *Bulletin* article this month from Poland, where I am accompanying 22 teens (and four marvelous staff members) who are participating in this year's Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience. At the time I'm writing these words, we have just begun our travels, exploring the long proud history of Jews in this part of Europe, where Jewish life thrived for a thousand years before it was decimated in the Holocaust.

As we welcomed our first Shabbat together this week, we gathered on an upper floor of the Krakow JCC, where the local community has built a robust community to benefit the Jews of Krakow – as well as countless others who are not affiliated with the Jewish community. The JCC does extraordinary, inspiring work for thousands of beneficiaries in and beyond Krakow: Holocaust survivors and their descendants, elderly and impoverished Jews throughout Poland, and hundreds of Ukrainian civilians who have been displaced from their homes because of the violence and destruction of the war with Russia, which has now stretched on for longer than a year.

We shared Shabbat dinner together with members of the JCC community, and as we were enjoying our meal, we had a chance to speak with Jonathan Ornstein, the Center's CEO. While reflecting on the contrast between the violent and tragic past of Polish Jewry and the

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## Kids' Meals Juice Box Challenge Now through July 15

On the third Tuesday of every month, you'll find our volunteers making sack lunches for Kids' Meals. On a typical day, Kids' Meals makes and delivers over 8,400 meals to preschool-aged children (ages 5 and under) who do not have access to free school-based meal programs. In the summer, that number more than doubles because Kids' Meals feeds not only preschool-aged children but all children in the home.

This summer, Kids' Meals anticipates delivering more than 800,000 free, healthy meals to Houston's hungriest children. Want to help but can't come make sack lunches? Emanu El is participating in the Kids' Meals Juice Box Challenge. Now through July 15, you can help by purchasing 100% juice boxes (no Capri Sun, Kool-Aid, or juice pouches) and dropping them off in the marked bin at the temple rotunda. Need more information? Contact Fredi Bleeker Franks at [fredif@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:fredif@emanuelhouston.org).



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## SHABBAT WORSHIP

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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 Korach Friday, July 5

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

### Saturday, July 6

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

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary

Shabbat Schmooze & Schmeat immediately following morning service

### Shabbat Chukat Friday, July 12

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

### Saturday, July 13

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

### Shabbat Balak Friday, July 19

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

Community Shabbat Dinner following services

### Saturday, July 20

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

### Shabbat Pinchas Friday, July 26

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

### Saturday, July 27

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



## MAZEL MOMENTS

**Elyse Spector Kalmans** was recently elected as the chair of the Holocaust Museum Houston's board of trustees for a two-year term which began June 1. She is the 20th board chair and the first third-generation Holocaust survivor to hold this position since the museum opened its doors in 1996. Elyse is the granddaughter of Holocaust survivor Naomi Warren, of blessed memory.

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joyful, robust state of Jewish life here today, he offered a comment that moved me, and which I have continued thinking about ever since: "Just because you have been victimized does not mean that you are a victim."

His insight was a helpful frame for our students to view their difficult experiences during these days in Poland, which included visits to the concentration camps of Auschwitz-Birkenau, Majdanek and Treblinka. Even the most cursory study of European Jewish history reveals extraordinary victimization – over the span of hundreds of years and thousands of square miles. But it would be a mistake to conclude that the core enduring message of Jewish history in Europe is that the Jews who made their home here are merely victims of those who held power over them.

It is also helpful and enlightening for us to spend time studying the various forms taken by Jewish resistance to the victimization and oppression they experienced. How did they push back against antisemitism and other poisonous ideologies of hate? How did they fight back? How did they offer help and support to one another?

Under what circumstances did they find innovative solutions and helpful alliances to preserve their lives and their futures?

Not only is this a helpful lens through which our students can examine the Jewish past, it is also a useful way for us to examine our own role in, and relationship with, the developments of Jewish communal life unfolding today in our own community. What does Jewish resistance look like in today's world? How do we embody the confidence and pride that our ancestors had when we feel the pressure to assimilate or downplay our own Jewishness? How do we emulate their strength and their unwillingness to abide harmful and untrue speech when we encounter it in our schools, our workplaces, or our social media feeds?

It is undeniably true that Jews have been repeatedly victimized and oppressed in countless places around the world during the millennia of our existence. Nevertheless, it would be a grave mistake to conclude that the Jews are primarily history's victims. Instead, we would do well to remember as well the other vital parts of the Jews' legacy throughout the story of human civilization: our insistent resistance in the face of oppression, our morality in an immoral world, and our stubborn survival despite those who would prefer to see us disappear. This is the heritage of our Jewish past, and it is the promise of our shared Jewish future.

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## LIFECYCLE EVENTS

### WEDDINGS

**Julia Feldman & Andrew Karian**

### BIRTHS

**Flora Leigh Factor**, daughter of Meredith-Leigh Pleasants & Ace Factor

**Libi Michelle Lennox**, daughter of Yarden & Brad Lennox

**Charles “Charlie” Mischa Sanchez**, son of Jenny & Carlos Sanchez

### DEATHS

**Florence Alberts**, aunt of Colleen & Andrew Gold

**Gerald Gold**, father of Colleen & Andrew Gold and Jennifer Gold Ades; husband of Madelyn Davis Gold; grandfather of Jessica Gold, Dr. Caitlyn Gold & Lt. Christopher Schroeder, Lana Ades, and Mari Ades

**Samuel Kaplan**, husband of Karen Krakower Kaplan; father of Idanna & James Appio and Ilania & Chris Stangler; stepfather of Brittney Krakower Naaman and Andy Krakower; grandfather of Zoe Appio, Lili Appio, Inez Stangler, Irving Stangler, Charlie Naaman, and Toni Naaman

**Joel Kay**, husband of Marilyn Kay; father of Rebecca & Arthur Kay, Sarah & Ernie De Lachica, and Leslie & Paul Strug; brother of Joanne & Stanley Kay

**Carolyn Frapart Krause**, mother of Marsha & Joe Cohen, Elyse & Randy Frapart, and Susan & Richard Frapart; their father Lewis Frapart; grandmother of Leah & Joshua Gold, Laura Mardis & Michael Cohen, Kathrine Griffin & Andrew Cohen, Jonathan Frapart, Lauren & Stephen Friedlander, Samantha & Jacob Marcus, and Adam Frapart and Lauren Frank, and Stephen Frapart; great-grandmother of 9; sibling of Suzanne & Mel Rockoff, Lynn & Armand Shapiro, and Jeri & Marc Shapiro

**Herbert Lackshin**, partner of Sheila Segal; father of Elise & Harvey Harris, Marla Roberson & Garrett Beck, and Tina & Eric Lackshin; grandfather of Maxine & Austin Green, Chelsea & Jay Scott Fossi, Morena & Zachary Roberson, Jacob Roberson, Eli Roberson, and Alexandra, Joseph, and Ari Lackshin; great-grandfather of Everly Green and Maverick and Olivia Scott Fossi; sibling of Barbara & Shelly Liss

**Phyllis Plost**, wife of Herbert Plost; mother of Hildy & Michael Caplan, Holly & Randy Plost, and Debra Plost; grandmother of Lindsey & Jared Rockoff, Jennifer & Justen Barks, Faye & Brandon Plost, Mindy & Zach Plost, Liz & Grant Plost, Brielle & Sam Plost, Clark Plost, and TJ Martin; great-grandmother of Jackson, Preston, and Grayson Rockoff, Roland and Conrad Barks, Riley Plost, Julian, Lillian, and Izzy Plost, Hudson and Sloan Plost, and Oliver, Henry, and Cooper Plost

**Ann Rounsevell**, grandmother of Sarah Labowitz

**Fred Schwartzberg**, father of Merle & David Ziman, Beth & Mark Redmiles, and Patti & John Schwartzberg; grandfather of Becca Schwartzberg & Ken Taylor, Charles Ziman, Yael & Frank Ziman, and Elissa & Josh Redmiles

**David Turkel**, husband of Joy Turkel; father of Laurie Lehoski & Adam Turkel; Julia & Charlie Turkel Weisberg; Samantha & Sacha Bodner, and Zac Bodner; grandfather of Asher and Sam Weisberg and Naya and Ezra Bodner

**Brian Weissman**, husband of Elina Weissman; father of Emma Weissman; son of Marcie & David Weissman; sibling of Melissa & Craig Weissman

**Florence Zomlefer**, sibling of Natalie Karp; mother of Debbie & Robert Axelrod, Barbara Herzberg, and Leslie & Jay Zomlefer

#### 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!

In addition to our active Facebook pages, be sure to follow us on Instagram to catch snap shots of happenings around the synagogue, including social action, a thriving youth group, our 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!



## UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL



### July 4th Celebration Beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Celebrate July 4th with fireworks, food and fun at Emanu El! We hope your family will join us for a delicious dinner serving all the American classics – including ice cream! Feld Hall will be transformed into a Red, White and Blue Party Zone with dancing and music for all ages to enjoy. Adult guests can cool down with a frosty beverage from our bartender, and the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room will feature activities for families with young children such as face painting and a variety of indoor games. Following dinner, we will gather to watch fireworks as a community on the rooftop of the parking structure.

This event is \$8 per person. To register, visit our web calendar at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org).



### Motherhood Together Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Motherhood Together is an ongoing program for families who have welcomed new babies through birth and adoption which provides a supportive community and conversation for moms and babies during the first 12 weeks of the child's life.

Motherhood Together provides a supportive community of peers and experts for asking questions, sharing struggles, and celebrating successes that come in the first few months of a baby's birth.

Register online today. For additional information, contact Allison Hale at [allisonh@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:allisonh@emanuelhouston.org) or [emanuelhouston.org/motherhoodtogether](http://emanuelhouston.org/motherhoodtogether).

*This program is made possible by the Houston Jewish Community Foundation.*



### July Community Shabbat Dinner Friday, July 19 Following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services

Our summer Community Shabbat series continues in July, and we look forward to seeing you!

Please join us following Shabbat services on July 19 for a delicious meal, with a menu featuring classic American fare including baked and fried chicken with mashed potatoes and veggies. Dinner will be provided by Houston Catering Concepts and the cost is \$5 per person.

Register online by visiting our web calendar and break bread with us as a community!

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## SAVE THE DATES



### Join us at the Game!

**Minute Maid Park  
Sunday, August 18, 1:10 p.m.**

Take me out to the ballgame! Emanu El congregants are invited to our 9th annual trip to the ballpark and purchase discounted tickets in Section 251 for the Houston Astros vs. White Sox game on **Sunday, August 18 at 1:10 p.m.** Tickets can be purchased online at [emanuelhouston.org/ballpark2024](http://emanuelhouston.org/ballpark2024) for \$25 each (6 tickets maximum per purchase).

We hope to see you there. Play ball!



**Coffee with the Clergy Returns!  
Wednesday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.**

We are excited to announce Coffee with the Clergy will start up again in the fall. Please save the date and join Rabbi Josh Fixler for coffee and conversation.



### Gen-X-Kehillah

Calling ALL Emanu El Members!

At Congregation Emanu El, we are all part of one big *kehillah* or community, but we also have smaller communities of which you can join.

A *kehillah* can be formed from shared interests such as cooking, shared life experiences such as becoming a new parent, or anything in between.

Interested in forming your own *kehillah*? If so, please contact Allison Hale, Programming & Engagement Associate, at [allisonh@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:allisonh@emanuelhouston.org).

**Our clergy want to know . . .**

If you or a loved one is sick or hospitalized please let us know.

Contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771, so that our rabbis can reach out and visit and be a source of strength and support.

Visiting the sick and praying for those who are ill are important and meaningful mitzvot.

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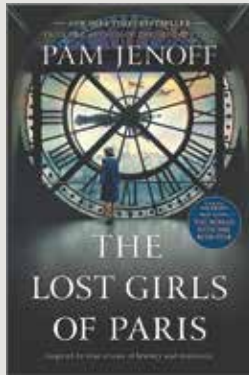
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Find us on YouTube by searching "Emanu El Houston Video" and subscribe today!



# SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

July 2024



## BOOK REVIEW:

*The Lost Girls of Paris* by Pam Jenoff  
Thursday, July 11, 12:30 p.m.

Inspired by true events, *The Lost Girls of Paris* is a riveting story filled with intriguing mystery and meticulously researched. The book is a spellbinding story of three strong courageous and determined women who brave constant danger to help win WWII.

This book will be reviewed by Sandi Berman. The event will take place in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room, and refreshments will be served.

There is no charge to attend, but please RSVP online by visiting our web calendar at [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org) or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or [sishood@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:sishood@emanuelhouston.org).

## SISTERHOOD INSTALLATION



### NEW TRADITIONS CLOSED DURING JULY

The Sisterhood gift shop will close during the month of July due to the HVAC work being completed at the temple.

### SAVE THE DATE



# L'DOR VADOR |

## FOR EMANU EL'S FUTURE

### AN UPDATE



From the Desk of Anna Shabtay, Director of Congregational Advancement

Dear Emanu El,

It has been around five months since we told the congregation about our audacious goal of raising \$20 million to ensure Emanu El's future. I am incredibly excited to update you that we have raised just over \$17.3 million towards that goal. If you recall, in February, we had raised \$16 million. Thank you to all the congregants who have come forward to make commitments and gifts toward the L'Dor VaDor campaign. We are well on our way to meeting our goal!

Anna Shabtay

We continue to refine the project plans and details to ensure that we build what we need while keeping our costs manageable. We've started construction on the Becker School lobby and vestibule which should be complete before school opens in August.

This project will not be possible without the support of the entire congregation. If you have yet to make a commitment to L'Dor VaDor, please visit [emanuelhouston.org/ForOurFuture](http://emanuelhouston.org/ForOurFuture) to make your pledge or reach out to me. There are so many ways to make a meaningful gift to this project, and no amount is too small.

I look forward to updating the congregation about our progress.

With gratitude,  
Anna Shabtay  
Director of Congregational Advancement  
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**MEYERLAND AREA | 5426 Jason Street**

Stunning kitchen remodel features extensive granite counters, deep soft close drawers, recessed lighting, stainless steel appliances including gas range/oven. Wall opened between kitchen and original dining room. Both baths have double sinks and long granite counters with lots of cabinetry! Primary bath includes a glass, oversized shower. Hall bath has a whirlpool tub shower. Enjoy the fabulous screened porch overlooking the landscaped yard with flagstone patio and fire pit. Sprinkler system and electrical were upgraded in 2015. What more could anyone want? Never flooded.

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Below please find a snapshot of the High Holy Days featuring the schedule and important information. Additional information including our guest pass policy for this year, parking, and more will arrive to our congregants in an upcoming mailout.

## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### S'lichot

**Saturday, September 28, 9:00 p.m.**

### Rosh Hashanah

**Wednesday, October 2**

**High Holy Day Kickoff Reception, 5:00 p.m.**

**Rosh HaShanah Unplugged, 6:00 p.m.**

**Thursday, October 3**

**Children's Service, 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Morning Service 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**

### Tashlich

**Thursday, October 3, 1:00 p.m.**

Bill Coats Bridge (Hermann Park)

### Shabbat Shuvah

**Friday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.**

### Outdoor High Holy Day Family Experience

**Sunday, October 6, 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.**

Nature Discovery Center (7112 Newcastle St.)

### Cemetery Service

**Sunday, October 6, 5:00 p.m.**

Emanu El Memorial Park (8431 Bissonnet St.)

### Kol Nidre

**Friday, October 11, 7:30 p.m.**

### Yom Kippur

**Saturday, October 12**

**Children's Service, 9:00 a.m. – 9:45 a.m.**

**Morning Service 10:30 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.**

**Afternoon Experience, 12:30 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.**

**Healing & Wholeness, 3:45 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

**October 7 Memorial Service, 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.**

**Yizkor, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.**

**N'ilah, 5:30 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.**

**Break the Fast, 6:45 p.m.**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

### LIVE STREAMING

You can watch all High Holy Day services live-streamed four ways:

- **Emanu El website:** [emanuelhouston.org](http://emanuelhouston.org)
- **Facebook:** [facebook.com/emanuelhouston](https://facebook.com/emanuelhouston)
- **Roku device:** Congregation Emanu El Houston channel
- **YouTube:** [youtube.com/emanuelhoustonvideo](https://youtube.com/emanuelhoustonvideo)

Archived videos of services, musical selections and sermons will be available at the same digital locations.

## MEMORIAL PLAQUES

Memorial plaques are available on our recently upgraded Yahrzeit Wall in the Barish Sanctuary. Memorialize a loved one by purchasing a plaque for \$500. To ensure plaques will be in place prior to 2024 High Holy Days, plaques must be purchased prior to August 1, 2024. To purchase a plaque, contact Christian Simmons at [christians@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:christians@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.535.6498.

## ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability accessibility, please contact Christian Simmons at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or [christians@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:christians@emanuelhouston.org).

The only reserved seats during the High Holy Days are for those that request this access ahead of time. When contacting Christian, please include the services you plan to attend. Those requesting accessible seating may be granted a maximum of four additional seats for family members. Please note this seating will be released 15 minutes prior to the beginning of services.

The deadline to request accessible seating is **Tuesday, September 24**.

## HEARING LOOP

The Barish Sanctuary is equipped with an Induction Loop System which transmits audio signals directly to one's telecoil (T-coil)-equipped hearing aid.

## CLOSED CAPTIONING

To ensure those who are hard of hearing can enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, we will be providing closed captioning for all Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur services in the Barish Sanctuary except for the children's services.

For those watching remotely, we intend to use the StreamText platform and will provide the appropriate URL in upcoming synagogue communications.

## GOING OUT OF TOWN FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS?

Will you be out of town for Rosh HaShanah and/or Yom Kippur? Through our affiliation with the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ), our congregation enjoys reciprocity with hundreds of synagogues nationally. Please contact Sue Lewis at [suel@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:suel@emanuelhouston.org). We will work with our partners to ensure your seat at your destination synagogue.

## IN NEED OF AN ASL INTERPRETER FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS?

Please notify Heidi Suprun by **Thursday, August 15** if you need an ASL Interpreter.

If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter, please contact Heidi at the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or [heidis@emanuelhouston.org](mailto:heidis@emanuelhouston.org) by the deadline date in order to insure the availability of these services.





### Mazel tov to our winners!

These prestigious awards are presented to students who have demonstrated the qualities and achievements for which they are described below:

#### Harold Reingold Award

Harold Reingold was the first Religious School Director at Congregation Emanu El. After more than 30 years of service to Emanu El's students and parents, he continued teaching B'nei Mitzvah students until his death in 2002. His family established this award for students who show the greatest improvement. The Harold Reingold Award is given to one religious school student in each of the following age brackets: 4th-5th grades, 6th-8th grades and 9th-12th grades.



**Nolan Mendelovtitz, 6th – 8th Grades**



**Joshua Taylor, 9 – 12th Grades**



**Noah Longo, 4th – 5th Grades**

#### Esther Slotnik Award

Esther Slotnik was the first Hebrew teacher at Congregation Emanu El. Her family established this award for Hebrew language excellence to reward a 6th grader for extraordinary achievement in Hebrew studies.



**Eliana Gospin**

#### Ellen Furst Award

The Ellen Furst Award is conferred annually by Diane, Larry and Michael Furst in memory of their daughter Ellen.



**Evan Yoburn (with Diane & Larry Furst)**

#### Gail Shapiro Mensch Award

Gail Shapiro served as the Administrative Assistant to Helfman Religious School for over 25 years. The Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood has established the Gail Shapiro Mensch Award in her memory to recognize two students in kindergarten through 3rd grade for exemplary citizenship and kindness, the values that Gail held dear.



**Avery Muscat (with Beverly Shapiro) Not Pictured – Andrew Cort**



## SBMIE 2024 is Underway!



**Airport**

The fifth cohort of the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience (SBMIE) departed Houston for a four-week trip of a lifetime to Poland and Israel on June 10, 2024. The 22 rising juniors and seniors were accompanied by Rabbi Oren Hayon; Stefani Carlson, Director of Lifelong Learning; Becca Schwartzberg, Youth and Young Adult Engagement Coordinator; Stephen Carlson, High School Teacher; and Kenneth Taylor, Public Programs and Outreach Coordinator, Holocaust Museum Houston (HMH). We are grateful to HMH for partnering with us to bring Ken's expertise as a Holocaust educator to our students on the first half of the trip.

The group will be guided on the full trip, including Poland, by Mickey Medzini, who also guided SBMIE groups in 2018 and 2022, and who, along with his father, Professor Meron Medzini, spoke at Congregation Emanu El in September. Cantor Rollin Simmons, Rabbi Joshua Fixler, and Elizabeth Townsend, Education Assistant and Helfman Registrar, will each be joining the group later in our travels. We are pleased to be partnering for the second time with Ayelet Tours as our travel provider.



**Warsaw Ghetto**

This year, we are pleased to announce that we have been selected as a RootOne Trip Provider, joining a prestigious group of excellent Israel educational experiences that also includes BBYO Passport and the URJ's Yallah! Israel (formerly known as NFTY in Israel). Our grant from RootOne provides financial and educational support for SBMIE, including pre- and post-trip learning opportunities for our students, as well as a multi-day "mifgash" (gathering) with Israeli teens from Leo Baeck High School while we are in Jerusalem.

RootOne, LLC is seeded through a generous grant by The Marcus Foundation and powered by The Jewish Education Project. In addition to the RootOne voucher, all students who celebrate their B'nei Mitzvah at Congregation Emanu El and commit to participating in the Helfman Upper School program through high school graduation are eligible for full scholarships for SBMIE from the Barish Israel Fund (less a small registration fee). We are grateful to the Barish Family, and their extraordinary commitment to Israel education, for making this amazing gift available to our students!



**Rapoport "Monument to the Ghetto Heroes," Warsaw**



## Becker Summer Camp Students Participate with Gathering Place

Children attending our Becker Summer Camp enjoyed a magic show with our CarePartners at June's Gathering Place.



## GSC Summer Camp Students

Emanu El sends more kids to Greene Family Camp than any other congregation. We had more than 60 kids and alum for the first session.







We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through June 12, 2024.

**ACCESS FOR ALL FUND**

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

In Memory of

**M.M. Feld, Jr.**

Joyce & Steve Sandweiss  
**Samuel Kaplan**  
Sara Speer Selber

**ALAN GAYLOR TEACHING ASSISTANT FUND**

*To support Helfman Religious School teaching assistants*

In Appreciation of

**Stuart Gaylor – Leadership as President of**

**Congregation Emanu El**

Lillian Gaylor & the  
Gaylor, Gordon, Lewis &  
Pleason Families

**AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND**

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

In Honor of

**Susie Askanase –**

**Congregant of the Year**

**The Birthday of Julien**

**Rosenthal – 95th**

Marilynne & Alford  
Bleeker

**Linda Susman**

Marlene Rubin

**The Bat Mitzvah of CoCo**

**Rahbar-Daniels**

**The Birthday of Sara Selber**

Sylvia Farb

In Memory of

**Sheldon “Buddy”**

**Gerson**

Marilynne & Alford  
Bleeker

Judy & Allan Lazor

**Marc Nodler**

Marilynne & Alford  
Bleeker

**Ronna Spitz**

**Edith Zinn**

Sylvia Farb

**BARBARA & MARK BROOKNER CAMBERSHIP FUND**

*To provide scholarships for attending Jewish camps or programs*

In Honor of

**Rabbi Pamela Silk**

Michaele & Michael  
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**BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships*

**A Donation**

Martha & Donald  
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**Joel Kay**

Judy & Allan Lazor

**Phyllis Plost**

Kathy & Stephen Parven

**BILL & JOAN SPITZ PRESIDENTIAL LEADERSHIP FUND**

*To strengthen the vision of Emanu El’s leaders*

In Memory of

M.M. Feld, Jr.

Jonathan Rauch

**CARY PASTERNAK CEMETERY FUND**

*To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park*

In Memory of

**Margit & Zoltan Balog**

Vera Balog

**CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

*To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park*

In Memory of

**Charles “Chuck” Joe**

**Hibbler**

Jacquelyn Hibbler and  
Family

**Marc Nodler**

Tania & Rich Oshman

**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

**Flora Leigh Factor’s Baby Naming**

Kim & Abe Factor and  
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**Rabbi Oren Hayon & Rabbi Pamela Silk**

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*To provide programs for Emanu Elders*

In Memory of

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*To support the highest-priority programs and services and to provide ongoing care for the needs of our congregation*

In Memory of

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*To support leadership development for Emanu El lay leaders, staff, clergy, and the congregation*  
In Honor  
**The Anniversary of Carol & Barry Goodfriend – 65th**  
Myra Lipper

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*To expand our learning and gathering spaces and ensure a welcoming, secure, and accessible campus for all*  
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In Appreciation of  
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In Memory of  
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To provide for the Sisterhood

In Honor of

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**Congregant of the Year**

Sylvia & Steven Brody

**Rabbi Pamela Silk – 20**

**Years at Congregation**

**Emanu El**

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Emanu El

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Shirley & Maury Gurwitch

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Susan & Syd Waldman

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**Rosenthal – 95th**

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It is time to renew your Annual Commitment for 2024-2025!

### 3 ways to renew:

- Return the form you received in your mailbox
- Visit [emanuelhouston.org/membership](http://emanuelhouston.org/membership) and complete the online form
- Call Jessie Cassorla at 713.535.6421

Renewing your annual commitment ensures that our incredible community continues to be vibrant and welcoming for the upcoming year and helps guarantee our exceptional programming and services for available for the entire Emanu El community.

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Send us your children's summer camp info so we can send them something special!

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## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### Welcome Our Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest and returning members to our congregational family from May 15 – June 13. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

**Morgan & Eric Atkinson, children**

**Clayton, Russell & Weston**

**Ali Bamberger**

**Madison Brewer**

**Judith & Nick Harbour, children**

**Elizabeth & Susannah**

**Anne & Sam Siegel**

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](mailto:annas@emanuelhouston.org) or 713.529.5771, ext. 261.



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