



Congregation Emanu El

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FROM RABBI HAYON



By recommitting ourselves to shunning baseless hatred of our neighbors and fellow citizens, we contribute to the vital work of nurturing kindness and unity, and fortifying harmony in our neighborhoods.

In the middle of our summer calendars, falling in the hottest season of the year, is a Jewish holiday that is often largely overlooked in Reform communities. The holiday, which begins this year in the evening of **August 12**, is Tisha B'Av, the ninth day of the Hebrew month of Av. Tisha B'Av is a somber day of memory, dedicated to fasting and mourning for the destruction of the great Temple in ancient Jerusalem.

The reason that Tisha B'Av is observed only minimally in Reform Judaism is because, while we recognize the tragedy of the destruction of the Temple, we recognize that the end of cultic worship and animal sacrifice was a necessary precondition for the Judaism we know and love today: a religion lived in synagogues, study halls, and academies of learning all over the globe – not simply in the Holy Land. It is difficult to feel genuinely nostalgic for forms of faith and worship we have no intention of replicating or returning to, but to jettison completely the observance of Tisha B'Av is an unhelpful overcorrection.

When looking back at the destruction of the Temple a century or two after the catastrophe, the rabbis of ancient Israel offered an enduring moralistic teaching. Although in a literal sense, the Temple was destroyed by the invading

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NEW Program Launching!
Move with Emanu El Fitness Series
Wednesday, August 28, 7:15 a.m.

Join us on **Wednesday, August 28** at 7:15 a.m. for the launch of Move with Emanu El Fitness Series. For this initial date, we invite you to jog, run, trot, or walk the Rice University Loop (approximately 3 miles). We will meet outside directly in front of the Sunset Lobby and go from there. All ages and levels of fitness welcome! Cool-down beverages and snacks will be provided.

For more information, contact Allison Hale, Programming & Engagement Associate, at allisonh@emanuelhouston.org.



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SHABBAT WORSHIP

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 through synagogue communications.

Matot - Mas'ei Friday, August 2

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

Saturday, August 3

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
Shabbat Schmooze & Schmear immediately following morning service

Shabbat D'varim Friday, August 9

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

Saturday, August 10

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

Shabbat Va-et'chanan Friday, August 16

6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Proler Chapel
Community Shabbat Dinner following services

Saturday, August 17

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

Shabbat Eikev Friday, August 23

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

Saturday, August 24

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'nei Mitzvah of **Dr. Geraldine Daumerie**, and
Alexander Mayer, son of Dr. Geraldine Daumerie and
Dr. Wesley Mayer

Shabbat R'eih Friday, August 30

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

Saturday, August 31

10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B'not Mitzvah of **Brynn Cabe**, daughter of Rochelle &
James Cabe, and **Hannah Mermelstein**, daughter of
Tammy & Scott Mermelstein.

MAZEL MOMENTS



Dee Dee Dochen

Dee Dee Dochen was awarded the Daily Point of Light at a celebration held by the George and Barbara Bush Foundation to commemorate the late George H.W. Bush's 100th birthday at this year's Points of Light Conference. Dee Dee has been instrumental in shining a light on talented musicians living with disabilities establishing Houston's annual ReelMusic event.

FROM RABBI HAYON *continued from page 1*

Roman legions, the rabbis suggested that there was a deeper spiritual calculus at play beneath the surface. Since God is all-powerful, they reasoned, and since the fate of the Jews are held in God's hands, surely God intended to teach us some sort of lesson by allowing the Romans to destroy the Temple. What, then, was the spiritual lesson God meant for us to learn from Tisha B'Av?

The rabbis' conclusion was that God permitted the cataclysmic destruction of the Temple in order to teach the people about the grave consequences of what they called "sinat chinam" – groundless hatred between people. Society during the Roman era had become increasingly unkind, self-centered, and callous, they pointed out, and as a result, God needed to deliver a powerful shock to Jewish society to convince them to wake up from their complacency and unkindness, and recommit themselves to acts of compassion, patience and tenderness for others. For the ancient rabbis, then, the spiritual agenda of observing Tisha B'Av was less about a romantic yearning for the Temple, and more

about the spiritual necessity of eliminating gratuitous hatred and hostility from our communities.

Seen from this perspective, Tisha B'Av retains a deep and useful value for Reform Jews today. Although our contemporary lives in Houston's Jewish community seems endlessly far away from our distant ancestors' worship rites in the Temple in Jerusalem, the critical importance of combating *sinat chinam* is timelessly relevant. By recommitting ourselves to shunning baseless hatred of our neighbors and fellow citizens, we contribute to the vital work of nurturing kindness and unity, and fortifying harmony in our neighborhoods. The ancient rabbis' spiritual gloss on the tragic destruction of the great Temple can help us – even today – to build a stronger and more compassionate community, so that the suffering and loss of the past can help bring about a more empathetic and compassionate future.



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LIFECYCLE EVENTS

WEDDINGS

Amy Rozzell & Adam Newar

BIRTHS

Arthur Sonny Hart, son of Ilana Freedman Hart & David Ramish Hart; grandson of Martha & Donald Freedman

Brayden Thomas Libby, son of Lauren & Rusty Libby

DEATHS

Harris Hauser, husband of Barbara Hauser; father of Karen & Murry Penner, Terri Hauser, Truly & John Hauser, Ann & Ronnie Laufman, Heather & Randy Reichstein, and Eddie Hauser; grandfather of Elizabeth Santos & Ryan Penner, Joshua Penner, Jeremy Penner, Alex Hauser, Aven Hauser, Gerlie Ortega & Andy Hauser, Amanda Hauser, Hannah Hauser, Hailey & Karim Rios, William Laufman, Lexi Reichstein, and Marisa Reichstein; great-grandfather of Axel, Malia, Kea, Liam, Morris, Noah, and Maite

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, Lauren & Stephen Frapart, and Adam Frapart; great-grandmother of 9; sibling of Suzanne & Mel Rockoff, Lynn & Armand Shapiro, and Jeri & Marc Shapiro

Larry Levey, father of Alexa & Ryan Levey, Bek & Drew Levey, Kirby & Jeff Levey, and Kate & Adam Levey; grandfather of Riley, Ari, Jemma, Miles, Kaki, Liv, and Eve Levey; sibling of Cheryl Kelman, Michael Levey, Helen Fleisher, and Stephen Levey

Paula Levy, mother of Cheryl & Haran Levy and Elaine & Alan Mitleider; grandmother of Emily & Joseph Spinner, Andi & Brett Riesenfeld, Corey Mitleider, and David Mitleider; great-grandmother of Hannah and Julia Spinner and Drew and Lucy Riesenfeld; extended family of the Goodfriends

Susan Farb Morris, wife of David Morris; mother of Hannah Morris & Gabriel Band and Shara Morris & David Abelson; grandmother of Micah Band and Lior Abelson; daughter of Sylvia Farb; sibling of Helene Scolnick, Roberta Colton, and Loretta Farb

Alfred Osborn, husband of Judith Meyers Osborn; father of Yolanda Lawas & Dr. Jeffrey Osborn, Marsha & Andrew Osborn, and Dina & Timothy Koch; grandfather of Katelyn & Carlos Romayor, Tanner Osborn, Alina Osborn, Isaac Osborn, Aidan Koch, and Charlotte Koch

Jenny Reisberg, by her family at Congregation Emanu El

Lilly Wechsler, mother of Dr. Adriana Wechsler & Dr. Patrick Kelly; grandmother of Megan & Sam Wechsler-Kelly and Sorin Wechsler-Kelly

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.

**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.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL



Recruiting New Members! Motherhood Together Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

Motherhood Together is actively recruiting new moms to join our ongoing program for families who have welcomed new babies through birth and adoption. Sign up now!

This exciting opportunity offers weekly sessions facilitated by Alexandra Tran, Certified Postpartum Doula with visits from postnatal specialists and Emanu El clergy.



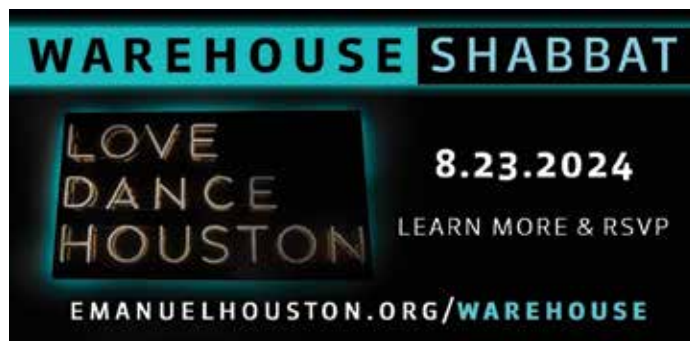
Expecting moms are invited to sample one class as a 'preview' before their little one arrives to meet some of the other moms and hear their testimonies.

The fee for the program will cover administrative costs and food provided at each session (\$180 for Emanu El members; \$250 for non-members).

Register and join us today by visiting emanuelhouston.org/motherhoodtogether.

For additional information, please contact Allison Hale, Programming & Engagement Associate, at allisonh@emanuelhouston.org.

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



Warehouse Shabbat

Love Dance HTX (2206 Edwards St, Unit B)
Friday, August 23
Doors open at 7:30 p.m., service at 8:00 p.m.

Join Rabbi Fixler, Cantor Simmons and their live band for Warehouse Shabbat! This rocking, adults-only worship event has been designed to be a dynamic, lively and musical prayer experience to rejuvenate your heart and uplift your spirit. Come enjoy local desserts and drinks during this exciting Shabbat program, which is co-sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Young Adult Division!

All adults, young professionals or young at heart, are welcome to join us for this Shabbat service which will be at Love Dance Houston in Sawyer Yards. The doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the service will begin at 8:00 p.m.



CALLING ALL CONGREGANTS

Looking to engage with other congregants in a social setting? Start your own *kehillah*! A *kehillah* can be formed from shared interests such as cooking, similar life experiences like 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.



Emanu El Cares! Volunteer at the Houston Food Bank

Sunday, September 1, 9:00 a.m.

Roughly one million people in the 18 southeast Texas counties served by Houston Food Bank are considered food insecure, meaning they lack consistent access to enough nutritious food to fuel a healthy life. Emanu El wants to be a part of the movement toward changing that.

Volunteer with us by cleaning, sorting, packaging, and palletizing food in an assembly line fashion. Minors are welcome with a parent or guardian.

Registration and additional details can be found online by visiting our web calendar. For more information, contact Allison Hale, Programming & Engagement Associate, at allisonh@emanuelhouston.org. *nobody had ever heard, who lived a comfortable but in no way extraordinary life, give such a high amount of money?*



EE Votes Postcarding Event at Emanu El

Wednesday, September 4, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.

Every Voice Every Vote (EVEV) is the Reform Jewish Movement's 2024 campaign to protect, expand and strengthen our democracy by encouraging and protecting voter participation.

EVEV postcarding efforts are nonpartisan and primarily focused on overcoming barriers to voting in states that target Black, Indigenous, and People of Color (BIPOC) communities where there is a significant number of people of color and racial gaps in voter participation. Often these voters are overlooked by other campaigns or difficult to reach by phone or door-knocking.



Coffee with the Clergy Returns!

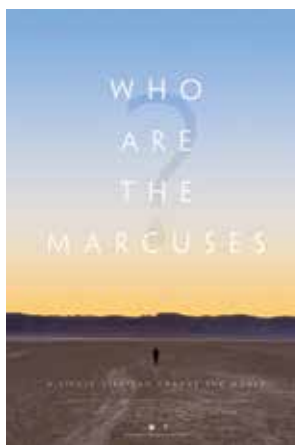
Wednesday, September 11, 9:00 a.m.

We are excited to announce Coffee with the Clergy will return next month. Join us for our first session with Rabbi Fixler. No registration required. You bring the conversation, and we will provide everything else!



Film Screening: *Who Are the Marcuses?*

A Film by Matthew Mishory
Thursday, September 19, 6:30 p.m.



Join us for the screening followed by Q&A with Ellen Marcus, former longtime member of Congregation Emanu El. Lite bites will be served. Register online at emanuelhouston.org.

About the film: *The Marcuses would endow the Ben-Gurion University of the Negev (BGU) with half a billion dollars. Their donation not only marked the largest individual charitable gift ever received by an Israeli institution but also surprised*

the world: How could a family of whom nobody had ever heard of, who lived a comfortable but in no way extraordinary life, give such a high amount of money?

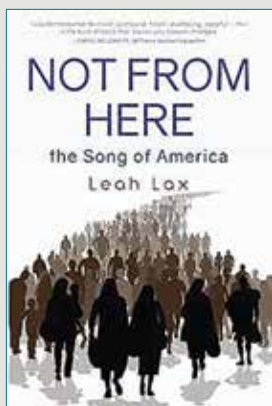
SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

August 2024



Sisterhood Opening Program: Pathways to the Future Wednesday August 28, 6:30 p.m.

Please join Sisterhood at our opening dinner and musical program featuring Anita Kruse, who will entertain us with her unique, interactive songwriting talent. Anita will be accompanied by musician Philip Hall. The cost for paid Sisterhood members is \$5, which will be donated to the WRJ YES Fund (Youth, Education and Special Projects). The cost for non-Sisterhood members and guests is \$18. Please RSVP online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. The deadline to register is **Friday, August 23**.



BOOK REVIEW: *Not From Here, the Song of America* by Leah Lax Tuesday, September 17, 6:00 p.m.

Not From Here, the Song of America is a powerful book by author Leah Lax relating the amazing true stories of immigrants and refugees who fled to the United States from around the world. It relates their struggles and determination to make a new life in America despite obstacles and hardship. These are the stories of immigrants prepared to risk everything in order to survive, never giving up hope of achieving the American dream. The book will be reviewed by the author, who, in writing the book, uncovered the lost history of her own Jewish family and discovered a larger context for her own family story. The stories in this book demonstrate that all Americans are also immigrants.

About the author: Leah Lax joined the Lubavitcher Hasidim at age 16. She entered an arranged marriage at age 19 and lived in the Hasidic community with her husband and seven children for 30 years. In 2002, she left that community to lead a secular life and live openly as a gay woman. She later graduated from the University of Houston with an MFA in Creative Writing. She had earlier completed her undergraduate studies at the University of Texas at Austin.

This event is open to the entire congregation and will be followed by a dessert reception. There is no charge, but please RSVP online by visiting our web calendar or by contacting the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org.



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A Message from Rabbi Walter

I am touched by the number of congregants who have been so kind and concerned about my well-being. I hope you know how much your prayers and good wishes have sustained me, and I appreciate Rabbi Hayon's allowing me to share the following good news through the *Bulletin*.

I have completed six months of treatment at MD Anderson, and my doctor and her team are not just pleased but *thrilled* with the results. I have now moved on to immunotherapy, a less strenuous next step which has a good chance of continuing to be effective. I am gaining strength (and weight) and have been released from all restrictions on my activity.

I am back to teaching my Shabbat morning class; engaging in my hobbies, attending services, ballet and theater; going to lunch and dinner with friends; and being available for life cycle functions. To put it briefly, as we say in Texas, I'm back in the saddle and look forward to seeing you often.

Again, heartfelt thanks for your continued prayers and good wishes. Never doubt that they have made a difference. They did and they do.

Warmly,
Roy A. Walter, *Rabbi Emeritus*

2024 JCC Maccabi Games

The JCC Maccabi Games® & Access are coming to the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC in Houston, TX! From **August 4 - August 9**, the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC will host 1,200 Jewish teen athletes from around the globe at the world's largest Jewish youth sporting event. The event will mobilize members of our community including 500 host families, thousands of volunteers and 300 local athletes. Interested in getting involved? For more information, visit jchoustonmaccabi.org/volunteers.



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Below please find a quick guide with important information about this year's High Holy Day season at Emanu El. A comprehensive guide detailing services, youth and family offerings, and more will be mailed to homes in the coming weeks.

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.

Israel Moment, 4:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Yizkor, 5:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

N'ilah, 6:00 p.m. – 6:45 p.m.

Break the Fast, 6:45 p.m.

GENERAL INFORMATION

LIVE STREAMING

You can watch High Holy Day services live in four ways:

- **Emanu El website:** emanuelhouston.org
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/emanuelhouston
- **Roku:** Congregation Emanu El Houston channel
- **YouTube:** youtube.com/emanuelhoustonvideo

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

CHILDCARE

Childcare for children ages 15 months to 8 years is available during both Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur morning services. Registration in advance **MUST** be received in order to prepare for the appropriate number of caregivers. The cost is \$10 per child, per service. A light snack will be provided; however, children with allergies are encouraged to bring their own snacks. Register online at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship by **September 13**.

ACCESSIBILITY

For wheelchair or disability seating, please contact Christian Simmons at 713.529.5771, ext. 262 or christians@emanuelhouston.org by **Tuesday, September 24**.

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.

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. The link to URJ's reciprocity form can be found on our High Holy Day page at emanuelhouston.org/hhdworship.

IN NEED OF AN ASL INTERPRETER FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS?

If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter, please contact Heidi Suprun by **Thursday, August 15** at 713.529.5771 or heidis@emanuelhouston.org.

SBMIE 2024: Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience

From Stefani Carlson, Director of Lifelong Learning:



Stefani Carlson

The participants on the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience trip returned home safely on Saturday, July 6, having had the experience of a lifetime. Following the emotional heaviness – and physical beauty – of our time in Poland, we arrived in an Israel that was very different from our previous visits.

In any other year, we would have been surrounded by crowds of visitors and crossing paths with numerous other groups of teens and young adults from all over the world. This summer, we were welcomed to an Israel almost completely devoid of tourists. Shops and restaurants were eerily empty. At many of the museums and historical sites we visited, we were the only group there. We saw only two Birthright buses in three weeks, rather than the dozens we would have expected. Hotels were still hosting Israeli families, both vacationers and those displaced from their homes, but were empty of foreigners.

Based on the list provided to us by our partners at RootOne, it is likely that we were the only group of teens from the U.S. in all of Israel for the first couple of weeks we were there. It was not until the penultimate night of our trip that we crossed paths with another teen group (from NFTY/Habonim Dror), and they were just beginning their travels.

It is a testament to Congregation Emanu El's dedication to Israel education, and a reflection of the trust that our families put in our leadership team, that we were able to do what so few other organizations could in putting together this trip at this time. Our participants rose to the occasion, representing our community beautifully in their respect for, and eagerness to engage with, the places and people we visited. They received well-deserved compliments everywhere we went.

The major benefit to the quiet was that it allowed us to get to know Israelis in a much more personal way. Our presence was noted and appreciated – and not just by vendors. Everywhere we went, people were curious about us, approaching the group to thank us for coming and to learn about where we came from. While we did not experience any sirens or alerts, and only changed one day's plans for security reasons, we did modify our itinerary whenever possible to lean in to personal connection with Israelis. For example, on our Friday night in Jerusalem, we were unexpectedly invited to join the community of our kibbutz hotel for a special Kabbalat Shabbat with music, dancing and treats, before heading to services — a moment of connection that transcended any language barriers.

Our speakers included not only politicians and journalists – and an inspiring Holocaust survivor – but also several young adults, who shared both their current/recent experience in the IDF and their visions for a brighter future. We also added several days of volunteering: with Leket, Israel's largest food bank; with the Jaffa Institute, a social services organization working in some of Tel Aviv's poorest neighborhoods; with Yad LaKashish, an organization supporting the elderly in Jerusalem through arts education and artisanal workshops; and with Galgal Hozer, an organization providing food, clothing, and other necessities to people in Netivot and the Gaza Envelope area. In each encounter, we saw firsthand how much Israel needs our support and values our presence, especially now.

Thanks to our partnership with RootOne, and the Houston Jewish Community's relationship with the Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, our students also had an unprecedented opportunity to build deep relationships with a group of Israeli teens. In our first week in Israel, we spent a full day at Leo Baeck, gathering first for icebreakers, conversation, and lunch with 15 Israeli teens and their teachers, and then for a special Pride Shabbat service with Ohel Abraham, the Reform congregation associated with the school, after which the Israeli teens returned with us to our hotel for Shabbat dinner and more time to visit.

Individual Israeli teens from the group met up with us throughout our time in Haifa, hanging out with our teens at the beach and hotel. Later, five of the Israeli teens attended a leadership development session provided by RootOne/Mosaic, after which they spent four full days with our group in Jerusalem, sharing hotel rooms, meals and activities with our teens. The *mifgash* (gathering) ended with a bittersweet *Havdalah*, at which we all said "I'hitraot" – we'll see you again!

While we still had another week left of our trip, during which we explored the beauty and diversity of Israel's south, this moment encapsulated our feelings about Israel and the trip overall. We are grateful to have had this time to get to know Israel so deeply, and to support the Israeli people during such a challenging moment, and we cannot wait to return.

We are grateful to the Barish family, and their extraordinary support of Israel education, for making this gift to our students possible. For more details about the trip, and to read the teens' reflections, please visit the Shirley Barish Memorial Israel Experience Facebook page. Please be on the lookout for upcoming opportunities to hear from the teens directly about their experiences.

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In front of the former site of the Hayon family shoe store – now a cafe run by a family displaced from a Kibbutz in the south – in Lewinsky Market, Tel Aviv



Atlit Detention Camp, Haifa



Peres Center for Peace & Innovation, Tel Aviv



With students at Leo Baeck Education Center, Haifa

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Mount of Olives lookout point, Jerusalem



With our Israeli friends, Jerusalem



Israel Museum, Jerusalem



Ashalim R&D Center, Negev



King Solomon's Copper Mines, Timna Park



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Barbara Loeser &

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BEN NOBLE CAMPERSHIP FUND

To provide scholarships for attending Jewish camps or programs

In Memory of

Alfred Osborn

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To provide lifelong adult Jewish education programs

In Memory of

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Kalmans

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In Memory of

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CAMBERSHIP FUND**

To provide scholarships for attending Jewish camps or programs

In Memory of

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Susan Farb Morris

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

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In Honor of

Rabbi Pamela Silk

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Pozmantier Selig**

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In Memory of

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Karen & Larry Feld

Paula Levy

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Dee Dee Dochen &

Paul Grossbard

Arlyne & Maynard Gimble

Eleanor & Richard Balloff

Seline

Irene Weingarten

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To feed the hungry in Houston and to support Kids Meals

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

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LEADERSHIP FUND**

To support leadership development for Emanu El lay leaders, staff, clergy, and the congregation

In Memory of

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CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND**

To enhance musical programming

In Appreciation of

Cantor Rollin Simmons

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Freedman

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FUND**

To maintain and enhance the Kagan Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of

Paula Levy

Dotty & Lawrence Kagan

L'DOR VADOR CAMPAIGN

To expand our learning and gathering spaces and ensure a welcoming, secure, and accessible campus for all

In Appreciation of

Paul Cordova

Aliza & Jason Plotkin

fredi Franks – Serving

as Emanu El's Interim

Executive Director

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Julie & Rabbi Oren Hayon

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The Birthday of Sheila

Kaplan – 90th

Cherill Dubinski

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Becky Beaver

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Claudia & Joel Selzer

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FUND**

To provide flowers in our worship spaces

In Memory of

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WALTER ENRICHMENT
FUND**

To support spiritual and cultural enrichment

In Appreciation of

Rabbi Roy Walter

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In Honor of

**Kathy Parven – Retirement
The Anniversary of Carol &
Barry Goodfriend – 65th**

Sheila & Jerry Kaplan

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& Steve Moskowitz – 60th**

Phyllis & Steven Halpin

**The Birthday of Sheila
Kaplan – 90th**

Marcy & Jeff Margolis

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*To provide scholarships for
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*To support programs
that assist people in the
community*

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*To fund social justice
programming and support
congregants' participation
in social justice focused
gatherings and leadership
trainings*
In Appreciation of
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**Leo Martay & Connie
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*To send Helfman Religious
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*To provide for the
Sisterhood*
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FAMILY PROGRAMMING**
*To support programs for
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*To support the needs of the
temple and to fulfill the
mission of Congregation
Emanu El*
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**– for their service to
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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 June 14 – July 17. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Nicki & Connor Barr, son Eli
Lauren Calderera, daughter Ailey
Elizabeth & James Camp, children Daniel,
Micah, Ryan, & Shay
Marlene Cohn
Alexa & Ricky Fagan, son Miles
Jessica & Aaron Glick, children Myles & Talia
Rhonda & Bill Glick
Elizabeth Perez & Isaac Salazar, children
Christopher, Evelyn, & Ivan
Lynn & Michael Schoenberger
Jason Storch
Jo Ann & John Woodward

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 or 713.529.5771, ext. 261.



After Hurricane Beryl, Becker School came together to support one another and regain a sense of normalcy. After gathering for Shabbat, students enjoyed water day and engaged in a variety of sensory fun. They shared school pride as the teachers sprayed Becker on the side of the building and the children helped spray it clean.



Students Learn About Photography

During their in-house field trip on July 17, Becker children explored photography with local photographer Ilse Gonzalez. Ilse shared her knowledge and passion for the art and offered campers an opportunity to practice taking pictures themselves with various types of cameras.



Becker Foam Party

Summer Camp is in full swing and Becker is beating the heat! From foam parties to sprinklers and buckets of ice, Becker students are having a blast!



ALL IN: Casino Royale

During our casino night, the men of Congregation Emanu El wagered their bets on having a good time – and they won! Guests dined and enjoyed Blackjack and Texas Hold'em, courtesy of All Vegas Experience.





**MUSIC AT
EMANUEL**

**WATCH FOR OUR 2024-2025
SEASON ANNOUNCEMENT
COMING SOON IN YOUR MAIL**



**ELIANA LIGHT
ARTIST IN RESIDENCE**

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7, 7:30PM
*TO YEARN AND RETURN: AN ELUL SACRED SOUNDS
CONCERT AND HAVDALAH*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 10:30AM
ADULT EDUCATION: WRESTLING WITH G?D'S NAMES



**SHEPHERD SCHOOL
OF MUSIC CONCERT**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 4:00PM
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DINNER 5:45 PM | SERVICE 6:15 PM



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