



Bulletin

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FROM RABBI HAYON



This month we enter the Hebrew month of Elul, during which we're directed to prepare ourselves mentally and emotionally for the heavy spiritual work of the Days of Awe before they arrive next month. Jewish tradition instructs us to use this time to plan deliberately for how we will use our time for repentance and atonement during those holy days.

There is little merit in setting unrealistically grand expectations for ourselves if it will be impossible for us to attain them.

Like all things, however, it is possible for us to err in our preparations by spending too much time planning. The 19th century Chasidic master Rabbi Hayim of Zanz cautions us against this misstep in the following parable:

There was once a poor country farmwoman who had many children. No matter how the children begged for food, she had very little to give them. One day, much to her delight, she found an egg.

She gathered her children and exclaimed: "Children, our troubles are over. I've found an egg! But because I am clever, I will not eat the egg. Instead, I will ask our neighbor for permission to set it under her hen until a chick is hatched. Oh, I am a clever woman! And we will not eat the chick, but will let her grow until she lays eggs, and those eggs will hatch into chickens. And those chickens, in turn, will lay many more eggs, and we'll have many chickens and many eggs. Oh, I am a

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2024 Community Shabbat FINALE Friday, September 13

Emanu El invites you to the final Community Shabbat of the summer! Join us for **6:00 p.m.** Shabbat services, then stay for a savory community dinner featuring all your Texas barbecue favorites including brisket, chicken, mac and cheese, coleslaw, veggie burgers, and salad.

Dinner is \$5 per person for members, \$10 for community guests, and all are welcome!

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



NEW FITNESS SERIES

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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.

Shabbat Shof'tim

Artist in Residence Weekend with Eliana Light presented by Music at Emanu El

Friday, September 6

5:45 p.m. Tot Shabbat Dinner

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

Featuring Artist in Residence Eliana Light as part of Music at Emanu El

Helfman All-School Family Shabbat

6:15 p.m., Tot Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 7

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **David Dluhy**, son of Debra & Jason Dluhy, and **Joshua Leipold**, son of Diana & Ernie Leipold

7:30 p.m., Music at Emanu El presents *To Yearn & Return: Elul Sacred Sounds, Community Concert & Havdalah with Eliana Light*

Shabbat Ki Teitzei

Friday, September 13

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

Community Shabbat Dinner following services

Saturday, September 14

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Sadie Buxbaum**, daughter of Jennie & Richard Buxbaum, and **Natan Saber**, son of Sara Saber and Joel Saber.

Shabbat Ki Tavo

Friday, September 20

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

Saturday, September 21

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

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

B'nei Mitzvah of **Lawson Bieber**, son of Laurie Bieber, and **Owen Greenberg**, son of Cory & Andrew Greenberg.

Shabbat Nitzavim - Vayeilech

Friday, September 27

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

Saturday, September 28

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

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clever woman! We will not eat any of the chickens or the eggs, but will sell them and buy a heifer. And we will not eat the heifer, but will raise her into a cow, and will wait until she calves. And we will not eat her then, either, and we'll have many cows and many calves. Oh, I am a clever woman! And then I'll sell all the cows and all the calves and buy a field, and we'll have land and crops and livestock to graze, and we won't need anything more!"

As she continued speaking in this way, she was absent-mindedly playing with the egg. All of a sudden, the egg slipped from her hands and broke on the ground.

Rabbi Hayim taught: "And so it is with us. Before the High Holy Days arrive, everyone plans for the great acts of repentance and self-improvement they will undertake. We think to ourselves, 'I'll do this, and I'll do that.' But the days slip by while we are engaged in idle deliberation, and our grand thoughts never lead to action. What's worse, one who makes such great resolutions may fall even lower after noting that they have failed to attain their lofty goals for these holiest of

days. Therefore, let every person exercise great caution not to occupy themselves with great spiritual goals which they will be unable to attain, God forbid!" The rabbi's teaching is unexpected, perhaps, and surprising: could a great spiritual master such as Rabbi Hayim of Zanz really have counseled his followers to **avoid** setting ambitious spiritual goals for themselves?

Upon reflection, the wisdom of Rabbi Hayim's parable begins to shine through. There is little merit in setting unrealistically grand expectations for ourselves if it will be impossible for us to attain them. That experience will only serve to diminish our confidence in ourselves and discourage us from pushing ourselves toward objectives which are rigorous but achievable. Instead, let us set spiritual goals for ourselves which we can realistically expect to achieve; even if these plans are relatively modest, by accomplishing them, we will accrue greater feelings of confidence in ourselves, which will then allow us to plan for ever larger and more ambitious goals for ourselves in subsequent years.

As the High Holy Days approach, the time is now right for us to begin planning how we will use these sacred days for growth and self-improvement. Let us plan thoughtfully about how we hope to make ourselves better in the coming year, building plans and goals for ourselves which are grand enough to be meaningful, but modest enough to remain realistically within our grasp.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

BIRTHS

Avigail Cohen, daughter of Sara & Mayer Cohen; granddaughter of Shaynie & Ari Cohen and Malka & Rafi Herzfeld; great-granddaughter of Hilda Herzfeld, Lois Cohen, Florence Levin, and Chani & Nochi Stein

Campbell Leon Lewis Wiener, son of Grace Millholland & Jonathan Wiener; grandson of George Millholland and Judy & Joshua Wiener

DEATHS

Sheldon Arsham, husband of Shirley Arsham; father of Lanny Arsham, Jeff Arsham, and Clementia & Andrew Arsham; grandfather of Ali Bamberger, Samantha & Carlos Gutierrez, and Sarita, Marc, Sasha, and Sophia Arsham; sibling of Nicci & Harvey Arsham; sibling-in-law of Mallory Robinson and Anita Stewart

Joseph Leon Bormaster, husband of Anne Bormaster; father of Leslie & Scott Bormaster, Judy & Ozzie Hart, and Don Bormaster; grandfather of Claire & Brian Bormaster, Allison & Jeffrey Feinstein, Kelly & Brian Masel, Kim Bormaster, and Stacy & Henry Garza; great-grandfather of Cole, Dylan and Aiden Garza, Jack and Blake Bormaster, George, Joshua and Julia Feinstein, and Benjy, Eli and Jordan Masel; great-great grandfather of Asher Garza

Joseph Gittelman, husband of Dianna Gittelman; father of Linda & Eric Gittelman, Catherine & Dan Gittelman, and Lisa & Jason Lee; grandfather of Logan, Lindsey, Drake, Savannah, and Addison

Barry Okin, husband of Marjory Okin; father of Dora Klaff & Matthew Okin and Shari Okin & Peter Harris; grandfather of Andrew Okin, Benjamin Okin, Rebecca Klaff, and Maxim Overdijk; great-grandfather of Mika Overdijk

Nancy Peskin, mother of Hannah Brook & Jeffrey Peskin and Melissa & Martin Peskin; grandmother of Aaron, Myles, Sophie, and Benjamin Peskin

Richard Prinz, husband of Anna Elizabeth Stool; father of Linda & Ryan Campbell; grandfather of Dalton Campbell and Elaine Campbell; uncle of Joseph Gabriel

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.

MAZEL MOMENTS

Maccabi Games Highlights: The Jacobs Family



Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs is the proud mom of not one but TWO stars at this year's games. David Jacobs played on the Houston Maccabi 14U Baseball team, pitching an amazing semifinal. Halle Jacobs competed in swimming and came home with 3 gold, 1 silver and 1 bronze medal.

David Jacobs (left) with teammate Ben Slater



Halle Jacobs



Find Us On YouTube!

Looking for a one-stop shop to catch the latest worship services, musical selections, videos from our schools and more?

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



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.



Return of Tot Shabbat! Featuring Special Guest Eliana Light Friday, September 6 Dinner 5:45 | Service 6:15 p.m.

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El for this monthly event to share a special Shabbat led by a member of our clergy, geared toward families with little ones ages 0-6. The program will begin with an optional dinner provided by Houston Catering Concepts, and vegetarian and gluten-free options will be available. The cost of the dinner is \$5 per person.

For this special Tot Shabbat, we will be joined by Artist in Residence Eliana Light as part of the Music at Emanu El weekend.

Register online and join us!

If you have any questions about Tot Shabbat programming, please contact Allison Hale at allisonh@emanuelhouston.org.



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

Emanu El is pleased to bring back Coffee with the Clergy. This is a time for you to get to know your clergy. Be it entertainment, food, hobbies, or travel – the sky is the limit! Join Rabbi Fixler at 9:00 a.m. No registration required!



Mindfulness Meditation with the Women of Gen-X Wednesday, September 11, 6:30 p.m.

At this time of year, we can all use a bit of mindfulness and reflection. The Women of Gen-X Kehillah invite you to join a Mindful Meditation session led by Ann Friedman, Ph.D.

This session will help you to clarify your intentions, accept what you cannot change, and bring compassion to difficult situations. The health benefits of mindfulness include reducing stress, decreasing anxiety, and boosting the immune system functioning to name a few.

There is no fee to attend, and all are invited. Refreshments will be provided. Registration available online.

About Ann Friedman, Ph.D. –

Ann Friedman, Ph.D., is a psychologist who has studied mindfulness intensively with various national teachers since 2007. To learn more about Ann, visit mindfulbeinghouston.com.

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

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NEW: Qur'an and Torah Class

In partnership with the Center for Muslim & Christian Studies, Houston, Congregation Emanu El will be hosting an academic course on Qu'ran and Torah on Friday nights **September 13 – December 13** (except October 11) from **7:30 p.m. – 9:30 p.m.**, with an optional dinner starting at 7:00 p.m. The course will be taught by Dr. Ida Glaser and Khurram Rehmatullah of CMCS, and Stefani Carlson, Director of Lifelong Learning of Congregation Emanu El, and will include participation by international students and guest teachers. The course will introduce students to the concept of reading the holy books of different faith traditions together. Students will develop skills in intertextual reading through a series of studies of characters common to the Torah and the Qu'ran, from Adam to Moses.

The course may be audited or taken for CMCS Houston credit or for credit through another institution. Auditing students who complete the class and group participation and short writing assignments will be awarded a certificate of completion. Participation by Congregation Emanu El members is free; however, registration is required through the CMCS website (please enter "Stefani Carlson" in the reference box). For more information or to apply, please visit: cmcshouston.org/qur-an-and-bible-1-course.



Community Shabbat Dinner Friday, September 13 Following Friday Services

Our 2024 Community Shabbat series concludes on **Friday, September 13**, with a delicious bar-b-que dinner. Help us come to a close in style! Dinner will feature a bar-b-que buffet with all the fixins', sides, and vegetarian options.

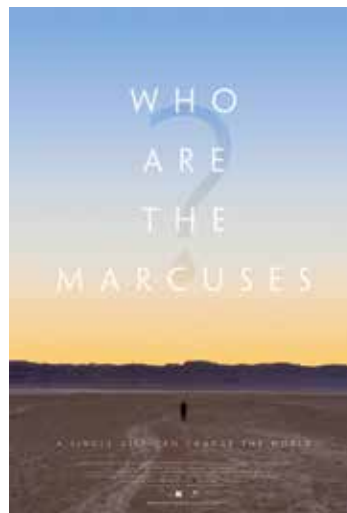
Dinner will be provided by Houston Catering Concepts and the cost is \$5 per person for members and \$10 per person for community guests. The deadline to register is **September 6**.



New Member Brunch Sunday, September 15, 12:00 p.m.

Congregation Emanu El welcomes our newest members to join us for a delicious brunch starting at noon. If you've joined Emanu El since October 2023, be on the lookout for your personal invitation. During this time of togetherness, those who are new to the congregation will be joined by members of the clergy, committees and board of Congregation Emanu El.

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 by visiting our web calendar.

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, who lived a comfortable but in no way extraordinary life, give such a high amount of money?



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Recruiting New Members! Motherhood Together

Every Thursday at 11:30 a.m.

The Motherhood Together program is quickly filling up! If you've recently welcomed a new baby through birth or adoption, learn more by visiting emanuelhouston.org/motherhoodtogether. Sign up now for a chance to join weekly sessions facilitated by a certified Postpartum Doula.

****Special rate provided for Emanu El members.****



Emanu El Men's Club: Bowling, Fun & Games

Thursday, September 26, 6:30 p.m.
810 Billiards & Bowling (1201 San Jacinto)

Calling all Men of Emanu El! You are invited to the next men's social, Bowling, Fun & Games at 810 Bowling. If you're a member of Emanu El looking to build comradery with other members then this event is right up your alley!

Strike out with two hours of bowling, food, desserts, and drinks. The cost is \$36 per person. Register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org/calendar.

Move with Emanu El

NEW SERIES HAS BEGUN

Our new fitness series has begun, and we have a variety of classes lined up to get you moving! All ages, levels of fitness, and experience are invited to join us – and we want to see you there! Registration for each class is \$5 for Emanu El members and \$10 for community members. Refreshments will be available following the session. Visit emanuelhouston.org/move-with-ee to sign up online and move with us!

MAT PILATES

Wednesday, September 4, 8:45 a.m.



Join us for an invigorating session of Mat Pilates led by Lauren Krumholz. Mat Pilates is a form of exercise that focuses on building muscle groups and core strength and can be modified for any age, body,

or fitness level. All are welcome! Please bring with you a yoga mat and towel. Refreshments will be available following the class.

YOGA

Thursday, September 12, 8:45 a.m.

Start your day the right way with a rejuvenating yoga class! Taught by Michelle Moses, this 45-minute session will help you with breathing techniques and posture. Practicing yoga can reduce stress, boost the immune system, and improve mental health. Please bring with you a yoga mat and towel.



POWER CARDIO

Wednesday, September 18, 8:45 a.m.



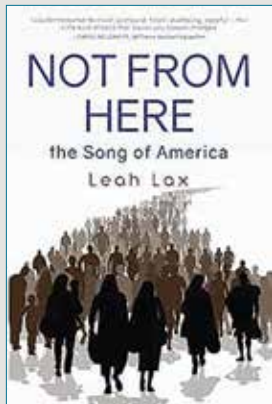
Gear yourself up to move and get your heart rate up with Power Cardio! Taught by Lauren Krumholz, this class will help you to build endurance while having fun in an

air-conditioned group setting. Don't miss out!

For additional information on classes or the Move with Emanu El Fitness series, contact Allison Hale, Programming & Engagement Associate, at allisonh@emanuelhouston.org.

SISTERHOOD NEWS & HAPPENINGS

September 2024



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.

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 will take place in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room and be followed by a special reception with drinks and bites. 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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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6

9:30 AM & 10:00 AM

BECKER PRESCHOOL SHABBAT

6:15 PM

TOT SHABBAT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7

10:30 AM

SHABBAT MORNING SERVICE

7:30 PM

*TO YEARN AND RETURN: ELUL SACRED SOUNDS
COMMUNITY CONCERT & HAVDALAH*

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

10:30 AM

ADULT EDUCATION: WRESTLING WITH G?D'S NAMES

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MUSIC AT EMANUEL

ELIANA LIGHT

TO YEARN & RETURN: ELUL SACRED SOUNDS

Saturday Sept 7th at 7:30 pm

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in this month of Elul. Through learning-ful singing with others,
let's prepare our hearts, souls, and voices
for the DAYS OF AWE AHEAD.

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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 July 18 – August 13. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Elisa & Max Adelman, children Gabriela & Simon
Erica & Pierre Bordeaux, children Sadie & Weston
Piper Poulliard & Eric Trestman, children Carter & Mills
Nicole & Matthew Verbit, children Abigail, Isaac, & Jonah

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.



Helfman Religious School

Here at Helfman Religious School, we're counting down the days until school begins on **Sunday, September 8!** If you haven't enrolled yet, don't worry - there's still time! Visit the "Helfman Religious School" page of our website and click "enrollment." We can't wait to see you!

Kindergarten families, be sure to enroll as soon as possible so that you're on our list for Consecration! At Consecration, we welcome our newest students to Helfman and their journey of Jewish learning. Make sure to put these dates on your calendar: Sunday, September 29 is our Consecration Family Education Day, at which the whole family will learn more about Consecration and take our class photo. Sunday, October 27 is the Consecration service itself. Both of these events will take place during religious school hours.

Please contact us with any questions! Elizabeth Townsend, Education Assistant and Helfman Registrar, may be reached at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6400.



Our teachers and more than 85 teen TAs are excited to start the year!







We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through August 11, 2024.

ABLON FUND FOR THE CREATIVE ARTS

To provide creative arts programs
In Memory of
Dorothy Ablon “Dottie” Ross, Freddie Ablon Ross, Alvin Ablon, & Carl S. Ablon
Alene Ross Levy

ACCESS FOR ALL FUND

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

Joseph Leon Bormaster

Karen & Jeff Basen-Engquist
Nancy Ehrenkranz

Alfred Osborn

Joyce & Stephen Fadem

Nancy Wolf Peskin

Madeline Lowitz

ALAN GAYLOR TEACHING ASSISTANT FUND

To support Helfman Religious School teaching assistants
In Memory of

Debby Brachman Rice

Fannie Raifer Viroslov

Joni Gaylor & Gary Lewis

AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB COMMUNITY SERVICE FUND

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

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To support ongoing building security and safety costs
In Honor of

Barry Goodfriend’s 90th Birthday

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To provide and enhance Becker School programs
In Memory of

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Paula Levy

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Nancy Wolf Peskin

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Sandra Sheinberg

BECKER EARLY CHILDHOOD SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships
In Memory of

Nancy Wolf Peskin

Marsha & Marty Block

Judy & Allan Lazor

CERSONSKY CEMETERY BEAUTIFICATION FUND

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Memory of

Alfred Osborn

Barbara Miller

Nancy Wolf Peskin

Dianne & Marc Magids

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

Linda & Richard Zoll

Carol & Barry Goodfriend

The Anniversary of Carol & Barry Goodfriend – 65th

Julian Silverblatt

The Birthday of Barry Goodfriend – 90th

Adele & Steve Croft

In Memory of

Sheldon “Shelly” Arsham

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To support programming to train young leaders
In Memory of

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Nancy Wolf Peskin

Marsha & Joe Cohen

Myra Mayer

FLORENCE & BEN BLUM LEADERSHIP FUND

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

The Anniversary of Julie & Drew Alexander – 45th

The Birthday of Eddie Brooks – 90th

Myra Lipper

In Memory of

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Myra Lipper

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In Memory of

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To enhance Helfman Religious School programs
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To maintain and enhance the playground
In Memory of

Carolyn Frapart Krause

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To provide flowers in our worship spaces
In Honor of

The Birthday of Barry Goodfriend – 90th

The Goodfriend, Levy, Spinner, Riesenfeld, Waldman, Dixon, Lesser, Davis, & Shuchman Families

The B’not Mitzvah of Brynn Cabe & Hannah Mermelstein

The Cabe & Mermelstein Families

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*To provide prayer books for
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Diane & Mark Fleschler
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**RABBI ROY & LINDA
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**The Anniversary of Carol &
Barry Goodfriend – 65th**
Carol Fradkin

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Carol & Barry Goodfriend

**The Birthday of Michael
Shabot**
Joy & Harris Jacobs

In Memory of
M.M. Feld, Jr.
Carolyn & Leland
Putterman
Sondra Ross

Harris Hauser
Carolyn & Leland
Putterman
Nanette & Barry
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Carolyn Frapart Krause
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Sharon & Mike Segal

Nancy Wolf Peskin
Helen Brounes
Tootie & Steve Fradkin
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Barbara & Allen Pauly
Lanie Rose and Family
Shirlee & Mark Rosenthal
Marilyn Waldman

Marvin J. Ross
Sondra Ross
Isobel Tashnek
Debbie & Marc Shabot

**RICKY SCHNURR
CAMBERSHIP FUND**
*To provide scholarships for
attending Jewish camps or
programs*

In Honor of
**The Speedy Recovery of
Rona Train**
Sondra Ross

In Memory of
Joseph Leon Bormaster
Nancy Wolf Peskin
Mitchell Swaden
Don & Larry Barr-Meyer
Harris Hauser
Jenny Reisberg
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**RIVA BURSTEN CARING
CONGREGATION FUND**
*To support programs
that assist people in the
community*

In Memory of
Nancy Wolf Peskin
Myra Mayer
Susan & Ed Septimus

**ROBERT I. KAHN GALLERY
FUND**

*To maintain and enhance
the Robert I. Kahn Gallery*

In Memory of
Nancy Wolf Peskin
Libby & Buz Marvins
Glenda & Terry Waldman

**ROBERT I. KAHN SOCIAL
JUSTICE FUND**
*To fund social justice
programming and support
congregants' participation
in social justice focused
gatherings and leadership
trainings*

In Memory of
Nancy Wolf Peskin
Betty Duson & Al Kahn
Melanie & Les
Schwartzberg

**RONALD BROCHSTEIN
EARLY CHILDHOOD
FUND**

In Memory of
Carolyn Frapart Krause
Paula Levy
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Phyllis Turkel

**ROSE GOODFRIEND
ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE**
*To help send Confirmation
students to Israel*

In Honor of
**The Birthday of Barry
Goodfriend – 90th**
Myra Lipper

In Memory of
Judy Dolich
Rose Goodfriend
Gary Goodfriend
Paula Levy
Mindy & Miles
Wertheimer and Family
Nancy Wolf Peskin
Emily Levy Spinner

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KODESH SACRED OBJECTS
FUND**

*To purchase and maintain
Emanu El's sacred objects*
In Memory of
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Norman Blumenfeld

SISTERHOOD FUND

*To provide for the
Sisterhood*
In Memory of
Joseph Leon Bormaster
Rona Weiner
Nancy Wolf Peskin
Susie & David Askanase
Sylvia & Steven Brody
Donnie Bundman
Sandy & Andi Gaitz
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Judy Myers
Rona Weiner
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TEMPLE FUND
*To support the needs of the
temple and to fulfill the
mission of Congregation
Emanu El*

In Appreciation of
**Dawn Blitz, Matt
Pasternak, & Alana
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Jennifer Stockel – Service
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In Honor of
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Barbara & Raymond
Kalmans**
Judy Myers

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Zegarra-Ballon
Rona & L.A. Train
Judge (Ret) &
Mrs. David Seth Walker

Nancy Wolf Peskin
Michele & Wayne Croft
Barbara & Raymond
Kalmans
Richard Wolf

Isobel Tashnek
Shannon Powers &
Harry Zachau

L'Dor VaDor: For Emanu El's Future Project Phase One Almost Complete!

A new school year brings a new look to the Becker School & Helfman Religious School entrance. With support from the L'Dor VaDor campaign, we were able to do so much this summer:

- Add a security vestibule
- Renovate the lobby to increase functionality and traffic flow
- Overhaul of the HVAC system
- Install new energy efficient LED lighting
- Upgrade ceiling tiles throughout the entire school wing

We are so grateful to the Kasner Family and Beth Matusoff Merfish and Daniel Coleman and Sherry and Gerald Merfish, along with many other supporters, for their support of this specific part of the L'Dor VaDor Project.

The Oshman Multi-Purpose Room, Stillman-Lack Library, the Rotunda and Sisterhood Giftshop and office also received upgraded energy efficient lighting and new ceiling tiles over the summer!

Feld Hall also received a much-needed new floor this summer! While we will miss the mid-century modern parquet, we were no longer able to repair it, so it had to be replaced. The beautiful design and color brighten up the room and make a cohesive transition from one space to another. We know that lifecycle events, community dinners, and other programs will benefit from Feld Hall's facelift.

We are so appreciative of the Children & Grandchildren of Fannie & Mose M. Feld for making this Feld Hall update possible.



Over 380 donors have supported the L'Dor VaDor campaign so far to secure \$17.6 million as of August 14. A current list of supporters can be found online at emanuelhouston.org/ForOurFuture.

Our current schedule estimates that we will be breaking ground on the Jerold B. Katz Family Center for Jewish Living by the middle of 2025. We are so excited to share the final schedule and timeline with the congregation



in early 2025. We know there will be many logistics and information to communicate, and we will do so as soon as the schedule is finalized.

There is still time to add your name to the list and help us reach our \$20 million goal. Make your pledge to support the campaign at emanuelhouston.org/ForOurFuture or contact Anna Shabtay at annas@emanuelhouston.org or 713.987.3316.



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.

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

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.



This summer, two of our Becker teachers, Alex Gomez and Jeanie Pritchard, took on the role of summer camp directors for their graduate school practicum. They planned a summer focused on STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math): “Becker Wonder Camp: Where Imagination Sparks, Science Blooms, and Creativity Takes Flight!” STEAM learning was integrated into a playful and interactive learning environment for our campers through hands-on activities, creative exploration, and on-site field trips to foster curiosity and wonder.

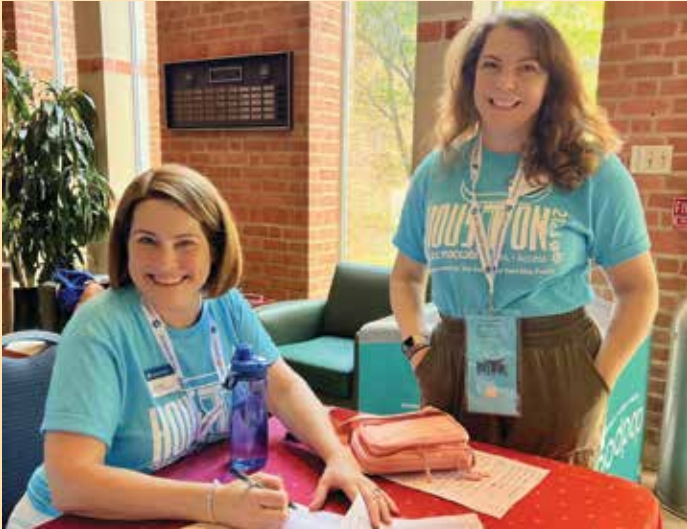
Our final summer family Shabbat brought us all together and seeing so many families exploring our Wonder Exhibit was simply delightful. Throughout the summer, teachers demonstrated exceptional dedication in nurturing the children’s interests, supporting their learning, and displaying remarkable flexibility daily.





2024 Maccabi Games

On August 4-9, over 1,200 visiting athletes descended on Houston for the 2024 JCC Maccabi Games. We are so proud of all of the Emanu El members who participated, volunteered, and were host families during the week. In addition, eleven members of our Emanu El staff team popped over to Rice University to serve lunch for the participating athletes and their coaches. Members of Emanu El sisterhood served lunch at the Evelyn Rubenstein JCC during the week too! We loved giving back and being part of this community wide event.



Attention All Recent Emanu El Alumni

Calling on all recent high school graduates around the ages of 18-22! We know that you are in different places and have different needs this year, but we hope to continue providing you with the same fun, heart-warming connection that our alumni have come to expect.

To ensure we know the best ways to reach you this fall, please reach out to Jessie Cassorla at jessiec@emanuelhouston.org with your name, new address, contact information, and plans for the fall, or complete the form online at emanuelhouston.org/ee-alumni-2024.



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 @emanuelhouston. And yes, please feel free to “check in” at Emanu El when you are here for events and happenings!

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.



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.



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