

Bulletin

June 4, 2019 | 1 Sivan 5779

VOLUME 73 NUMBER 9



FROM RABBI HAYON



Watching our high school learners sample the riches of Jewish knowledge, and seeing them use those resources to forge meaning in their own lives, is best way for us to understand what Torah means and appreciate its deep and enduring value.

The festival of Shavuot is our annual celebration of the dramatic day, thousands of years ago, on which Jewish tradition asserts that the Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses on the top of Mt. Sinai.

Over the centuries, the observance of Shavuot has broadened and expanded, and today this holy day has become a time on which we commemorate and celebrate Jewish learning in its broadest sense, giving thanks for the many diverse forms of Jewish insight and inspiration that guide our lives.

In the Reform Movement, Shavuot has also been the day on which our congregations celebrate the Confirmation of our 10th grade students. When the custom of Confirmation first began, it was an innovation of early Reform congregations in Germany, which makes Confirmation perhaps the most recent life-cycle event to be introduced to Jewish life. The first synagogue known to have held a Confirmation service was the Reform congregation in Dessau, Germany in 1803. These earliest ceremonies were

continued on page 2

75th Birthday Party, Heritage Shabbat & Tot Shabbat Friday, June 7th

We're kicking off the summer with a special Shabbat service in honor of Congregation Emanu El's 75th anniversary and our congregants born in 1944. We're taking the post-service oneg up a notch with a good old-fashioned birthday celebration. Everyone is invited!



Cantor Rollin Simmons

Our **Heritage Shabbat** service **beginning at 6:00 p.m.** in the Barish Sanctuary will include a rich sampling of the diverse musical styles that have given melody to our prayers for 75 years. Under Cantor Rollin

continued on page 3

Rabbi Roy Walter Honored



Rabbi Walter Honored with Inaugural 'Spirit of Respect' Award from Interfaith Ministries

Rabbi Roy Walter was honored with the inaugural 'Spirit of Respect' award from Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston (IMGH) in April. The honor came at IMGH's annual Tapestry Gala. The event was co-chaired by amongst others, Emanu El members Lorraine and Ed Wulfe.

The plaque from IMGH reads, "Rabbi Walter's leadership helped focus Interfaith Ministries' mission on addressing food insecurity through the early days of what ultimately became the Houston Food Bank and then through our ongoing Meals on Wheels program to support seniors and people with disabilities across our city . . . Rabbi Walter exemplified his commitment not only to the Jewish community but to people of all faiths."

In response to receiving award, Rabbi Walter shared these remarks about

continued on page 4

WORSHIP SERVICES

Shabbat B'midbar, Numbers 1:1 – 4:20

Friday, June 7th

6:00 p.m., Heritage Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Recognition of Congregants Celebrating 75th Birthday

6:30 p.m., Tot Shabbat Service, Proler Chapel

7:00 p.m., Emanu El 75th Birthday Celebration

Saturday, June 8th

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

6:00 p.m., Shavuot Evening Service, Barish Sanctuary

Confirmation of Helfman Religious School 10th Grade

Sunday, June 9th

10:30 a.m., Shavuot Festival Service & Yizkor, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Naso, Numbers 4:21 – 7:89

Friday, June 14th

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

7:15 p.m., Oneg Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

In honor of 60th Anniversary of Carol & Barry Goodfriend

Saturday, June 15th

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

Shabbat B'haalot'cha, Numbers 8:1 – 12:16

Friday, June 21st

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

7:15 p.m., Community Shabbat Dinner,
Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Saturday, June 22nd

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

Shabbat Sh'lach L'cha, Numbers 13:1 – 15:41

Friday, June 28th

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

Saturday, June 29th

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

Shabbat Korach, Numbers 16:1 – 18:32

Friday, July 5th

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

7:15 p.m., Oneg Shabbat, Oshman Multi-Purpose Room

Baby Naming of **Jacob Dashiell Waldman**, grandson of
Marilyn Waldman

Saturday, July 6th

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

Shabbat Chukat, Numbers 19:1 – 22:1

Friday, July 12th

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

Saturday, July 13th

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

REMINDER: All Friday night Shabbat services are video streamed on EmanuElHouston.org in addition to our Emanu El Facebook page and Roku channel. Saturday morning services featuring a B'nai Mitzvah are streamed on the Emanu El website and Roku channel.

FROM RABBI HAYON *continued from page 1*

for boys only; girls were welcomed into Confirmation classes about a decade later, in Berlin.

Our Reform forebears originally conceived of Confirmation as a replacement for bar mitzvah; they reasoned that 13-year-olds were too immature to be expected to assume the beliefs and responsibilities of Jewish adulthood, and many felt that the custom of bar mitzvah was “vulgar” because it appeared to call attention to the onset of puberty among adolescents.

Of course, in today's Reform Movement we joyfully embrace both moments of transition in our children's lives: at their b'nai mitzvah we acknowledge their arrival into Jewish adulthood, and at Confirmation we celebrate their decision to affirm their own commitment to Jewish values, Jewish learning, and Jewish life.

For me, the annual opportunity to share the bima with our confirmands is a great blessing, and a cause for bright optimism. Most of all, the joy of welcoming them into vast expanse of Jewish learning is what enables me to understand and appreciate Shavuot most fully. Watching our high school learners sample the riches of Jewish knowledge, and seeing them use those resources to forge meaning in their own lives, is best way for us to understand what Torah means and appreciate its deep and enduring value.

This year, we will welcome the Confirmation Class of 2019 to the bima on the evening of **June 8th**. I very much hope you will join us to celebrate their accomplishments and reaffirm the precious value of Jewish education in our congregational community.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

Welcome Our Newest Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest members to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to our newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Dorit & Marty Aaron
Emily Caulfield & Lance Morton, daughters Leora & Eliana
Samuel & Norma Nicolayevsky
Lisa & Roy Sheinbaum
Brittany Shipp & Hudson Seidel

New members will be shared in the Temple *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 Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Have you returned your commitment form? By now all members should have received a packet in the mail with a personalized cover letter and the 2019-2020 Annual Commitment Form. We ask that all members either return a completed form or reach out to the office for a confidential conversation about your annual commitment. If you did not receive your packet, please email Elizabeth Townsend, elizabeth@emanuelhouston.org, so we can send you another one.

LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Rabbi Josh Fixler was elected President of the Faith Leaders Coalition, an interfaith association of clergy from throughout the Houston area.

BIRTHS

Robert Sanders Goldfarb, son of Megan & Stephen Goldfarb; grandson of Ann & Richard Goldfarb, Cita & Kirk Breitenwischer; great-grandson of Bobby Goldfarb and Jean Breitenwischer

Louise Naomi Marcus, daughter of Eby Harvey & Matt Marcus; granddaughter of Cristi & Wink Harvey, Barbara & Al Marcus; great-granddaughter of Joann Sowell

WEDDING

Nancy Zeidman & Cory Accardo

DEATHS

Ann Altschuler, daughter of Susan & Milton Altschuler, Elaine Altschuler; sister of Marilynne Franks Bleeker & Alford Bleeker

Sam Axelrad, husband of Charlotte Axlerad; father of Sandra & Chris Axelrad, Ann & David Goldfarb, Cuqui & Larry Baum; brother of Carolyn & David Axelrad, Sandra Bocarra; grandfather of Claudia Haney, Maria Axelrad, Owen Baum, Ava Baum, Max Goldfarb, Will Goldfarb, Gus Goldfarb

Marilyn Datz, daughter of Ruth Datz; sister of Michael Datz

Edwin Howard, father of Alessandra & Todd Howard, Janine & Sheldon Gorell; grandfather of Jacob Howard, Samantha Howard, Jonathan Gorell, Emily Gorrell; brother of Jack Howard

Richard Plumb, father of Tammy & Steven Plumb, Marcia & Michael Plumb-Shire; brother of Diane & Shelley Plumb; grandfather of Nathan, Jacob, and Sarah Plumb, Anya and Micah Plumb-Shire

Edward Rose, son of Jan & Jules Rose; brother of Edith & David Rose; step-son of Art Rubenstein; step-brother of Rachelle & Jay Maulsby, Sandi & Dennis Pontius, Jessie & Jon Rubenstein, Laura & Glen Manna

Renee Spolane, mother of Robin Sofer, Marlene & David Spolane, Yvonne & Ronny Spolane; grandmother of Nicole & Craig Lowenstern, Scott Sofer, Adam Spolane, Rikki & Boris Veksler, Michael Spolane, Alexa Spolane; great-grandmother of Beau Lowenstern; sister of Joan & Jay Abramson; sister-in-law of Rolaine Abramson

Alan Waldman, husband of Sharon Waldman, son of June Waldman, brother of Karen & Ken Waldman, Nancy & Barry Waldman, Laurie Waldman

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.

75TH BIRTHDAY PARTY, HERITAGE SHABBAT & TOT SHABBAT

continued from page 1

Simmons's leadership, we will be moved by the majestic choir and organ, uplifted by the rhythm and soul of the Shabbatones, and inspired by the spirit and sweetness of our youth choir.

Those congregants celebrating their 75th birthday in 2019 are invited to check in at a VIP table prior to entering the sanctuary. They will be collectively blessed by our clergy team during services.

Tot Shabbat at 6:30 p.m. in the Proler Chapel, is for our youngest congregants and their families. Several surprises are in store for tots who take part. Plus, those celebrating birthdays in June and July will be blessed during the kid-centered worship service.

Immediately following Heritage Shabbat and Tot Shabbat is our **75th Birthday Party** bash for THE ages . . . and ALL ages! The entire congregation is invited to enjoy an assortment of noshables, sweet tables, an old-timey photo booth, and other surprises. It doesn't matter in which decade you were born, there will be something for everyone. Plus, no birthday party is complete without ice cream and cake. We'll have plenty of both.

The birthday party chairs are Tracey Blumrosen, Tammy Feldstein, Dora Klaff and Rhonda Lipper. Elyse Kalmans and Cheryl Levy are co-chairing our year-long celebration of Congregation Emanu El's 75th anniversary. No need to RSVP for the birthday party. Please . . . just come to pray, then stick around to play!

EMANU EL AT A GLANCE THROUGH JULY 24TH

The below information contains a listing of events at Emanu El exclusive of our worship and Shabbat schedule, which can be found monthly on page 2.

As a congregation, we communicate in many different ways: this calendar is supplemented by information that can be found throughout this edition of the monthly *Bulletin*, in the weekly Shabbat program, available in your weekly Wednesday eLetter, on the Emanu El website: www.emanuelhouston.org and on our Facebook page.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE

- 6/4 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 6/6 – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 6/7 – Heritage Shabbat, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/7 – Tot Shabbat, 6:30 p.m.
- 6/7 – Emanu El 75th Birthday Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- 6/10 – Gathering Place, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/12 – My Generation Dinner & Bingo, 6:00 p.m.
- 6/13 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 6/14 – Deadline for Memorial Plaques in Time for High Holy Days
- 6/17 – Emanu El Mahj Afternoon, 1:00 p.m.
- 6/18 – Kids' Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 6/21 – Community Shabbat Dinner, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services
- 6/22 – First Weekend of Garage Sale Pick-Ups (tentative)
- 6/25 – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.

JULY

- 7/2 – Emanu Elders, 11:30 a.m.
- 7/3 – Emanu El Mahj Night, 5:30 p.m.
- 7/4 – Fourth of July Celebration, 7:00 p.m.
- 7/11 – Work of Our Hands, 10:00 a.m.
- 7/11 – Book Review: *We Were the Lucky Ones*, 6:30 p.m.
- 7/16 – Kids' Meals, 9:30 a.m.
- 7/19 – Community Shabbat Dinner, following 6:00 p.m. Shabbat services
- 7/23 – Sack Lunches for SEARCH, 9:30 a.m.
- 7/24 – A Conversation with Houston Astros Beat Writer Chandler Rome, 7:30 a.m.

NEXT BULLETIN TO BE ISSUED: TUESDAY, JULY 2ND

Memorial Plaque Deadline Set Ahead of 2019 High Holy Days Friday, June 14th

Many members of our congregation choose to memorialize their loved ones with a permanent plaque on the yearzeit wall of the Barish Sanctuary, which also provides for the perpetual reading of their names as part of the Friday evening Mourner's Kaddish. To ensure that your loved ones' plaques are placed on the wall in time for High Holy Days in early September, we encourage you to purchase plaques by the close of business on the June deadline date. For more information, contact Alisha at (713) 529-5771, ext. 213.

RABBI ROY WALTER HONORED

continued from page 1



Rabbi Roy Walter addressing the audience at the Interfaith Ministries Tapestry Gala after being presented with the 'Spirit of Respect' award.

his Congregation Emanu El family: "Finally, I want to say to my Emanu El family: without your support over these years, I would not be standing here. I inherited a congregation whose founders believed that the borders of our property were not the borders of our work. I was not only supported but encouraged over the years to build bridges in the interfaith community, especially through Interfaith Ministries.

My predecessor Rabbi Robert Kahn passed that mantle to me, and I am proud to say that Rabbi Oren Hayon, my successor, has picked up the mantle from me and is continuing the congregation's mission of serving the community as well as its members with great vigor. I am so proud of him and the work he is leading the congregation in doing."

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.



Rabbi Oren Hayon Participates in Interfaith Prayer Vigil

Religious leaders from across faiths came together at Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston on May 1 to stand against acts of senseless violence and religious hatred. Rabbi Oren Hayon represented the Houston Jewish community at the event which included amongst others Auxiliary Bishop George A. Sheltz of the Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston and Mayor Sylvester Turner.

Photo credit: James Ramos/The Archdiocese of Galveston-Houston Herald.

#EE75 Social Action Continues with Meals on Wheels Project

In late April, a team of volunteers made breakfast bags for Meals on Wheels (MoW), a program of Interfaith Ministries. These bags are given to MoW clients to give them breakfast items for a week in addition to the hot meals that are delivered. This project was chaired by Leah Madof and was another in a slew of social action projects associated with the #EE75 celebration. Social action projects during the 75th anniversary is being overseen by Melissa Rubenstein Levin.



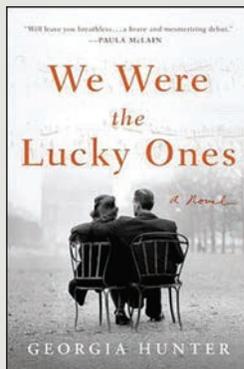
Brotherhood Hosts Annual Real Men Make Chocolate Matzah

Every Passover, Brotherhood invites the men of the synagogue as well as children to make special chocolate matzah treats to bring home to their families for Pesach. Multiple generations of Emanu El members participated in the event. This photo contains three generations of Emanu El members as (from left to right) Keith Solomon, grandson Evan Lichman and son-in-law Barry Lichman participated in the event.



Sisterhood News & Happenings

July 2019



BOOK REVIEW:
We Were the Lucky Ones,
by Georgia Hunter
THURSDAY, JULY 11TH
6:30 PM

Join us as Ed Septimus reviews Georgia Hunter's *We Were the Lucky Ones*. Inspired by the true story of three generations of the Kurc family, of Radom, Poland, the author delves into incredible stories of love, separation, survival (during the Holocaust), and re-unification.

Following the review, a light reception honoring Emanu El's readers and friends will take place in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room.

While the book review is free and open to the public, please help us make adequate preparations by RSVPing online or calling the Sisterhood office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 233.

HELFMAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL NEWS



Helfman Religious School

Helfman Religious School Enrollment for 2019-2020

Register before Sunday, June 30th and avoid the \$100 late fee. Enrollment is available online in your Congregation Emanu El members' portal. Log in at www.emmanuelhouston.org. Check the Helfman Herald or contact Gail at gails@emmanuelhouston.org for more information.

Third Grade Service

Sunday, May 5th, our 3rd grade students led a beautiful service before family and friends, to celebrate their completing their learning of the Aleph-Bet and preparing to enter our midweek Hebrew program next year.



First row (l-r): Sam Dickerman, Ethan Reichek, Jack Perry, Annabel Perry, Rebecca Balke, Reese Reichek, Noah Sonabend, Stella Farber and Levi Kasman; 2nd row: Owen Leif, Alex Fiman, Wyatt Greenberg, Benjamin Bernstein, Rafaella Hinojosa, Mason Lord, Elliott David, Max Fishel and Zack Podolski; 3rd row: Max Goldfarb, William Burger, Owen Bloom, Beau Stafford, Ben Slater, Max Madof, Lily Cowart, Ben Stopnicki and Brody Mark; 4th row: Nicole Sax, Teacher Assistant, Julia Saber, Isabella Clark, Andrew Fiman, Jacob Widelitz, Eli Weinberg, Max Leiman, Lorelei Goldman and Jack Slater; back row: Rabbi Oren Hayon, Sophi Zimmerman, Teacher, Ryan Wasserstein, Oliver Garfield, Rachel Burgan, Teacher, Charlie Pasternak, Sam Friedberg, Rachel Kossar, Teacher, Lucy Mosbacher, Teacher, Dmitry Didyk, Teacher Assistant, Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning and Truman Wasserstein. Not Pictured: Cyrus Arjmand, Ryan Berger, Georgina Brushkoff, Jesse Gordon, Levi Leibman, Olivia Marks, Chloe Pinsky, Jane Roslyn, Noa Solomon and Caroline Yoder.

continued next page

Helfman High School Graduation

Our graduating seniors led a beautiful Erev Shabbat service before family and friends. This celebration marked the conclusion of their studies at Congregation Emanu El's Helfman Religious School and the beginning of the next stage of their lives as Jewish young adults.



First row (l-r): Samuel Gerber, Robin Russell, Sara Lichtarge, Rachel Feldman, Naomi Pryzant, Saige Broadwell, Mason Freeman and Adam Schoenberg; second row: Adam Myers, Evan Mendelovitz, Harold Weiser, Lauren Schwartz, Hannah Boucher, Frances Zuckerbrod and Ethan Boniuk; back row: Michelle Frankfort, Teacher, Cantor Rollin Simmons, Rabbi Pam Silk, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Rabbi Josh Fixler and Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning.

Helfman Religious School Confirmation Class

Helfman Religious School's 10th grade students will celebrate Confirmation during Erev Shavuot services on the evening of **Saturday, June 8th at 6:00 p.m.** This service is an opportunity for our Confirmation students to stand together and affirm their connection to Judaism.



First row (l-r): Cameron Greene, Mattie Pogach, Lindsey Peleg and Daniel Cohen; second row: Joel Schoenberg, Daisy Serebrin, Megan Cowan, Dina Owers, Daisy Walters and Spencer Berger; third row: Emma Langkjaer, Taylor Kleiman, Sarah Laskin and Mitchell Boniuk; back row: Stefani Carlson, Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Josh Fixler, Rabbi Pam Silk, Rabbi Oren Hayon and Cantor Rollin Simmons.

UPCOMING PROGRAMS AT EMANU EL

Congregation Emanu El's Community Shabbat Dinners Return This Summer

Join Emanu El on Fridays, June 21st & July 19th
A tradition returns!

Join us following Shabbat services for our community Shabbat dinners. Our traditional **6:00 p.m.** Shabbat service with the Shabbatones will be followed by dinner in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room for \$5 per person, with the cost subsidized by the programming funds of the synagogue.

In June, join us for a make-your-own-burger bar featuring hamburgers, grilled chicken and chipotle black bean burgers. We will have all the toppings and condiments, plus sides. The July meal will feature a NY-deli-signature-breakfast featuring eggs, potato pancakes, fruit, bagels and more. And yes, dessert is included!

Both meals will be catered by Emanu El's preferred caterer Houston Catering Concepts.

Please note that RSVPs are required, and Emanu El will unfortunately not be able to take walk-ups. RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org or by calling (713) 529-5771 by **Wednesday, June 19th** for the June dinner and **Wednesday, July 17th** for the July gathering.

Emanu El Hosting Annual Fourth of July Celebration Thursday, July 4th, 7:00 p.m.

Come celebrate America's independence and being together as a community.

All guests are asked to park in the Gaylor Parking Facility and enter the Emanu El property through Gate 1 (closest to Main Street). The west surface lot will be closed.

The evening will feature several activities throughout the event including a free dinner featuring hamburgers and hot dogs, courtesy of Evelyn and Franklin Roth and Michelle and Barry Glauben. Vegetarian options in addition to popcorn and ice cream will also be available.

New to the lineup this year is an adult trivia night beginning at approximately **7:30 p.m.** in the Oshman Multi-Purpose Room. For the kids, a kid-friendly movie will be available in the Proler Chapel in addition to arts and crafts from PJ Library.

To help us prepare for the evening so we can get a proper head count for food purposes, please register online at emanuelhouston.org. Those interested in volunteering and helping prepare the food for the evening, please contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 535-6414.

Special thanks to our chairs Erica and George Hittner.

A Conversation with Houston Astros Beat Writer Chandler Rome

Tuesday, July 23rd, 7:30 a.m.



Save the date and make plans to join us for our Power Breakfast featuring a conversation with Houston Astros beat writer Chandler Rome of the *Houston Chronicle*.

Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. prior to the program, beginning promptly at 8:00 a.m. Emanu El Program Director Jason Plotkin will have a conversation with Rome that

will focus on the life of a journalist covering a Major League Baseball team during a 162-game schedule and dive into talk about Houston's beloved baseball club. An opportunity to ask questions from the audience will follow.

The Astros' beat writer since 2018, Rome joined the *Chronicle's* sports team after covering Nick Saban and the Alabama Crimson Tide football team. Previous stops included a stint at MLB.com during the Astros' 2015 season, serving as the McNeese State beat writer for the *Lake Charles American-Press* and covering LSU for the *Baton Rouge Advocate*. An LSU graduate, Rome worked for the student paper *The Daily Reveille* as a sportswriter and eventually, the sports editor.

This event is open to the public and the cost of breakfast is \$10. Registration will be available online.

For more information, contact Jason at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Fifth Annual Night at the Ballpark Tuesday, August 20th

Congregation Emanu El is excited to announce its fifth annual Night at the Ballpark.

Join members of the Emanu El clergy and staff at Minute Maid Park as the Houston Astros welcome the Detroit Tigers to town for a **7:10 p.m. first pitch**. The evening will feature \$1 hot dogs.

The first 120 tickets that were subsidized by the Brotherhood are sold out. We have an additional allotment of \$21 tickets now available. All tickets purchased are in the mezzanine section.

Tickets should arrive at the synagogue in late July and participants will be communicated to about making arrangements to pick-up their tickets prior to the ball game.

To register, please visit us online at emanuelhouston.org. For more information, contact Jason at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.



BROTHERHOOD NEWS

Philip and Donna Tenenbaum Honored as Ernest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year

On May 15th, Philip and Donna Tenenbaum were honored as the Ernest Krautkopf Congregants of the Year by the Brotherhood of Emanu El.

Patrons and sponsors for the evening included Barbara & Mark Brookner (table sponsors), Sylvia & Steven Brody, Fredi & Paul Franks, Sam Jacobson & Carl Josehart, Barbara & Raymond Kalmans, Ellen & Lewis Krinsky, Lorri & Bruce Lessey, Cheryl & Haran Levy, Rebecca & Ben Miller, Robbie & Steve Moskowitz, Robin & Rodney Roth, Priscilla Schube, Linda Susman, Susan & Syd Waldman, Dolores Wilkenfeld, Shelley & Vic Wisner and Richard Wolf.

Donors to the Brotherhood Fund in honor of the Congregants of the Year included Caren and David Cowan, Dee Dee Dochen, Nancy Parkans Ehrenkranz, Bernice Feld, Gretchen Gemeinhardt & Becky Proler, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Susan Hirsch, Joy & Joe Kaplan, Marsha & Mark Klaff, Arthur Meyerson, Kathryn & Jonathan Paine, Allen Pauly, Bitsy Proler and Becky & Joe Williams.



Pictured from left to right are Alan, Philip, Donna and Robyn Tenenbaum.

Congregation Emanu El's Brotherhood Holding Annual Garage Sale August 11th & August 18th, 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

The Brotherhood of Congregation Emanu El will host its annual Garage Sale at a location to be announced in future communications.

The garage sale is open to all members of the community.

Pick-ups for this year's event are tentatively slated to begin on **Saturday, June 22nd** and continue through **Saturday, August 3rd**. To schedule a pick-up, arrange a drop off or to volunteer, please call or email Steve Moskowitz at moskose@swbell.net or (281) 495-7795.

Any items left at the end of the sale are given to non-profit organizations within our community. Proceeds from the garage sale benefit the Brotherhood, enabling the organization to make a difference at Emanu El and in the community.

YOUNG FAMILY NEWS

Tot Shabbat

Friday, June 7th at 6:30 p.m.

(75th birthday celebration to follow)

Families with young children are invited to join Congregation Emanu El on **Friday, June 7th** for our monthly Tot Shabbat.

Our June Tot Shabbat will begin at **6:30 p.m.** with the service and no dinner held prior. We are encouraging families to join the congregation for its 75th birthday celebration which will begin following the conclusion of our service (more information on page 1).

Surprises await at the Shabbat service and for the

celebration which will feature food and activities friendly for the whole family. This includes desserts for the special occasion, no RSVPs needed!

As a look ahead, please note that we will not be offering a Tot Shabbat service in July and resuming our traditional Tot Shabbat schedule on **Friday, August 2nd**. More information about our August Tot Shabbat will be shared in our July communications.

For more information on the 75th birthday celebration and other happenings surrounding Emanu El's 75th anniversary celebration during 2019, please contact Jason Plotkin at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

UPCOMING PROGRAMMING OFFERINGS FOR AFFINITY GROUPS & SPECIAL INTERESTS AT EMANU EL

Congregation Emanu El is actively seeking to create groups within our community that serve different ages, stages and interests. Are you interested in forming a group like the offerings listed below?

Contact Jason Plotkin at the synagogue. Jason can be reached at (713) 535-6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.

Monthly Mahj at Emanu El – Two Opportunities to Play Mahj at Emanu El Monthly First Thursdays at 5:30 p.m. & Third Mondays at 1:00 p.m.

Our first Thursday group of Mahj players will get together in the Stillman-Lack Library on **June 6th at 5:30 p.m.** to accommodate those who intend to take part in the Sisterhood event the following night. A nominal \$5 fee covers drinks and dinner. Novice and advanced players welcome!

The group's July gathering has shifted due to 4th of July and will be held on **Wednesday, July 3rd at 5:30 p.m.**

For more information and to RSVP, please email Elizabeth Townsend at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 222. You may also RSVP online through our website.

The "Third Monday" group of Mahj players will gather on **Monday, June 17th at 1:00 p.m.** Please RSVP to the Sisterhood at sishood@emanuelhouston.org or (713) 529-5771, ext. 233, so we can plan accordingly.

My Generation Dinner & Bingo Wednesday, June 12th, 6:00 p.m.

My Generation – Emanu El's social group for those 65 and older – will enjoy an evening of bingo, schmoozing and prizes at the synagogue. A catered meal awaits, and we will provide the prizes!

The cost is \$15 per person and registration is available online at emanuelhouston.org or by calling the synagogue ahead of the Monday, June 10th deadline. Please be sure to register, as we will be unable to take walk-ups due to limited space.

Congregation Emanu El to Host Bereavement Group First session occurs Saturday, June 15th

Emanu El will host a bereavement group on Saturday mornings from **9:00 to 10:15 a.m.** The group will meet for a period of 10 sessions, concluding on **Saturday, August 17th.**

Participants are not required to attend all 10 sessions but are strongly encouraged to attend as many as possible.

The objective of this bereavement group is for participants to utilize group therapy to examine their emotions and relationships and to receive support regarding the loss of someone in their life. This group is open to individuals who have experienced loss and may feel stuck or hopeless in their grief process and anyone processing grief or bereavement is welcome to join.

The group will be facilitated by Mallory Minberg, M.Ed., LPC, who currently works as a staff psychotherapist at The Menninger Clinic, Bellaire Outpatient Office.

Registration prior to the meetings are required. Please contact Donna Fraley in Rabbi Silk's office at (713) 529-5771, ext. 212 or donnafr@emanuelhouston.org. Mallory will be reaching out to all participants prior to the morning group's meetings.

Emanu El Meditation Group Saturday Mornings, 9:15 a.m.

Are you interested in reducing stress, enhancing your performance, and gaining insight and awareness of yourself and others? Consider joining the Emanu El Mindfulness Meditation group on Shabbat mornings. Jewish values and influences are often incorporated, and many find it enhances their own practice of Judaism.

Our small group meets weekly in the Board Room on **Saturday mornings from 9:15 - 10:15 a.m.** Certified and experienced leaders include Jan Silver, Susan Berdinis and Martin Lindenberg. Beginners to advanced meditators are welcome.

Each first Saturday of the month is dedicated to beginners. In an Introduction to Mindfulness experience a basic practice, discuss bringing mindfulness into your daily life and have your questions addressed. Please consider joining us! For more information, please contact Sandy Brochstein at sandybtx@sbcglobal.net or Heidi Kaplan at heidi.b.kaplan@gmail.com

Emanu El Volunteer Choir Tuesdays, 6:30 p.m.

The Emanu El Volunteer Choir has been an active group this year, holding performances at various venues across town and taking part in the congregation's Purim Schpiel. Following a busy fall, an active spring is on the docket!

All members of the congregation are invited to join the choir by contacting Richard Zoll at Richard.Zoll@yahoo.com. The choir traditionally rehearses on **Tuesday evenings at 6:30 p.m.** at the synagogue. Please make sure to contact Richard to verify the rehearsal schedule for the month.

Congregation Emanu El Completes Roof Project and Begins Installation of HVAC for Feld Hall & Barish Sanctuary

Feld Hall, Barish Sanctuary & Proler Chapel Parking Lot to Remain Closed for Duration of Project; Sunset Circle Drive to Close



The roof project at Congregation Emanu El is complete. The new gutters and downspouts were amongst the last items installed as part of this project and the “punch list” was completed during the first few weeks of May.

We are excited to share news that the roof project at Congregation Emanu El is complete.

Starting this month, a heating and air conditioning project will commence in Feld Hall and the Barish Sanctuary which will take place over the course of the summer. The congregation approved the financing for both the roof and HVAC projects at its annual meeting in 2018.

Beginning on **Monday, June 3rd**, Feld Hall will be closed followed by the Barish Sanctuary a week later. For the duration of the project, these spaces and the Sunset foyer will not be accessible to anyone other than the contractors working on the HVAC project.

All impacted parties have been notified during the last few months and those with memorial plaques scheduled to be illuminated during this timeframe will be informed of the inability to view their loved ones' plaque as part of our yartzheit communications.

In addition, the small parking lot adjacent to the Proler Chapel previously used by the roofing contractor, will continue to be closed for use by our HVAC contractors for the duration of the project.

Lastly, the circle drive located at the front of our property on Sunset will be closed for the majority of this project, as temporary air conditioning to help protect both Feld Hall and the Barish Sanctuary will be housed in this space. Guests to our campus wanting to access the Gaylor Parking Facility will be asked to do so from the east driveway (closest to Hermann Park), while those parking in our west surface lot will be asked to do so via the west driveway (closest to Rice Village). There continues to be no garage access from the west driveway.

Any additional updates will be shared in the *Bulletin* and our other communications.

Sisterhood New Traditions Gift Shop Summer Hours Underway

New Traditions gift shop began its summer hours in May: **Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.**, or by appointment at sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Please visit us for all your B'nei Mitzvah gifts, hostess gifts, jewelry, cook books and more. Purchases at New Traditions help Sisterhood fulfill its commitment to the support of our congregation and the community. The Sisterhood will resume its regular hours in late August.

Camp Post Cards

Is your child going away to camp this summer? We'd love to keep them connected to Emanu El while they are away! Send your child's name, address at camp and dates that they will be away to Alisha Klapholz at alishak@emanuelhouston.org.

Volunteers Needed for 75th Anniversary Events

Are you interested in playing a role in the execution of our 75th anniversary events? Want to be a greeter or an usher? Address envelopes or volunteer at a station during one of the happenings throughout the 2019 calendar year as we celebrate the 75th anniversary? Please contact our volunteer coordinator Barbara Loeser at bloeser@sbcglobal.net.

Emanu El Seeks Founding Families & Descendants

Calling all founding families and their descendants! We want to make sure that we know who you are as we celebrate our 75th anniversary year. If you or a family member were among the founders of Congregation Emanu El, please reach out to us at EE75@emanuelhouston.org.

In Need of ASL Interpreter for High Holy Days? Let Us Know!

Please notify JoAnne Karnuth by **Friday, August 16th** if you are in need of an ASL Interpreter

To ensure those who are hard of hearing are able to enjoy and participate in our beautiful High Holy Day services, the Brotherhood will be generously providing closed captioning for all non-youth and children services in the Barish Sanctuary. If you or a loved one are in need of an ASL interpreter please contact JoAnne at the synagogue at (713) 529-5771 or joannek@emanuelhouston.org by the deadline date in order to insure the availability of these services.

Leadership Shabbat Message from the President

Remarks delivered by Emanu El President Rodney Roth on Friday, May 10th at Leadership Shabbat.



Rodney Roth

along with Ernest, fled Nazi Germany and eventually settled in Houston where my grandparents started the family meat business.

During those early days in the mid-1940's, it was a prosperous time for the meat industry, as meat was rationed for the troops. Ernest, who also worked in the family business, married a lovely young lady named Rose; but unfortunately, they were unable to have children.

While Ernest and Rose's local family was initially very small, they established a new spiritual family and home at Emanu El. Ernest became very dedicated to Emanu El and attended Shabbat services every week. He was active in the Brotherhood, held almost every office, and was treasurer for over two decades. He was the ultimate congregant who dedicated his life to Emanu El, and did so passionately, without expectation of praise or recognition.

Next week, we honor and celebrate his incredible legacy as we name the congregant of the year, an esteemed award that bears his name. The dedication of Ernest and so many others including this year's recipients, Philip and Donna Tenenbaum, is what continues to inspire me to engage in my spiritual community and family, Emanu El.

This year, our 75th year as a congregation, has been an amazing one thus far and has been incredibly fulfilling on both personal and spiritual levels. We started the year with a cantorial concert that moved our hearts and souls. We have been blessed with dynamic programs, celebrations, and study that have brought us even closer as a community. I wanted to share with you the top 5 reasons why I am so committed and inspired by our congregation, and the personal benefits and gifts that I have received in return.

1. For me it creates a feeling of gratitude. Feelings of compassion, humanity and a deepened sense of appreciation have awakened my soul since I have become involved. Taking a moment to reflect on all that we hold sacred and meaningful will no doubt fill your heart with love and gratitude for this community.

2. Giving your time and resources encourages a culture of giving. Behaviors are contagious. If people see you or others giving freely of yourselves, it will likely inspire them to do the same. My parents were both active leaders in our sacred community and their example inspired me to get involved.
3. Leading this congregation has helped me grow as a person. When you are engaged in spiritual work you can't help but be touched as a human being. Your emotional awareness increases, your care and consideration for others and the greater community are awakened, and you have the privilege to engage with so many talented and brilliant professionals. The friendships and relationships that I have developed will always be cherished.
4. Researchers say there is a proven health benefit from volunteering. On a physical level, you are bound to experience an elevation in your personal well-being. Being a part of this community, I have experienced a boost in my morale and confidence, developed increased feelings of happiness, and have found greater purpose in life. All of this has resulted in naturally lower stress levels.
5. It feels good to give. Deep down inside we all want to feel that we have contributed, added value, meaning, and purpose in our lives. My leadership role has enabled me to hopefully make a difference. The personal and spiritual benefits I have received in return are immeasurable. Just like Ernest, who dedicated himself to this sacred institution, it is now our turn. It is our turn to lead, to give back and to help build a brighter future for our children and future generations.

So, on this special day, our 75th Leadership Shabbat, I would like for you to find your place and to get involved like Ernest, the Tenenbaums, and the other leaders and forbearers that helped pave the way for us all today. I would like for you to discover the benefits that personally and spiritually await. The year is going to be filled with more opportunities for celebration, learning, and growth -- a chance for you to get involved and dive into the many opportunities that our spiritual home provides. I promise you will find it refreshing and rewarding.

On this special day, I would like to acknowledge all previous leaders, both professional and lay, who have given their time and talents to protect and nurture this precious asset so they too could pass it on to our community. I would like to acknowledge those members of the Executive Committee, who I have not only learned from, but who have also inspired me with their

continued next page

dedication and hard work. I would like to recognize this extraordinarily passionate and dedicated team that hopefully reaped the many benefits that community involvement provides. I would like to acknowledge Senior VP Jeri Amundsen, VP Lauri Lee, VP Bruce Lessey, VP Todd Slobin, VP Greta Pliskin, Secretary Ben Miller, Treasurer Stuart Gaylor, and Past President Jeff Basen-Enquist.

I would like to acknowledge and express my gratitude to all outgoing board members and volunteers that have served on the many committees and have donated their time and talents to Emanu El.

I would like to welcome all incoming board members who have the opportunity to make a difference in the future of this sacred community -- a chance to not only give but also receive the many benefits from being involved. I hope you are inspired and enjoy the experience.

I look forward to renewing my sacred partnership with Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, Rabbi Fixler, Rabbi Walter, Cantor Simmons, Executive Director David Lamden, Jason, Stefani, Paula and our extraordinary staff who pour their hearts and souls into this special institution and remind us all that "Judaism is Joyful."

And finally, I would like to thank my wonderful wife, Robin, and children, Gavin and Cameron, who have supported me during this spiritual journey. I would like to thank my parents, Evelyn and Franklin, who have instilled in me the importance of philanthropic work and dedication to this sacred community. You are the motivation that has inspired me as I follow in your footsteps. Lastly, I would like to thank you all for honoring me with this responsibility and opportunity to lead and serve our congregation. Shabbat Shalom.

A Board Resolution Honoring the Memory of Richard "Dick" Plumb

It is customary on the passing of a past President that the Board of Trustees pass a resolution honoring their contributions to the synagogue and the community.

This resolution is then shared with the Congregation via the *Bulletin*.

The resolution, at right, passed unanimously at the May 14, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting.

Resolution In Memory Of Richard "Dick" Plumb

WHEREAS, Richard 'Dick' Plumb was a long-standing, active and devoted member of Congregation Emanu El; and

WHEREAS, Richard was a highly respected pediatrician, maintaining a practice for over 50 years while representing his colleagues in roles such as president of the Houston Pediatric Society and president of the Medical Staff of Texas Childrens' Hospital amongst other accomplishments in his professional career; and

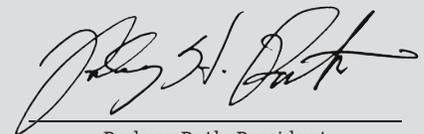
WHEREAS, Richard's commitment to service extended to his volunteer work at Congregation Emanu El, where he served in numerous capacities including a tenure as chairman of the Youth Activities and Continuing Education committees, president of the Religious School PTA and rising through the ranks to become Emanu El's 24th president from 1987 to 1989; and

WHEREAS, Richard's involvement in the community and at Congregation Emanu El led him to being named Congregant of the Year in 1982; and

WHEREAS, Richard was a gentle giant, always possessing a warm smile, soft voice and a dedication to Emanu El, never asking for praise or recognition for the work he put in; and

WHEREAS, his passion and love for the Emanu El and the Houston Jewish communities will be deeply missed but will live on through multiple generations of his family that have carried that torch forward; therefore

IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED that the members of Congregation Emanu El express to his family its sympathy and deep appreciation and gratitude for his devoted service to the congregation and records this acknowledgement in the minutes of the congregation's Board of Trustees meeting, May 14th.



Rodney Roth, President



We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through May 15, 2019.

ACCESS FOR ALL

To make Emanu El accessible for physically challenged people
In Honor of

**Speedy Recovery of
Caren Cowen**
Sara Astrich

In Memory of

Alfred Goodman
Pat & Aaron Fradkin
Charlotte Hope Jacobson
Sandra & Sam Block
Richard Plumb
Carol Lee Seliger

**AUBREY & SYLVIA FARB
COMMUNITY SERVICE
FUND**

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

Susan Morris
Shirley Muse

The Morris Family

Kristina, Sarah, Maya,
Ani, Emma, Zak, Tamar,
Jenny, Olivia, Natalie

**Donna & Philip Tenenbaum
– 2019 Ernest Krautkopf
Congregants of the Year**
Diane Berg & Paul Milioto
Emily Weingarten-Stein

**Speedy Recovery of
Sylvia Farb**
Shirley Muse

**BARBARA & MARK
BROOKNER CAMBERSHIP
FUND**

To provide scholarships to send Helfman Religious School students to Greene Family Camp
IN HONOR OF

Mark Brookner's Birthday
Myra Lipper

**BECKER EARLY
CHILDHOOD
SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

To provide Becker Early Childhood Center scholarships

A Donation
Lee H. Bar-Eli &
Clifford Nash

In Memory of

Alfred Goodman
Tish Peden
Ed Heller
Judy & Allan Lazor

**CERSONSKY CEMETERY
BEAUTIFICATION FUND**

To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park

In Memory of
Peggy & Louis Ashe
Sophie Eisen
Sharon & Herb Cohn
Roni Light
Sharon & Herb Cohn
Robert Light

**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

Dick Brooks
Linda & Richard Zoll

**Clergy Team at
Congregation Emanu El**
Lin & Gary Sunshine
Larry Greenfield's Birthday
Richard Plumb

Rabbi Oren Hayon
Linda & Richard Zoll

Rabbi Pamela Silk
Marianne & Larry
Greenfield

**Donna & Philip Tenenbaum
– 2019 Ernest Krautkopf
Congregants of the Year**
Julie & Robert
Goodfriend

**Speedy Recovery of
Ed Septimus**

Diane Puschett

IN MEMORY OF
Barry Bockman
Keith Solomon

Cacilie Daily
Elaine Altschuler
Sylvia "Syl" Benenson
Paulette & Bruce Cohen
Mr. & Mrs. Charles
B. Hart
Phyllis & Howard Hengst
Carol Johnston
The Mundy Family
Foundation
Connie Rudick

Alfred Goodman
Sandra Barrash

David Henderson
Marie Brochstein

Edward Howard
Amanda Alexander

Charlotte Hope Jacobson
Cheryl & Haran Levy
Claire & Marshall

Shumsky
Linda & Richard Zoll

Renee Spolane
Ann & Rick Goldfarb

Perry Vann
Linda & Richard Zoll

**DOLORES & BUDDY
WILKENFELD
COMMUNICATIONS FUND**

To enhance Emanu El's communications with congregants
In Honor of

Rabbi Pamela Silk
Joyce Goodman and
Family

In Memory of
Renee Spolane
Dolores Wilkenfeld

**EDIS LEWIS PARKANS
EMANU ELDERS FUND**

To provide programs for Emanu Elders

In Memory of
Richard Plumb
Sara Astrich

**EDWARD WAYNE HUNGER
FUND**

To feed the hungry of Houston

A Donation
For Kids' Meals
The Rothschild
Foundation, Inc. on
behalf of Hope
Rothschild
Sandra B. Smith

IN HONOR OF

Ben Todes
Linda & Paul Lynn
**Speedy Recovery of
David Askanase**
Carol & Barry Goodfriend

IN MEMORY OF

Alfred Goodman
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Amy Jacobs
Hannah Hyman
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Steven Weingarten
Linda & Paul Lynn

**FLORENCE & BEN BLUM
LEADERSHIP FUND**

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

In Memory of
Renee Spolane
Myra Lipper

**FREDELL LACK EICHHORN
CANTOR'S MUSIC FUND**

To enhance musical programming

In Memory of
Eddie Rose
Linda & Richard Zoll

Rose Zoll
Rose Marie & Ron
Wagman

GENERAL ENDOWMENT FUND

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

In Memory of

David Applebaum
Pauline Applebaum

Marcia Forbes

Cacilie Daily

Lana & Steve Royal

Alfred Goodman

Bobbi & Vic Samuels

Steven Weingarten

Joanne Fisher

Linda & Richard Zoll

GREENE FAMILY CAMP FUND

To support Greene Family Camp

IN MEMORY OF

Richard Plumb

Leigh & Gerry Mercado

JULIA KAPLAN RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND

To enhance Helfman Religious School programs
In Honor of

Anniversary Bar Mitzvah of Jay Kaplan & Bruce Shelby

Barbara & James
Rubenstein

JULIUS ZINN FUND

To provide and enhance congregation programs
In Memory of

Renee Spolane

Harriet Zinn

MICHAEL SPOLANE EDUCATION FUND

To enhance Helfman Religious School programs and provide funds for teachers to attend conferences

IN MEMORY OF

Renee Spolane

Emily & Joey Spinner and
Andi & Brett Riesenfeld

MILTON POPKIN ENDOWMENT FUND

To promote an understanding of other religions and cultures
In Honor of

Martin Cominsky – Outstanding Leadership of Interfaith Ministries
Cyndy Freeman Sax

MORRIS & FRIEDA WOLFE FUND

To support and improve Emanu El's operations and programming

IN MEMORY OF

Suzanne Helen

Helwig-Garcia

Aliza, Jason & Isaac
Plotkin

NEMZIN MAZEL TOV

ISRAEL BOND FUND

To give an Israel bond to every Emanu El Bar and Bat Mitzvah

A Donation

John Weinberg

PHILIP G. LUSKY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

In Memory of

Richard Plumb

Robin Kosberg

RABBI ROY WALTER ENRICHMENT FUND

To support spiritual and cultural enrichment
In Honor of

Andi Berkman's Birthday

Eleanor & Richard Seline

Marianne Greenfield's Birthday

Dorita & Hertzel Aron

Rabbi Roy Walter

The Daily Family
Joyce Goodman and
Family

Rabbi Roy Walter – Spirit of Respect Award from Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston

Kathy & Garey Marks
Diane Puschett
Cyndy Freeman Sax

Speedy Recovery of Ed Septimus

Barbie & Lennie Roth

In Memory of
Peter Berkowitz
Hilda Frank

Linda & Richard Zoll

Cacilie Daily

Judy Myers

Mallory Robinson

Marilyn Datz

Shirlee & Mark Rosenthal

Alfred Goodman

Barbara & Norman

Frankel

Janice Pierce

Abe Susman

Kenneth Susman

Steven Weingarten

Evelyn Wisenberg

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

To provide Helfman Religious School scholarships

IN HONOR OF

Dolores Wilkenfeld

Sara Astrich

In Memory of

Renee Spolane

Renee & Alan Helfman

RICKY SCHNURR CAMBERSHIP FUND

To provide Greene Family Camp scholarships
In Honor of

Julien Rosenthal's Birthday

Speedy Recovery of Sandy Ross

Linda Stanley

Gladys Schnurr

In Memory of

Scarlett Chwatko

Don & Larry Barr-Meyer

RIVA BURSTEN CARING CONGREGATION FUND

To support programs that assist people in the community
In Honor of

Speedy Recovery of Ed Septimus

Nancy Peskin

In Memory of
Richard Plumb

Freddie & Paul Croft

RONALD BROCHSTEIN EARLY CHILDHOOD FUND

To enhance preschool education

In Memory of

Peggy & Louis Ashe

Sharon & Herb Cohn

Alfred Goodman

Judy & David Introligator

SACHS-PESSES COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUND

To present programs on lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender issues

In Memory of

Charlotte Hope Jacobson

Sara Astrich

SHIRLEY BARISH MEMORIAL ISRAEL EXPERIENCE FUND

To send Helfman Religious School high school students to Israel

In Memory of

Louis Freeman

Cyndy Freeman Sax

SISTERHOOD FUND

To provide for and enhance Sisterhood programming

IN MEMORY OF

Betty Rosenthal

Eleanor Spitzer

Linda & Richard Zoll

David Weintraub

Saline, Mark and Gaye
Weintraub

SUSMAN FUND FOR FAMILY PROGRAMMING

To support programs for families

In Honor of

Birth of Sawyer Susman

Sandra Barrash

In Memory of

Florence Berkman

Raymond H. Marcus

Patricia & Mark Rauch

Alfred Goodman

Lila Rauch

TEMPLE FUND

To support the needs of the Temple and to fulfill the mission of Congregation Emanu El

A Donation

Anonymous

Sandra & David Block

In Honor of

Bernice Feld's Birthday

Carol & Ronnie Rauch

Jerald Kaplan's Birthday

Ann & Stephen Kaufman

Talia Sidney Kessler's Birthday

Madgelyn & Richard

Pesin

Julien Rosenthal's Birthday

Harriette Bearden

Mickey & Noel Graubart

Carol & Ronnie Rauch

Rodney Roth

Sara Astrich

Bar Mitzvah of

Benjamin Garber

Linda & Richard Zoll

Marriage of Annie Marks &

Tommy McNamara

Cheryl & Haran Levy

Speedy Recovery of

Lawrence Levy

Jan Pasternak &

Renee Tappe

In Memory of

Joan & Gerald Berenson

Carol & Ronnie Rauch

Cacilie Daily

Janine & Hal Jayson

Linda & Jerry Paine

Marilyn Datz

Elyse & Lewis Kalmans

Alfred Goodman

Julia Long & Michele

Adams

Gilian Baron

Edward Brook

Anissa & Reid Friedman

Joan & Larry Katz

Mr. & Mrs. Stephen

Kaufman

Michael B. Kentor,

Marla McClain, The

Kentor Company

Susan & Michael

Kottwitz

Maxine & Herman Lapin

Yetta Leshin

Jean & Mort Levy

Dr. & Mrs. Michael

McGuire

Patti & Phelps McKee

The Onion, Sweeney,

Cowan, McKenzie,

Douglas and Morse

Families

Trudie & Dan Oshman

Gene Renger

Beth & Lee Schlanger

Cynthia & David Senior

Texas Capital Bank

Linda & Howard

Waldman

Leslie & Sandy Weiner

and Family

Charlotte Hope Jacobson

Anonymous

Karen & Jeff Basen-

Engquist

Elyse & Lewis Kalmans

Richard Plumb

Marilyn & Jay Albert

Karen & Jeff Basen-

Engquist

Barbara & Raymond

Kalmans

Paula & Nathan Ticatch

Benjamin Aaron Schultz

Herman Schultz

Renee Spolane

Barbara & Raymond

Kalmans

Steven Weingarten

Julie & Andrew Alexander

Ellen Brodsky Gaber

Sandra Turk

Donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund

For donations to the Sisterhood Flower Fund (for the Shabbat handout) please make checks payable to "Congregation Emanu El Sisterhood" and mail or drop off to Donna Fraley at the synagogue, 1500 Sunset Blvd, Houston, TX 77005. Donations can also be made online at www.EmanuElHouston.org. Please make sure to specify which Shabbat service(s) you would like your flower fund donation listed. **In order to ensure the donations are listed, we ask that they be at the synagogue no later than the Wednesday before Shabbat.**

Congregation Emanu El Announces Partnership with New Preferred Caterer



Congregation Emanu El is proud to announce that starting on June 1st, locally and Jewish-owned and operated Houston Catering Concepts will serve as the congregation's preferred catering partner.

A locally and Jewish-owned and operated full-service, gourmet catering company, Houston Catering Concepts has been serving global cuisine for over 30 years and specializes in creating customized menus to fit your exact tastes, event size and dietary needs. Most recently, Houston Catering Concepts added the New York Deli & Coffee Shop/The Bagel Shop Bakery to its offerings.

"We are excited about this new partnership with

Houston Catering Concepts," said Emanu El program director Jason Plotkin. "For the last several months, members of our congregational family have shared what they are looking for in a catering partner."

"From the onset of our exploration, we have been impressed that Houston Catering Concepts has consistently delivered at a high level with the quality of food, the variety of options, their presentation and customer service. Our team felt very confident in working with Michael, Shaun and Houston Catering Concepts going forward."

To learn more about Houston Catering Concepts and to view its various catering menus, visit HoustonCatering.com. Owners Michael Saghian and Shaun Leva are available directly at (832) 594-7296, (832) 276-2802 or by emailing orders@houstoncatering.com.

Per the Board of Trustees, a congregant or outside entity can choose to use another caterer for their events at Emanu El as long as they adhere to the congregation's building policies and pay a \$250 outside caterer fee.

JOAN ALERIO NICCI ARTHUR GEORGE BARER JOEL BERMAN
 RONNIE BERMAN PATRICIA BERNSTEIN MARTY BRODY
 REUTHER GIBSON JEFFREY DUBIN
 J. KENT FRIEDMAN TERESA HAN STEPHEN BERG
 LISA GREENBERG GREGORY HARGREAVES ESIK
 ROBERTA L. SMAN TOM HATHAWAY SHEILA HARRISON
 LILIANE HERSHKOWITZ KAN HOI G. ELLEN HOLZBERG
 MAURICE J. SSMANN JEFFREY EPH. MARSHA KAHAN
 MARK KALISH SHARON KANN AMY KAPILOFF MICHAEL
 KAPLANER RALPH LEVENTHAL SHERRY LEVY SHERRY LEWIS
 BRETT L. BERMAN JOEL BERG HERBERT BARGOIND JOAN
 MAURICE J. SSMANN JEFFREY EPH. MARSHA KAHAN
 RICK OSHMAN MARILYN PRESS ANDREA RAIZNER RONALD
 REISER TOBY ROBBINS ANNETTE ROBERTSON MARILYNN
 ROSENTHAL RESANNE SALTZMAN EPHRAIM SHAPIRO SANDRA
 SHEINBERG TOBY SHERMAN DAVID SILVERMAN MARLENE
 SLOVIN WILLIAM SOUFAR ANDREW SPECTOR HARVEY
 STALAROW JUDY STEIN MARSHA TSUCHIDA PHYLLIS
 TURKEL PHILIP WEINSTEIN RICHARD WESTERMAN ELLEN
 WILNER GARY WOLF ILENE ZIMMERMANN ALAN ZINN

75th

Birthday Party

FRIDAY, JUNE 7

HOUSTON'S OLDEST JEWISH OWNED
 HEADSTONE & MONUMENT COMPANY
 BENCHES, BRONZE PLAQUES, CRYPT FACES & RESTORATION



EXCLUSIVELY JEWISH MEMORIALS
 VISIT OUR 30,000 SQ. FT. MANUFACTURING FACILITY

ASK FOR SANDY GAITZ
 OR LINDA SPENCER

281-888-5522



It is an honor to support
 Congregation Emanu El
 and a privilege to assist you
 with all your real estate needs.

LAURA MAYER

Cell: 713.443.6776
 lmayer@johndaugherty.com

TOP PRODUCER

JOHN DAUGHERTY REALTORS
SOCIETY
 OF DISTINCTION

JOHN DAUGHERTY REALTORS
 Established 1967

Leading REAL ESTATE COMPANIES IN THE WORLD LUXURY PORTFOLIO INTERNATIONAL LUXURY MAYFAIR



JUNE 21

COMMUNITY SHABBAT



RSVP TODAY



Houston Jewish Funerals



The Jewish Funerals Texas story is not about us, it is about you. Our story is about the families who trust us, the caregivers who call us in the middle of the night, and the rabbis who recommend us to their congregation. Our philosophy is to treat your family as if it were our own.



Thank you for your continued trust and support. We will always do our best to ensure you and your family have the best care possible.

-Barbara Bejeault

713-666-0257

houstonjewishfunerals.com

SOLD

Martha Turner

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY
sothebyshomes.com

The sign
you want...

the Realtor® you need!



Terry Cominsky

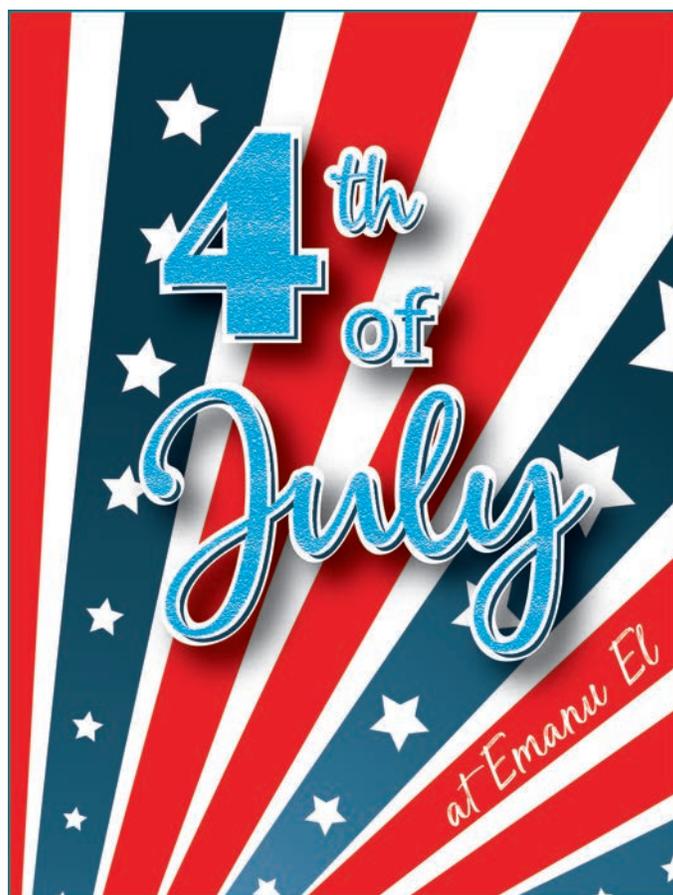
REALTOR-ASSOCIATE®

713.558.3331

terry.cominsky@sothebyshomes.com

Martha Turner

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY





PROUD TO SERVE AS
CONGREGATION EMANU EL'S
PREFERRED
CATERER

WWW.HOUSTONCATERING.COM



WALDMAN FUNERAL CARE

DETAILS MATTER.

No matter how small, every detail that is important to you is important to us.

With thorough and compassionate attention, we take care of the details so that you can focus on taking care of each other.



Syd Waldman, CFSP
Funeral Director / Owner

WE SERVE OUR FAMILIES FROM OUR HEART.
Extraordinary Service. Compassionate Care.

713-875-4811

www.WaldmanFuneralCare.com

*Affiliated with Hardin Family Funeral Home
Chevra Kadisha of Houston Approved*

You know what you want. We know your neighborhood.
Serving Houston and surrounding areas since 1985.

Your home.
Our expertise.®



Cathy Scherer
832.689.1024



Judy Levin
713.204.8807



Laura Perlman
281.796.1798



Leora Kahn
713.826.9109



Melinda Gordon
713.256.9145



Neil Silverman
713.725.9750



Scott Minchen
713.213.6829



Sondra Rosenthal
713.870.3790



Amy Bernstein
Our Broker



Your *full service* real estate company.

713.932.1032 | BernsteinRealty.com



This Bulletin is printed on recycled paper.



Congregation Emanu El

Oren J. Hayon, Senior Rabbi
Pamela B. Silk, Associate Rabbi
Joshua R.S. Fixler, Assistant Rabbi
Roy A. Walter, Rabbi Emeritus
Rollin Simmons, Cantor
David Lamden, Executive Director
Jason Plotkin, Program Director
Paula Katz, Early Childhood Director
Stefani Carlson, Director of
Congregational Learning

Rodney Roth, President
Jeri Amundsen, Senior Vice President
Todd Slobin, Vice President - Personnel
Helen Dreyfus, Vice President - Education
Dawn Blitz, Vice President - Committees/
Volunteers
Ben Miller, Vice President - Committees/
Volunteers
Stuart Gaylor, Treasurer
Laura Mayer, Secretary
Jeff Basen-Engquist, Honorary President
Andrew Gass, Brotherhood President
Claire Brooks & Carol Sue Zions,
Sisterhood Presidents

EMANUELHOUSTON.ORG

SAVE THE DATE:

#EE75 Social Action Project:
Kids Meals

Save the date and join us on **Tuesday, August 20th at 9:30 a.m.** as our congregation celebrates its 12th year anniversary of making lunches for Kids Meals. To celebrate the anniversary and in conjunction with the 75th anniversary, we plan to make significantly more sandwiches than the 1,000+ sandwiches made monthly. To reach our goal with enough help to go around, please register online at www.EmanuElHouston.org. More information to come.



LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

www.facebook.com/emanuelhouston