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When he assumed leadership of the renowned Ger dynasty at the age of 23, Rabbi Yehuda Leib Alter had already come to be widely recognized as one of Hasidic Judaism’s most revered spiritual figures.

Despite his young age, however, he had known great sadness and loss, having been orphaned as a child and sent off to live with his grandfather. Nevertheless, his collected writings, which were published after his death in 1905, contain consistent themes of spiritual hope and yearning.

In his masterpiece publication, the Sefat Emet ["Holy Language"], Rabbi Alter draws a previously unexplored connection between the holidays of Chanukah and Passover. He points out that the Chanukah menorah may be compared to the candles which, in olden times, were traditionally used to search for crumbs of leaven as part of preparing one’s home before Passover. Before Passover, the Sefat Emet points out, we search and purify our external environment; on Chanukah, we search and purify our inner selves. Specifically, the work of spiritual exploration should lead us to pay renewed attention to the moral and ethical commandments that guide and

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EDITOR’S NOTE:
Please note that any in-person opportunities to gather are subject to change based upon the synagogue’s reopening plan, which can be found at emanuelhouston.org. For more information or to verify the current status of a program, call 713.529.5771.

Congregation Emanu El to Shine Bright During Chanukah

While we are unable to have a community-wide menorah lighting in person this year, we have found a way to share the many bright lights of our congregational community.

To help achieve this, we would like to invite you to send us your menorah lighting photos from your own personal observance on one of the first few nights of Chanukah to the email address chanukah2020@emanuelhouston.org by Sunday, December 13.

A photo montage featuring these photos will be made available on our website, Facebook and YouTube pages on the final night of Chanukah, Thursday, December 17 at 6:00 p.m.

More information on how to access this montage will be shared in our upcoming congregational communications.

A Night with Comedian & Storyteller Pam Schuller

Wednesday, December 9, 7:00 p.m.

Comedian Pam Schuller is relentlessly funny. Her observations on disability, mental illness and past misadventures have led to brutally honest confessions about what it’s like being 4-foot-6 (and a half) and having a whole lot of Tourette Syndrome. You may know her from Buzzfeed, Dr. Mike Videos, or as one of the “36 under 36” who are changing the face of the Jewish community, this comedian is known for her use of storytelling, laughter and improvisation to inspire communities to a new understanding of inclusion. An opportunity to ask questions of our special guest will take place at the conclusion of her presentation.

Join us on Zoom for this night of inspiration. Please register in advance at emanuelhouston.org or by calling 713.529.5771 to obtain the Zoom link.
WORSHIP SERVICES

Locations are listed below for those seeking to use the streaming video portal on our website. Any changes will be shared via the regular synagogue communications.

Our services (with the exception of B’nei Mitzvah) are streamed to our website, Facebook page, Roku channel, and YouTube. Our Saturday morning B’nei Mitzvah services are available solely on our website.

Shabbat Vayishlach
Friday, December 4
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, December 5
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of Braden Susman, son of Pamela & Andrew Susman

Shabbat Vayeishev
Friday, December 11
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat & Chanukah Service, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, December 12
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Mikeitz
Friday, December 18
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary
Heritage Shabbat

Saturday, December 19
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Friedman, son of Tara & Ben Friedman

Shabbat Vayigash
Friday, December 25
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, December 26
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Va’y’chi
Friday, January 1
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, January 2
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel

Shabbat Sh’mot
Friday, January 8
6:00 p.m., Kabbalat Shabbat, Barish Sanctuary

Saturday, January 9
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Proler Chapel
10:30 a.m., Morning Service, Barish Sanctuary
B’not Mitzvah of Sophia Gurevich, daughter of Kelly Gurevich & Alexander Gurevich and Lucia Kovalik, daughter of Kathryn & Edward Kovalik

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strengthen our community.

Rabbi Alter suggests that the Hebrew word for candle, ner, might be understood as an acronym standing for the words nefesh (biological life-force) and ruach (soul or spirit). His point is that we ought to apply ourselves fully – body and soul – to our work of bringing holiness into the world. In that way, we help to illuminate a dark world in the same way a Chanukah menorah brightens a room.

At times, the world around us can seem quite dark indeed. But each year, during the darkest days of winter, the festival of Chanukah reminds us of our great potential to bring brightness and hope to the places we live. Our task is to search continually for opportunities to apply ourselves to the spiritual obligations that guide us. This holiday of joyful rededication invites us to celebrate the opportunities, which present themselves even in dark days, to rededicate ourselves anew to serving God and each other.

Happy Chanukah!

As we get closer to the start of 2021, please make sure that if you need to update your contact information (email address, phone number or mailing address) that you contact the synagogue at 713.529.5771 or elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org.

Get Social With Us!

Did you know Congregation Emanu El is on Instagram? In addition to our active Facebook pages, be sure to follow us on Instagram to catch snap shots of happenings around the synagogue. From camel sightings to social action, a thriving youth group to clergy in action and more!

Find us on Instagram at instagram.com/emanuelhouston or if you are already a member, find us at @emanuelhouston. And yes, please feel free to “check-in” at Emanu El when you are here for events and happenings!
LIFECYCLE EVENTS

IN THE COMMUNITY

Milton Boniuk was honored with the 2020 Guardian of the Human Spirit Award by Holocaust Museum Houston for his commitment to service and building an open-minded society.

BIRTHS

Maisie Joy Brown, daughter of Danielle & Eric Brown; granddaughter of Michaele & Michael Brown, Joni & Richard Epstein; great-granddaughter of Doree Fromberg

Annie Rachel Carlson, daughter of Mallory & Alex Carlson; granddaughter of Stefan & Steve Carlson, Melinda & Michael Skoller

Noah Spencer Moskowitz, son of Katie & Geoffrey Moskowitz; grandson of Robbie & Stephen Moskowitz, Jordan Denton; great-grandson of Donna & Andy Link, Adele Denton

Goldie Mila Putterman, daughter of Lindsey & Matthew Putterman, granddaughter of Nanette & Barry Putterman, Renee & Brent Silber; great-granddaughter of Celine Kaplan, Lillian Putterman

WEDDINGS

Michelle Blumenthal & Elias Chajet

Carrie Ruby & Steven Wolf

DEATHS

Neil Goldenberg, husband of Georgeann Goldenberg; father of Stefan & Steve Carlson, Melinda & Kyle Shumard; grandfather of Mallory & Alexander Carlson, Evan Carlson; great-grandfather of Annie Rachel Carlson

Lizzie Langkjaer, wife of Eric Langkjaer; mother of Jennifer & Thomas Langkjaer, Anette & Anders Tange; grandmother of Jacob and Emma Langkjaer, Tobias and Daniel Tange; sister of Tom Nissen


Gail Shapiro, wife of Ephraim Shapiro; mother of Hilary Stalarow, Staci Stalarow; step-mother of Beverly Shapiro; grandmother of Joanna and Elizabeth Langston; sister of Melanie & Barry Shoss, Michelle & Larry Alexander

Jarrell Speer, brother of Susan & Richard Speer, Gayle & Brent Speer; father of Lisa & John Daughtery, Laurie Kahn; grandfather of several

Stanley Tenenbaum, father of Donna & Philip Tenenbaum; grandfather of Alan Tenenbaum, Robyn Tenenbaum; great-grandfather of James and Hazel

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.

Roe v Wade – Jewish Faith, Jewish Action

Sunday, January 10, 7:00 p.m.

January marks the 48th anniversary of the Supreme Court’s historic Roe v Wade decision. To commemorate this anniversary, Congregation Emanu El will partner with the NCJW – Greater Houston Section for a program featuring NCJW chief executive officer Sheila Katz and our clergy.

Our clergy will teach what our Jewish text teaches about abortion and reproductive justice.

Katz will then share the work that NCJW is leading nationally on the subject, including their fight to protect reproductive rights in the newly constituted supreme court. She will also introduce NCJW’s 2020 initiative, “Rabbis for Repro” which has engaged nearly 1,000 Jewish clergy and educators, including Rabbi Hayon, Rabbi Silk, Rabbi Fixler and Cantor Simmons.

This program will be held on Zoom. Registration is required and must be completed by Saturday, January 9. A Zoom link for the program will be sent out by mid-day on the day of the gathering to all registered participants.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

Sheila Katz, Chief Executive Officer of NCJW
Taste of Talmud  
**Thursdays, December 3 & January 7, 12:30 p.m.**

Did your plans for the new year include establishing a new study practice? Do you want all the benefits of a book discussion group without the need to commit to extensive reading ahead of time? Are you curious about what this Daf Yomi thing you’ve heard people mention is? Do you want to connect with both your Judaism and a fun group of people?

If your answer to any of these questions is yes, then join us for A Taste of Talmud, our monthly study of rabbinic texts, led by Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson. No experience or Hebrew knowledge required: all texts are provided in translation. We are currently meeting on Zoom – all are welcome. We’d love to have you add your voice to our virtual beit midrash (house of study)!

Zoom information can be found on our website and for more information, contact Stefani Carlson at stefanic@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 251.

Congregation Emanu El Participating in Chanukah Heroes & Lights with ERJCC  
**Thursday, December 10 at 5:30 p.m.**

Congregation Emanu El will be participating in the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center (ERJCC)’s Chanukah Heroes & Lights program. This new program will feature eight nights of virtual celebration with stories, candle-lighting, and the recognition of some local heroes who have brought light and healing into our community during the pandemic.

Emanu El’s appearance amongst the eight nights will take place on the first night of Chanukah.

During the 30-minute program, our clergy will tell a holiday story or offer a meaningful holiday message. As part of the program, Emanu El will be recognizing and honoring a local MacCovid (read: Maccabee + Covid) hero from our community – someone who has gone above and beyond during the past nine months to help Houston battle the coronavirus pandemic. The program will then conclude with an opportunity for all on the Zoom to bring their own menorahs and light candles with our clergy as they lead the blessing.

During the eight days of Chanukah Heroes & Lights, Emanu El will be joined by Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Congregation Brith Shalom, Congregation Or Ami, Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism, Temple Sinai, and United Orthodox Synagogues. While open to everyone, the program is particularly designed for Houston adults to connect with their Jewish heritage and with each other during the holiday. Participation will be free for all, with registration required. Register online by visiting our web calendar at emanuelhouston.org.

Chanukah Service  
**Friday, December 11, 6:00 p.m.**

Join us online or in person for our annual Chanukah service from the Barish Sanctuary featuring our clergy. Registration to join us in person will be similar to our Shabbat worship registration (pending the status of Emanu El within the reopening plan) and please note that registration will close on Thursday, December 10.

Due to our current protocols, there will not be an opportunity for individuals or families to light their Chanukiah at the synagogue this year.

All congregants will receive a special Chanukah packet from the synagogue prior to the start of the holiday to usher in the Festival of Lights.

Havdalah 4 Chanukah  
**Saturday, December 12, 7:00 p.m.**

Join our clergy for a spirited singalong to mark the end of Shabbat. The rituals of Havdalah help us to engage all of our senses as we come together to savor the last sweet moments of Shabbat and prepare for the week ahead. All ages welcome!

As part of this special Havdalah during Chanukah, our gathering will not only include the traditional lighting of the menorah, but also feature popular Chanukah songs! All are encouraged to light their Chanukiah with us for this special edition of our Havdalah program.

A song sheet will be made available on the Emanu El website prior to the program.

This gathering will take place on Zoom, and pre-registration is required to secure the Zoom link for the evening.

For more information, contact Jason Plotkin at jasonp@emanuelhouston.org or 713.535.6414.

The Classics: Game Night  
**Friday, December 18, 7:30 p.m.**

Tired of the same old Friday night non-events? Ready to try your hand at a fast-paced game of Quiplash or Guesspionage? These games were made for playing on Zoom and promise to provide lots of entertainment and audience participation.

Plan to join us for a fun filled hour or so. Bring your dinner, dessert or your favorite beverage and settle down...
in your most comfortable chair. Looking forward to seeing you!

Registration is limited to the first 25 screens, so don’t delay! Register online at emanuelhouston.org.

The Classics steering team is planning events for the next several months, including a virtual docent-led museum tour and a chance to bake or cook with a pro! We’re always looking for new interactive events so please send an email to emanuelclassics@gmail.com with your ideas!

The Classics is Emanu El’s social group for those in their 50s and 60s, open to both married and single members.

**Seeking Volunteers: Ronald McDonald House**

Seeking Handmade Christmas Cards; Stocking Stuffing on **Monday, December 21**

This year would have been our fifth year to head over to the Ronald McDonald House on Christmas Eve to spread holiday cheer; due to the pandemic, however, we will have to help in a new way.

We will be sending boxed dinners from our preferred caterer Houston Catering Concepts for the families from who are currently living at the facility and seeking pediatric treatment at the Texas Medical Center for a variety of health issues as well as Christmas stocking filled with goodies! If you would like to help, we have two opportunities:

Make handmade Christmas cards to go inside each stocking, which can be dropped off at the synagogue during business hours.

On **Monday, December 21 at 10:00 a.m.**, we will need a few people for a socially distanced (and masked-up) stocking stuffing assembly. Please note that space is limited and walk-ups will not be allowed. Email Elizabeth Townsend at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or call 713.529.5771, ext. 222 to secure a spot!

**A Muslim-Jewish Christmas: Healing & Wholeness Through Faith**

Thursday, December 24 at **12:00 p.m.**

Congregation Emanu El is proud to once again partner with houses of worship in the Houston Muslim and Jewish communities and take part in a Muslim-Jewish Christmas.

This year’s theme of Healing & Wholeness Through Faith will feature a moderated conversation between faith leaders in both the Muslim and Jewish communities about how our beliefs can pull us through challenging times.

As we are unfortunately unable to gather as a community, this year’s event will instead be made available across various digital platforms by our faith institutions, including the Proler Chapel video streaming and the Congregation Emanu El Facebook page.

Please note as of press time, Emanu El and its partners were exploring other opportunities for broadcast and any changes will be shared in synagogue communications.

For more information, please contact Jason Plotkin at 713.535.6414 or jasonp@emanuelhouston.org.
**Staff Members Vote at Election Day**

Emanu El Program Director Jason Plotkin, Membership & Engagement Coordinator Elizabeth Townsend and Director of Congregational Learning Stefani Carlson pictured outside of Congregation Emanu El after voting at the synagogue, which served as an Election Day polling locale.

**More Staff Members on Election Day**

Facility team members Jose Perez and Dolly Montgomery not only arrived at Emanu El early to ensure the building could be open in time for poll workers on Election Day, they were amongst the first to vote at the synagogue - the only Jewish house of worship that served as a polling location on Election Day.

**Becker Votes**

Our Becker School joined in the efforts with EE Votes to encourage their families and faculty to take part in the election. Thank you to all of our amazing Becker families and staff who exercised their right to vote during the election. Above is a picture of the Becker Votes! board. all Becker children received a Becker Votes! stress ball.
GFC Camperships & Scholarship Opportunities

Are you planning to send your child to Greene Family Camp this summer? If so, this is a great Thanksgiving or winter break project. Campership awards for Helfman Religious School students are worth 1/2 of GFC tuition for one full session – encourage your child(ren) to apply! To aid in judging, please write names on the back of the projects. Grade-level projects are based on current grade enrollment. Campership applications are due to the religious school office by Thursday, January 22, 2021.

3rd & 4th Grade Drawing Contest

“*My Own Personal Enthusiasm for Judaism*”

This topic can mean many different things to people; therefore, the completed drawing must be accompanied with a short paragraph describing the drawing and its meaning.

5th Grade Essay

“*My Very Own Program for Greene Family Camp*”

Imagine developing a unique program of your very own for camp. What kind of program would it be? What would it involve and how would you involve others? (1-2 pages, double spaced)

6th & 7th Grade Essay

“*Why I Wish to Spend My Summer at GFC*”

A summer spent at GFC can be one full of excitement, friendship, and Judaism all rolled into one. What draws you to the camp atmosphere? One essay will be chose from each grade. (2 pages, double spaced)

Camperships include: Brotherhood Camperships, Sisterhood Camperships, Chester Marcus Religious School Community Committee Campership, Connie Reischer Campership, Ricky Schnurr Campership.

Children who have previously won a campership are not eligible to win again.

Summer Camp Scholarship Opportunity

Congregation Emanu El is pleased to extend financial aid for Jewish summer camp in the form of need-based grants which allow our congregation’s children - who would otherwise be unable to attend - to have Jewish summer camp experiences. Families in need of financial assistance should contact Lucy Mosbacher, lucym@emanuelhouston.org, so that aid can be made accessible to all who are in need.

Longtime Helfman Administrative Assistant Gail Shapiro Passes

In mid-November, we shared news with our congregation of the passing of Gail Shapiro, who for the last 25+ years has served as an administrative assistant for our Helfman Religious School at Congregation Emanu El.

Gail served as the face of Helfman and was always a steadfast and joyful supporter of our students, faculty, staff, and congregants. This loss is a painful one for all of us who knew and loved Gail. Our love and sincere condolences go to Gail’s family during their days of mourning.

Gail’s memory will be an enduring blessing for us all.
Sisterhood News & Happenings

December 2020 – January 2021

How the COVID-19 Pandemic Could Change Our Cities
Sunday, December 6, 7:00 p.m.

Large cities the world over, including Houston, will be profoundly affected by the COVID-19 pandemic. If continued home delivery of goods leads to more closed retail stores, what will happen to shopping centers? If the work-at-home trend leads to more empty office space, how will that space be repurposed? How will traffic and commuting patterns change? Join Sisterhood as Bill Fulton, Director of Rice University’s Kinder Institute for Urban Research, gives us a look into the future as he discusses these and other provocative questions related to the pandemic.

There is no charge for this Zoom program, however, registration is required to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Log-in information will be sent prior to the program date.

Jewish Women Artists
Thursday, December 17, 7:00 p.m.

Join Sisterhood as well-known local artist Ellen Orseck presents a virtual multi-media program about Jewish women artists. The list of artists that Orseck will focus on includes Helen Frankenthaler, Louise Nevelson, Lee Krasner, Charlotte Salomon, among others. Whether their work is representational or abstract, artwork by these Jewish artists ties them to Jewish life and identity.

Orseck, currently a practicing artist and art instructor, was a finalist for the coveted Hunting Prize and was awarded a mural grant from the National Endowment for the Arts. She earned a master’s degree in painting from New York University and a master’s degree in museum education at George Washington University. Presently, Orseck is a studio art instructor at Rice University’s Glasscock School of Continuing Studies (GSCS) and at Watercolor Art Society, Houston (WASH). She shows her work at Carolyn Garcia Gallery, Flatland Gallery and Mother Dog Studios in Houston.

Please RSVP to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. There is no charge for this Zoom program, and log-in information will be sent prior to the program date.

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**Empañada Demonstration with Linda Hayon & Susana Paoloski**
**Monday, January 11, 5:30 p.m.**

Come down Argentina way – virtually, of course – and join Sisterhood as cookbook writer Linda Hayon teaches us the fine art of making empañadas, assisted by Sisterhood board member Susana Paoloski. Linda is the co-author of Nada but Empañadas: History and Recipes and has traveled extensively to learn the finer points of making this savory delicacy. Join us for this fun night without ever leaving your own kitchen!

There is no charge for this event, however, we do ask that you RSVP online at emanuelhouston.org or to the Sisterhood office at 713.529.5771, ext. 233 or sishood@emanuelhouston.org. Zoom information will be sent prior to the program.

An empañada recipe with preparation instructions will be emailed ahead of time to all who RSVP so they can cook along with Linda and Susana. A good Argentinian red wine will be the perfect accompaniment for this fun evening! Salud and Buen Provecho (Cheers and Bon appetit)!

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**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.

- Lawrence & Karen Caulfield
- Alina & Richard Dovere, son Oliver
- Jame Fort
- Bethany Boucher & Jacob Gardner
- Erin Joyce
- Heather Lopez, Children Gael & Raymundo
- Ronald & Holly Medwick
- Mark Zeidman

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 Elizabeth Townsend at elizabetht@emanuelhouston.org or 713.529.5771, ext. 222.

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**Find Us On YouTube!**

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

Over 400 videos of new content created since the pandemic have been shared to Emanu El’s YouTube page with dozens and dozens more from the archives also shared. YouTube also serves as a way to watch live services and other events.

Find us on YouTube by searching “Emanu El Houston Video” and subscribe today!
We appreciate the thoughtfulness of those who remember and honor their friends and loved ones through their generous contributions through November 16, 2020.

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To ensure Emanu El is a welcoming, accessible and inclusive community
In Appreciation of
Shel Vedlitz
Madeline Lowitz

In Memory of
Harry Jaffee
Erla & Harry Zuber
Beverly Maisel Manne
Jeff & Karen Basen-Enquist
Caren & David Cowan
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To support Helfman Religious School teacher assistants
A Donation
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To support small and emerging organizations that improve life for underserved Houstonians
In Memory of
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To provide scholarships to send Helfman Religious School students to Greene Family Camp
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To provide Becker School scholarships
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Judy Lazor
Neil Goldenberg
Fredi & Paul Franks
Judy Lazor

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To send an outstanding Confirmation year TEFTY member to a NFTY event
In Memory of
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Cynthia & Marvin Noble

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To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Appreciation of
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To maintain and enhance Emanu El Memorial Park
In Memory of
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Eileen Cersonsky

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
A Donation
Cindy & Howard Garoon

In Appreciation of
High Holy Day special recognition – Clergy & Staff
Linda Shenberg Mallet
Rabbi Pamela Silk
Anonymous

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Ellen & Martin Grabois
High Holy Day special recognition – Clergy & Staff
Nancy Ehrenkranz
Leslie & Warren Simmons
Linda Rauch Susman

The Bat Mitzvah of
Avital “Avi” Hayon
Sylvia & Steven Brody
The Marriage of Kathryn Clary & Alex Bear
Linda & Richard Zoll

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Marie Brochstein

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In Memory of
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Sonia & Peter Benjamin
Stanley Tenenbaum
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To promote the spiritual growth of Helfman Religious School students
In Memory of
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To send Emanu El leadership to URJ Biennials and underwrite leadership programs and speakers
In Memory of
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EDIS LEWIS PARKANS
EMANU ELDERS FUND
To provide programs for Emanu Elders
In Memory of
Allen Leon

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In Honor of

The Speedy Recovery of
Kathy Parven
Sheila & Jerry Kaplan

GENERAL ENDOWMENT
FUND
To provide for the general needs of Emanu El and its facilities
In Memory of
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To provide adult Hebrew education programs
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To enhance Helfman Religious School programs
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Leona & Louis Liedeker
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To provide and enhance congregation programs
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Gloria Pepper Katz
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Dorene & Frank Herzog
Leslie & Mark Kaufman
Sharon & Lewis Krantz
Sondy & Doug Lillebo
Vivian & Stanley Lipman
Carole Marshall
Odean McKenzie & Robert Cochran
Susan & David Morris
Arlene & Marvin Nathan
L. J. & Mac Percival
Joy & Dickie Pulaski
Lillian Puttermann
Martha & Bernard Rabinowitz
Lila Rauch
Dan Roach
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Evelyn Roth
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Carol & Sanford Slobin
Nancy & Don Woo
& Friends at Mission Constructors
Eleanor & Joe Zuber

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To enhance Helfman Religious School programs
In Memory of
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Leona & Louis Liedeker
& Hannah & Sigmund Westheimer
Lauren Epstein Scharf

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To maintain and enhance the Kagan Rudy Chapel at Emanu El Memorial Park
In Memory of
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Sheila & Jerry Kaplan

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To maintain and enhance the Proler Chapel
In Memory of
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To support spiritual and cultural enrichment
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Shirlee & Mark Rosenthal
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To send congregants to the Consultation on Conscience at the Religious Action Center
In Appreciation of
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Sienna Ranch Church

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HIGH HOLY DAY HUNGER FUND APPEAL

Congregation Emanu El is committed to fighting hunger and has a longstanding tradition of collecting donations for our neighbors and social justice partners during the High Holy Day period.

This year, as part of a week of activities surrounding World Homeless Day in early October, our congregation will be directing a portion of Edward Wayne Hunger Fund donations during the High Holy Day period to the SEARCH Homeless Services’ Emergency Foods Fund.

SEARCH is a longtime agency dedicated to moving individuals and families from homelessness into permanent housing. These donations will be used to provide travel-friendly, shelf-stable foods for the SEARCH team members to distribute to clients as they work to move them from the streets.

The below listing includes donations made during our High Holy Day Hunger Fund appeal. This is a second grouping of donations following a prior listing that ran in our November Bulletin.

A Donation
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Myra Brown
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Sandra & M.H. Butch Cersonsky
Lindy & Samuel Dorn
Sharon Ettinger
Sylvia Fab
Noel Foreman
Carol & Barry Goodfriend
Sandra & Robert Greenstone
Phyllis Hengst
Elizabeth & Mauricio Hussmann
Julie Muntz Johnson & Peter Johnson
Aaron Laine
Regina Lederman
Lindy & Robert Levit
Joan Morgenstern
Susan & David Morris
Jeanette Nestvold
Susana Paoloski
Jeanne & Matt P askednak
Nancy Pincus
Eric Pulaski
Beverly & Howard Robinson
Jessica Segal

Daniel Miller
Rollin Simmons & David Segal
Stephanie & Todd Sobin
Eileen & Richard Wester man
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In Memory of
Stanley Tenenbaum
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