

**JANUARY 2021
BULLETIN**

FRIDAY NIGHT

WORSHIP SERVICES

Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus, services have been suspended at the facilities of Temple Emanuel until further notice and it is deemed appropriate to resume.

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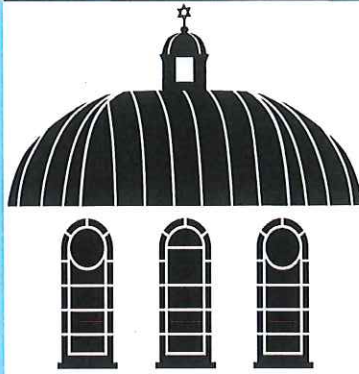
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RSVP Line**

When you need to RSVP for any Temple activity or meeting, Please call 832-6131 and press 3.

Please slowly and clearly state the name of the meeting or activity, names of those attending, and your contact number.



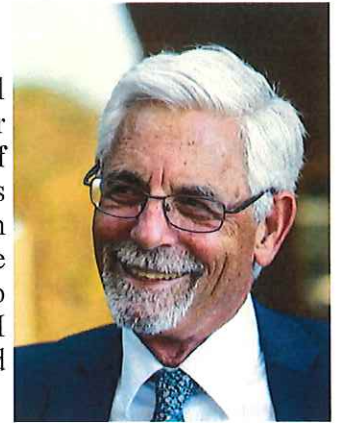
TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

SEEING THE OTHER SIDE

The election is over and on January 20th we will celebrate one of the most cherished events in our democracy: **the peaceful and orderly transition of political power**. Now let the healing begin. Elections can be nasty affairs, and this one was the nastiest in recent memory. But in order for our nation to move forward in positive directions, the healing needs to begin. While people may differ on public policies, I believe there is no room for the name-calling and demonization of people for their political views.



Now that the election is over and we prepare for the inauguration of a new administration, I would like to throw out a challenge to people on both sides of the political divide. If you voted Democratic, can you defend why someone would choose to vote Republican? If you voted Republican, can you defend why someone would choose to vote Democratic? Can you step aside for a moment to see why someone would support the other side? This is a tradition with a long history in Judaism.

Let me share a simple example. According to Jewish law, certain animals such as lizards are ritually *tamei* (impure). The Talmud speaks of the greatness of one of the leading rabbis, Rabbi Meir. He could find a way to argue the other side; that such an animal was really *tahor* (pure), and that other pure animals were really *tamei* (impure) (Eruvin 13b). The Midrash goes even further: In the days of King David, children who had never tasted sin could find forty-nine ways to declare something impure and forty-nine ways to declare that same thing pure (Leviticus Rabbah 26:2). Obviously, there is some exaggeration here, but the Rabbis are making a point. There is great merit in being able to see both sides of an argument and cogently argue for the other side.

Another of the great sages, Rabbi Yohanan, complained bitterly when his brother-in-law Reish Lakish died - sadly, he died after they had a bitter fight. Rabbi Yohanan said that now everybody agrees with him, but when Reish Lakish was alive he would argue with him. The arguments would sharpen his own understanding of the law.

The ability to understand what the other side is thinking is also part of the secular study of philosophy. Philosophy has its roots in Socratic dialog, where one party would make a point and the other party would argue with that point and make a counterpoint. There is a classic fallacy in philosophy called the *ad hominem* attack. Instead of arguing with someone's point of view, one denigrates

their character. To call one's political opponent a radical or a reactionary, an anarchist or a racist, is the worst example of the ad hominem attack. It is the area where political discourse is abandoned, and a brutal nastiness takes over.

I think what bothered me most about this election was the lack of kindness in describing one's political opponent. In the biblical narrative of Abraham's servant Eliezer being tasked to find a proper wife for Abraham's son Isaac, Eliezer does not look for money or beauty or brilliance when he finds Rebecca. He looks for kindness. The young lady who offers him water, and also offers water to his camels, she will be the appropriate wife for Isaac. **Kindness is the central value.** I pray that as our nation moves forward, kindness can reenter our political discourse. It begins when we can see the legitimacy of the other side even as we argue passionately for our own side.

L'Shalom,



Rabbi Matt Michaels

As we continue to deal with COVID-19, please don't hesitate to be in touch with me directly, whether by phone, email or Facetime. We need each other now more than we ever imagined. By reaching out we connect with each other, we strengthen one another, and we help in the healing process. Please stay in touch and stay safe.

SAVE THE DATE



**The Annual Congregational Meeting will be
handled virtually through Zoom on**

Sunday, January 31, 2021

at

7:00 pm

**As the date approaches an e-blast with
the Zoom link will be sent**

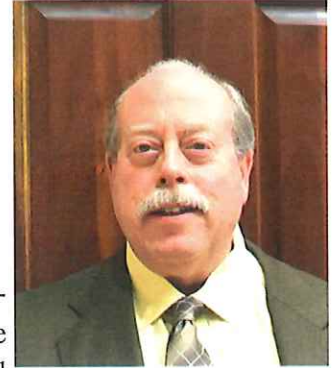
Thank You,

Temple Board of Trustees

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

In Ongoing Pursuit Of: **Teshuvah**-Forgiveness and Acceptance,
Tefillah-Meaningful Worship, **Tzedakah**-Righteous Acts

MY JOURNEY with COVID-19



On a Sunday early in November my wife Susan began to complain of diffuse muscle pain and fever. The next day on Monday she tested positive for Covid-19. The following Tuesday I began to experience shortness of breath, sore throat, and cough. The following Wednesday morning I had fever and tested positive for Covid-19. Over the next 14 days, I experienced the following: low grade fever early in the course of the disease, shaking chills, shortness of breath with exertion and sometimes at rest, headache, loss of appetite (I lost 10 pounds), nausea, cough, sore throat, nasal congestion, and severe fatigue, I was sleeping 16 hours a day. I was using a triple drug respiratory inhaler twice a day, taking ibuprofen 600 mg twice a day, vitamins D, C, and zinc, monitoring for fever at least twice a day and monitoring my blood oxygen saturation several times a day. A sustained decrease in my oxygen saturation to 93% or less would have led to my being directly to the hospital by Dr. Arfeen for Remdesivir and Convalescent Plasma infusion. Fortunately this was not needed. Unfortunately, 1 week after I was well enough to return to work based on strict following of the CDC guidelines, I developed pain in my left leg posteriorly just below my knee joint. The following Monday a scan of the veins of my left leg, by my office ultrasound technician, confirmed my suspicion that I had developed deep venous thrombosis of my left popliteal vein. I am now taking potent blood thinners and will do so for the next 6-12 months depending on my clinical course. Blood clots due to Covid-19 can involve arteries and veins throughout the body and are one of the dreaded complications of the disease. These clots can lead to death, stroke, pulmonary emboli, gangrene with extremity amputation, and loss of function of major organs. I was fortunate in having the knowledge and resources to quickly diagnose and treat myself. Physically speaking, both Susan and myself are currently back to our pre-infection baselines. I will rescan my leg veins in 3 months to evaluate for clot resolution.

Mine and Susan's illness occurred before two major breakthroughs in the treatment of this disease became available.

1. The FDA emergency use authorization of Regen-Cov2 antibody cocktail infusion (given to President Trump pre-approval under a compassionate protocol), for those high risk patients with Covid-19, as soon as possible after a confirmed diagnosis with mild to moderate symptoms. High risk is defined as any one of the following: body mass index ≥ 35 , chronic kidney disease, diabetes, immunosuppressive disease, age ≥ 65 , or age ≥ 55 plus either cardiovascular disease, or hypertension, or chronic obstructive pulmonary disease/other chronic respiratory disease.

This treatment was shown to significantly reduce the incidence of progression to severe disease requiring hospitalization.

2. The FDA emergency use authorization of the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines for Covid-19.

Despite these breakthroughs, now is not the time for us to let our guard down. We need to remain vigilant and continue with masking, social distancing, frequent hand washing/hand sanitizer and not touching our faces. **For these reasons our services will remain virtual for now and our Annual Congregational Meeting will also be virtual.**

Susan and I both plan on taking the vaccine as soon as it is available for each of us. I would strongly encourage everyone reading this article to do likewise. **The experts estimate that ~70% of the US population will need to be vaccinated to reach herd immunity.**

I am optimistically looking forward to a return to in-person services sometime in 2021 when our Covid-19 Task Force and Temple Board feel it is safe to do so. To facilitate this decision, I would like to request that all congregants, and Temple Emanuel Employees please notify the Temple Office after you have completed your vaccination course for Covid-19 so we can utilize this data in our decision making process.

Together we can accelerate a return to normalcy if we all do our part. I truly miss seeing each and every one of you in person and look forward to the day, that as a closely knit congregation, we can again express this to each other in close proximity.

Kol tuv,



Wayne Margolis, M.D.—Temple President

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

I am requesting that all congregants and employees of Temple Emanuel to please notify the Temple Office when you have completed your course of the COVID-19 Vaccine.

This will facilitate in our decision as to when we can safely re-open our Temple.

Wayne Margolis, M.D.—Temple President

**ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE TEMPLE EMANUEL
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

I WISH TO THANK AND RECOGNIZE THE FOLLOWING
CONGREGANTS FOR THEIR YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE
TEMPLE EMANUEL BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

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**FAMILY
SERVICES**
of Southeast Texas

TEMPLE EMANUEL

Is being called on once again for our *Tzedakah* service

The Women and Children Shelter is asking for funds to purchase packages of underwear for the women and children who are displaced to their facility. The need is great and our service is always much appreciated.

Contributions can be made by:

CALLING the Temple Office (409-832-6131) if you would like to charge your donation or MAILING a check to Temple Emanuel—Social Justice Fund (1120 Broadway, Beaumont, TX 77701) OR a check made out to Family Services of Southeast Texas.

THANK YOU

Arlette Collins-Hoffer

SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE - JANUARY 2021

Well, I for one am happy to welcome January 2021 and say good-bye to 2020. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season, whether you were able to expand your bubble and safely travel or you just stayed in Beaumont and enjoyed your immediate family. I am excited to see the pandemic hopefully “turning the corner” with the availability of two vaccines being brought into Beaumont for frontline workers, extended care patients and then hopefully the rest of the population. I for one will go get the vaccine as soon as it is made available to me. My hope is that each of you weigh the pros and cons and make an informed decision about what is best for you.

Sisterhood has continued to meet virtually over Zoom and we even had a Zoom program on December 6, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. Latkes and Lights was a demonstration on how to make delicious latkes whether you are a sweet potato or Idaho potato aficionado! Homemade apple sauce was also demonstrated. Recipes for the latkes and homemade apple sauce were mailed to all Temple Emanuel members with a note that hopefully next year we can all be together to celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah. As sisterhood president I received many positive comments and appreciation for keeping Temple Emanuel Sisterhood connected during the pandemic.

During our December Board meeting we discussed the possibility of having our 32nd Annual Deli Day in March 2021. A lively discussion ensued, and it was determined that since Temple Emanuel remains closed the probability of having our usual Dine-In Service on Thursday and deliveries on Wednesday was not feasible. However, there may be a way to offer some type of Deli Day to the Beaumont community. Further discussion of Deli Day 2021 will be held at the January 6, 2021 Board meeting. **All sisterhood members are invited to attend.** If you are interested in being involved in the Deli Day discussion, please either email me or call me: cabarenberg@yahoo.com or 409-351-4482.

As we all start a New Year my hopes are that this pandemic has run its course and that perhaps by the end of summer, the beginning of fall we will all be able to gather as a sacred community again. I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy 2021. Be well, stay safe, wash your hands often, socially (physically) distance when appropriate and please wear a mask when out in public.

L'Shalom

Cheryl

WEDNESDAY – January 13, 2021

11:30 am – Sisterhood Schmooze

12:00 noon – Sisterhood Birthday

Luncheon/Meeting

via

ZOOM

(a Zoom link will be emailed to Sisterhood Members)



FEBRUARY 2021 YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 2/6 to be Read 2/5

Edna Bennett
 Morris Lefkowitz
 Rabbi Newton J. Friedman
 Isadore G. Harris
 Dorothy Saldoff Kelman
 Alice Arkeen
 Isadore H. Brookner
 William M. Gusfield
 David Kramer
 Janice Bernstein
 M. Bittensky
 Dorothy K. Gordon
 Irving Silverberg
 Isadore Fallis
 A. E. Finegold
 Mildred Friedman
 Wayne K. Horwitz
 Dora Kassoff
 Rose Finegold
 Sam Goldenberg
 Sylvia F. Goldstein
 Phyllis Lapine

Week Ending 2/27 to be Read 2/26

Robert Diamond
 Recha Goldblum
 Hannah Goldstein
 Miriam Herman
 Gertrude Waldman Krasnow
 Herman Lederer
 Michel Lederer
 Julie Parker
 Gerson Scheps
 Doris Waldman Spector
 Phil Stein
 Rose Flatow
 Faye Blum
 Manuel Breen
 William Gedaly
 Arnold Goldstein
 Dr. Philip B. Greenberg
 Byrdie Goodman Miller
 Jacquie Allen
 Frank Dover
 Abe S. Goldstein
 Joe Markewich

Week Ending 2/13 to be Read 2/12

Alexander Z. Franklin
 Morris Lipoff
 Harry Moskowitz
 Sarah Night
 Dr. Harold Roosth
 Henry D. Weinbaum
 Arie Tadmor
 Johanna Szafir
 Mrs. A. Walker
 Milton G. Getz
 Elsa Loeb Goldberg
 Bess Lichenstein
 Dr. Joseph M. Loewenstein
 Marie Miller Mayer
 Margaret Swerdlow
 Lois Wolf
 Louis Julian Alexander
 Kevin Michael Curry
 Ida Goldstein
 Morris Goodman
 Hattye Kline Gordon
 Bertha Gray
 Julie Rogers
 Joan Sampson
 Alice Selber
 Philip Horwitz
 Seymour G. Rosenthal

Edith Tettenbaum
 Marion Doss
 Cora Lee Goldstein
 Isaac Levin
 B. Levy
 Celyne Levy
 Jerry Moss
 Frances Goldfine Austin
 Isidore Roos
 Jacob A. Szafir
 Solomon Engel Gordon
 David Greenberger
 Zipporah Hoffer
 Yetta M. Protas

Week Ending 2/20 to be Read 2/19

Morris Adler
 Sara Rogers Davis
 Sue Mayer
 Nora Mielz
 Cherna Bittensky
 Betty Reuben
 Natalie Loeb Alexander
 Jerry Battelstein
 Libby Rose Lubel
 Ernest Mayer
 Harvey Night
 Rose Schoenfeld
 Mary Fleckman Altman
 Harry Dugan
 Sara Litvin Franklin
 Freeda Friedman
 Minnie Rogers
 Ida Hymes Gross
 Dr. Harold Roosth
 Mack B. Waldman
 Stanislas "Stan" Duplechin
 Nathan Gingold
 Sigmund Greenberg
 Sandy Liebling
 Mervin F. Sandman
 Betty Klein
 Estelle Levy
 Lena Mayer
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Sam Roosth
Ben Schwarz
Sarah Diamond
Elizabeth Kolba
Gaston Mayer
June Rogers
Harold Klein
Leo E. Ney, Jr.
Leo E. Ney, Sr.
Annie Brookner
Nancy DiModica
William S. Hurwitz
Walter Mielz
Jenny Roos
Sonia B. Sobel
Toby Elkins
Jeanette Zuber Folloder
Eli Lerman
Nathan Swerdlow
Jeanette M. Weil
John Schellhorn

Week Ending 1/16 to be Read 1/15

Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Poole Berry
George Braun
Nathan Roggen
Sam Saltzman
Helen Louise McWilliams Clark
Harry Jacobs
Helene Joy Klein Toomim
J. Brookner
Alice Dunner
Rose F. Goldstein Greenberg
Sadie Greenberg
Mary Ann Podrasky Hay
Morris Leaman
Helen Liebling
Joseph R. Rogers
Abe Bemel
Marcus Levinson
Meyer Tanenblatt
Sam Wyde
Morris Goldstein
Carye Levy Mayer
Nolan Montondon
Alvene Moss
Fannie Lipson
Benny Vener
David Falkowitz
Nathan Falkowitz
Lillian Klein

Week Ending 1/23 to be Read 1/22

Hilton Deutser, III
Hilton Deutser, Sr.
Cyril G. Gradwohl
Charles Samuel Hoffer
Maurine Kariel Plettman
Max William Vinock
Max Feldman
Elise Grossman
Jack Hodes
Jacob David Kassel
Sol J. Rogers
Sarah Faro
Pearl Vener Ginsburg
Jacob Krasnow
Abraham Levy
Max Melasky
Elisa Mitrani
Meyer Blankfield
Lily Greenberg
Bertha Cohen Rudnick
Bessie Vener
Ben M. Goldstein
Edwin D. Mayer
Daniel Berk
Saul Forbert
Florence Eisen Rosenthal
Florence Sadoff Kamras
Max K. Mayer, Jr.
Nathan Waldman

Week Ending 1/30 to be Read 1/29

Harry Benson
William Brookner
Jacob S. Friedman
Lillian Perl Margulies
Joseph Solinsky
Maxine Blankfield
Anna Fishbine
Jeanette Sophia Klein
Carrie Meyer
Arthur Moskowitz
Jerome M. Ney, Sr.
Elise Shields
Bernard Wyde
Clara Miller Chinski
Weston J. Harrington
Chaney Lee Holland
Phyllis Kossover
Lalla Lazarus Feigelson
Chaim Fishbine
Dorris Starr Greenberg
Sadie Jacobs
Julius Myers Levy

Harry Starr
Lois Szafir
Jerome I. Unick
Max H. Unick
Frank Greenberg
Sidney Kaplan
Morris Leaman
Fay Levine
Ervie Levine Philipson
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For a speedy recovery of **Fern Roos**
By: Lois Rutman

For a speedy recovery of
Marleen Swerdlow
By: Margaret Whipkey

In honor of the birthday of
Arline Meyers
By: Pat Klein

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By: Richard Drapeau, Ph.D.
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Angela Pickering
Dwight Peirce
Rabbi Mathew Michaels
By: Charlie Weinbaum

In memory of
Deanna Spencer
By: Judy Granger

In memory of
Zipporah Hoffer
By: Barry, Linda, Hollan
and Harlo Hoffer

In memory of
Jodie Hoffer
By: Susan & Wayne Margolis
By: Pat Klein
By: Judy Granger
By: Charlie Weinbaum
By: Harold Eisen

In memory of
Penny Richard
(Judy Granger's sister)
By: Susan & Wayne Margolis
By: Margaret Whipkey

In memory of
Herb Goldstein
By: Judy Granger
By: Charlie Weinbaum
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In memory of
Alvin Pickering
(Angela Pickering's father)
By: Judy Granger

In memory of
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By: Lois & Artie Feld

In memory of
Annette Dover
By: Judy Granger
By: Norma Frachtman
By: Pat Klein
By: Charlie Weinbaum
By: Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

In memory of
Joan Allen (Wilton Allen's mother)
By: Judy Granger
By: Pat Klein
By: Miriam & Jim Thompson
By: Susan & Wayne Margolis

High Holiday Music
For a speedy recovery of
Fern Roos
By: Sarah Hawes

In memory of
Joan Allen
(Wilton Allen's mother)
By: Sarah Hawes

Becky & Edwin Gale Love Thy Neighbor Community Fund

In honor of
Rabbi Mathew Michaels
By: Margaret Whipkey

In loving memory
Dr. Robert Swerdlow
By: Natalie, Brett, Brian
& Benjamin Barth

Floral Fund
In loving memory of my father,
Sidney Golob
By: Pat Klein & family

In loving memory of
Joseph G. Perl
By: Mary Lynn & Arnold Perl

In loving memory of my mom,
Gertrude Petrova
By: Beverly Hickman-Hay

In loving memory of
Ben Rogers (my wonderful father)
Bernard Rogers (my dear brother)
Nate Rogers (my special uncle)
June G. Hall (my beautiful aunt)
By: Regina Rogers

Social Justice-Orchard
In memory of **Jodie Hoffer**
By: Marilyn & Richard Hayes
By: Miriam & Jim Thompson

Social Justice-Some Other Place

In memory of our 1st female Presi-
dent of Temple Emanuel
Annette Dover
By: Temple Emanuel BOT

Social Justice
In honor of their anniversary
Rita & Barry Davis
By: Margaret Whipkey

In loving memory of
Annette Miller Dover
By: Regina Rogers

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In loving memory of
Herb Goldstein
By: Mollie Pollack
By: Rene' & Michael Spector
By: Candy Holder
By: Regina Rogers
By: Miriam & Jim Thompson
By: Sandra K. Howley
By: Jamelan Hemphill
By: Penelope Sanders
By: Lori Kaplan
By: Terry Gildea
By: Judie & Mike Kumpel

Cemetery Fund
In memory of
Jodie Hoffer
By: Rene' & Mike Spector

In memory of
Joan Allen (Wilton Allen's mother)
By: Margaret Whipkey
By: Rene' & Michael Spector

In loving memory of
Anna Sampson (grandmother)
Gerald Sampson (brother)
Mose Sampson (father)
By: Norma & Alan Sampson

In honor of
Rene' & Michael Spector
By: Their neighbor, Laura Assunto

Rabbi Discretionary Fund
In memory of
Annette Dover
By: Arlene & Alan Gerger

In memory of
Herb Goldstein
By: Cheryl & Andrew Barenberg
By: Barbara Ayer Forbert

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE (JANUARY 2021)

Expressions of Appreciation for 'Love Thy Neighbor' Tzedakah Shared in 2020

Temple Sinai (Lake Charles, LA) for **Disaster Relief** following Hurricane Laura in the amount of **\$13,585**:

From Karen Kleinman, Temple Sinai Board Member and Past President: *Incredible! Cynthia, thank you and your congregation! Very generous and appreciated...I am blown away by the outpouring and kindness...What a beautiful article and an incredible group of people. Thank you for your love and generosity...Y'all are such a blessing, and we certainly could never adequately express our appreciation to all the donors...All of you are just some of the dearest and sweetest people in my life, and I am extremely grateful...Y'all really are beyond words. We don't want to ever have to repay you as we pray you are never in need; but as a Board, we are committed to being there for y'all should you ever need us like you have been there and are there presently for us.*

From Michael Goldman, Temple Sinai Treasurer and Past President: *Cynthia, I am overwhelmed with gratitude...Thank you again for all your help...Thank you from the bottom of our hearts...No words can express our gratitude and friendship...I hope and pray that this will never happen to any of us again; but rest assured that as y'all were and are here for us, we will always be there for you and your wonderful community...Cynthia, there are no words to express our gratitude for the generosity of the Beaumont Jewish Community. With love and profound admiration for all the people who helped to make us whole.*

From Temple Sinai Board of Trustees: *On behalf of the entire congregation of Temple Sinai, thank you for your generous donation...We have been working very hard to both repair our temple building and to address the needs of all of our congregants. At this time of need, it is truly heartwarming to see the response from our friends and family from all over. We have sustained a terrible blow to both our temple and our city; but with the help and caring of people like you, we will come back even better and stronger...Once again, thank you from the bottom of our hearts. (signed by Joel Davidson, President; Michael Goldman, Treasurer; Barry Weinstein, Rabbi)*

Beaumont Pet's Alive for **\$1,050**:

From Dr. Kelley Kayes: *Your members are animal lovers, and Beaumont Pets Alive is so grateful for your support...Beaumont Pets Alive is solely funded through donations and run by volunteers. Your generous donation of \$1,050 from Temple Emanuel is greatly appreciated! Together we are saving lives! Thanks for being a BPA Paw hero!*

NOTE: In 2020, Beaumont Pet's Alive has saved over 400 dogs and cats!

Southeast Texas Food Bank for **\$1,842** from our **High Holiday 'Funds for Food' Drive** which provided **5,526 meals** to our Southeast Texas Neighbors:

From Dan J. Maher, President/CEO (see next page)



A Member of **FEEDING™
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November 23, 2020

Cynthia Wolf
Social Justice Chair
Temple Emanuel
1120 Broadway
Beaumont, TX 77701

Dear Cynthia,

I am so grateful for the continued association of the Southeast Texas Food Bank with Temple Emanuel through the shared blessings of your High Holy Days in the form of an annual food and fund drive. In a challenging year for all of us, your congregation is to be commended for standing up as a beacon of hope within our community through its generous donation of \$1,842.00 in donations to help the Southeast Texas Food Bank advance its mission of fighting food insecurity in Southeast Texas.

As you noted in the letter sent to me at the time of making that wonderful donation, your congregation has helped provide more than 5,500 meals to Southeast Texans in need. Certainly, the number of those in need has risen during 2020, so I am deeply grateful that Temple Emanuel has aligned itself so strongly with us in our efforts to provide for that growing need in our community.

I hope you and your faith community will be richly blessed for your role in helping us receive and deliver this vital support to Southeast Texans in need.

Sincerely,


Daniel J. Maher
President/CEO

*Thanks for always being so personally
committed to what we do to fight
hunger in Southeast Texas!*

From Matzo to Gumbo: Museum explores Southern Jewish life

Written by STACEY PLAISANCE, Associated Press—Published in The Beaumont Enterprise

NEW ORLEANS (AP) - A new museum under construction in New Orleans will explore the journey of immigrant Jews and subsequent generations to the American South who brought with them a religious way of life they struggled to maintain while seeking acceptance in the home of the Bible Belt.

With multimedia interactive exhibits and a collection of more than 7,000 artifacts, the Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience will illustrate the ways Southern and Jewish cultures influenced each other's families, businesses, religions, politics and food habits as Jewish staples like potato latkes and matzo ball soup were met with Southern grits and gumbo.

There will also be exhibits on harder-hitting issues, such as race relations, Jewish slave ownership and anti-Semitism.

In the 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, most Jewish immigrants lived in the Northeast, but thousands settled across the South, said Kenneth Hoffman, the museum's executive director. "This can tell us about the history of the South in a way that we haven't looked at it before," Hoffman said. "It can tell us about diversity and the importance of diversity for strengthening not only our Southern communities but America in general."

A museum highlight is a colorful patchwork quilt that a group of Jewish women in Canton, Mississippi, made in 1885 to raise funds to build a synagogue there. The gallery with the quilt will have an interactive station where visitors can sit down at a table and use a touchscreen to create, electronically, their own quilt square and add it to a quilt of other digital squares made by fellow visitors. "It speaks to the coming together of many different pieces, many different colors, many different fabrics to create something brand new and beautiful," Hoffman said.

Once open, museum visitors will be able to watch a video introduction in a theater gallery and view elaborate Jewish spice boxes, prayer books and tzedakah boxes often found in Jewish homes that are used for collecting coins for charity.

Organizers say the museum is designed to be a source of pride for the Jewish community, but it's also intended to be a welcoming and informative space for the general public.

"This is a lesson on the American experience, what happens when strangers come to a strange land, where we work together to build communities ... accept people that are different than ourselves," said Jay Tanenbaum, the museum's chairman, whose great-grandfather emigrated from Poland to the tiny town of Dumas, Arkansas, eventually running a cotton gin there and establishing roots for four generations.

Tanenbaum says his family history is one repeated "thousands of times over" across the South, as Jewish families like his worked hard to adapt and built strong, loving bonds within their communities. He said he's hoping that sharing these stories will help curb violence against Jews. In the years leading up to the COVID-19 pandemic, acts of violence against American Jews was on the rise, with 2019 seeing the most violence in four decades, according to the Anti-Defamation League. That year included deadly attacks on a California synagogue, a Jewish grocery store in New Jersey and a rabbi's New York home.

"If we put together a museum and have lots of visitors who are not Jewish who come to understand the similarities and the way we all work together and the loving relationships, we think that is maybe the best thing we can do to promote the safety and security of Jewish communities and Jewish individuals," Tanenbaum said.

The museum's artifact collection comes from the original Museum of the Southern Jewish Experience, which first opened in 1986 at a Jewish summer camp in rural Utica, Mississippi. It was founded as a repository for artifacts from small Southern communities as Jewish populations began leaving for bigger cities. That museum was shuttered in 2012, when organizers began looking for a location with better public access and to expand the mission from small-town artifacts to telling the full Southern Jewish experience across 13 states and spanning some 300 years, from Colonial times through the civil rights movement.

New Orleans was selected for the reboot for its vibrant tourism base, long Jewish history and historical connection to the broader South. The museum is being constructed in a more than century-old building along one of the city's main streetcar lines near the National WWII Museum, the Ogden Museum of Southern Art and the Contemporary Arts Center. Originally scheduled to open in fall 2020, construction was delayed due to the COVID-19 pandemic, which shut down much of New Orleans when the city emerged as an early hotspot for the deadly virus. Tourism remains crippled, but the museum is on track to open within the first quarter of 2021, Hoffman said. An exact date has not been set.

BIRTHDAY LIST - JANUARY

2 ~ Janet Shackelford 30 ~ Joshua Horwitz
 24 ~ Fern Roos 30 ~ Marleen Swerdlow
 29 ~ Sarah Barenberg 31 ~ Jay Mandel

Anniversary List - JANUARY

10 ~ Miriam & Jim Thompson
 20 ~ Cara & Dan Eisen
 27 ~ Norma & Alan Sampson

**January Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters
 (SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)**

January 1 - Robin & John Goebel
 Sarah Hawes
 January 8 - Sherry & Paul Horwitz
 Tracie Horwitz
 January 15 - Judy Granger
 Janet & Richard Shackelford
 January 22 - Beverly & Paul Hay
 Gloria Seligman
 January 29 - Judy Night
 Gail Williams

**CONDUCTING ZOOM
 SERVICES & TORAH STUDY**

January 1-2, 2021 Rabbi Kogan
 January 8-9, 2021 Rabbi Michaels
 January 15-16, 2021 Rabbi Kogan
 January 22-23, 2021 Rabbi Michaels
 January 29-30, 2021 Rabbi Kogan

Mazel Tov

On the birth of

Scottie Fern Seline

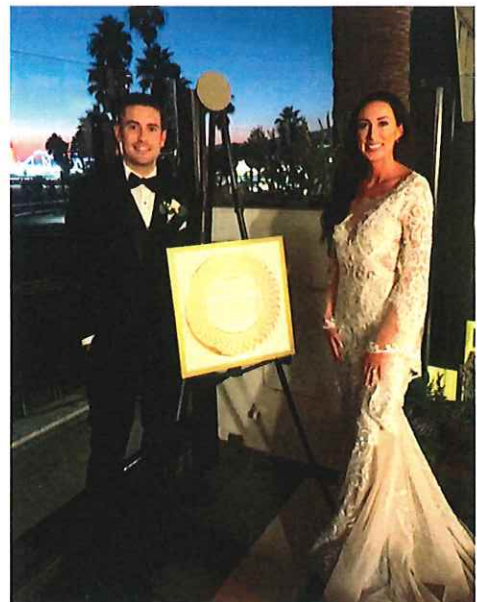
December 14, 2020

6 lbs. 9 ozs.

Parents: Brian & Jonna Seline

Grandparents: Dorothy & Gary Seline

Great-Grandparents: Fern Roos
 Anita & Mortin Seline



Marianne & Benjamin Sampson

On your marriage

SON of Norma & Alan Sampson