

**FEBRUARY 2020
BULLETIN**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

Feb 7 Shabbat Worship Service
(Rabbi Michaels)
Feb 14 Shabbat Worship Service
(Rabbi Berger)
Feb 21 Shabbat Worship Service
(Rabbi Michaels)
Feb 28 Shabbat Worship Service
(Rabbi Berger)

Rabbi

Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

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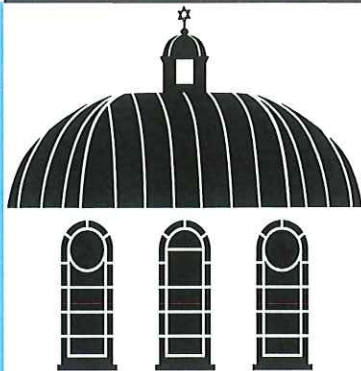
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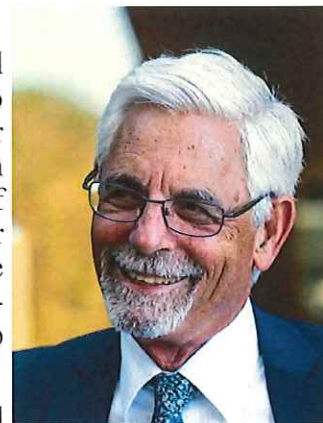
TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

Below is a reprint of Rabbi Michaels' Annual report:

As we enter a new year, begin a new decade, and install new leadership, we have the opportunity to reflect, plan and dream. Congregations need time for self-reflection. No congregation should coast, go on auto-pilot, or think of its mission as the doing of business-as-usual. This is the time to celebrate our accomplishments; take a hard look at the challenges we face; examine realistic possibilities; but most importantly, it is creating/revising our congregational roadmap that directs our "sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives."



We began that process with our Town Hall Meeting earlier this month. About half of our congregational membership attended and shared their concerns, ideas of myriad areas. I am grateful to all who attended and shared their thoughts. I urge all of us to continue to do so through email or direct conversations with me and/or Wayne.

The demographic chart I shared was sobering. When we see that 81.2% of our membership is over the age of 60, we have to wonder: What will Temple Emanuel look like in 10 or 20 years? We began a visioning process that must include creating a type of congregational "will" that will outline our legacy desires. It is our sacred obligation to grapple with the ultimate (and uncomfortable) questions like: What will happen to all our assets (building, contents, Judaica, cash & endowments) when our congregation cannot be sustained through membership? How can we insure that our cemeteries will be appropriately cared for in the future? How might we create ways to guarantee a Jewish presence or historical record here in Beaumont and southeast Texas. That is not to say that Temple Emanuel is on the "critical care" list, but it would be irresponsible of us to ignore the demographic trends.

Becky (z"l) & Edwin (z"l) Gale and the Gale Foundation have been extremely generous to our congregation and our community. As beneficiaries of their generosity, are we utilizing those funds in ways that reflect their ideals and our core values? Let me share with you some of many ideas that were shared at the Town Hall meeting:

- Creating an additional cemetery endowment for perpetual care
- Making our facilities more ADA accessible
- Creating a community fund that functions in the name of Temple Emanuel
- Developing more cultural/educational opportunities

-More outreach in the community; revamping the Love Thy Neighbor Program (including a reallocation of funds raised to go back into the Beaumont community)

-Dues restructuring as more of our population ages and is on fixed income

-Outreach to Lake Charles Jewish community

-Shared use of facilities in order to maximize use and lower costs/revenue stream or possible relocation to west side of town

Let me reiterate that this is a PROCESS. It doesn't happen overnight or all at once. As our tradition teaches:

Lo alecha ham'lachah ligmor – It is not up to us to finish/complete the task;

V'lo atah ben chorin l'hibateil mimenah – But neither are we free to desist from it.

I look forward to working with everyone in this visioning process as we take the next steps forward in Temple Emanuel's Sacred Jewish Journey to Enrich Lives.

L'Shalom,

Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

FROM OUR PAST PRESIDENT

Below is an excerpt from my Annual report:



It has been my honor and privilege to serve as your President for the past two years. As a congregation we have experienced many high points as well as a few lows. These two years truly have been course changing for our Congregation. The person who probably had the biggest impact on my journey the past two years is **Lois Rutman**. I could always count on Lois to listen and offer guidance when needed or to just listen when I needed to vent. More importantly, Lois provided the rudder I needed to navigate the swiftly moving waters of Judaism in Southeast Texas. Lois knows the history of Temple Emanuel and was always willing to point me down the correct road when I had questions or concerns. **Fern Roos** is another person I could always count on to help me in any way I needed.

Next I would like to thank the officers of the 2018-2019 Board of Trustees. **Cynthia Wolf**, Treasurer, has worked tirelessly to provide accurate summaries of financial activities at Temple, as well as heading our Social Justice/Social Action efforts. **Beverly Hickman-Hay**, Secretary, has ensured that our Board minutes accurately reflect our monthly activities. As our President Elect, **Dr. Wayne Margolis**, your sage advise along the way made my job of being President that much easier. I would also like to thank the rest of the Board of Trustees for their continued support and making sure that we always had a quorum at our meetings both monthly and specially called.

I would be remiss if I did not thank **Rabbi Michaels** for the many hours of consultation provided to me every other Friday. Rabbi, your calm demeanor and sense of humor fit well with mine and I truly appreciate your guidance along this journey. To **Jane Kaulfus** and **Wilton Allen** you both know how special you are to me and how you made my presidency so much easier.

LAST but not least I would like to thank my husband, **Andy Barenberg**, for putting up with me during the last 2 years (24/7) and the 2:00 a.m. security alarm calls as well as giving up two seasons of Gator football. Thank you is just not enough.

Kol tuv - **Cheryl**

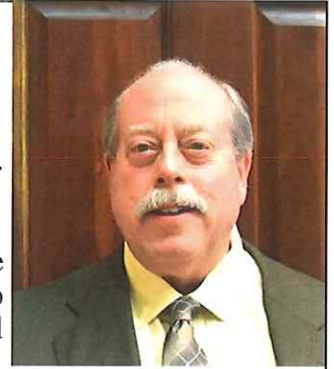
FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Excerpts from my remarks at the Annual Congregational Dinner 2020

Teshuvah, Tefillah, Tzedakah

I have been asked what I see as the theme of my next 2 years as Temple President. What do I see going forward? The following are a few of my thoughts:

We are the face and the voice of Judaism in SE Texas. Along with this role comes tremendous responsibility. So what can all of us at Temple Emanuel do to fulfill this responsibility? Our Rosh Hashanah prayers literally tell us what we need to do.



On Rosh Hashanah it is written, on Yom Kippur it is sealed ...but Teshuvah, Tefillah, Tzedakah temper judgment's severe decree.

The Hebrew word Teshuvah is often translated as repentance, however, this translation is not actually correct, the correct literal translation is "to return," which signifies a return to the original state. So what is this original state? It is a state where there is no hate, no fear, no xenophobia, no grudges, and no revenge. There is only love, kindness, respect, patience, forgiveness, acceptance and inclusivity. This is the lesson that our Torah tries to teach us again and again. Let's start with love. We often talk about our, "Love Thy Neighbor," initiative, however, action always speaks louder than words. I can honestly say that I truly love everyone in this room tonight and everyone else in our congregation. You are all absolutely part of my extended family. So first and foremost we need to strive to express and show our love to each other. Because when you approach one another with love, then kindness, respect, and acceptance follow. Equally important is that when you love one another you are more capable of forgiveness and acceptance. Being able to forgive each other for our transgressions, either overt or covert, real or imagined, is the essence of what our Torah teaches us. You cannot change the past, but you **can** control and shape the present and the future, and is it not the present and the future that are truly important as opposed to the past? A negative or unpleasant interaction with someone may be a life lesson, but should not be a life sentence. Let me repeat that, a negative or unpleasant interaction with someone may be a life lesson, but should not be a life sentence. I challenge everyone reading these words to make a concerted effort to forgive all those who you think may have wronged you, and to do so whether you think they deserve it or not. The time has come to just let it go, and if not now, when?

One way to avoid unnecessary conflict altogether is to always ask ourselves 3 questions before we speak: Number 1. Is it truthful? Number 2. Is it necessary? Number 3. Is it kind? Let me repeat these questions: is it truthful, is it necessary, and is it kind? If the answer to any of these questions is no, then maybe it should be just left unspoken.

Acceptance is also a large part of Teshuvah. When we love and forgive others and they love and forgive us, then it is much easier to accept them for who and what they are despite any perceived shortcomings. We cannot ask God to accept and forgive us for who and what we are, and to overlook our own shortcomings, unless we are willing to do so with those around us. One of our core values states, "We are committed to being an inclusive community open to everyone who wishes to join us for worship and study." Love, forgiveness and acceptance are how we put this core value into practice so it does not become just words on a page. Let us focus on what unites us, rather than on what divides us.

Teshuvah, Tefillah, Tzedakah temper judgment's severe decree.

The Hebrew word Tefillah is often translated as "to pray," however, the Hebrew root actually means "to think, entreat, judge, intercede," and the reflexive means "to judge oneself." One of our core values state, "We are committed to meaningful, relevant and engaging worship." Authentic Jewish prayer requires one to take a long, hard and honest look at oneself in the shadow of God's Presence, where nothing can be hidden or

denied. We have to ask ourselves the following. Have I been living up to my potential? Have I properly used the gifts God has given me? Are there things that should be more important to me or less important to me? Through sincere self-examination we will hopefully be able to discern between that which we want and that which we need, and truly have our priorities in order as we stand before God.

When we make requests to God we often ask for health, wisdom, peace, wealth, et cetera. Our job is to soul-search, and to know the right reasons for wanting these blessings. We ask for health, not just because we don't like pain or doctors, but because if we are in good health, we are better able to serve God and to serve others. We ask for wisdom, not because we want to impress people with our high IQs, but because the greater our wisdom, the deeper our understanding of the knowledge of God, then the greater our ability is to accomplish Tikkum Olam, repairing the world. We ask for wealth not for material possessions, but because to those who much is given, much is expected. Having wealth allows us to accomplish many righteous acts. I can think of no better examples of this concept than our own Edwin (z"l) and Becky (z"l) Gale and the Gale Foundation, who have done so much to this point and whose legacy will continue to do so much going forward to accomplish Tikkum Olam, by repairing the world for years to come. This now brings us to the subject of Tzedakah.

Teshuvah, Tefillah, Tzedakah temper judgment's severe decree.

The Hebrew word Tzedakah is often translated to mean charity. However, in the Torah, Tzedakah means "righteous behavior" and is often paired with "justice." In Jewish thought and tradition, material support for those in need is not a matter of "charity"—a term that implies generosity beyond what may be expected—but an absolute requirement. As in most areas of life, here too Jewish tradition makes practical demands and specifies expectations. The rabbis of classical Judaism praised Tzedakah, calling it, "equal in value to **all** the other *mitzvot* (commandments), combined." Let me repeat that, Tzedakah is felt to be, "equal in value to **all** the other *mitzvot* combined." They also praised those who practice Tzedakah, saying that they are able to attain a level of extreme holiness.

When we give donations to our Temple, whether in the form of dues or other contributions, we should do so regardless of whether our Temple needs the money or not. We should do this because it is Tzedakah, a righteous act and a sacred offering. When we donate to our Social Justice Committee projects, to our, "Love Thy Neighbor" initiative, to The Julie Rogers "Gift of Life," to Mazor, to the SE Texas Food Bank, to Catholic Charities, to Some Other Place, among others, we should do so because it is Tzedakah, a righteous act. Again, we need to emulate the examples of Tzedakah set forth for us by our own Edwin (z"l) and Becky (z"l) Gale.

Tzedakah, can also be accomplished by giving of our time and labor as well, such as working on the maintenance of our sanctuary, buildings, and cemeteries, or volunteering at Some Other Place. There are many ways to accomplish Tzedakah. Any and all truly righteous acts are forms of Tzedakah. Tzedakah is a pathway to accomplish Tikkum Olam, Tzedakah is a pathway to, "Love Thy Neighbor." Tzedakah is, "equal in value to **all** the other *mitzvot* combined."

I would therefore like to summarize the theme of my Presidency as follows: **Teshuvah - Forgiveness and Acceptance, Tefillah - Meaningful Worship, Tzedakah - Righteous Acts.**

Some specific things that I would like to try initiate and/or accomplish during my tenure include:

- Doing everything in my power to ensure we continue to have Rabbinic Leadership for our services, including Shabbat Services, Torah Study, High Holy Day Services, Second Night Seder, Purim and Sukkot, as well as our other Jewish Holidays and Life Cycle Events.
- With the approval of the Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees: Establish the, "Edwin (z"l) and Becky (z"l) Gale - Temple Emanuel, Love Thy Neighbor Fund," for the purpose of Tzedakah, to give back to our Community.

- With the approval of the Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees: Establish the, “Hebrew Rest and Kol Israel Cemeteries Endowment Trust,” for the purpose of long term perpetual care of our cemeteries.
- Do necessary and preventive maintenance, upgrades, and repairs of our aging facility and cemeteries.
- Work on updating the existing “Temple Emanuel Endowment Trust” and “Temple Emanuel By-laws” to reflect the realities of 2020 and our current demographics.
- Begin the drafting of a “Living Will” for our congregation as part of long term planning.

We may be small, but I believe that by working diligently together, we can harness tremendous power and potential to accomplish great things for our congregation and for our community.

L’shalom,



Wayne Margolis, M.D.

Temple President

TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD

Back in the saddle again. It’s been many years since I last served as Brotherhood President and although a lot has changed, my commitment to our group has not. It is my goal to bring some quality programs to our organization as well as provide some social activities for us to enjoy fellowship together.

My preliminary plan is to have programs/business meetings every other month at the Temple and on the alternating months, to have some sort of social event. We can discuss this more at our first meeting.

To that end, we will have our **first meeting on Sunday, February 9, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Temple Administration Building - Gordon Chapel**. A representative of the Beaumont Police Department will provide a program about what it is like to be a police officer in 2020 and the crime situation in Beaumont.

I look forward to seeing you there!!

Michael D. Getz
Brotherhood President



SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE

Excerpt from Sisterhood's Annual Report: 2019 was another busy year for Sisterhood.

- Annual Birthday Luncheon was in January with a very thought provoking speaker, **Kim Pipkin** from the Jefferson County DA. She spoke about Human Trafficking along our stretch of IH-10. **Iris Nathan** served a wonderful meal. Thank you Iris!
- January to March was focused on Deli Day 2019 which was a wonderful success! Over 2000 sandwiches were sold and 264 cheesecakes!! Way to go Sisterhood and a big Thank You to all the great men and women who made it happen!
- Mahj Day of Fun was on May 5th with a Cinco de Mayo theme.
- Closing luncheon was in May 8th with a Spring Style Show sponsored by Chico's with models **Beverly Hay, Cheryl Barenberg, Robin Goebel, Sherry Horwitz, and Ann Goodman** and with Beverly coordinating the show. A wonderful lunch was provided by **Ann, Beverly, Lois and Robin**.
- In the 2nd year of this new model, we were down to 3 Coordinators so we divided up the tasks and moved forward.
- The summer is Sisterhood's time to relax and rejuvenate except for **Cynthia Wolf**, who always starts on the Memorial Book. **Jane Kaulfus and Wilton Allen** are always a tremendous help on this project.
- Thanks to **Marleen Swerdlow** for taking such good care of the O'neg Shabbat Hostess list, as she has done for many years!!
- TES Floral Fund continues to order flowers for Shabbat and High Holidays. Thank you to **Mindy Eisen** and our current Chair, **Beverly Hay**.
- **Beverly Hay** has also taken over the College Connection from Ann Goodman. Gift cards are sent out for Passover, High holidays and Hanukkah. Thanks to Beverly for stepping into these roles.
- **Laura Thomas** has been acting as the interim Recording Secretary to replace Ann Goodman.
- **Sarah Hawes** has taken over as Corresponding Secretary from Mindy Eisen.
- September was a busy month with the Gift of Life Mammogram van on Sept. 17 with a big thanks to everyone that helped **Ania Bender and Lois Rutman** make this a success.
- Opening luncheon on Sept. 18th, was hosted by **Ann Goodman, Sarah Hawes and Laura Thomas** with WRJ SW Regional President, **Jennifer Daley** as our speaker.
- Fall Cheesecake Baking Days ran from September thru October with a total of 260 cheesecakes sold!! Thanks to **Cheryl Barenberg** and all her bakers.
- Sisterhood presented a delicious Break the Fast on October 9th. Also the Sukkot dinner on October 18th.
- Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat & Dinner was on November 1st.
- Mahj Day of Fun, with a Fall theme, was chaired by **Cheryl Barenberg** on November 6th. We had rave reviews on the wonderful food and hospitality.
- WRJ held a Woman's Retreat at Greene Family Camp November 15 to 17 and we had 5 women attend. Reports of a wonderful time!
- Last but not least, Chanukah Dinner on December 27th. Thank you to **Bene' Rutman, Lois Rutman and Esterlyn Dugan**. Tasty brisket and plenty of latkes!! Thanks to all their helpers.

We truly appreciate all the wonderful sisterhood members and all who help sisterhood in so many ways! Thanks for a great 2019.

RITA, SHERRY & LAURA, Sisterhood Coordinators

MARCH YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 3/7 to be Read 3/6

Herman Cohen
 Maxine Dulaney
 Sara Litvin Franklin
 Belle S. Goldfine
 F. Mencie Hirshfeifer
 Mamie S. Krone
 Lee C. Zuber
 Nelson Alter
 Bernice Bluestein
 Mollie Levy Born
 Ethel Doblin
 Eve Franzel
 Bernice Rozner Berger Ham
 Goldie Horwitz
 Viola Kramer
 Dr. Harold Roosth
 Hyman Sharfstein
 Dr. Joseph Cohen
 Bertha Barey
 Blanche Plettman
 Beatrice L. Reddoch
 Joseph Sharfstein
 Doris Rosinger Levy
 Julie Parker
 Doris Waldman Spector
 Marga Steinhart
 Sylvan Sommer
 Regina B. Cohen
 Miriam Cohen Schwartz
 Max Swiren

Week Ending 3/28 to be Read 3/27

Natalie Krasnow Corman
 Dorothy Faye Hosen
 Irving Bud Kassoff
 Anna Leaman
 Gitel Markewich
 Sylvia C. Miller
 Martha Lea Stein
 Duane Joseph Curry
 Irving Davis
 Anna Blum
 Simon Philip Dover
 Herman Globler
 Morris Greenspan
 Sam Night
 Herman A. Philipson

Week Ending 3/14 to be Read 3/13

Abraham Eisen
 Stanley B. Goldstein
 Toni Kern
 Sam Klugman
 Joseph Lederer
 Irving Schwartz
 Harold D. Greenberg
 Howard L. Kane
 Dorothy M. Lefkovits
 Isaac Levin
 Charles Mielz
 Charles Miller
 Isidore Protas
 Ann Batsell
 Gertrude Bender
 Freda Crager
 Ione Sternberg Ney
 Minnie Falkowitz
 Abe Kolba
 Alyce Ney
 Louise Scheps
 Max H. Haber
 Hadassah Jacobs
 Leon R. Levy
 Jennie Toomim
 Jack Mechanic
 Louis Schwartz
 Abe Elkins
 Hal Lawrence Gale
 Florence Lynne Austin Holtzman
 Max Spector
 Bessie Sukman

Harry Bennett
 Samuel Cohen
 Jeff Greenberg
 Aron Gross
 RosaLee Leaman Roosth Mellinger
 Albert Morton Klein
 Ruth Wyde Hall
 I.B. "Butch" Hoffer
 Ida Klugman
 Aaron Rose

Week Ending 3/20 to be Read 3/21

Sam Hertzman
 Estelle Carrow
 Sarah Miriam Greenberg
 Regina Schneider
 Esther Glasomitzky
 Anna Leaman
 Jacob Louis Zuber
 Dennis Alter
 Susan Miller Bailey
 Martha Haase
 Andy Witebsky
 Henny Liebmann
 Elizabeth A. Rawles
 Anna Greenberg
 Aymin Waldman
 Leslie S. Levy



Floral Fund

Please consider honoring the memory of your loved ones by sponsoring the Pulpit flowers for our Friday evening Shabbat Worship. Temple Emanuel observes the Yahrzeits of approximately 1,100 people during the course of the year. Your contribution to the Floral Fund will help beautify our sanctuary, our worship and add blessing to the memories of all of our loved ones and members who have died in years past.

The suggested minimum contribution to the Floral Fund is \$25.00. Please make checks payable to:

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

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8 12 adar	9 13 adar FAST OF ESTHER MEGILLAH READING	10 14 adar PURIM	11 15 adar SHUSHAN PURIM	12 16 adar	13 17 adar BLESSING BAGS BEGIN Rabbi Berger is here	14 18 adar 9:00 am Torah Study
15 19 adar	16 20 adar	17 21 adar	18 22 adar NEW MEETING TIME IS 6:30 pm BOT MEETING	19 23 adar	20 24 adar Rabbi Michaels is here	21 25 adar 9:00 am Torah Study
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<p>23 28 shevat</p>	<p>24 29 shevat PRESIDENTS' DAY</p>	<p>25 30 shevat ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>26 1 adar ROSH CHODESH</p>	<p>27 2 adar 11:30 am SALVATION ARMY Luncheon McM Elegante' 2 Special Honorees: Allison Getz & Iris Nathan</p>	<p>28 3 adar Rabbi Berger is here 6:00 pm Shabbat Service</p>	<p>29 4 adar 9:00 am Torah Study</p>

Beshalach

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*Mishpatim
SHABBAT SHEKALIM*

Terumah

FEBRUARY YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 2/8 to be Read 2/7

Alice Arkeen
 William M. Gusfield
 Janice Bernstein
 M. Bittensky
 Ben M. Goldstein
 Dorothy K. Gordon
 Irving Silverberg
 Florence E. Rosenthal
 Isadore Fallis
 A.E. Finegold
 Wayne K. Horwitz
 Dora Kassoff
 Rose Finegold
 Sam Goldenberg
 Phyllis Lapine
 Morris Lipoff
 Harry Moskowitz
 Sarah Night
 Dr. Harold Roosth
 Henry D. Weinbaum
 Arie Tadmor

Week Ending 2/15 to be Read 2/14

Johanna Szafir
 Mrs. A. Walker
 Chaim Fishbine
 Milton G. Getz
 Elsa Loeb Goldberg
 Sadie Jacobs
 Sidney Kaplan
 Dr. Joseph M. Loewenstein
 Marie Miller Mayer
 Lois Wolf
 Louis Julian Alexander
 Kevin Michael Curry
 Ida Goldstein
 Hattye Kline Gordon
 Bertha Gray
 Julie Rogers
 Alice Selber
 Seymour G. Rosenthal
 Sara Rogers Davis
 Sue Mayer
 Nora Mielz
 Cherna Bittensky
 Isadore H. Brookner
 David Kramer
 Betty Reuben
 Dr. Philip B. Greenberg
 Natalie Loeb Alexander

Week Ending 2/22 to be Read 2/21

Jerry Battelstein
 Libby Rose Lubel
 Ernest Mayer
 Harvey Night
 Rose Schoenfeld
 Mary Fleckman Altman
 Harry Dugan
 Minnie Rogers
 Florence Schraub
 Mildred Friedman
 Ida Hymes Gross
 Mack B. Waldman
 Stanislas "Stan" Duplechin
 Nathan Gingold
 Sylvia F. Goldstein
 Sigmund Greenberg
 Sandy Liebling
 Mervin F. Sandman
 Alexander Z. Franklin
 Betty Klein
 Estelle Levy
 Lena Mayer
 Paul Moskowitz
 Edward Schultz
 Helen Segal
 Robert Diamond
 Recha Goldblum
 Hannah Goldstein
 Miriam Herman
 Gertrude Waldman Krasnow
 Herman Lederer
 Michel Lederer
 Gerson Scheps
 Phil Stein
 Rose Flatow

Week Ending 2/29 to be Read 2/28

Faye Blum
 Manuel Breen
 William Gedaly
 Arnold Goldstein
 Byrdie Goodman Miller
 Jacquie Allen
 Frank Dover
 Abe S. Goldstein
 Joe Markewich
 Margaret Swerdlow
 Edith Tettenbaum
 Marion Doss
 Cora Lee Goldstein
 Morris Goodman
 B. Levy
 Celyne Levy
 Jerry Moss
 Joan Sampson
 Frances Goldfine Austin
 Philip Horwitz
 Isidore Roos
 Jacob A. Szafir

Morris Adler
 Solomon Engel Gordon
 David Greenberger
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If you would like to receive a Yahrzeit date reminder card from the Temple Office following the death of a loved one, simply contact the office at your earliest convenience.

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TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:**Memorial & Tribute Fund**

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George Toups
by: Marleen Swerdlow

In honor of the birth of
Samantha Golias
Liel Spector
John Seline
Felicity Mackenzie
by: Marleen Swerdlow

Floral Fund

In loving memory of
William Brookner
by: The Brookner Family
Weston Harrington
by: Judy Granger
My wife, **Mary Ann Podrasky Hay**
by: Paul Hay

Lil Klein
by: Marsha & Lewis Hoffer
Walter Mielz
by: Miriam & Viraf Cooper
My extraordinary grandfather,
Joseph Rogers
My dear uncle, **Sol Rogers**
by: Regina Rogers

High Holiday Music Fund

In loving memory of
Noonie Schwartz
Don Johnson
Ralph Night
Carl Waldman
Jack Koshkin
June Gayle Hall
Bette Ann Curry
Sol Bodner
Aviv Binur
Becky Gale
Pearl Lee Rose
IB Hayes
Melba Hayes
Laurie Mayer Roosth

Rivka Night
Joe Kushner
Della Montedon
Carmen & Harry Robbins
Jim Thompson
Bernice Schnurr
Kevin M. Curry
Estelle Swerdlow

In honor and appreciation of
Rabbi Matt Michaels
Jane Kaulfus
Wilton Allen
Angela Pickering
Dwight Peirce

Wishing a speedy recovery to
Linda Goldstein
by: Marleen Swerdlow

Social Justice

Blessing Bags In honor of
Cynthia Wolf
by: Regina Rogers

To help with the rebuilding of
Family Service Shelter
by: Susan & Wayne Margolis

In loving memory of our aunt, great
aunt and great-great aunt
Rita Meyerson Roosth
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf,
Natalie & Brett Barth,
Sallye Wolf, Marc Wolf,
Brian & Benjamin Barth
Truman & Ryan Wasserstein

In loving memory of my Tyler
neighbor and mentor
Sue Carole Nasits
Zimmerman
by: Cynthia Roosth Wolf

Social Justice (Military Passover)

In honor of continuing
recovery of
Beverly Hay
Laura Thomas

In honor of the birth of
Ayla Reese Hyman

In honor of receiving the
2019 Arthur E Stilwell Award
Rita Davis

In honor of
Paula O'Neal
Cynthia & Michael Wolf
Norma & Alan Sampson

In honor of the marriage of
Lindsay & Bob Kramer

In honor of a speedy recovery of
Charlie Weinbaum

In honor of and appreciation of the
hospitality of
Karla Blum

In honor of the engagement of
Marianne Rittenburg &
Benjamin Sampson

In appreciation of service to Temple
Emanuel as President to
Cheryl Barenberg

In appreciation of the beginning of the
first term as
Temple Emanuel President of
Dr. Wayne Margolis
by: Marleen Swerdlow

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of
Bette Ann Curry
Rose R. Friedman
Anna Belle Spector
by: Rene' & Mike Spector

Dr. Robert A. Swerdlow
Eva & Nathan Swerdlow
Ben Adler
Dora & Joe Horwitz
Sade & Mose Sampson
Joan Sampson

Gerald "PeeWee" Sampson
Margaret & Sam Swerdlow
Lillie & Morris Adler
Gertrude & Meyer Krasnow
Bertha & Philip Horwitz
Rose Finegold

Mongie & Lenny Swartz
Madeleine & Raymond Wolf

Betty & Harvey Night
Macie Goldstein
Janice & Jack Bernstein
Lois Swerdlow
Marie Herrin

Max Lefkowitz
Alice & Irma Levy
Jean Lieberman
Ann Vaxler

Norma Goldstein
Sarah Night
Edwin Gale

Patty Tapper Soffer
Jerry Lee
by: Marleen Swerdlow

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE (FEBRUARY 2020)

Mission Statement of Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee: TESJ plans and executes *Love Thy Neighbor* projects while providing sociability, spirituality, *tikkun olam*, and sacred, meaningful intergenerational programming that impact lives in Beaumont, Southeast Texas, nationally, and globally. Your time, talent and/or treasure are needed in fulfilling TESJ Projects and in supporting one of the goals of President-Dr. Wayne Margolis...that of mindfully encouraging the Sacred Offering of *Tzedakah*.

2019

- **Christmas Day at Some Other Place, a tradition of Temple Emanuel:** THANK YOU again to ALL who volunteered Christmas Day at SOP...especially Cheryl Barenberg for coordinating our 22 Temple/Friends of TE volunteers! Hot holiday meals served as Dine-In and Meals-on-Wheels provided food to approximately 390 clients of SOP! THANK YOU to Allison Nathan Getz and Marilyn Manson-Hayes and others for taking pictures!
- **THANK YOU Received from Daniel J. Maher, President/CEO of Southeast Texas Food Bank:** *It is always a blessing to those of us associated with the Southeast Texas Food Bank and to those served by our operations to receive the generous support of Temple Emanuel. Your congregation has again risen up to face the issue of hunger in Southeast Texas, so I wish to thank you for the wonderful spirit shown during the High Holiday Food Drive...resources (shared are) sufficient to help us supply about 2,200 meals for hungry Southeast Texans...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.*
- **THANK YOU Received from Sherry A. Weinman, Chairman of the Board, and Seth H. Davis, Executive Director, of IsraAID:** *On behalf of the entire IsraAID team, we'd like to offer our heartfelt gratitude for your generous contribution of \$500.00 towards our humanitarian based projects. The vital work in which we are involved would not be possible without the generosity of valued donors like you. For more than 17 years, IsraAID has been helping people worldwide survive natural and manmade disasters. Because of IsraAID, hundreds of thousands have received the vital support necessary to move from destruction to reconstruction to sustainable living... Thank you again for your gift to IsraAID.*

2020

- **Family Services of Southeast Texas, a tradition of Temple Emanuel:** To ALL who provided *Tzedakah* for Women & Children's Shelter of Family Service, THANK YOU! The total shared will be in the March Bulletin.
- **Kosher for Passover Food for Jewish Soldiers, a tradition of Temple Emanuel:** THANK YOU in advance to ALL who will provide *Tzedakah* for this project. Please read Annual Report for what was done in 2019.

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee

Please Save the Dates for Upcoming Community Events &

Please continue sharing more with Cynthia Wolf at cwolf@gt.rr.com

- **Thursday, February 27, 2020: First United Methodist Church Oyster Supper (serving oysters, fish and gumbo) benefiting their social justice outreach.** Location: 701 Calder Street. Time: 4:30 – 6:30 pm. Advance tickets cost \$30; at the door, \$35. For more information, visit www.fumcbeaumont.org or contact 409.832.0295 or contact Cherrie Hefty at cherriehef@yahoo.com
- **Saturday, March 14, 2020: The Symphony of Southeast Texas at Calder Baptist Church benefiting Lamar Scholarships for music majors.** Doors open at 6:30 pm. Symphony starts at 7:30 pm. Location: Calder Baptist Church (corner of 11th Street and Harrison, with parking off Harrison). Tickets must be purchased in advance. To Sponsor or to purchase tickets, please call 409.892.4251

2019 Annual Report of the Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee (TESJ)

The 2019 TESJ Menu of Projects offered flexibility, spirituality and audacious hospitality, the key ingredients of President Chef-Cheryl's term. Each TESJ project was reported in detail in monthly Temple bulletins and is summarized below:

- Throughout 2019: Provided transportation or cards or calls as part of Caring Community;
- Throughout 2019: Encouraged donations to Social Justice Fund, benefiting Beaumont and Beyond;
- Throughout 2019: Encouraged participation in community/church events via Save the Dates in the Temple Bulletin, Shabbat Program, and eblasts;
- December 2018 – February 2019: Collected 35 bath towels and 46 blankets of all sizes for Women & Children's Shelter of Family Services of Southeast Texas and presented same to representatives of Family Services and The Shelter at Shabbat Services in February 2019;
- February – March: Fertilized and added mulch to The Orchard and removed broken sidewalks;
- March: Shared \$250 with Lay Leader in Africom for the purchase of Kosher for Passover cheese for Jewish soldiers serving far from home. Lay Leader arranged for KP cheese to be purchased in France, transported on a military plane, then distributed to Jewish soldiers serving in Africom;
- March – April: Collected donations and/or food/water and/or socks for the fulfillment of 200 *You are a Blessing Bags* for Homeless neighbors of Temple Emanuel and beyond, including 40 shared with the Veterans served by the VA. Fulfilling *Blessing Bags* is always an intergenerational project;
- May: Conducted a creative intergenerational Social Justice Shabbat, blessed the Sacred Sages of Temple Emanuel, remembered Holocaust victims and victims of terrorism, including the 11 who died at Tree of Life Synagogue (Pittsburgh, PA), and enjoyed a special *O'neg Shabbat*;
- August: Coordinated Temple Emanuel's participation in the 17th Annual Tasting for Some Other Place with the serving of homemade noodle kugels;
- September – October: Conducted our Annual High Holiday Food Drive benefiting the clients of Southeast Texas Food Bank. Congregants and Friends of Temple Emanuel donated 426 pounds of food/water and \$474 in cash/checks. Pounds equated to 355 meals; dollars equated to 1,896 meals; total number of meals made a difference to 2,251 people! In addition, congregants were encouraged to donate to Mazon and to provide toiletries to Henry's Place of Some Other Place;
- September - November: Shared *mitzvah* Disaster Relief dollars as follows: \$500 to Team Rubicon and \$500 to IsraAid in support of their boots on the ground in the Bahamas post-Michael; and \$1,000 to Temple Emanuel to be shared confidentially with Congregants/Staff affected by Imelda;
- November: Sent \$250 to Jewish National Fund for Israel;
- December: Shared \$250 with Jewish Family Services of Houston benefiting Holocaust survivors; PLUS, served Christmas Lunch to 177 clients of Some Other Place and distributed Meals-on-Wheels to another 209 clients! During this TESJ intergenerational project at SOP, we worked in partnership with many Friends of Some Other Place. A total of 66 volunteers, including 22 from Temple Emanuel/Friends of Temple Emanuel, served hot holiday meals to 386 people!

2019 TESJ Committee: Allison Nathan Getz, Ann Goodman, Arlette Collins, Brandy Johnson, Bruce Hoffer, Cynthia Wolf (Chair of TESJ), Emily Wheeler, Gene Thomas, Judy Granger, Laura Thomas, Linda Goldstein, Margaret Whipkey, Marilyn Manson-Hayes, Mike Getz, Norma Sampson, Pat Klein, Regina Rogers, Rita Davis, and Susan Margolis; PLUS Cheryl Barenberg, Jane Kaufus, and Wilton Allen.

THANK YOU to ALL who led and/or supported these TESJ *tikkun olam mitzvah* projects with *mitzvah* time, talent, and/or treasure, helping people of Beaumont and Beyond in tangible *Love Thy Neighbor* ways!

THANK YOU for your support in 2019! **THANK YOU** for your support in 2020!

Cynthia Wolf, Chair



BIRTHDAY LIST - FEBRUARY

- 4 ~ Judy Granger
- 6 ~ Arlette Collins
- 9 ~ Bruce Swartz
- 18 ~ John Acevedo
- 24 ~ Paul Kessler
- 24 ~ Miriam Thompson
- 27 ~ Brenda Fogal
- 28 ~ Robin Goebel



Anniversary List - February

- 25 ~ Karen & Bobby Chapman
- 29 ~ Susan & Wayne Margolis

**Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters
For the Month of February**

- Feb 7 - Karla Blum
Paul Kessler
Norma & Alan Sampson
- Feb 14 - Harold Eisen
Natalie & S.L. Greenberg
- Feb 21 - Dawn & Joel Berger
Brenda & Neil Fogal
- Feb 28 - Kathy Johnson
Miriam & Jim Thompson

Rabbi Michaels will be here February 7, 2020

Rabbi Berger will be here February 14, 2020

Rabbi Michaels will be here February 21, 2020

Rabbi Berger will be here February 28, 2020



NEW ADDRESS

Ann & Les Goodman
215 Trail Creek Drive
Thomasville, GA 31657

New Cell for Les: (229) 977-5297

Mazel Tov

to

Buffin & Rudy Reynolds
(parents)

and

Sadie Reynolds (sister)

on the birth of

Alice Mahoney Reynolds

January 22, 2020 - 6 lbs. 6 oz. - 19" long

Grandparents: Allison & Mike Getz

Great Grandparents: Iris & Jerry Nathan



Mazel Tov

to

Allison & Mike Getz

on the marriage of

Kelsey & Jacob Getz

TEMPLE EMANUEL CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Those willing to serve on the Cemeteries Committee during the calendar year 2020-2021 include **Mike Spector, Stephen Bender, Gene Thomas, Paul Hay, and me.**

Please give us your thoughts, observations, concerns and suggestions you may have for or about the Cemeteries.

A project that remains pending is conducting a physical Census of both Cemeteries to add accurate information for mapping and visual displays that can be kept and regularly updated on the Temple Computer, as well as the Ledgers and Maps of the Cemeteries.

To be sure we have accurate information, it would help if those that have relatives, friends or know persons buried in the cemeteries would provide us the particulars of such persons, including their names and dates of birth and death.

Our thanks to Jane Kaulfus for her continuing effort to keep track of recent burials.

Another project being considered is cleaning and clearing underbrush and debris from the woods and along the boundary borders of Hebrew Rest Cemetery. Over time underbrush grows and accumulates in the woods and along the borders of Hebrew Rest Cemetery, and debris and dumping of cuttings has occurred. Removing and disposing of this will require labor and equipment over and beyond that for contracted ordinary grounds-keeping. If at all possible, this should be done before the spring rains and growing season returns. Labor and possible equipment rental are being researched.

In the past, we have been fortunate to have dedicated congregants and benefactors who have helped and supported the Cemeteries. I take this opportunity to thank each of them; they are a true blessing to our community.

Alan Sampson, Chairperson

Cemeteries Committee - Congregation Temple Emanuel

To honor a lifecycle event or a living person:



Purchase a leaf for the "Tree of Life" displayed in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall. A leaf costs \$65.00 including engraving - Contact the Temple Office (409-832-6131)

*Thank
You*

Dr. Gary J. Friedman (son of Rabbi Newton Friedman) for replacing the portrait of your father which hangs in our Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall.

Mission Statement:
Temple Emanuel:
 A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives

Core Values:

- I. We believe the Jewish life-journey has the power to change lives.
- II. We are committed to lifelong learning.
- III. We are committed to meaningful, relevant, and engaging worship.
- IV. We are committed to being an inclusive community open to everyone who wishes to join us for worship and study.
- V. We are committed to our sacred responsibility of being a "light unto the nations" as the Jewish voice of southeast Texas.
- VI. We are committed to being a part of the worldwide Jewish community.
- VII. We are committed to the survival and welfare of the State of Israel.

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 Brotherhood Shabbat
Sisterhood Membership, Deli Day
 Event, Break-fast

Social Justice

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 Manson-Hayes, Bruce Hoffer,
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