MARCH 2020 BULLETIN

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM Worship Services

Mar 6 Shabbat Worship Service (Rabbi Michaels) Mar 13 Shabbat Worship Service

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Shabbat Worship Service

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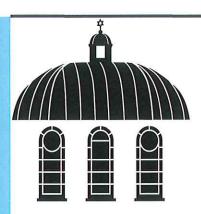
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LEMPLE MANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

START AT THE BOTTOM!!!!

Rabbi Mathew D. Michaels

L'Shalom,

ognize and rejoice in its hidden meaning! Purim, with all its fun and craziness, may we also recbeneath the surface of our lives. As we celebrate

God, but to find God and reveal the Divine presence every day by looking just The challenge of Purim, therefore, is not just on this day to find a "hidden"

find God.

and look beneath the challenges and trials as well as the joy and gladness, we will that on the surface our world is like the masks we wear on Purim. If we pause fast pace of life and sometimes view the moment for its own sake. We don't see reveal a profound truth for us in our daily lives. We often get caught up in the is not obvious and we get caught up in the fun and games. Yet this very fact can comes the awe and splendor of those holidays. On Purim, however, that presence During other Jewish holidays, God's presence is clear and obvious. With this

God, are hidden on this very special day. Book of Esther. The miracle of Purim is a "hidden" miracle and so we too, like obvious during the events of Purim – in fact, God is not even mentioned in the presses a deep and fundamental truth about the holiday. God's presence was not Purim. This however, like so much of Purim, is not mere frivolity but rather exwearing costumes. Children (as well as many adults) enjoy dressing up on But there is much more to Purim than meets the eye. For example, the custom of

shot or two of our favorite drink...what fun! scream & shout in the sanctuary, we eat humantashen, and maybe even enjoy a frivolous holiday: we dress up in costumes, we read from Megilat Esther, we it?s Purim time...when things can so easily go topsy-turvy!!! Purim is a fun & No, the printer (or Jane) did not make a mistake. It's the month of Adar and

BE HAPPY, IT'S ADAR!

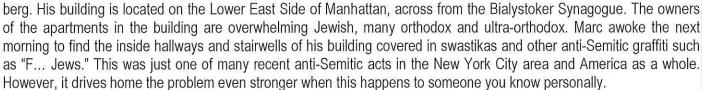
FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

In Ongoing Pursuit Of:

Teshuvah-Forgiveness and Acceptance, **Tefillah-**Meaningful Worship, **Tzedakah-**Righteous Acts

Anti-Semitism in America

Sometime on the evening of January 27th 2020, International Holocaust Remembrance Day, the 75th anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz Death Camp, an individual or individuals gained access to the Co-op Apartment Building of our congregant Marc Green-



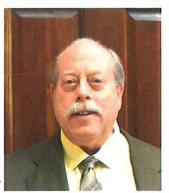
In the words of Peter Dreier-E.P. Clapp Distinguished Professor of Politics at Occidental College: "For centuries, Jews have confronted discrimination, persecution, and slaughter—during the Crusades, the Spanish Inquisition, the Russian pogroms, and the Holocaust. Most Jews came to the United States to escape anti-Semitism, including the largest wave who fled Eastern Europe in the late 1800s and early 1900s. Still, Jews also faced physical violence in United States, including the lynching of Leo Frank outside Atlanta in 1915, the attacks on Jews by American Nazis and other street thugs during the 1930s and 1940s, and the bombings of synagogues in response to Jews' support for the civil rights movement in the 1950s and 1960s.

Now we're facing a new wave of overt anti-Semitism, including violence against Jews. We saw it in Charlottesville, Virginia, in August 2017, where white supremacists, neo-Nazis, and Jew haters chanted racist and anti-Semitic slogans, wore uniforms with swastikas, and killed a counter-protester. In October 2018, a man stormed the Tree of Life synagogue in Pittsburgh armed with a semi-automatic rifle and three semi-automatic pistols. He fired all four weapons, killing eleven Jews at worship. Six months later, in April 2019, a man armed with a rifle fired shots inside the Chabad synagogue in Poway, near San Diego, killing one woman and injuring three others, including the synagogue's rabbi. In December, attackers killed three people at a kosher supermarket in Jersey City, New Jersey. A few weeks later, on the seventh night of Hanukkah, a man entered the home of an Orthodox Jewish family in Monsey, New York, pulled out a machete, and stabbed five worshippers.

According to the New York City Police Department, more than half of the 423 reported hate crimes in the city last year were directed at Jews. According to the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), there were 1,879 attacks against Jews and Jewish institutions in the United States in 2018, the third-highest year on record since it began tracking such data in the 1970s."

This is further explained by Walter Reich the Yitzhak Rabin Memorial Professor of International Affairs, Ethics and Human Behavior, and Professor of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences, at The George Washington University; and a former Director of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum: "The recent eruptions of anti-Semitism in America have awakened us to a prejudice that has long resided, in quiet ways and in many forms, in this country. And the part of it that now disguises itself as anti-Zionism—hatred of the Jewish state that was established in the wake of the Holocaust as a refuge for Jews—has even seemed, to some, virtuous, a sentiment they believe puts them in humanity's moral vanguard.

And anti-Semitism has returned, in part, because the general public's knowledge about the Holocaust—of what exactly it was, who exactly was murdered in it, how many were killed, and how anti-Semitism spawned it—has diminished. For a time, that knowledge discredited anti-Semitism and those who indulged in it. But the passing of survivors who experienced the Holocaust and could testify to it, the denial and minimization of the Holocaust, and the hijacking of the word itself to advance numerous other causes, great and small, all combined to diminish its memory. The horrifying



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knowledge of where anti-Semitism can lead has been, in large measure, lost in a miasma of forgetting, ignorance, denial, confusion, appropriation, and obfuscation.

What motivates anti-Semitism? For two millennia, the prejudice has fulfilled needs—psychological, theological, national, and social—that have multiplied and mutated:

- The need to find an explanation for a variety of misfortunes. What better and more coherent explanation is there than a conspiracy? And what more logical conspiracy is there—depending on the place and century—than the existence of a small group that, plotting in secret, poisons wells or manipulates money or controls governments or causes wars and all manner of other catastrophes and difficulties?
- The need to condemn a minority whose members obstinately refuse to accept the majority's religion, or whose role in that religion's narrative is evil.
- The need to distrust and ostracize a minority whose members act differently, don't assimilate fully into the larger culture, and have their own customs and practices.
- The need to unify the majority group by identifying a common enemy, especially an enemy within.
- The need to explain a minority's material or national success, especially by a majority whose members feel that that success has come at their expense.
- The need for some members of other minority groups to find a reason for the difficulties they experience, such as poverty and oppression.

Why were Jews the group that was most regularly identified, in the lands and communities they've inhabited, as fulfilling one or more of these needs? The most likely reasons are historical and psychological: When Jews were first identified as fulfilling some of these needs, they were branded as villains. Over time, that branding was repeatedly reinforced so that Jews became the usual suspects—the group that immediately came to mind when a new need arose to find explanatory villains.

So why the resurgence of anti-Semitism today? Anti-Semitism is useful in the current moment in both Europe and America. For some on the right, it can fulfill the need for a national, religious, or ethnic agenda. And for some on the left, it can fulfill the need to establish virtue, particularly when it's connected with anti-Zionism.

But for now, the democracies of Western Europe are strong enough to withstand the pressure. And in America, the episodes of anti-Semitic speech and violence, though they've greatly proliferated in the past few years, have begun to mobilize communities and governmental agencies to protect Jews from violence. This won't stop anti-Semitism's continuing growth, but it will control it. Despite a long history of bias at many levels, from academia to boardrooms, Jews in America have established themselves during the past century in every sphere of American life, and the American tradition of tolerance will remain far more powerful than its manifestations of prejudice."

Lastly in the words of David Horovitz the founding editor of The Times of Israel: The escalation of deadly anti-Semitic violence and vicious anti-Semitic rhetoric in the US is dire. It is despicable. But it can and must be countered.

It can and must be countered by responsible leadership, making insistently plain that such violence and such rhetoric have no place in civilized society, and that its perpetrators can claim no legitimacy.

It can and must be countered by bolstered law enforcement, with more funds and expertise devoted to more effective defensive and preemptive security measures — protecting Jewish targets, and thwarting nascent efforts to harm them. Jewish Americans, like Jews everywhere, have the right to live in safety and security, and the imperative to insist that the authorities do their utmost to ensure it.

It can and must be countered by more effective education and outreach: Human nature tends toward suspicion and mistrust of the unfamiliar; such hostility is harder to sustain in a climate of knowledge and interaction."

In the meantime, let us continue to pray the following: May the One who creates harmony on high, bring peace to us and to all Israel. To which we say Amen.

L'shalom,

Wayne

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Project

You Are A Blessing Bags

From March 13th until April 24th we will be collecting the following to fill our blessing bags:

Tzedakah time to
Tzedakah time to
help fulfill 200
help sing Bags on
Blessing 24th at
April 24th



Tedakah dollars to help pay for food/water

Please place the items on the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall stage
Thank you for making a *tikkun olam* difference!



DON'T FORGET

Set your clocks ahead 1 hour on Sunday, March 8th I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Temple Emanuel Congregation for being recognized and presented the "Life of Emanuel" Award at the Annual Congregational Dinner held January 26th. Needless to say I was pleasantly surprised and momentarily left speechless by this honor. I will continue to stand ready to serve Temple Emanuel in whatever manner and to the best of my ability.



Thank You to All!

Gene Thomas



DEAR FRIENDS: Words are inadequate to express my deep gratitude for bestowing upon me the **Star of Emanuel** Award at the Annual Congregational Dinner. My devotion to Temple Emanuel began 60 years ago when the entire community welcomed me into this congregation. The love and acceptance for me and our family has made it a joy

to participate and help in all the activities throughout the years. My thanks to each and every one of you for your kind thoughtfulness. I look forward to our next projects. May you all be blessed as I am today.

Love,

Iris Nathan

Dear Cheryl Barenberg: Mere words are inadequate to express my heartfelt gratitude for the lovely honor bestowed upon me at the Annual Congregational Meeting when I was presented the **Eternal Light of Emanuel** Award. Please extend to all who made this possible, my grateful thanks and appreciation.



I am very proud of how you and your Board kept the Temple moving forward for our community. Again my loving thanks to all who made this possible.

> Love and best wishes to all moving forward, Charlie Weinbaum

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SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE

DELI DAY - DELI DAY - DELI DAY

Since the first week of March is full with Deli Day, you will have to wait until the April bulletin for pictures and our yearly review of Deli Day.

On the other hand it is not too late to help make Deli Day (March 4th and 5th) a huge success. We can always use helping hands in the kitchen, with deliveries, with table cleanup on Thursday, our dessert table on Thursday and with our drive-thru pickup line both Wednesday and Thursday. I CAN tell you that we have lots and lots of our fabulous homemade cheesecakes that the ladies have been working on most Sundays and Tuesdays since the beginning of the year. If you have never tasted a Sisterhood cheesecake, we urge you to buy one. Your mouth and tummy will love you for it.

A schedule of our work week for Deli Day is as follows:

Sunday - March 1st - 9:00 am Monday - March 2nd - 9:00 am Tuesday - March 3rd - 9:00 am Wednesday, March 4th - 7:00 am Thursday, March 5th - 7:00 am

We hope to see each of you at Temple enjoying Corn Beef or Turkey Sandwiches, our homemade Cole Slaw and our homemade delicious cheesecakes.

We wish each of you good health and lots of happiness.

RITA, SHERRY & LAURA, Sisterhood Coordinators

We just wanted to drop a quick note thanking the ladies for their cheesecake expertise as we prepared for 2020 Deli Day. A big thank you to Cheryl Barenberg, Rita Davis, Esterlyn Dugan, Kate Gonzales, Judy Granger, Natalie Greenberg, Sarah Hawes, Marilyn Manson-Hayes, Arlette Collins-Hoffer, Sherry Horwitz, Brandy Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Lindsay Kramer, Susan Margolis, Fern Roos, Lois Rutman, Janet Shackleford and Margaret Whipkey.



Lori Alter & Robin Goebel Co-Chairs of Deli Day Cheesecakes

APRIL YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 4/4 to be Read 4/3

William Bell Celia Harris Nettye Leibson Philip Liebman Rosalee L. Roosth Mellinger John K. Levy Jennie K. Szafir Marian Goldstein Joan Krafte Carl Muller Anne Vaxler Elise Eisenstadt Julius M. Gordon Lynn Rochelle Mechanic Rachel Trachtenberg Miriam Fannette Brookner Joe Feldman

Week Ending 4/25 to be Read 4/24

Jayne Eisen Max Hirsch Sarah Spector Anna Rose Swartz Charles H. Naman Melissa Ann Rogers Catherine Rosenberg Herbert H. Friedman Oscar N. Eldridge Janice D. Gordon Carrie Levy Carrie Schwartz Zeve Mike Aceto Ezero I. Greenberg Morris Tettenbaum Golde Bruckner J. Bruckner Esidor J. Goldstein Pearl Janowitz Donna Gold Dora Horwitz Adele Kariel

Week Ending 4/11 to be Read 4/10

Harold Kaplan Henry Lubel C. P. Snelgrove Beth Eisen Harvey Golob Clara Greenspan Sidney Kelman Bernard F. Kessler Harry Robbins Rhea Levy Sommer Eleanor Perlstein Weinbaum Raudee Lynn Solotorovsky Hanna H. Bluhm Bennett Friedlander Addie Lee Stewart Hawes Louis Horwitz Sidney Henry Levy, Jr. Alex Eli Martin **Howard Martin** Karl Schraub Barbara Ellen Blumstein Pauline Deutser Mollie Gedaly Gertrude Rosinger Stanford S. Schwartz Franne Michaels

Jesse M. Saxon Nelle P. Herns Fannie Hyman Joseph F. Bittensky Richard Jacobs Morris Klein Emanuel Toomim Agnes Ladner

Week Ending 4/18 to be

Read 4/17

Milton Bender

Robert H. Rawles

Gussie Waldman Max Abraham Goldfine John Dave Holland Rose Krasnow Nathan Speer

Wilbur Shapiro

Hattie Diamond Edelman Carl E. Lovell Joseph Rosenthal

Week Ending 5/2 to be Read 5/1

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Samuel Feigenbaum Gertrude Greenberg Murray Herbert Hoffer Mary Jane Horwitz Leo Williams Russell Batsell Sadie Elkins Lionel Forbert Annette Gedaly Macie Paula Goldstein Manfred R. Levy Volodimir Nemerinsky Dorothy Greenberg Bushman Bernard Deutser Annie Lee Goldstein Conrad Krafte Murray P. Smyth

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MARCH YAHRZEITS

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Week Ending 3/28 to be Read 3/27

Natalie Krasnow Corman
Dorothy Faye Hosen
Irving Bud Kassoff
Anna Leaman
Gitel Markewich
Slyvia C. Miller
Martha Lea Stein
Duane Joseph Curry
Irving Davis
Anna Blum
Simon Philip Dover
Herman Glober
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 Nev 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

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

Bessie Sukman

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



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Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

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In honor of the 80th Birthday of Fern Roos
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In honor & best wishes as you begin
your Temple Presidency
Dr. Wayne Margolis
In honor of the anniversary of
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In loving memory of

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Mazel Tov to all family members on
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Mazel Tov on the birthday of
Marleen Swerdlow
In loving memory of, Saul Forbert
by: Barbara Ayer Forbert

Prayer Book Fund
In memory of my loving father,
Henry Greene

by: Freeda Friedman (z"l)

Purchase of 4 Etz Hayim Books
In honor of my wife, Susan Margolis
In honor of my daughters, Elizabeth
and Victoria Margolis
In loving memory of my parents,
Irving & Doris Margolis
In loving memory of
Becky & Edwin Gale
by: Dr. Wayne Margolis

Floral Fund

In loving memory of Mervin Sandman by: The Brookner Family

In loving memory of my wonderful mother, Julie Rogers my loving grandmother,
Minnie Rogers
my special aunt, Sara Rogers Davis by: Regina Rogers

In loving memory of Harvey Night, Sarah Night, A.E. Finegold, Rose Finegold by: Judy Night

> In loving memory of Sara Rogers Davis by: Rita & Barry Davis

In loving memory of Nora Mielz by: Miriam & Viraf Cooper

In loving memory of Henry Weinbaum by: Charlie Weinbaum

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In loving memory of my grandfather, **Abraham Eisen**by: Harold Eisen

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In loving memory of

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by: Cheryl & Dr. Andrew Barenberg

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In honor of the marriage of Arlette
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In appreciation of the hospitality of Rene' & Mike Spector
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In appreciation of the mitzvah leadership as TE President to Cheryl Barenberg & the 2018-2019 Board Mazel Tov to Temple Board President, Dr. Wayne Margolis by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In loving memory of **David Herbert Manson** by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In loving memory of our grandfather, great-grandfather, and great-great-grandfather, Morris Leaman
In loving memory of our father, grandfather, and great-grandfather,
Dr. Harold Roosth
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf,
Natalie, Brett, Sallye & Marc,
Brian, Benjamin, Truman & Ryan

In appreciation of Allison Nathan Getz, Bobby Chapman, John Landers, Lauren Brooks, Michael Wolf, Paul Horwitz, Stephen Bender & Wayne Margolis for sharing your accounting and/or finance and/or investment expertise with me during 2018-2019 In appreciation of the faith in action commitment of TESJ Committee members Allison & Mike Getz, Ann Goodman, Arlette Collins-Hoffer & Bruce Hoffer, Brandy Johnson, Emily Wheeler, Laura & Gene Thomas, Judy Granger, Linda Goldstein, Margaret Whipkey, Marilyn Manson-Hayes, Norma Sampson, Pat Klein, Regina Rogers, Rita Davis & Susan Margolis by: Cynthia Wolf

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In loving memory of
Joan Sampson
by: Norma & Alan Sampson

In loving memory of our father/grandfather, Harvey Night by: Allan Night, Katie & Nadav Night, Carly & Orry Night

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE (MARCH 2020)

Mission Statement of Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee: TESJ plans, coordinates, and helps to execute Love Thy Neighbor initiative by providing sociability, spirituality, tikkun olam, and sacred, meaningful intergenerational programming/projects that impact lives in Beaumont, Southeast Texas, nationally, and globally.

SPECIAL NOTE to Congregation: Your time, talent and/or treasure are/is needed in fulfilling TESJ Projects and in supporting one of the goals of President-Dr. Wayne Margolis for TESJ: encouraging Congregants to fulfill the Sacred obligation/offering/blessing of Tzedakah, thereby making a tikkun olam difference!

<u>THANK YOU in advance</u> for choosing one of these *Sacred Mitzvah* Offering options:

- 1) Please place cash or checks in the TESJ Tzedakah Box in Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall.
 - *TESJ Tzedakah Box was used for the first time for Women & Children's Shelter of Family Services.
 - **TESJ Tzedakah will be used again starting March 13th for Homeless Project: You are a Blessing Bags.
- 2) Please send checks payable to Temple Emanuel for Social Justice Fund.
- 3) Please contact Jane Kaulfus (409.832.6131) in Temple Office to assist you with using your credit card.
- 4) Please share your time when there is a TESJ Project that is hands-on for making a tikkun olam difference.

2019

- Letter of Appreciation Received from Jake Wood, CEO & Co-Founder of <u>Team Rubicon</u>: On behalf of Team Rubicon, I would like to thank...Temple Emanuel for your generous contribution of \$500.00 (specifically to assist Team Rubicon in the Bahamas post-Michael)...Team Rubicon is comprised of over 99,000 volunteers and we have launched over 340 disaster relief, response, and mitigation operations...Team Rubicon is the only disaster response organization that repurposes the unparalleled skills and experience of military veterans to immediately deploy emergency response teams following disasters...Thank you very much for your contribution and being a valuable part of the team.
- Letter of Appreciation Received from Rachel W. Davis, Chief Development Officer of Jewish Family Service of Houston: Thank you...for your generous donation of \$250.00...to the JFS HomeCare Program (specifically for Holocaust survivors and their families). We know that there are many important causes which can benefit from your charitable donations, so we are very grateful that you have selected Jewish Family Service, allowing us to offer light*hope*help.

2020

- *Family Services of Southeast Texas, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: \$1,000.00 = Total *Tzedakah* shared with Women & Children's Shelter of Family Services of Southeast Texas for post-Imelda repairs and for new furnishings.
- Kosher for Passover food for Jewish soldiers in Africom, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: \$250.00 = Total *Tzedakah* to be sent to Jewish Lay Leader assigned to Africom. Jewish Lay Leader will coordinate the purchase and distribution of KP cheese to Jewish soldiers throughout the Africom area.
- **Fulfilling You are a Blessing Bags for the Homeless, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: Collections for this intergenerational project begin Friday, March 13th. Prior to Shabbat Services on April 24th, 200 Blessing Bags will be fulfilled. That night and the next week, Blessing Bags will be distributed to Temple Emanuel's Homeless Neighbors from MLK to Downtown, including Homeless Veterans served by VA. THANK YOU to Regina Rogers for her traditional Sponsorship of this project, but Regina challenges us to provide additional dollars and/or to bring additional suggested items on The Shopping List for Blessing Bags that can be found in this bulletin.

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee Please Save the Dates for Upcoming Community Events

But first:

NOTE: CONGRATULATIONS to <u>Iris Nathan</u> and <u>Allison Nathan Getz</u> for being honored on February 27th by Salvation Army-Beaumont. That event, which benefited the LOCAL Boys' Club of Salvation Army, honored Mentors. We know that Iris has been Allison's Mother-Mentor for many years. Both Iris and Allison breathe inspiration into what they do for Temple Emanuel, Beaumont, and Southeast Texas. MAZEL TOV, Iris and Allison, for all the ways that you make a tikkun olam difference and that you inspire others to do the same!

- Wednesday, March 4, 2020 and Thursday March 5, 2020: Temple Emanuel Sisterhood's Annual Deli Day
 Dates with net income as Sisterhood's <u>tikkun olam difference</u> to non-profits in Beaumont and Southeast
 Texas! To Sponsor or to purchase tickets, please call 409.832.6131
- 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). <u>Tickets must be purchased in advance.</u> To Sponsor or to purchase tickets, please call 409.892.4251
- Tuesday, March 19, 2020: St. Joseph Day benefiting the following: Catholic Charities of SETX, Some Other Place, Southeast Texas Food Bank, St. Katharine Drexel Humanitarians, and St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Youth Projects. Dine-In and Take-Out available from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. For more information, please call 409.833.6433
- Sunday, March 22, 2020 @ 3:00 pm Lenten Meditations as part of the FREE Soul of the City Concerts at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica. And save this date also: Saturday, May 30th @ 7:30 pm Spring Celebration
- Thursday, March 26, 2020: 8th Annual Family Portrait Luncheon benefiting the outreach / education / research of Alzheimer's Association. Starts at 11:00 am. Location: MCM Elegante Ballroom. To Sponsor or to purchase tickets, please call 409.833.1613
- Friday, March 27, 2020: CASA's annual Justice is Served fundraiser benefiting children lost in the system. CASA works tirelessly to be the voice of the voiceless for child protection. This year's theme is *A Night at the Disco* with attendees invited to dress in '70's fashion. 2020 Honorees are Temple accountant Lauren Brooks for her involvement as volunteer and Board Member with CASA since its founding in 1991 and Texas House of Representative Dade Phelan who for ten years has secured state funding and resources on behalf of CASA. Location: Beaumont Civic Center. Time: 7:00 to 10:30 pm. For more information about CASA or to Sponsor or purchase tickets, please call 409.832.2272
- Saturday, April 4, 2020: Family Services of Southeast Texas Annual Fundraiser benefiting the programs and clients of Family Services. Location: Holiday Inn on Walden Road. Time: TBA. To Sponsor or to purchase tickets, please call 409.838.2558
- Thursday, May 7, 2020: 9th Annual Deliver the Difference Luncheon benefiting the Meals-on-Wheels' clients
 of Nutrition & Services for Seniors. 2020 Honoree is Elaine Shellenberger whose service to NSS spanned 35
 years! Location: Beaumont Event Center. Time: TBA. To Sponsor or to purchase tickets, please call Janci Kimball
 or Kayla White at 409.892.4455

THANK YOU for sharing details for future events with Cynthia Wolf at cwolf@gt.rr.com

48888888888888888888 BIRTHDAY LIST - MARCH 2 ~ Brian Alter 24 ~ Beverly Hay 9 ~ Judy Night 24 ~ Paul Hay 13 ~ Gloria Seligman 28 ~ Betty Greenberg 23 ~ Sherry Horwitz

Anniversary List - March

3 ~ Debbie & J. W. Rogers

16 ~ Rene' & Mike Spector

20 ~ Lori & Brian Alter

Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters For the Month of March

March 6 - Esterlyn & Al Dugan Fern Roos

March 13 - Susan & Dr. Wayne Margolis Ken Parker

March 20 - Cara & Dan Eisen

March 27 - Lori & Brian Alter Marc Greenberg

Rabbi Michaels will be here March 6, 2020

Rabbi Berger will be here March 13, 2020

Rabbi Michaels will be here March 20, 2020

Rabbi Berger will be here March 27, 2020

Mazel Tov

Arlette Collins-Hoffer & Bruce Hoffer

on their marriage

Mazel Tov

Cole Alexander Roos

on his Bar Mitzvah

Son of: Debbie & Marty Roos

Grandson of: Fern & Stephen (z"l) Roos

Nephew of: Esterlyn & Al Dugan

Mazel Tov

to

Sarah Barenberg on her acceptance into the Doctoral Program at Eastern College of Medicine in California

Daughter of:

Cheryl & Dr. Andrew Barenberg

Mazel Tov

Victoria Margolis on her acceptance to UTMB Galveston Medical School

Daughter of:

Susan & Dr. Wayne Margolis

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The Pastor's Pen . . . January 27, 2020

Today is International Holocaust Remembrance designated by the United Nations General Assembly on the anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz-Birkenau, January 27, 1945, seventy-five years ago today. More than a million people died in Auschwitz. Approximately six million Jews were killed by the reign of terror of Germany's Adolph Hitler.

Today, we pause to remember the darkest period in modern history when one-third of world Jewry was killed (two-thirds of all Jews in Europe). Before Hitler developed his concentration and extermination camps, he conducted a program to eliminate all handicapped children in Germany in order to produce a master Aryan race. Children with mental or physical handicaps were taken to designated facilities where physicians ordered lethal doses of medication. Bodies were cremated and ashes sent to families of the victims. Medical records of over 50,000 murdered children were falsified to hide what happened. Due to increasing pressure from German citizens and clergy, the program was officially disbanded, but served as the development of the extermination camps that would later claim the lives of six million Jews and millions of others.

The Nazis, who came to power in Germany in January 1933, believed that Germans were racially superior and they wanted to create a racially pure state. Jews, deemed "inferior" were considered an alien threat to the purity of the Aryan race. During the era of the Holocaust, German authorities also targeted their own children as well as Roma (Gypsies), Germans with disabilities, Communists, Socialists, Jehovah's Witnesses, and homosexuals.

It is hard to believe that we live in an era of increasing violence toward our Jewish neighbors as well as a day in which the term "holocaust denier" has emerged. There is a worldwide movement that seeks to downplay the number of Jews and others murdered as well as the very fact of the program by the German state.

During our trip to Leipzig, Germany last June, Jo and I visited Buchenwald Concentration Camp which housed as many as 112,000 Jewish prisoners. Isolated in the countryside five miles northwest of Weimar in east central Germany, the idyllic setting gives few hints today of the extent of human suffering endured during the years of World War II. We walked through a few preserved cells and silently stood before the ovens where bodies were burned. In the basement beneath the ovens, we viewed a room designed for hanging up to a dozen persons at a time. The evil done in that place still hangs heavily over every visitor. It has been preserved so that no one can deny what happened . . . and yet many still do.

We live in a strange time when political leaders foment conflict among dominant ethnic groups with other groups characterized as "inferior". We Christians and all people of faith have an opportunity and a duty not only to remember the Holocaust, but also to stand firm in belief of the facts by those who would deny them. There is not an alternate set of facts on this dark chapter of human history. Let us remember, and let us change the world into a place of understanding and inclusion rather than ignorance and hatred.

Jim Fuller

Mission Statement:

Temple Emanuel: A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives

Core Values:

- We believe the Jewish life-journey has the power to change lives.
- 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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