DECEMBER 2020 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.

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES AND **OUR RABBI ARE MONITORING** THIS SITUATION CONSTANTLY AND WILL DETERMINE THE APPROPRIATE COURSE OF **ACTION FOR IN-PERSON SERVICES TO RESUME**

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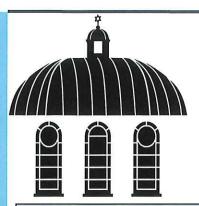
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When you need to RSVP for any Temple activity or meeting, Please call 832-6131 and press 3.

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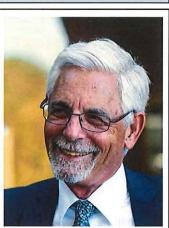
TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

ADDING MORE MEANING TO OUR CELEBRATION OF CHANUKAH

This year Chanukah begins on Thursday evening, December 10th. I want to share with you some elements of a pamphlet I received from the very creative & innovative clergy team at Congregation Emanu El. After reciting the candle blessing each night take some time to consider the quote for inspiration and/or the question for reflection listed below.



On the 1st night: Theme of **CELEBRATION**

After reciting the Sheheheyanu blessing ask yourself:

What is a new blessing in your life since last Chanukah?

On the 2nd night: Theme of **LIGHT**

"The candle you light will give light to one hundred" Talmud

Who brings light into your life?

On the 3rd night: Theme of **OIL**

"Because of a little oil, we make such a big holiday?" Yiddish Proverb

Which is the best fried Chanukah food: Latkes or Sufganiyot

(jelly donuts)?

On the 4th night: Theme of **SPINNING**

"Turn it and turn it again for everything is in it." Pirkei Avot

What do you do to find tranquility when the world is spinning?

On the 5th night: Theme of **COURAGE**

"God gives strength in divine measure; God demands strength in human

measure" Midrash

Where do you find courage when the world seems dark?

On the 6th night: Theme of MIRACLES

"There are two ways to live your life. One is as though nothing is a miracle. The other is as though everything is a miracle." Albert Einstein

What is a miracle that you have witnessed?

On the 7th night: Theme of **COMMUNITY**

"When a person is sick, we treat a single organ in order to heal the whole body.

And so it is with humanity: to heal one person is to heal the human family." Zohar

What is something you do to help others heal?

On the 8th night: Theme of **HOPE**

"Judaism is a sustained struggle against the world that is, in the name of the world that could be, should be, but is not yet." Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks

What inspires you to have hope?

May the messages, themes & teachings of Chanukah continue to inspire each of us and our entire world.

L'Shalom,

Mart

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.

REMINDER

The Temple Office will be closed

Friday, December 25 through Friday, January 1

IF THERE IS AN EMERGENCY, PLEASE CONTACT WAYNE or JANE.

Our telephone numbers are located in the Temple Emanuel directory



Due to COVID-19 Temple Emanuel will NOT be volunteering at Some Other Place on Christmas Day.

For individuals who feel comfortable volunteering anyway, please directly notify Paula O'Neal, Executive Director of SOP: (409) 673-6621 for further details.

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FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

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

In Memory of Rabbi Lord Johnathan Sacks

Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks died on November 7, 2020 (20 *Cheshvan* 5781). As counsel to kings, queens, presidents, and prime ministers (in his own Great Britain, Rabbi Sacks was arguably more influential than even the Archbishop of Canter-



bury). His untimely death represents a great loss for the Jewish community, which for decades turned to the chief rabbi of the British Commonwealth for inspiration and guidance.

I have personally followed his teachings on Facebook for several years now and have been inspired and enlightened by his trans-denominational teachings. To give those reading this article a sense of his teachings, I am listing below some of his quotes that have resonated to me.

"Most conflicts and wars have nothing to do with religion. They are about power, territory, and glory, things that are secular, even profane. But if religion can be enlisted, it will be."

"To ask is to believe that somewhere there is an answer...we ask not because we doubt but because we believe."

"Small acts of kindness can change and humanize our world."

"The good we do lives on in others, and it is one of the most important things that does."

"To be immortal all you need to do is engrave your values on the minds of your children."

"Wars are won by weapons but it takes ideas to win a peace."

"Pesach is the story of the defeat of probability by the force of possibility. It defines what it is to be a Jew: a living symbol of hope."

"The Jewish festival of freedom is the oldest continuously observed religious ritual in the world. Across the centuries, Passover has never lost its power to inspire the imagination of successive generations of Jews with its annually re-enacted drama of slavery and liberation."

"Love transforms us. It makes us beautiful in the eyes of those who love us. It makes us real."

"To those who fully open themselves to it, Yom Kippur is a life-transforming experience. It tells us that God, who created the universe in love and forgiveness, reaches out to us in love and forgiveness, asking us to love and forgive others. God never asked us not to make mistakes. All He asks is that we acknowledge our mistakes, learn from them, grow through them, and make amends where we can."

What has given Yom Kippur its unique place on the map of the Jewish heart is that it is the most intensely personal of all the festivals. Pesah, Shavuot and Sukkot are celebrations of Jewish memory and history. They remind us of what it means to be a member of the Jewish people, sharing its past, its present and its hopes. Rosh HaShana, the anniversary of creation, is about what it means to be human under the sovereignty of God. But Yom Kippur is about what it means to be me, this unique person that I am. It makes us ask, What have I done with my life? Whom have I hurt or harmed? How have I behaved? What have I done with Gods greatest gift, life itself? What have I lived for and what will I be remembered for?"

"Acts of kindness never die. They linger in the memory, giving life to other acts in return."

"We are changed, not by what we receive, but by what we do."

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"What is the secret of Jewish survival? Faith suggests an answer. At Sinai, Israel and God entered into a solemn and mutually binding pledge: the covenant. Israel would dedicate itself to God. God, in turn, would protect Israel. The Jewish people would exist, in Jeremiah's words, as long as the sun and the stars and the waves roared in the sea. Israel would be God's witness, and their eternity would mirror His. Jews survived for a simple reason. Interwoven in our history was something larger than history: Divine Providence."

- "Without a moral vision, we will fail. And that vision, to be shared, can only emerge from conversation from talking to one another and listening to one another across boundaries of class, income, race and faith."
- "The news media have the power to defeat most forms of conflict resolution. They are themselves vehicles of conflict creation and conflict intensification."
- "Those who are confident in their faith are not threatened but enlarged by the different faith of others."
- "The test of faith is whether I can make space for difference. Can I recognize God's image in someone who is not in my image, who language, faith, ideal, are different from mine? If I cannot, then I have made God in my image instead of allowing him to remake me in his."
- "Make space in your life for the things that matter, for family and friends, love and generosity, fun and joy. Without this, you will burn out in mid-career and wonder where your life went."
- "No great achiever even those who made it seem easy ever succeeded without hard work."
- "Peace can be agreed around the conference table, but unless it grows in ordinary hearts and minds, it does not last. It may not even begin."
- "True freedom requires the rule of law and justice, and a judicial system in which the rights of some are not secured by the denial of rights to others."
- "God has given us many faiths but only one world in which to co-exist. May your work help all of us to cherish our commonalities and feel enlarged by our differences."
- "Freedom begins with what we teach our children. That is why Jews became a people whose passion is education, whose heroes are teachers and whose citadels are schools."
- "Just as the natural environment depends on biodiversity, so the human environment depends on cultural diversity, because no one civilization encompasses all the spiritual, ethical and artistic expressions of mankind."
- "The supreme religious challenge is to see God's image in one who is not in our image."
- "God's forgiveness allows us to be honest with ourselves. We recognize our imperfections, admit our failures, and plead to God for clemency."
- "Those who believe that liberal democracy and the free market can be defended by the force of law and regulation alone, without an internalized sense of duty and morality, are tragically mistaken."
- "The meaning of the universe lies outside the universe."
- "Religion survives because it answers three questions that every reflective person must ask. Who am I? Why am I here? How then shall I live?"
- "The idols of today are unmistakable self-esteem without achievement, sex without consequences, wealth without responsibility, pleasure without struggle and experience without commitment."

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"The faith religious believers have in God is small compared to the faith people put in politicians, knowing how many times they have been disappointed in the past but still insisting that this time it will be different.."

"There's always hope. You can lose everything else in the world, but Jews never lose hope."

"Yom HaShoah is a vital day in the Jewish calendar, providing us with a focal point for our remembrance. We cannot bring the dead back to life, but we can bring their memory back to life and ensure they are not forgotten. We can undertake in our lives to do what they were so cruelly prevented from doing in theirs."

"The greatest single antidote to violence is conversation."

"After the destruction of the Second Temple Jews lived by an ancient and fundamental insight, that God does not live in buildings but in the human heart."

Wayne

Wayne Margolis, M.D.—Temple President

PLEASE TAKE NOTE:

The Annual Congregational Dinner/Meeting will be handled virtually through Zoom on Sunday, January 31, 2021.

More details will be in the January Bulletin.

Thank You,

Temple Board of Trustees



Beginning
Eve of Thursday, December 10
Ending
Eve of Friday, December 18

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SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE - DECEMBER 2020

It's that time of year again when we celebrate the holidays. As a Sisterhood we've blinked, and Chanukah is literally right around the corner. It's time to dust off the menorah and prepare heaps of delicious latkes as it all kicks off on December 10th this year. Literally, where did this year go? While we won't be able to gather for the traditional Chanukah Dinner hosted by Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, I wish everyone a Happy Chanukah! During Chanukah I'm often reminded of a quote by Anne Frank: "Look at how a single candle can both defy and define the darkness." My hope is that soon we will be able to meet again in person as a sacred community for Shabbat and that next year we will all celebrate Chanukah with the glow of many candles in our beautiful sanctuary.

I would like to take this opportunity to offer a personal thank you to members of Temple Emanuel Sisterhood. All of your support during the WRJ Southwest District Virtual Convention was amazing. The virtual ad that ran before each session was awesome. Seeing so many of you signed on to various virtual programs as well as Shabbat Services was truly appreciated. While we could not all be together, in person, I certainly felt the love from my Sisterhood. I was also speechless at the installation when Temple Emanuel Sisterhood gifted me the beautiful *Women of the Wall Tallit*. It's simply gorgeous, and words can't express how truly blessed and thankful I am to have each of you in my life. I will cherish all of my Temple Emanuel Sisterhood memories every time I have the honor of wearing it. Thank you all for your outpouring of support. It is appreciated.

As the new calendar year approaches, I wish everyone a Happy, Healthy 2021 and may we all be together soon. Be well, stay safe, socially (physically) distance when appropriate and please wear a mask when out in public.

L'Shalom,

Cheryl



Lights and Latkes
Presented by
Cheryl Barenberg
December 6th, 11 am Central Time
Zoom Meeting ID: 85298662169

It's fried, it's crispy, it's delicious...and Chanukah wouldn't be the same without it. The latke (a fried potato pancake) is one of the most common foods served during Chanukah. But what makes this precious pancake so incredibly fascinating is the crazy history of the latke and where it came from. Zoom in to learn the history and why Chef Cheryl fries her latkes in Olive Oil as opposed to Canola or Peanut Oil.

This, of course, will make sense as to why people celebrate Chanukah for eight days and eat oil-fried foods to celebrate.

JANUARY 2021 YAHRZEITS

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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 1/30 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

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 Carrye 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

Harry Starr
Lois Szafir
Jerome I. Unick
Max H. Unick
Frank Greenberg
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DECEMBER YAHRZEITS

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Week Ending 12/26 to be Read 12/25

Hilda Gordon Karl David Schwartz Meyer Kaplan Sam Swerdlow Sidney Golob Louis W. Kariel Joseph Miller Anna Dugan Rabbi Lothar Goldstein Bruce Greenberg Jerome F. Bemel Samuel Levine Helene Levy Charles Weinbaum, Sr. David Feinberg Woodrow L. Melasky Mamie Gordon Perlstein Gertrude Petrova Goldie Saltzman

Week Ending 12/12 to be Read 12/11

Theodore Danziger Yetta Eisen Harry Galewsky, Jr. Mike Gerstner Stanley Kariel Meyer Mellinger Yochanan Bruckner Rabbi Aaron Levy Hyman Asher Perlstein Horace J. Reddoch **Emil Szafir** Isadore K. Frenkel Lawrence D. Gale Vera Donde Hodes Isadore Shanefield Marianne Hodes Todd Renee Bennett Samuel Irving Goldfine Salka Plettman Jake Horwitz Dr. Nate J. Rogers Ruth Rubin Lena Lefkowitz Rebecca Miller

Week Ending 1/2 to be Read 1/1

Ann Lita Kramer A. H. Waldman Ben Adler Tillie Krauss Danziger Regina Bluestein Kaufman Dr. Bernard D. Koshkin Sam Liebman Mose Sampson **Judith Simons** Larry Travitsky John Whipkey Gusta Brookner Abraham Goldberg Anna Belle Spector Lillie Jacobus Weinbaum Max Petrower Max Silverberg John Anthony Berger

Sophie Bernstein

Week Ending 12/19 to be Read 12/18

Esther Toby Diamond Joseph Y. Horwitz Blanche Feinberg Levine Louis Mayer Anna Sampson Julia H. Bohrer Adele Schwarz Gordon Jake Levin Joseph G. Perl Ben J. Rogers Leon Cohen Ida Schwartz S. H. Sontag Madeleine Liebmann Wolf Kalman Kaplan Bernard "Ben" Kassoff Bernard Y. Rogers Eva Swerdlow Charles Olliver Fogal Harry Goldstein Sophie Esther Koshkin Joe Liebling Wanda Robertson Harry M. Rosen Jay Doblin Herman "Harry" Louis Goldstein Rose Richker Friedman Gerald "PeeWee" Sampson

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Hyman Lipson
Phil Parker
Benjamin Rosen
Coye Williams
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Rachel Newman
Clyde Shields, Sr.
Mollie Feinberg

TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

Memorial & Tribute Fund

In honor of the 90th Birthday of
Arline Meyers
(Mazel Tov)
By: Lois Rutman

In honor of the birth of your granddaughter, **Sutton Avery** to **Lori & Brian Alter**By: Lois Rutman

In honor of **Rabbi Matt Michaels** By: Ellen & Ron Kerman

In loving memory of Charles Hoffer By: Barry, Linda, Hollan & Harlo Hoffer

In memory of
Alvin Pickering
(Angela Pickering's Father)
By: Pat Klein

In memory of
Joan Allen
(Wilton's Mother)
By: Miriam & Jim Thompson

High Holiday Music

Wishing a speedy recovery to Marleen Swerdlow By: Sarah Hawes

In memory of
Alvin Pickering
(Angela Pickering's Father)
By: Sarah Hawes

In memory of
Alvin Pickering
(Angela Pickering's Father)
By: Lindsay & Bob Kramer

In memory of
Alvin Pickering
(Angela Pickering's Father)
By: Beverly & Paul Hay

In memory of
Alvin Pickering
(Angela Pickering's Father)
By: Miriam & Jim Thompson

Kol Israel Chapel

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to

Marleen Swerdlow

By: Natalie, Brett, Brian

& Benjamin Barth

In loving memory

Dr. Robert Swerdlow

By: Natalie, Brett, Brian

& Benjamin Barth

Floral Fund

In loving memory of Herta Mendelson By: Miriam & Viraf Cooper

In loving memory of H. A. Perlstein
By: Charles Weinbaum, Jr.

In loving memory of my father, Charles Weinbaum, Sr. By: Charles Weinbaum, Jr.

In loving memory of **Mamie Gordon Perlstein** By: Charles Weinbaum, Jr.

In loving memory of my grandmother, **Anna Sampson**By: Harold Eisen

In loving memory of Ruth Brookner By: The Brookner Family

Social Justice

In honor of the help from Temple Emanuel's office personnel getting me in touch with Homer concerning my father's WWII Camera he purchased. Thank You So Much

Jane Kaulfus By: Mimi Cohen

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of Anna Belle Spector By: Rene' & Mike Spector

In loving memory of Rose R. Friedman By: Rene' & Mike Spector

In honor of the 90th Birthday of Arline Meyers (Mazel Tov) By: Beverly & Paul Hay

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE (DECEMBER 2020)

Traditionally, Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee plans, coordinates, and helps to execute the Love Thy Neighbor initiative of Temple Emanuel with intergenerational projects that impact lives and make a tikkun olam difference in Beaumont, Southeast Texas, nationally, and globally. However, during the COVID-19 pandemic, we are encouraging that you take care of yourself and that you fulfill the mitzvah of shmirat haguf* the mitzvah of giving Tzedakah. TEBoard President-Dr. Wayne Margolis has tasked us to encourage Congregants to fulfill our Sacred obligation of Tzedakah, thereby making a tikkun olam difference! And you will see that we are continuing to do just that as per the following:

2020

- Christmas Day at Some Other Place, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: For those of you who traditionally help at Some Other Place with either the serving of food or with driving to distribute food to Meals-on-Wheels clients of SOP, please know that it is the decision of Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee that because of the COVID-19 pandemic and our concern over the health of our Temple Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel who join in because of our leadership on Christmas Day, our participation as Temple Emanuel at Some Other Place in 2020 is cancelled. But individuals who feel comfortable in distributing box lunches either at SOP or to Meals-on-Wheels clients of SOP the morning of December 25th, please directly notify Paula O'Neal, Executive Director of SOP: 409.673.6621 for further details.
- *Our message to ALL reading this bullet point: Taking care of oneself all the time and even more so during the COVID-19 Pandemic is not only important, it is the *mitzvah* of *shmirat haguf*. We are created in the image of God. The body is a divine gift, so it is our individual responsibility to "take heed to thyself and take care of your lives" (Deuteronomy 4:9) and to "be extremely protective of your lives." (Deuteronomy 4:15) In so doing the *mitzvah* of *shmirat haguf*, you will be making a *tikkun olam* difference for yourself, for your family, for your congregational "family", and for your friends! Wear a mask! Observe being socially distant! Keep your hands clean!
- The High Holiday Tzedakah Drive benefiting the Southeast Texas Food Bank, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: TOTAL Social Justice Tzedakah shared with Southeast Texas Food Bank was \$1,842. Since every donated dollar equals 3 meals, collectively we provided 5,526 meals for Southeast Texans! That represents more than twice what we donated in 2019! THANK YOU to Temple Emanuel members and Friends of Temple Emanuel! PLUS, THANK YOU to Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee for voting to share donations made for You are a Blessing Bags and undesignated donations made to Social Justice Fund with the Southeast Texas Food Bank! Together we have made a tikkun olam difference!
- Disaster relief, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: TOTAL Social Justice Tzedakah shared with

Temple Sinai Disaster Relief was \$13,535. THANK YOU to the following Temple Emanuel members and Friends of Temple Emanuel for making a *tikkun olam* difference following Hurricane Laura:

Cheryl & Andy Barenberg

Tammy Bolin

Rita & Barry Davis

Richard Drapeau

Stephen Eisen

Beverly & Jay Ginsberg

Sarah Hawes

Marilyn & Richard Hayes

Brandy Johnson

Leah & Paul Katz

Pat Klein

Susan Zack Lewis

Arline Meyers

Judy Night

David Ronn

Fern Roos

Stewart Rosenthal

Janet & Richard Shackelford

SETX Emergency Relief Fund

Gail & Gary Swartz

Laura & Gene Thomas

Margaret Whipkey

Cynthia & Michael Wolf

Karla Blum

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Debbie Drago

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Contribution (Ten-\$10.00) dollars per name minimum)	Memorial & Tribute
In honor of	Kol Israel Chapel
In memory of	Becky & Edwin Gale Love Thy Neighbor
For Speedy Recovery of	Community Fund
From:	Cemetery
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BROTHERHOOD - DECEMBER 2020

Chabad of Texas Towns is a Jewish organization that serves the cities and towns throughout Texas to promote Jewish awareness, knowledge and practice through outreach, education and social services ensuring Jewish continuity. They are led by Rabbi Saadya Kaufman, a very nice man who states that Chabad encourages positive action on the part of every Jew and facilitates the efforts of every organization or group to increase Jewish knowledge and observance.

Recently, Rabbi Kaufman contacted Beaumont Mayor Becky Ames expressing his desire to conduct a Menorah lighting ceremony in Beaumont to celebrate Hanukkah. Chabad of Texas Towns does this in several communities in Texas, and in fact, their parent organization, Chabad Lubavitch, conducts Menorah lighting ceremonies throughout the United States. As the only Jewish member of the Beaumont City Council, the Mayor requested that I work with Rabbi Kaufman to accommodate his request. Accordingly, I reached out to Rabbi Kaufman to find out what he had in mind. He explained that he simply wanted to come to Beaumont to have a Menorah lighting ceremony in a public space to celebrate the miracle of Hanukkah. I told him I would be glad to help him with logistics and that I would let our congregation know about the event.

Temple Emanuel is a reform Jewish congregation. Chabad is one of the world's largest Jewish Hasidic movements, known particularly for its outreach activities. Founded in 1775, Chabad has established a large network of institutions that seek to satisfy religious, social and humanitarian needs across the world. Chabad institutions provide outreach to unaffiliated Jews and humanitarian aid, as well as religious, cultural and educational activities. OUR APPROACH TO JUDAISM IS DIFFERENT BUT WE ARE UNITED AS JEWS. In my view, we should welcome any opportunity to celebrate our Jewish identity and holidays with our fellow Jews, regardless of whether they are Reform, Conservative, Orthodox or Hasidic.

In that vein, Rabbi Kauffman will conduct a Menorah lighting ceremony at City Hall on December 16, 2020 at 5 p.m. This will not be an officially sanctioned Temple Emanuel event nor will it be a Brotherhood event. It will, however, be a JEWISH event and all are welcome to attend.

MIKE GETZ
Brotherhood President

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BIRTHDAY LIST - DECEMBER

2 ~ Bobby Chapman

6 ~ Margaret Whipkey

2 ~ Pat Klein

12 ~ Philip Drago

5 ~ Jeanne Blum

13 ~ Lewis Hoffer

5 ~ Deborah Drago

16 ~ Grace Spector

5 ~ Emily Wheeler

16 ~ Isabelle Spector

6 ~ Nancy Meyers



Anniversary List - DECEMBER

24 ~ Rita & Barry Davis

December Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters (SUSPENDED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE)

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December 4-

Judy Night

Gail Williams

December 11 -

Rita & Barry Davis

(Chanukah)

Esterlyn & Al Dugan

December 18 -

Stephen Eisen

Emily & Jeff Wheeler

December 25 -

Arline Meyers

Nancy Meyers

Charlie Weinbaum



CONDUCTING ZOOM SERVICES & TORAH STUDY

December 4-5, 2020

Rabbi Michaels

December 11-12 2020

Rabbi Michaels

December 18-19, 2020

Rabbi Kogan

December 25-26, 2020

Rabbi Kogan

Temple Emanuel Mission Statement:

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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