# SEPTEMBER 2021 BULLETIN

#### FRIDAY NIGHT

#### 6:00 PM Worship Services

# AT THIS TIME ALL SERVICES WILL BE IN-PERSON and on ZOOM

Sept 3 Shabbat Worship Service Sept 10 Shabbat Worship Service Sept 17 Shabbat Worship Service Sept 24 Shabbat Worship Service

#### <u>Rabbi</u>

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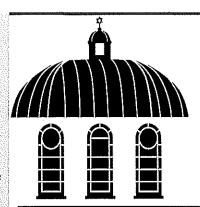
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Please slowly and clearly state the name of the meeting or activity, names of those attending, and your contact number;



# TEMPLE Emanuel

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

#### FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

As always I spend most of the month of August reading, looking for material for the High Holidays. I found the following article in the column called, 'My Turn' in Newsweek Magazine.

The article is written by a man whose name is now Tom Rosenberg. And this is what it says. "My parents left Nazi Germany in 1938, when I was 6, and my mother was pregnant with my sister. They arrived in America with a lot of baggage, guilt over deserting loved ones, anger over losing their home, business and a lifelong fear of anti Semitism.

Shortly thereafter, whether out of fear, a desire to assimilate or a combination of both, they changed our family name from Rosenberg to Ross. My parents were different from the immigrants who landed on Ellis Island and had their names changed by an immigrant bureaucrat. My father and mother voluntarily gave up their identity.

Growing up a German Jewish kid in the Bronx in the 1940's was difficult. Even my new name failed to protect me from bigotry. The neighborhood bullies knew a Jew when they saw one. Their bullying only intensified the shame I felt about my family's religious and ethnic background. I spent much of my youth denying my roots and vying for my peers' acceptance as Tom Ross. Today I look back and wonder what kind of life I might have led if my parents had kept our family name.

As it was, I moved west to San Francisco. Only after I married and became a father did I begin to acknowledge my Jewish heritage.

My first wife, a liberal Methodist, insisted that I stop running away from Judaism. For years, we attended both a Unitarian church and a synagogue. Her open minded attitude set the tone in our house, and was passed on to our three kids. As a family, we celebrated Christmas and also went to synagogue on the High Holidays. But even though my wife and I were careful to teach our kids tolerance, their exposure to either religion was minimal. Most weekends we took the kids on ski trips, rationalizing that the majesty of the Sierra was enough of a spiritual experience.

So last year, when I decided to tell my children that I was legally changing my name back to Rosenberg, I wondered how they would react. While in a restaurant, celebrating the publication of my first novel, they toasted my tenacity for staying with fiction for some thirty years, and then I made my announcement. "I want to be remembered by the name I was born with."

I explained that the kind of discrimination and stereotyping that still exist today had made me rethink the years that I'd spent denying my family's history, years that I'd been ashamed to talk about with them. The present political climate, the initiatives attacking social services for immigrants, bilingual educative, and affirmative action, made me want to shout out, "Hey, I'm an immigrant too!" My children were silent for a moment before they smiled, leaned over and hugged me.



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The memories of my years of denial continued to dog me as I told friends and family that I planned to change my name. The rabbi at the synagogue to which I now belong with my second wife suggested that I go one step further. "Have you ever thought of taking a Hebrew first name he asked. He must have seen the shocked look on my face. I wondered, is he suggesting that I become more religious, more Jewish? "What's involved?" I asked, hesitatingly.

The rabbi explained that the ceremony would be simple and private, just for family and friends. I would make a few remarks about why I had selected my name, and then he would say a blessing. It took me a moment to grasp the significance of what the rabbi was proposing. He saw my name change, as a chance to do more than just reclaim a piece of my family's history and my identity. He saw it as an opportunity for me to renew my commitment to Jewish ideals. I realized it was also a way to give my kids the sense of pride in their heritage that they had missed out on as children.

A few months later, I stood at the pulpit, in front of an open, lighted ark, flanked by my wife and the rabbi. Before me stood my children, holding their children. I had scribbled a few notes for my talk, but felt too emotional to use them. I held on to the lectern for support and I winged it. This is what I said. "Every time I step into a synagogue, I am reminded that Judaism has survived for more than five thousand years. It has survived because it is a positive religion. My parents, your grandparents, changed their name, out of fear. I am changing it back, out of pride. I hereby choose the name, Tikvah, because it means hope.

Would anyone have predicted if they had met Tom Ross when he was growing up in the Bronx, or when he was writing his novel in San Francisco, or when he was intermarrying and attending services at the Unitarian church that he would someday became Tom Rosenberg once again or that at the age of sixty eight, he would choose a new Hebrew first name, the name of Tikvah?

It happens over and over again in every generation. Theodore Herzl was almost out of Jewish life, and then there came the shock of the Dreyfus Affair and he returned. Franz Rosensweig was at the door of the church, planning to convert, on Kol Nidrei he went to the synagogue to say goodbye to Judaism and something happened. He realized that he did not have to convert from Judaism in order to find God, and that if he did not have to, then he must not. Will Herzberg came to Reinhold Neibuhr to tell him that he was no longer a believing Communist, and to ask for his help in becoming a Christian. Reinhold Neibuhr guided him across the street; he took him from the Union Theological Seminary to the Jewish Theological Seminary, and Herzberg came home and became first a student of Judaism and then a teacher of Judaism to many people.

Our tradition asks, Why was Israel redeemed from Egypt? One of the answers which it gives is:

Shelo shinu et shimam that they did not change their names.

Perhaps we will be worthy of being redeemed out of our modern day Egypt and exile, when we change our names back, and reclaim our heritage. Elul is the season for doing teshuvah. Of returning and reclaiming, but most of all of recognizing our names and identities. Have a gentle Elul, see you all in September.

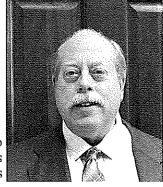
Rabbi Chava Koster

#### FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

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

#### FORGIVENESS-IF NOT NOW, WHEN?

I have discussed the concept of forgiveness several times in the past. However, I wish to again consider and reflect on this subject this being my last pre-High Holy Day article as Temple President. I do this because I have always personally believed that forgiveness is one of the major tenets of Judaism.



On Yom Kippur we state the following: "For transgressions against God, the Day of Atonement atones; but for transgressions against one human being against another, the Day of Atonement does not atone until they have made peace with one another."

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The famous saying of Rabbi Hillel, "If not now, when?" is a call to action. Now is the time to deeply and intensely examine our previous actions and how these action may have hurt or negatively impacted others. In all human to human interactions there is the potential over time, either by commission or omission, to create negative feelings and/or animosity between individuals or groups of individuals. Each of us however, has been given the ability by God, to ask for forgiveness and to grant forgiveness to others. To put aside our past differences and move forward. I sincerely hope that all of us including myself will try hard to exercise this ability now and going forward.

There are three Hebrew synonyms: "Selichah," "Mechilah," and "Kapparah," all related to the idea of "forgiveness." What does each mean?

"Selichah," usually translated as "forgiveness" is the first step which must be taken if someone has committed a transgression, whether it be against God or against Man. To ask for forgiveness is to say to the "wronged" person, "I am sorry for what I did; I sincerely regret having done it, and I will never do it again." The appropriate response to this request if you believe the petitioner is sincere is to open your heart to him or her and forgive. A person who refuses to do this is considered to be acting with a "hardened heart."

"Mechilah," usually translated as "wiping away" and is the response to the request "Can we repair our relationship back to the level which it was at before I wronged you?" A positive response to this can be difficult, but it is within the divine powers given to human beings by God, and it is required.

"Kapparah," is usually translated as "atonement," as in Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement. This is the response to the person who says, "My conscience will not let me live with myself, because of what I did to you and to our relationship." To respond positively to this is beyond human capacity. It is only God who can reach inside a person and say "Be comforted." "Kapparah" is the climax of this three-part process, and is accomplished on Yom Kippurim.

According to **Jewish** law one is required to sincerely **ask for forgiveness three times**. If after **three times** the person who was wronged still has not granted forgiveness then the guilty party is no longer obligated to continue to ask. It is also considered that the person who refuses to forgive even after being sincerely asked three times may be acting with cruelty.

Cruelty is when we could forgive and do not just to hurt the other person. At this time of year we need to ask ourselves, can I forgive the person asking me? If we know for certain that they are going to continue to do us harm we do not forgive. However, if we believe that they have truly resolved to no longer do harm then we need to accept their apology. To do otherwise is being cruel.

We are instructed in Leviticus 19:17, "Do not hate your brother in your heart," and in Leviticus 19:18, "Thou shalt not avenge, nor bear any grudge against the children of thy people, but thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself."

It is a well-known fact that the act of forgiving often benefits the person who is granting the forgiveness, even greater than those who are being forgiven. If the person approaching us asking to be forgiven shows evidence of being truly repentant we should ask ourselves: what type of person do I want to be? Do I want to be the type of person who holds onto anger? Do I want to be cruel just for the sake of making this person suffer? Or do I want to be a person of mercy and understanding? The choice as always is ours.

L'shanah Tovah, Happy Jewish New Year-5782

Wayne

Wayne Margolis, M.D.-Temple President

#### SUKKOT YIZKOR MEMORIAL SERVICE and SIMCHAT TORAH CELEBRATION

Wednesday, September 29th - 6:00 PM

#### UPDATED

# TEMPLE EMANUEL COVID-19 GUIDELINES AS OF AUGUST 18, 2021

#### **CONGREGATION TEMPLE EMANUEL—BEAUMONT, TEXAS**

In the best interest of our Congregation, the Board of Trustees have voted that we will return to the following guidelines:

#### Mask mandate and social distancing required.

Masks and hand sanitizer available upon entry.

One (1) person at a time in the restrooms.

Bring your own Kippah and Tallit, Temple will not provide.

Leave Prayer Books in your Sanctuary seat.

Family seating will be allowed (every 3rd row with 3 seats in between families). At this time we will not reinstate the roping off of rows/seats.

Kiddush & Motzi will be conducted only on the Bimah.

Staggered dismissal from Sanctuary from front to back.

The Board of Trustees will continue to monitor this ever fluent COVID-19 pandemic and our guidelines may be revised as necessary.

#### ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

(paraphrased from a handout Dr. Wayne Margolis is giving all his patients)

The monoclonal antibody treatment is being severely underutilized in our community. If you or a loved one is diagnosed with COVID-19, you need to aggressively pursue treatment. The Delta variant of COVID-19 is now the predominant strain in the United States. This strain is 100% more contagious than the original viral strain. In addition it appears to cause more severe disease even in younger individuals. I therefore strongly recommend that everyone get vaccinated!

If you do contract COVID-19 whether you are vaccinated or unvaccinated, please contact your primary care physician immediately for consideration of the monoclonal antibody infusion. This treatment can significantly alter the course of your COVID-19 infection and potentially avoid hospitalization with serious illness.

Wayne Margolis, M.D.—Temple President

# TEMPLE EMANUEL HOLY DAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE 2021/5782

#### HIGH HOLY DAY FUND DRIVE (MONTH OF SEPTEMBER)

(We are asking for only monetary donations this year)

Monday, September 6	Erev Rosh HaShanah Worship	8:00 p.m.
Tuesday, September 7	Rosh HaShanah Morning Worship	10:00 a.m.
	Taschlich at the home of Dr. Robert & Lindsay Kramer 11843 Quail Chase Lumberton, TX 77657	5:00 p.m.
Friday, September 10	Shabbat Shuvah Worship	6:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 11	Torah Study	9:00 a.m.
Sunday, September 12	HHD Cemetery Memorial Services  Hebrew Rest & Kol Israel  Cemeteries	10:00 a.m.
	Greenlawn Cemetery	1:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 15	Kol Nidre Worship / Erev Yom Kippur	8:00 p.m.
Thursday, September 16	Yom Kippur Morning Worship Afternoon Worship Yizkor I Neilah Worship Break fast (Not Being Held This Year)	10:00 a.m. 2:30 p.m. 4:30 p.m.
Friday, September 17	Shabbat Worship	6:00 p.m.
Sunday, September 19	Build the Sukkah in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall	10:00 a.m.
Friday, September 24	Shabbat Sukkot Worship Sukkot Dinner following (To Be Determined)	6:00 p.m.
Wednesday, September 29	Yizkor Memorial Service & Simchat Torah Celebration	6:00 p.m.

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#### SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE - SEPTEMBER 2021

It is that time of year when we celebrate new beginnings and the Jewish New Year. While we are able to be together, albeit socially distanced, for the High Holidays I wish Sisterhood members and their families a sweet and joyous New Year. It is a time to wish others sweet blessings and peace in the year to come.

As the traditions of our Sisterhood are again put on hold due to the rise in the COVID-19 pandemic and the Delta variant, Sisterhood will not be hosting a Break-the-Fast this coming year following the concluding service. However, Sisterhood will provide bottles of water and individually wrapped round challah for our Temple family to take as they leave the building. Hopefully this small act of kindness will ease your fast as you are returning home following the Yizkor/Neilah service.

Sisterhoods hosting of the Sukkot Dinner following Shabbat Services on September 24, 2021 will be determined as we move closer to that date. Once the decision is made regarding the Sukkot Dinner we will notify our members and the congregation of the decision.

As life at Temple Emanuel is ever evolving, stay safe, wash your hands often, socially (physically) distance when appropriate and please wear a mask when appropriate. Wishing You and Yours Health and Happiness for a Sweet New Year. *L'Shanna Tovah*!!!

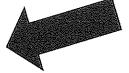
Kol tuv,

#### Cheryl

Cheryl Barenberg,
President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood
President, WRJ Southwest District

#### TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD - SEPTEMBER 2021

Build the Sukkah Sunday, September 19th 10:00 am



Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

#### **OCTOBER 2021 YAHRZEITS**

#### Week Ending 10/9 to be Read 10/8

Sarah Feldman Louis Diamond Irving Mayer Eisen Betty Levine Sadie Sharfstein Nathan Himan Rosenthal Dr. Robert Swerdlow Max Bernstein Arthur Greenspan Emily Wallheimer Seligman Siegfried Seligman Kurt Steinhart Sonja Steinhart Seymour Teitelbaum Morris Weiss Lenor Elkins Abzug Joseph Horowitz Helen Isabel Segal Rose Sharfstein Alexander Klein Samuel Lederer Albert M. Levin Beulah May Smyth Moses Sander Abelman Carol Lefkovits Bennett Father of A. Swartz Jessie Elkins Mark David Forbert Louis J. Klein Julius Richard Mothner

#### Week Ending 10/16 to be Read 10/15

Fannie Apfel Morris Aaron Friedman Harvey H. Goldblum Louis Hoffer Herman D. Horwitz Carl D. Levy Cora Heymann Levy Carole Krasnow Liston Louis Miller Helen Moskowitz Rachel Rosenbaum Ruby Rosenthal Israel "Jack" Silverman Bertha Steinhart Sallye Waldman Bartel Buck Bessie Walker Feldman Ida Goodman Lillian Kaplan Geraldine "Jerry" Kessler

Ania Battelstein Max Belgrade Fannie Bernstein Judith Eisenberg Bernstein Julius Deutser Murray Herman Phillip Weintraub Lois Diamond Cochrane Louis Feldman Larry M. Granger Robert Johnson Jack Stevenson Rebecca L. Gale Pauline Hoffer Harry Ladner Glenda Greenberg Walker Miriam Feinberg Harry Meyer Henrietta Moskowitz Stephen Roos Louis Lipschitz Lillian Oshman Naman Melina Rosenthal Milton Sharfstein Gloria Weinbaum

#### Week Ending 10/23 to be Read 10/22

Edwin M. Gale Delphine Loeb Frank Bluestein Birdie Brown Abraham Carrow Jay Jacobs Marion Kaplan M. J. Loeb Lillie Adler Sarah Adler William Adler Moselle Levy Donald Brick Julia Kalensher Elsie Lefkowitz Beaulah Lovell Harry Cooper Louis Emanuel Furst Gussie Schwartz Galewsky Benjamin Greenberg Marvin Greenberg Blanche Schornstein Esther B. Smith

#### Week Ending 10/30 to be Read 10/29

Morris B. Aronson Robert Irving Colmar Lena Goldfine Leo Gordon Leah Goudchaux Harry Eisen Peter Owers Tressa R. Weil David Denker Sidney Michelson James Jacob Utitz, Sr. James Edward Ayer Sidney David Diamond Irene Lipper Dover Rose Krasnow Stella Schwarz Solinsky Bette Ann Curry Irving Isaac Nathan Leonard Swartz

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# October

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#### SEPTEMBER 2021 YAHRZEITS

#### Week Ending 9/4 to be Read 9/3

Celia Freedman J. P. Freedman Rae G. Horwitz Nathan Shapiro Hessie Solomon Sadie Katz Paul Weinman Anna Heilig Weiser Joseph G. Weiser Max Lipoff Rabbi Herbert Rutman Minnie Haber Alexander Szafir William Horwitz Carrye Richard Mothner Annie Wyde Pearl Ladner Elster Abraham A. Goldstein Seymour Lawrence Sarah Lindenberg Katherine Brookner Sam Fruhman

#### Week Ending 9/25 to be Read 9/24

Solomon Feinberg Rose Weintraub Moore Herman Silverman Sadye S. Byer Carole Goldstein Samuel Myron Leibson Victor J. Rogers Yvette Rutman William W. Granger Helen Dow Jacobs Pearl Diamond Gary Dworkin Sarah Ruth Hoffer Debbie Kelman Marsh Haia Tadmor Helen Breen Sarah Goodman S. D. "Donnie" Night Nanette Spector Night

#### Week Ending 9/11 to be Read 9/10

Frank Brookner June Klein E. Sydney Ham Max Horwitz Dr. Barnett M. Hyman Pauline Cohn Wolf Bertha L. Kassel **David Spector** Gus Weil Jake Apfel Joel Bender Sam Kessler Hank Rivers Myron Blankfield Grace Mandel Born Mack Horowitz Bari Joan Waldman Mintz Hilda Tanenblatt Benjamin "Bernard" Liebling

#### Week Ending 10/2 to be Read 10/1

Fanny Gordon Harris Herman Horwitz Marion Heyman Levy Leonard Mothner Juliette K. Rosinger Abe Sobel Violet Spector Abelman Nannette Levy Nathan Godfrey F. Bony Lena Brookner Henry E. Austin **Evelyn Cooper** Marie B. Gale Rabbi Morris Goodman Ray Philipson Ney Morris Galewsky

#### Week Ending 9/18 to be Read 9/17

William Alter Esther Lebovitz Goldstein Agnes Harrington Sade Leaman Sampson Irma Fisher Blankfield Sallie Diamond Lamar Gale Jake Meyer George Rutman Sophie Levy Szafir Benjamin Dorfman Jacob Gedaly Robert Henry Wyde Morris Chernoff Edward J. Gordon Milton Irwin Greenberg Marie Kassoff Herrin Alex Adler Haim Starr Ida Bagelman Bemel Baileh Cohen Ben Jacobs Joseph H. Spector Mosher "Morris' Bagelman Alexander Bluestein Jacob Krasnow

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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.

Temple Office telephone number is (409) 832-6131

#### TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

#### Memorial & Tribute Fund

In honor of Temple Emanuel by: Richard Drapeau

In honor of Temple Emanuel by: Jeri Kirkendall

In honor of **Temple Emanuel** by: Alton Victores

In loving memory
Bernard Klein
by: Harriet Handelman

In loving memory of Dr. Robert L. Barenberg by: Cheryl & Dr. Andrew Barenberg

> In loving memory of Sarah Hoffer by: Linda & Barry Hoffer Hollan & Harlo

In honor of the 90th birthday of **Karla Blum** by: Lois Rutman

#### Floral Fund

In loving memory of my dear loving husband and my best friend **Bill Hickman** by: Beverly Hickman-Hay & Paul Hay

In loving memory of my dad Leon Finegold by: Judy Night

> In loving memory of my grandfather Baruch Sampson by: Harold Eisen

In loving memory of Rabbi Herbert Rutman by: The Rutman Family

#### **Temple Emanuel Sisterhood**

In honor of Temple Emanuel Sisterhood by: Cheryl Barenberg

In honor of the 90th birthday of **Karla Blum** by: Cheryl & Dr. Andrew Barenberg

#### **Social Justice**

In honor of Brenda's Blessing Bags and Brenda Roberts by: Regina Rogers

In honor of the good work of Some Other Place by: Brandy Johnson

#### **Cemetery Fund**

Donation for maintenance for Temple Cemetery by: Lynn & Lenny Krasnow

In loving memory of
Rabbi Herbert Rutman
Herman Silverman
David Spector
Sadie Leaman Sampson
William "Bill" Hickman
Sam Spector
Tressie S. Michelson
Mary Richker
by: Mike Spector

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

#### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Chava Koster by: Diana Blum & Bill Scott

In honor of Temple Emanuel by: Wendie Nordgren PAGE 12 TEMPLE EMANUEL

#### TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE (SEPTEMBER 2021)

 High Holiday Fund Drive for Southeast Texas Food Bank, a tradition of Temple Emanuel: SETX Food Bank serves 7 counties, and thousands of food deficient people of all ages who depend on SETX Food Bank! The tradition is for our High Holiday Fund Drive to begin with S'lichot. Every dollar donated equals 3 meals for the clients of Southeast Texas Food Bank!

Over the years, Regina Rogers has been the primary Sponsor of the You are a Blessing Bags. The recipients have been The Homeless, including Homeless Veterans. Starting in 2021, with Regina's generous support as her annual donation to remember Brenda Roberts, her long-time personal assistant who had originally coordinated the Blessing Bags for the Julie Rogers Gift of Life, TESJ Committee voted to rename this project Brenda's Blessing Bags. It was Brenda who helped TESJ to purchase food at Sam's Club when Regina first recommended that Temple Emanuel coordinate the Blessing Bag initiative. Included in Brenda's obituary are these beautiful words: A woman of faith, integrity, and generosity, she leaves a legacy that is defined by her love for family and friends, as well as her selfless efforts to care for everyone who entered her life...Her gift of never-ending love extended into her passionate and dedicated service to the Julie Rogers Gift of Life Program, IEA-Inspire, Encourage, Achieve, the Ben Rogers "I Have a Dream" Program and other community outreach initiatives, forever changing the lives of hundreds of children and adults. TESJ offers a great big THANK YOU to Regina Rogers! The date for Brenda's Blessing Bag Project will be announced in another bulletin, as it will be part of a future Social Justice Shabbat & The Blessing of the Sacred Sages. The bags will be fulfilled at Temple Emanuel but distributed by TESJ will be working with Paula O'Neal at SOP to determine what Some Other Place. necessities to include in Brenda's Blessing Bags which will, of course, continue to be bright red and to also bear the logo of Temple Emanuel and the tagline line of You are a Blessing as a statement directed to the Homeless recipients. Brenda's Blessing Bags during each step of the project will continue to represent so many blessings! And Regina's challenge to Temple Emanuel and to Friends of Temple Emanuel is that even more Tzedakah be given toward this project!

# TESJ Projects (funded by *Tzedakah* to Social Justice Fund) to consider are listed below:

- Beaumont Pet's Alive, a No-Kill Animal Shelter
- Brenda's Blessing Bags
- Disaster Relief
- Israel
- Nutrition & Services for Seniors
- Salvation Army Homeless Shelter
- Some Other Place
- Southeast Texas Food Bank
- Stable-Spirit
- The Orchard
- Women & Children's Shelter (Family Services of Southeast Texas)
- Undesignated donations to Social Justice Fund to be used as needed

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel,

As you know, one of the pillars of President Wayne's focus during his term is the giving of *Tzedakah* as an important part of Temple Emanuel's *Love Thy Neighbor* Initiative.

PLEASE designate what you want your *tikkun olam mitzvah* dollars to support from the various *Tzedakah* opportunities in this article.

Here's how to support what speaks to your heart:

- 1. Please write a check to Temple Emanuel with Memo Note for Social Justice/the name of the TESJ project or projects that you wish to support and how much for each that speaks to your heart.
- 2. Or please send your check(s) to Temple Emanuel but payable to the specific non-profit(s). Your check(s) will be included with the letter(s) written to the non-profit(s).
- 3. Or please call Jane Kaulfus in Temple Office at 409.832.6131 to charge your *Tzedakah* donation.

THANK YOU for joining together to make a <u>tikkun olam difference!</u>

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee

#### **TEMPLE EMANUEL**

High Holy Day Fund Drive (month of September)



Due to COVID-19 precautions this year, Temple Emanuel will only be accepting monetary donations during our High Holy Day FUND Drive. There is a Tzedakah box on the Foyer table in the Sanctuary for your donations.

SEE ABOVE FOR WAYS IN WHICH YOU CAN MAKE
YOUR MONETARY DONATION

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#### BIRTHDAY LIST - SEPTEMBER

2 ~ Paul Horwitz

18 ~ Dr. Robert Kramer

10 ~ Bene' Rutman

18 ~ Dan Eisen

11 ~ Stephen Bender

20 ~ Hannah Greenberg

13 ~ Viktoria Acevedo 23 ~ Dr. Wayne Margolis

13 ~ Susan Weinbaum

25 ~ Jerry Nathan (85)

15 ~ Sarah Mann

29 ~ Debra Diamond

17 ~ Esterlyn Dugan

29 ~ Freddie Hackner

#### **Anniversary List - SEPTEMBER**

1 ~ Beverly & Paul Hay

9 ~ Susan & Daniel Weinbaum

21 ~ Marilyn & Richard Hayes

25 ~ Phyllis & Eric Lawrence



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#### THE TEMPLE OFFICE Will be CLOSED

Tuesday, September 7th for Rosh HaShanah

Thursday, September 16th for Yom Kippur And

Tuesday, September 21st for 1st day of Sukkot

#### September Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters

September 3 -

Natalie & S.L. Greenberg

September 10 -

Marleen Swerdlow

(Shabbat Shuvah)

Cynthia & Michael Wolf

September 17 -

Lori & Brian Alter

Vita & Marc Greenberg

September 24 -

Bene' & Dan Rutman

(Sukkot)

Lois Rutman



#### Mazel Tov

On the birth of

#### Anastasia Grace Sampson

August 18, 2021 8 lbs. 6 oz.

#### PARENTS:

Marianne & Benjamin Sampson

#### **GRANDPARENTS:**

Norma & Alan Sampson

#### **NEW ADDRESS**

Barbara & Mark Brookner

2929 Buffalo Speedway, Unit 2304 Houston, TX 77098

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Remember Your Loved Ones	FUND (please check)
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
Address:	Floral (\$25 minimum) (Checks payable to Sisterhood)
City/State/Zip:	<b>Rabbi's Discretionary</b> (Checks payable to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)
Send Card to Name:	High Holiday Music
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#### 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.

#### 2021 Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees

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Dr. Wayne Margolis - President; Ken Parker - President-Elect; Allison Nathan Getz - Treasurer;
Marleen Swerdlow - Secretary; Cheryl Barenberg - Sisterhood President; Mike Getz - Brotherhood President
Bruce Hoffer, Dr. Robert Thomas Coll Millionary Mighal T. Wolf Gene Thomas, Gail Williams, Michael T. Wolf

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#### COMMITTEES (\*chairperson):

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\*Alan Sampson Paul Hay, Gene Thomas

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\*Allison Nathan Getz, Cheryl Barenberg, Bobby Chapman, Ken Parker, Cynthia Wolf, Michael T. Wolf

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\*Norma Sampson

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#### Sisterhood Officers and Committee

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TBD, Fundraising/Development Coordinator

Fern Roos, District Representative TBD, Birthday Luncheon Marleen Swerdlow, Bylaws Chair, O'neg Shabbat Hospitality

TBD, Fall Cheesecake Days, Fall Mahjongg Tournament Lois Rutman, Mammogram Van

Sherry Horwitz, Tree of Life TBD, Sukkot Dinner TBD, Chanukah Dinner

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

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