

**DECEMBER 2021  
JANUARY 2022  
BULLETIN**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES**

**AT THIS TIME ALL SERVICES  
WILL BE IN-PERSON and  
via ZOOM**

Dec 3 Shabbat Service  
Dec 10 Shabbat Service  
Dec 17 Shabbat Service  
Dec 24 Shabbat Service  
Dec 31 Shabbat Service

Jan 7 Shabbat Service  
Jan 14 Shabbat Service  
Jan 21 Shabbat Service  
Jan 28 Shabbat Service

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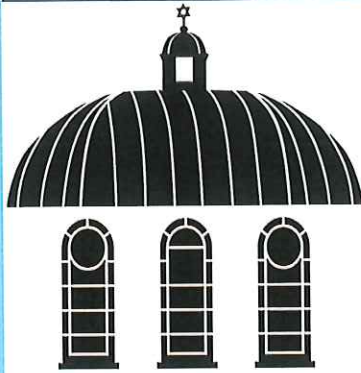
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# TEMPLE EMANUEL

*A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.*

## FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

### Chanuklaas 5782

Saint Nicholas, good holy man!  
Put on your Tabard, the best you can,  
Go, therewith, to Amsterdam,  
From Amsterdam to Spain,  
Where apples bright of Orange,  
And likewise those granate surnam'd  
Roll through the streets,  
all free and unclaim'd



This holiday nursery rhyme was one of the many Sinterklaas poems I grew up with, I celebrated Chanukah with my family, even though Sinterklaas in my family was better known as Chanuklaas, or the Chanukah Man, who on occasion came by our homes during those rare years when Chanukah and Sinterklaas coincided, which was not very often.

The English translation above came from a pamphlet that John Pintard released in New York in 1810. It is the earliest source mentioning Spain in connection to Sinterklaas. Pintard wanted St. Nicholas to become patron saint of New York and hoped to establish a Sinterklaas tradition in New Amsterdam. If he had been successful, perhaps the Big Apple would have been known as the "Big Orange!" Apparently he received help from the Dutch community in New York, which provided him with the original Dutch Sinterklaas poem. Strictly speaking, the poem does not state that Sinterklaas comes from Spain, but that he needs to go to Spain to pick up the oranges and pomegranates. So the link between Sinterklaas and Spain goes through the oranges, (also the official name of the Dutch royal household, and another name for the The Netherlands itself (Oranje) perhaps an explanation why your rabbi likes the vibrant colour orange so much, even though that might be a tad Freudian)

Originally, the Sinterklaasfeest celebrates the name day, 6 December, of Saint Nicholas (270–343), patron saint of children. Saint Nicholas was a Greek bishop of Myra in present-day Turkey. In 1087, half of his relics were furtively transported to Bari, in southeastern Italy; for this reason, he is also known as Nikolaos di Bari (then a Spanish city). In this tradition St. Nicholas comes from Spain and has a black assistant depicted as a Morisco page boy known as Zwarte Piet (Black Pete).

Because of the help he gave to sailors in his home town, Saint Nicolas was venerated as the patron saint of sailors, which is why he comes to the Netherlands by steamboat. His anonymous gifts and kindness towards children had already secured him the patronage of children, by the elders of Lycia, his home province. The holiday was both an occasion to help the poor, by putting money in their shoes which evolved into putting presents in children's shoes.

The modern tradition of Sinterklaas as a children's holiday was likely confirmed with the illustrated children's book *Sint Nicolaas en zijn knecht* ('Saint Nicholas and his servant'), written in 1850 by the teacher Jan Schenkman (1806–1863). Some say he introduced the images of Sinterklaas' delivering presents by chimney, riding over the roofs of houses on a dappled mare, and arriving from Spain by steamboat.

Zwarte Piet (Black Pete) is Sinterklaas' much beloved helper of the absent-minded and gullible Sint and today, of course, the source of a huge conversation on race in the Netherlands – should Black Pete turn into a colourful Pete, red, green, purple?

There are various explanations of the origins of the helpers, one is that Saint Nicolas liberated an Ethiopian slave boy called 'Piter' (from Saint Peter) from a Myra market, and the boy was so grateful he decided to stay with Saint Nicolas as an assistant.

My hope for this Chanukah and holiday season for our entire community is the understanding that the true miracle of Chanukah is not found in the story of the cruse of oil, but rather that we have a lovely community that wants to continue to safeguard Progressive Reform Judaism for the generation of tomorrow.

May your homes and hearts be filled with light of the Chanukkiah and hope for the future of Progressive Judaism at Temple Emanuel and worldwide.



*Rabbi Chava Koster*

## HAVDALAH

At

**Rabbi Koster's Home  
12433 Keith Road—Beaumont**

**Saturday, December 4th—6:00 PM**

## SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendar and please join us for



**Temple Emanuel's 128th  
Annual Congregational Meeting/Dinner**

**Sunday, January 23, 2022**

Look for Details to be delivered to you via Mail

## FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT



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

### IN A NEW YORK MINUTE

*"In a New York Minute  
 Everything can change  
 In a New York Minute  
 Things can get really strange  
 In a New York Minute  
 Everything can change  
 In a New York Minute"* - Don Henley

A few months ago Susan and I went to see a college football game with some very close friends. Five days later one of these very close friends was critically ill and in an intensive care unit fighting for his life. I was extremely shaken up when I heard this news. One of the things I thought about was how quickly life can change and I thought about the song by Don Henley whose chorus is quoted above.

Proverbs 27-1 states: "Do not boast about tomorrow, for you do not know what a day may bring forth." It is from this scripture that the following phrase originates, "Tomorrow is not promised." However, most of us go through life not thinking or worrying about a potential sudden catastrophic change that might happen to us, or to our loved ones. This approach is the correct one, since it is not healthy for us to live our lives in fear of what if.

However, I believe it is healthy for us to periodically embark upon self-reflection. To achieve self-reflection, requires us to ask of ourselves some difficult questions. Some examples of these types of questions are as follows:

1. Am I taking anything for granted?
2. Am I putting enough effort into my relationships?
3. Am I taking care of myself physically?
4. Am I letting matters that are out of my control stress me out?
5. What am I really afraid of?
6. Am I holding on to something I need to let go of?
7. If not now, then when?
8. What matters most to me in my life?
9. What do I need to change about myself?
10. Is it more important to love or be loved?
11. Which is worse: failing or never trying?
12. Are the majority of my decisions selfish or selfless?
13. What's the one thing I'd like others to remember about me at the end of my life?
14. Does it really matter what others think about me?
15. If I had only one more day to live, how would I spend that day?
16. Am I fulfilling the *Mizvah* (blessing) of *Tzedaka* (righteous acts) to the best of my ability?
17. Am I truly practicing *Tikkun Olam* (helping to repair the world)?
18. What is my true relationship with God?

I would encourage everyone reading this article to go through these questions and write down your answers. Then consider writing down and answering additional questions that may pertain specifically to you. These types of exercises can help all of us to focus and gain better insight into our actions and feelings. Having a better understanding of why we do what we do, knowing what our true motivations are, can help us make better decisions going forward and hopefully to always try to do the right thing.

Finally, I would encourage everyone, every day, to tell the people you love that you love them, and if they are physically in your presence to hug them. Because, *In a New York Minute, Everything can change!*

Kol tuv,



Wayne Margolis, M.D.-Temple President

## UPDATED

### TEMPLE EMANUEL COVID-19 GUIDELINES As of October 20, 2021

#### CONGREGATION TEMPLE EMANUEL—BEAUMONT, TEXAS

**TITLE:** Unrestricted Opening of Temple Buildings and Sanctuary

**APPROVAL DATE:** COVID-19 TASK FORCE: July 5, 2021; BOARD OF TRUSTEES: July 21, 2021; October 20, 2021

**RECOMMENDATION FROM COVID-19 TASK FORCE:** The COVID-19 Task Force met July 5, 2021 at 7:15 pm via Zoom. Members present: Wayne Margolis, M.D., Ken Parker, Bob Kramer, M.D., Cheryl Barenberg and Rabbi Chava Koster (via telephone). Members absent none. The following policy recommendations were approved by the Task Force and will be forwarded to the Board of Trustees for approval and implementation.

Temple Emanuel Administrative Building, Sanctuary and Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall will adhere to the following guidelines as outlined by CDC as of May 28, 2021 and Local/State Health Departments.

Fully vaccinated congregants, Rabbi, employees, visitors and vendors may resume pre-pandemic activities offered by/at Temple Emanuel. You will not need to wear a mask or socially distance yourself from others. You are considered fully vaccinated if you meet one of the following conditions:

2 weeks after their second dose in a 2-dose series, such as the Pfizer or Moderna vaccines, or

2 weeks after a single-dose vaccine, such as Johnson & Johnson's Janssen vaccine

**NOTE:** individuals will not be required to show proof of vaccination. Individuals will only be asked if fully vaccinated. If they reply yes individuals will be taken at their word. If they reply no, those individuals will be strongly encouraged to follow guidelines outlined below.

Congregants, Rabbi, employees, visitors, and vendors who don't meet these requirements, regardless of age are not considered fully vaccinated. Congregation Temple Emanuel recommends that these individuals continue taking all precautions including but not limited to:

#### **Wearing a mask**

If you are not fully vaccinated and aged 2 or older, you should wear a mask while indoors at Congregation Temple Emanuel buildings.

In general, you do not need to wear a mask in outdoor settings while attending a Congregation Temple Emanuel function outdoors. However, in areas with higher COVID-19 cases, you may consider wearing a mask in crowded outdoor settings and for activities with close contact with others who are not fully vaccinated.

If you are fully vaccinated and have a condition or are taking medications that can weaken your immune system, you may need to keep taking steps to protect yourself. Those precautions may include but are not limited to:

**Social Distancing-staying 6 feet away from others**-Continue to social distancing measures and allow 6 feet between you and other individuals.

**Handwashing**-Frequently wash your hands to reduce exposure to COVID-19 Virus and emerging variants.

**Coughing/Sneezing**-Cough/Sneeze into handkerchief or elbow of arm.

**Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces**

**Get vaccinated**

However, if the incidence of COVID-19 unexpectedly rises or variants of concern emerge, as determined by the World Health Organization, Center for Disease Control or Local/State Health Department guidelines, Congregation Temple Emanuel may recommend that Congregants, Rabbi, employees, visitors and vendors return to previously adhered to mitigations guidelines.

**Additional Measures:**

**Motzi and Kiddush:** Motzi will be recited in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall immediately following Shabbat Services. Individual slices of pre-packaged challah will be available for those individuals who want to participate in the reciting of the blessing.

Kiddush will be recited following Motzi. Small individual glasses of kosher wine will be available for those individuals who want to participate in the reciting of the Kiddush blessing.

These guidelines defined above pertaining to Motzi and Kiddush may be changed at any point with approval of the Board of Trustees.

Please dispose of your individual package wrappers and individual Kiddush cups in appropriate trash receptacle.

At this point in time Congregation Temple Emanuel will not be having any buffet meals following Shabbat services. The standard Oneg, described above, will follow services and consist of blessings over challah and wine. This however may change with approval from the Board of Trustees.

**Chanukah Shabbat Service**  
**Friday, December 3, 2021**  
**Beginning at 6:00PM**



**PLEASE BRING YOUR MENORAH and 7 CANDLES**  
 Lighting of the menorahs will be in the front of the sanctuary

Sisterhood will be providing a take-out only Chanukah treat after service.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP**  
**December 25th—SOME OTHER PLACE**  
**1155 McFaddin Street**

Volunteers are needed to serve Christmas Lunch to clients of SOP on SATURDAY, December 25th. We will be serving those who dine in and also delivering Meals-on-Wheels to those SOP clients who receive meals daily. Please call the Temple Office to volunteer. Thank You—Allison Nathan Getz

## SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE—DECEMBER/JANUARY 2021

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood remained busy with everything Cheesecakes through the middle of November 2021. I would like to thank the following list of cheesecake extraordinaires:

Sherry Horwitz  
Lois Rutman  
Rita Davis  
Robin Goebel  
Arlette Collins

Esterlyn Dugan  
Kathy Johnson  
Janet Shackelford  
Lori Alter  
Sarah Hawes

Fern Roos  
Beverly Hickman-Hay  
Marilyn Manson Hayes  
Natalie Greenberg

Of course we could not have baked over 220 cheesecakes without the amazing help of **Wilton Allen and Jane Kaulfus**. These two dedicated Temple Emanuel employees make any Temple task that much easier. Thank you both for your unwavering support of our congregation. In addition our Sisterhood Treasurer, **Allison Nathan Getz**, let me just say you are a rock star!!!!

In December Temple Emanuel Sisterhood will have a small but dedicated group of women consisting of Bene' Rutman, Lois Rutman, Esterlyn Dugan and Fern Roos preparing a wonderful Hanukkah Box containing tasty homemade latkes, apple sauce, sour cream, gelt and a dreidel. The **Hanukkah boxes** will be available after **Temple Services Friday, December 3, 2021**. Temple members will be able to pick up one box for each member of their family. While this is not the same as celebrating Hanukkah together in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall, as we have done in years past, our hope is that this small token will illuminate your family with the spirit of Hanukkah.

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood will also have their Birthday/Opening Luncheon on January 19, 2022 at Noon in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall. A box lunch from Jason's Deli will be provided to all Sisterhood members who make a **reservation by Friday, January 14, 2022. MORE INFORMATION WILL BE MAIL TO THE SISTERHOOD MEMBERS IN EARLY JANUARY.** Donations towards the box lunches will be welcomed but not necessary. A speaker from **Basic Necessities** a Shreveport-based nonprofit organization that **collects and distributes diapers, period products & incontinence supplies** to low-income people in the **ArkLaTex region**. Basic Necessities is a member of the National Diaper Bank Network, and the Alliance for Period Supplies. They presented a Social Advocacy/Action session at the Virtual Southwest District Day on November 6, 2021. Sisterhood members who attended this session recommended that this not for profit speak at our Birthday/Opening Luncheon so that perhaps Temple Emanuel Sisterhood could develop a Social Advocacy/Action Project addressing this need in our immediate area.

Last, as always please remain safe during these ever changing times. Temperatures are getting cooler and people are moving inside so please consider the COVID-19 vaccination if you have not already received one. Wear a mask when appropriate, social distance as necessary and wash your hands often as this is one of the best ways to mitigate this terrible virus.

Kol tuv,

Cheryl

Cheryl Barenberg, President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

President, WRJ Southwest District

## JANUARY 2022 YAHRZEITS

### Week Ending 1/1 to be Read 12/31

Mollie Feinberg  
 Meyer Tanenblatt  
 Sam Roosth  
 Ben Schwarz  
 Sarah Diamond  
 Elizabeth Kolba  
 Gaston Mayer  
 June Rogers  
 Harold Klein  
 Leo E. Ney, Jr.  
 Leo E. Ney, Sr.  
 Nancy DiModica  
 William S. Hurwitz  
 Walter Mielz  
 Jenny Roos  
 Sonia B. Sobel  
 Toby Elkins  
 Jeanette Zuber Folloder  
 Jacob Krasnow  
 Eli Lerman  
 Nathan Swerdlow  
 Jeanette M. Weil

### Week Ending 1/15 to be Read 1/14

John Schellhorn  
 Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Poole Berry  
 Ben M. Goldstein  
 Nathan Roggen  
 Sam Saltzman  
 Helen Louise McWilliams Clark  
 Harry Jacobs  
 Florence Eisen Rosenthal  
 Helene Joy Klein Toomim  
 J. Brookner  
 Alice Dunner  
 Rose F. Goldstein Greenberg  
 Sadie Greenberg  
 Mary Ann Podrasky Hay  
 Helen Liebling  
 Joseph R. Rogers  
 Abe Bemel  
 Marcus Levinson  
 Sam Wyde  
 Morris Goldstein  
 Carrye Levy Mayer  
 Nolan Montondon  
 Alvene Moss  
 Fannie Lipson  
 Benny Vener

### Week Ending 1/22 to be Read 1/21

David Falkowitz  
 Nathan Falkowitz  
 Lillian Klein  
 Hilton Deutser, III  
 Hilton Deutser, Sr.  
 Chaim Fishbine  
 Cyril G. Gradwohl  
 Charles Samuel Hoffer  
 Sadie Jacobs  
 Maurine Kariel Plettman  
 Max William Vinock  
 Max Feldman  
 Elise Grossman  
 Jack Hodes  
 Sidney Kaplan  
 Jacob David Kassel  
 Sol J. Rogers  
 Sarah Faro  
 Pearl Vener Ginsburg  
 Abraham Levy  
 Max Melasky  
 Elisa Mitrani  
 Meyer Blankfield  
 Lily Greenberg  
 Bertha Cohen Rudnick  
 Bessie Vener  
 Edwin D. Mayer  
 Daniel Berk  
 Isadore H. Brookner  
 Saul Forbert  
 David Kramer

### Week Ending 1/29 to be Read 1/28

Florence Sadoff Kamras  
 Max K. Mayer, Jr  
 Nathan Waldman  
 Harry Benson  
 William Brookner  
 Jacob S. Friedman  
 Lillian Perl Margulies  
 Joseph Solinsky  
 Maxine Blankfield  
 Anna Fishbine  
 Mildred Friedman  
 Sylvia F. Goldstein  
 Jeanette Sophia Klein  
 Carrie Meyer  
 Arthur Moskowitz  
 Jerome M. Ney, Sr.  
 Elise Shields  
 Bernard Wyde  
 Clara Miller Chinski  
 Alexander Z. Franklin  
 Weston J. Harrington  
 Chaney Lee Holland

Phyllis Kossover  
 Lalla Lazarus Feigelson  
 Dorris Star Greenberg  
 Julius Myers Levy  
 Harry Starr  
 Lois Szafir  
 Jerome I. Unick  
 Max H. Unick  
 Frank Greenberg  
 Morris Leaman  
 Fay Levine  
 Ervie Levine Philpson

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

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# January

tevet  
shevat

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3 1 shevat

4 2 shevat

5 3 shevat  
11:30am - TES Schmooze  
Noon - TES Board Mtg.

6 4 shevat

7 5 shevat  
6:00pm-Shabbat Services  
(IN-person & ZOOM)  
with Torah Service  
& Birthday Blessings

8 6 shevat  
9:00am - Torah Study  
(IN-person & ZOOM)  
*Va'era*  
NEW YEAR'S DAY

9 7 shevat

10 8 shevat  
ROSH CHODESH

11 9 shevat

12 10 shevat

13 11 shevat

14 12 shevat  
6:00pm-Shabbat Services  
(IN-person & ZOOM)

15 13 shevat  
9:00am - Torah Study  
(IN-person & ZOOM)  
*Bo*

16 14 shevat

17 15 shevat  
TU B'SHEVAT  
MARTIN LUTHER  
KING DAY

18 16 shevat

19 17 shevat  
SISTERHOOD  
BIRTHDAY LUNCHEON  
(watch for invitation)  
6:30pm - BOT Meeting

20 18 shevat

21 19 shevat  
6:00pm-Shabbat Services  
(IN-person & ZOOM)

22 20 shevat  
9:00am - Torah Study  
(IN-person & ZOOM)  
*Beshalach*

23 21 shevat  
6:00pm Annual Meeting

24 22 shevat

25 23 shevat

26 24 shevat

27 25 shevat

28 26 shevat  
6:00pm-Shabbat Services  
(IN-person & ZOOM)

29 27 shevat  
9:00am - Torah Study  
(IN-person & ZOOM)  
*Yitro*

30 28 shevat

31 29 shevat  
*Mispatim*



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# December

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22 tevet	23 tevet	24 tevet	25 tevet	26 tevet	27 tevet	CHRISTMAS DAY <i>Shemot</i>
<p>30 kislev</p> <p>4</p> <p>9:00am - Torah Study 6:00pm - Havdallah at Rabbi Koster's Home <i>Miketz</i></p> <p>ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH</p>	<p>29 kislev</p> <p>3</p> <p>6:00pm-Shabbat Services (IN-person &amp; ZOOM) w/Lighting of Menorahs &amp; Birthday Blessings</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>28 kislev</p> <p>2</p> <p>11:30am - TES Schmooze Noon - TES Board Mtg.</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>27 kislev</p> <p>1</p> <p>6:00pm-Shabbat Services (IN-person &amp; ZOOM) including Torah Service</p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>26 tevet</p> <p>18</p> <p>9:00am - Torah Study (IN-person &amp; ZOOM)</p> <p><i>Vayigash</i></p>	<p>25 tevet</p> <p>11</p> <p>9:00am - Torah Study (IN-person &amp; ZOOM)</p> <p><i>Vayechi</i></p>	<p>24 tevet</p> <p>25</p> <p>SOME OTHER PLACE VOLUNTEER SERVICE OPPORTUNITY</p>

**DECEMBER 2021 YAHRZEITS****Week Ending 12/4 to be Read 12/3**

Eli Engle  
 Rose Greenberg  
 Marvin H. Rosinger  
 Richard Bennett  
 Hymen Spector  
 Jacob Sharfstein  
 Justina Goldstein  
 Tillie W. Kaufman  
 Herta Mendelson  
 Selma Zuber Rosenthal  
 Morris Schnitzer  
 Seame Feinberg Katz  
 David Lefkovits  
 Eva B. Segal  
 Mollie Weintraub  
 Braine Sharfstein

**Week Ending 12/11 to be  
Read 12/10**

Benjamin Bernard Brauer  
 Anna May Goldberg  
 Richard D. Jackson  
 Theodore Danziger  
 Harry Galewsky, Jr.  
 Mike Gerstner  
 Stanley Kariel  
 Yochanan Bruckner  
 Rabbi Aaron Levy  
 Hyman Asher Perlstein  
 Horace J. Reddoch  
 Emil Szafrir  
 Isadore K. Frenkel  
 Lawrence D. Gale  
 Vera Donde Hodes  
 Isadore Shanefield  
 Marianne Hodes Todd  
 Renee Horwitz Bennett  
 Samuel Irving Goldfine  
 Sam Swerdlow  
 Jake Horwitz  
 Dr. Nate J. Rogers  
 Ruth Rubin

**Week Ending 12/18 to be  
Read 12/17**

Lena Lefkowitz  
 Rebecca Miller  
 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  
 David Feinberg  
 Ida Schwartz  
 S. H. Sontag  
 Madeleine Liebmann Wolf  
 Kalman Kaplan  
 Bernard "Ben" Kassoff  
 Bernard Y. Rogers  
 Eva Swerdlow  
 Ben Adler  
 Charles O. Fogal  
 Harry Goldstein  
 Sophie Esther Koshkin  
 Joe Liebling  
 Wanda Robertson  
 Harry M. Rosen  
 John Whipkey  
 Jay Doblin  
 Herman "Harry" Louis Goldstein

**Week Ending 12/25 to be  
Read 12/24**

Rose Richker Friedman  
 Gerald Sampson  
 Jane Anne Williams  
 Hilda Gordon  
 Karl David Schwartz  
 Coye Williams  
 Meyer Kaplan  
 Sidney Golob  
 Louis W. Kariel  
 Joseph Miller  
 Anna Dugan  
 Rabbi Lothar Goldstein  
 Bruce Greenberg  
 Jerome F. Bemel  
 Samuel Levine  
 Helene Levy  
 Charles Weinbaum, Sr.

**Week Ending 1/1 to be  
Read 12/31**

Annie Brookner  
 Woodrow L. Melasky  
 Mamie Gordon Perlstein  
 Gertrude Petrova  
 Goldie Saltzman  
 Ann Lita Kramer  
 A. H. Waldman  
 Tillie Krauss Danziger  
 Regina Bluestein Kaufman  
 Dr. Bernard D. Koshkin  
 Sam Liebma  
 Sam Roosth  
 Mose Sampson  
 Judith Simons  
 Larry Travitsky  
 Gusta Brookner  
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 Anna Belle Spector  
 Lillie Jacobus Weinbaum  
 George Braun

Max Petrower  
 Max Silverberg  
 John Anthony Berger  
 Sophie Bernstein  
 Hyman Lipson  
 Phil Parker  
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 Rachel Newman  
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In honor of  
**Temple Emanuel**  
by: Alton Victores

In honor of  
**Temple Emanuel's High Holy Days  
& allowing the Lake Charles  
Congregation to join**  
by: Dr. & Mrs. Lee Schwalben

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to  
**Michael Wolf**  
by: Natalie & S. L. Greenberg

Wishing a Full Recovery to  
**Michael Wolf**  
by: Rita & Barry Davis

In loving memory of  
**Charles Hoffer**  
by: Linda & Barry Hoffer,  
Holland & Harlo

In loving memory of my uncle  
**Richard "Dick" Parker**  
by: Richard Wyde

Floral Fund

In loving memory of  
**Ruth Brookner**  
by: The Brookner Family

In loving memory of  
**Sidney Golob**  
by: Pat Klein & Family

In loving memory of a beloved  
mother and grandmother  
**Virginia Katz**  
by: The Rutman Family

In loving memory of  
**Hertz Mendelson**  
by: Miriam & Viraf Cooper

In loving memory of  
**Horace J. Reddoch**  
by: Marian & Charles Quinn

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

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

With appreciation for your dedication  
To our community and our youth  
**Rabbi Koster**  
by: Emily & Jeff Wheeler  
Haddie & Sofie

In honor of  
**Rabbi Koster**  
by: Richard Drapeau

In loving memory of  
my great grandmother  
**Anna Sampson**  
my father  
**Mose Sampson**  
my brother  
**Gerald Sampson**  
by: Norma & Alan Sampson

In loving memory of  
**Hirsh Zvi ben Moshe haCohen**  
(Rabbi Koster's Family Member)  
by: Rita & Barry Davis

In loving memory of  
**Lindsay Gay Lichenstein Pollard**  
(Joy Parker's Sister)  
by: Rita & Barry Davis

Social Justice

In honor of the Speedy Recovery of  
**Michael Wolf**  
by: Regina Rogers

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to  
**Michael Wolf**  
by: Barbara Golob  
Harold Eisen

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to  
**Michael Wolf**  
by: Charlie Weinbaum

Happy 95th Birthday wishes to  
**Charlie Weinbaum**  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf,  
Natalie & Brett Barth  
Sallye Wolf  
Marc Wolf

In honor of receiving the award of  
2021 Tax Assessor-Collector  
Of the Year for the State of Texas to  
**Allison Nathan Getz**  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

Social Justice (Cont.)

In honor of receiving the Sertoma  
Service to Mankind Award for the  
Heartland Region of America to  
**Rita Davis**  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In loving memory of  
**Jean Dickey**  
(Margaret Whipkey's Sister)  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In loving memory of  
**Hirsh Zvi ben Moshe haCohen**  
(Rabbi Koster's Family Member)  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In loving memory of  
**Darlene Faye Jennusa**  
(Judy Granger's Sister)  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In loving memory of  
**Jo Hackler**  
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

Social Justice  
Beaumont Pets Alive

by: Joy Parker

Cemetery Fund

Wishing a Speedy Recovery to  
**Michael Wolf**  
by: Judy Night

In loving memory of  
**Rose Richker Friedman**  
**Gerald Sampson**  
**Vera Donde Hodes**  
**Marianne Hodes Todd**  
**Dr. Nate J. Rogers**  
**Mose Sampson**  
**Anna Belle Spector**  
**Anna Sampson**  
**Ben J. Rogers**  
**Eva Swerdlow**  
**Dr. Herbert Goldstein**  
**Minnie Spector**  
**David Shapiro**  
by: Mike Spector

## TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE UPDATE (DECEMBER 2021 & BEYOND)

- **Christmas Day at Some Other Place, a tradition of Temple Emanuel!** Please let Allison Nathan Getz know of your willingness to volunteer the morning of December 25<sup>th</sup> at Some Other Place! There's more information in this bulletin; and THANKS, Allison!

### THANK YOUS received from various non-profits:

- **Jewish Family Service of Greater New Orleans:** *Your recent contribution from Friends of Temple Emanuel to our Hurricane Ida Relief Fund offers more than financial assistance to our vulnerable clients. Your generosity is a sign that they are not alone. Our community has faced so many challenges in the last several months. Many of our clients wonder how much more they can take. Our board, staff, and clients thank you for ensuring JFS is the social safety net that our clients need. We are so grateful for your trust and assistance.* (Roselle M. Ungar, Executive Director)
- **Southeast Texas Food Bank:** *Thank you for the wonderful contribution from Temple Emanuel. Your contribution means nearly 5,000 additional meals to SE Texans. By the way, SE Texas ranks #5 in the country for food insecurity. Together, we can END HUNGER AND FEED HOPE.* (Barb Newhouse, President and CEO)

### TESJ Projects funded by ongoing *Tzedakah* to Social Justice Fund:

- Beaumont Pets Alive, a No-Kill Animal Shelter
- Disaster Relief
- Family Services of Southeast Texas for *Women & Children's Shelter*
- Homeless Project called *Brenda's Blessing Bags*
- Israel
- MAZON
- Salvation Army for *Homeless Shelter*
- Some Other Place
- Southeast Texas Food Bank
- Stable-Spirit
- Temple Emanuel for *The Orchard*
- Undesignated donations to Social Justice Fund

### Other TESJ Projects – Intergenerational:

- *Christmas Day at Some Other Place*
- *Pickin' & Packin' Blueberries* for Nutrition & Services for Seniors
- *Packin' Shelf-Stable Meals* for Nutrition & Services for Seniors
- *Social Justice Shabbat & The Blessing of the Sacred Sages*

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.
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.
4. Or please visit [www.emanuelbeaumont.org](http://www.emanuelbeaumont.org) and click on the DONATE button.

THANK YOU for joining together to make a *tikkun olam* difference!

Happy HEALTHY Chanukah and Happy HEALTHY New Year!

**Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee****Beaumont Jewish Federation**

4305 Sterling Lane  
Beaumont, TX 77706

November 23, 2021

Dear Friends of the Southeast Texas Jewish Community,

**THIS REQUEST IS URGENT! Your help is needed in making certain that financial assistance continues for local Jewish families in need!**

Over the years, the Beaumont Jewish Federation has lived its legacy of providing financial help in the following significant ways:

- Financial assistance to local Jewish families in need
- Scholarships for Temple Emanuel teenagers to experience Israel
- Grants for adults to UJA-Federation Young Leadership Missions in Israel
- Financial assistance to Hillel organizations of Texas A&M University, University of Houston, and University of Texas
- Various campaigns to help Israel during crises
- Special campaign to bring Ethiopian Jewry to freedom in Israel
- Special campaign to bring Jews of the Former Soviet Union to freedom in the United States...specifically two families to Beaumont

**We don't come to the Jewish community for an annual gift; rather, we approach the Jewish community when funds are needed. And now is such a time!**

As BJF continues providing financial assistance to those in need, we ask for your financial support of Beaumont Jewish Federation by sending your check as follows:

Beaumont Jewish Federation  
4305 Sterling Lane  
Beaumont, TX 77706

THANK YOU!

Michael Wolf, President

MTW/crw


**BIRTHDAY LIST - DECEMBER**

2 ~ Robert Chapman      6 ~ Margaret Whipkey  
 2 ~ Pat Klein              12 ~ Philip Drago  
 3 ~ Jeanne Blum (98)    13 ~ Lewis Hoffer (75)  
 5 ~ Deborah Drago (60)   16 ~ Grace Spector  
 5 ~ Emily Wheeler        16 ~ Isabelle Spector  
 6 ~ Nancy Meyers


**Anniversary List - December**

24 ~ Rita & Barry Davis  
 (55 Years)

**Anniversary List - January**

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


**BIRTHDAY LIST - JANUARY**

2 ~ Janet Shackelford    30 ~ Joshua Horwitz  
 24 ~ Fern Roos            30 ~ Marleen Swerdlow (70)  
 29 ~ Sarah Barenberg    31 ~ Jay Mandel

**Year-End Holiday Closing  
 For Temple Office**

Monday, December 27th  
 thru  
 Monday, January 3rd

**December Shabbat Hostesses  
 and Greeters**

December 3 - Judy Night  
 CHANUKAH Gail Williams  
  
 December 10 - Rita & Barry Davis  
 Esterlyn & Al Dugan  
  
 December 17 - Stephen Eisen  
 Emily & Jeff Wheeler  
  
 December 22 - Arline Meyers  
 Nancy Meyers  
 Charlie Weinbaum

**January Shabbat Hostesses  
 and Greeters**

January 7 - Sherry & Paul Horwitz  
 Tracie Horwitz  
  
 January 14 - Judy Granger  
 Janet & Richard Shackelford  
  
 January 21 - Dr. Brenda & Neil Fogal  
 Beverly & Paul Hay  
  
 January 28 - Judy Night  
 Gail Williams

**Remember Your Loved Ones....**

Contribution (Ten-\$10.00) dollars per name minimum)

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

For Speedy Recovery of \_\_\_\_\_

From: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Send Card to Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

**FUND (please check)**

Memorial & Tribute

Kol Israel Chapel

Becky & Edwin Gale *Love Thy Neighbor*

Community Fund

Cemetery

Floral (\$25 minimum) (Checks payable to Sisterhood)

Rabbi's Discretionary (Checks payable to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)

High Holiday Music

Social Justice

**LIGHTING OF THE  
CHANUKKIAH**

in front of  
Beaumont City Hall  
with  
Rabbi Koster  
and Rabbi Kaufman

Thank you to all who came  
out for this event



**Mazel Tov**

**Allison Nathan Getz**

on receiving the  
2021 Tax Assessor-Collector of the  
Year from the State of Texas

**Mazel Tov**

**Rita Davis**

on receiving the  
Sertoma Service to Mankind Award  
for the Heartland Region of America

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

Core Values:

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

## 2021 Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees

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Revised 7-28-21

### COMMITTEES (\*chairperson):

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#### Sisterhood Officers and Committee Chairs

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**Beverly Hay**, Floral Fund

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**TBD**, Fall Cheesecake Days, Fall  
Mahjonn 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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Davis, Allison Nathan Getz, Mike Getz,  
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