FEBRUARY 2022 BULLETIN

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

February 4 Shabbat Service February 11 Shabbat Service February 18 Shabbat Service February 25 Shabbat Service

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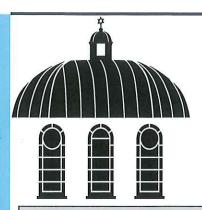
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Please slowly and clearly state the name of the meeting or activity, names of those attending, and your contact number.



TEMPLE Emanuel

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

Excerpt from the 128th Annual Congregational Dinner Program:

I have always wondered why in the description of Jacob's dream, angels who ascend and descend need a ladder? Aren't angels supposed to know how to fly? The angels and their ladder teach us that realizing dreams requires a step-by-step approach. Ascent is not quick. While they take just a moment to conceive, dreams demand time and effort to achieve. The ladder reminds us that reaching toward heaven is truly a rung-by-rung approach, but it may and can be climbed in either direction.



I am not sure about you, but these past 6 months has felt to me very much like climbing our synagogue ladder in all directions. Financial downs and communal ups, all going on and at the same time, in person and on Zoom, with and without internet connection. Rabbi is there a blessing for Zoom! — translating Texas English into English with Dutch and Italian overtones. Our leadership has impressed me with their willingness to step up to the plate, whether it be a dessert plate for cheesecake or one that can fit a deli. We are still trying to get out from under our economic hardships, and yes, it has touched our families and their ability to support this institution financially. Yet, despite that, many of you have shared with me that you were focusing on the blessings in your lives, your family, and your diverse communities.

One of the most important elements of building a sacred community, and remaining the Jewish voice in Southeast Texas can be found in a simple commandment the Almighty gives to Moses:

"Command the Israelite people to bring you clear oil of beaten olives for lighting, for kindling lamps regularly."

Here, the Torah transmits the divine instruction for establishing the Ner Tamid, the Eternal Light, still found in every synagogue just in front of the Aron Kodesh, the ark that contains the Torah scrolls.

You might wonder why would God need our light? What our tradition wrestles with is what it is that God expects of us? Given our finitude and our limits, what effort on our part matters in the larger scheme of things? The rabbis see the Ner Tamid

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as an allusion to the centrality of the individual human soul, and to the effort that every one of us can make to transform our own little corner of the world. Our individual efforts, small though they may seem, are the indispensable building blocks of a community, a congregation founded on righteousness and compassion.

Our Shabbat services, and our Torah study sessions, in person and over Zoom have enriched our understanding of our ancient texts, and brought new melodies to the text of our siddur, with the beautiful musicianship of **Angela** and **Dwight**. We are truly blessed to have such a dedicated duo to enrich our services. **Wilton** shines his individual light of soul into the smallest corners of our community. Not only does he care for our building, our Sifrei Torah, most importantly he cares for each and every one of us, with humor and an unshakeable belief in God and in making this world a little better. **Jane's** skill, devotion and knowledge has guided this synagogue – and has kept us connected even during this time of Covid. She has made sure that your rabbi knows where to go, she has been our Temple GPS and is helping **Leah** through this time of transition with grace and a sense of humor.

A special thank you to our Board of Trustees, Committee heads and committees, who have embraced the additional challenges of this year. Praying and leading during a time of Covid and trying to apply the ever changing rules and regulations to keep our community safe, has not been easy. But you all have done so beautifully, with gentle nudging and tremendous dedication. **Dr. Wayne Margolis** is a healer of hearts as well as souls and his leadership has been steady, insightful and filled with humor. I personally will miss his bimah jokes and anecdotes.

I have started teaching a few of our children the beauty of our tradition at home, and I am enjoying their enthusiasm and hugs.

This February will see the kick off of our Interfaith Adult Education Initiative based on the Hartman curriculum discussion entitled "The Role of the Other in Judaism."

Hopefully we will get the go ahead to start implementing the Synaplex Shabbat services once a month. Just as a cineplex theater shows multiple movies, the synagogues offer a variety of programs catering to individuals' diverse needs. It is about creating different points of access to meet people where they are at on their spiritual ladder. Praying, cooking, yoga, discussing topics of interest, services with a different musical flair are all part of revitalizing the American synagogue of today and tomorrow.

I believe in this community, you have kept your Jewish traditions and connectedness. Proving that if we each contribute our own little light can we hope to illumine the uncertainty of this time. Temple Emanuel, this Jewish community is our candle of hope, of goodness, and of decency. If we combine this Ner Tamid with each others light – with mine and with our neighbor's, and the stranger down the road, we can build a blaze that will light our paths and forge an unbreakable bond of community for generations to come.

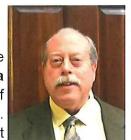
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Rabbi Chava Koster

FROM OUR OUTGOING PRESIDENT

Excerpt from the 128th Annual Congregational Dinner Program:

It has been an extreme honor and a Mitzvah to serve as the President of Temple Emanuel for the last two years. I want to start by thanking our Rabbi, **Rabbi Chava Koster**, for her spiritual leadership and guidance to our congregation since July of 2021. I want to thank all the members of the 2021 Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees. I want to acknowledge and thank those members of the 2021 Board of Trustees that



will be rolling off the Board in 2022, including Judy Night, Lois Rutman, Gene Thomas, and Gail Williams. I wish to thank them for all their years of service to our Temple. I want to thank and acknowledge the 2021 Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees Officers, including Ken Parker-President-Elect, Marleen Swerdlow-Secretary, and Allison Nathan Getz-Treasurer. I want to thank all the chairpersons and members of the various Temple Committees. I want to thank our Cantorial Soloist-Angela Pickering and our Organist-Dwight Peirce for the music that continues to make our services so special. I want to especially thank Wilton Allen for his continued hard work and service to our Temple. As most of us know, Wilton did not have an easy year last year after suffering a senseless and brutal assault at the hands of a mentally disturbed individual.

Now, I would like to acknowledge a few individuals that made a huge difference for me in my two years as President. To say that these individuals made my term as president much easier would be a gross understatement. First I want to thank and acknowledge Jane Kaulfus, it would have been nearly impossible for me to execute my office as Temple President, without all the help and knowledge that Jane provided. A very huge thank you to Jane. Next, I want to acknowledge and thank Stephen Bender, he was the person that I contacted whenever I had a question about interpretation of Temple Bylaws, Temple Protocols, prior precedent or help with tough decisions. Thank you Stephen for your help and guidance. Next, I want to acknowledge and thank Cheryl Barenberg, I could always count on Cheryl, when she agreed to take on a task for our Temple, that the task would not only be completed, but completed extraordinarily well and completed down to the very last detail. Cheryl, thank you so very much. Next, I want to thank and acknowledge Cynthia Wolf, Cynthia likewise was the other person during my Presidency that I could always count on to complete any task she agreed to take on, complete the task extraordinarily well and to complete it down to the last minute detail. Thank you, thank you Cynthia.

Finally, I want to thank my awesome wife **Susan Margolis** for her being so understanding and supportive of me during these last two years. Because, in addition to my usual extensive work week, there was all the extra time involved, including late evenings and weekends that were required for me to try to execute my **Sacred Duty** as Temple President to the best of my ability.

Although I will always probably be remembered as the Covid-19 President, what I actually hope my Temple Presidency will be remembered for are some of the following things:

In conjunction with The Rabbinic Task Force chaired by Ken Parker, and along with the other
members of the Task Force, including Cheryl Barenberg, Allison Nathan Getz, and Cynthia Wolf,
we were able to attract Rabbi Chava Koster to Beaumont to become our full time Rabbi. We are so
blessed to have her as our Rabbi.

Rabbi Koster, in my opinion, did an absolutely outstanding job on Friday night 1/21/22 at our Solidarity Shabbat Service. If you were not in attendance or on Zoom, I would encourage you to either watch this service on Facebook or have the Temple Office email you the link of this service.

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I would also like to request that those congregants that have not already done so, to please call **Rabbi Koster** and make an appointment with her so you can get to know her and she can get to know you. During this time, please tell her what **your personal vision** is for Temple Emanuel going forward and what **your needs are** spiritually or otherwise in regards to **your** Temple.

When I first talked to **Rabbi Koster**, during the interview process, I told her we needed a Rabbi who could grow our congregation in numbers. This congregation needs to do everything in our power to support her in this endeavor. Why, because without new members we will eventually wither away and die. I just can't emphasize strongly enough how important this is to our long term survival.

Our new Temple Website, which was created with a lot of hard work and many hours put in by Cynthia Wolf, Marilyn Manson-Hays, Ken Parker and myself. We now have an up to date, state of the art Website. When Jews are considering moving to Southeast TX, they can now go to our Website and know there is an active Jewish presence and Jewish Community in the Beaumont area. For those Jews and non-Jews already living in our area, they can go to our website to learn about us and the Beaumont area Jewish Community.

To our congregants, I ask that you please visit our Temple Website if you haven't already done so. You can use the website to keep up with upcoming Temple Events, to make donations to any and all Temple Funds and Temple Projects and also to pay your Temple Dues.

Our Temple investments needed to be realigned to generate growth and income. So, in conjunction with
the Finance Committee, chaired by Allison Nathan Getz and members Cheryl Barenberg, Bobby
Chapman, Ken Parker, Cynthia Wolf and Michael Wolf we met with our Broker at UBS to realign our
investments to a 60% Equity and 40% Fixed Income strategy. This strategy has worked very well so far
to improve our financial status.

This now, brings me back to one of the main themes of my Presidency, that of *Tzedakah*. The definition of *Tzedakah* is righteous acts. Giving money to our Temple is and will always be a righteous act. If you looked carefully at the budget that was just passed, you can see that we now must use the dividends and interest from our investments and if necessary also use principal to offset our deficit. Any additional money given by our membership in the form of dues or donations will also go to offset the deficit. Please donate as you are able. It is a blessing and a *Mitzvot* to do so.

Also, on the subject of *Tzedakah* I want to acknowledge the tremendous job done by our Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee under the leadership of **Cynthia Wolf**. *Tzedakah* was raised for so many great causes, as detailed in the Social Justice Committee report in your program. I refer you to that report for all the details.

A significant amount of thought and effort went into the writing of my monthly articles for our Temple Bulletin during my tenure as Temple President. To those who gave me feedback on my articles, I want you to know how much that meant to me and how much I really appreciated your kind words. For those I never heard from, I do hope that you found the time to read the articles and were able to get something out of them.

Kol tuv,

Wayne

Wayne Margolis, M.D.-Temple President

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Excerpt from the 128th Annual Congregational Dinner:

Good evening,

What an honor to represent Temple Emanuel at the 128th Annual Congregational Meeting while standing in front of all the past presidents displayed on the wall directly behind me.

Due to the diligence and foresight of those before me and the current congregation, I begin my presidency of this congregation with a strong foundation.

In an effort to promote Temple's theme of "Love Thy Neighbor", I propose we use a series of I's to build a bridge from our congregation to others in our faith-based community.



The I's are:

Invest, Innovate, and Include to Incentivize people to our Temple.

We should invest for innovative, creative Shabbat and Havdalah services. Some examples are bringing Jewish troops, singers, or most any Jewish entertainers to create excitement. Additionally, Rabbi has ideas for jazz Shabbats, Beatles Shabbats, Cajun Shabbats, etc.

Inclusion means inviting the faith-based community to participate in our Shabbat. Having Clergy share messages of love and G-d with our rabbi. It would be exciting to have choirs sing with Angela. All in an effort to showcase Judaism and our beautiful temple.

My goal is to incentivize not just our congregation but all faith members of the community to attend Shabbat service on a regular basis. A great way to love our neighbor.

I am eager to work with the incoming board to implement details of the I's.

I am very humbled and grateful for the support and confidence the congregation has for me to lead Temple Emanuel for the next 2 years.

To quote Rabbi Joachim Prinz, "Neighbor is not a geographic term. It is a moral concept."

Finally, please pray for me, I need all the help I can get.

Ken Parker

President—Temple Emanuel

Thank you to everyone who had a hand in making the 128th Annual Meeting/Dinner a success. We would like to acknowledge the persons who received the awards at the meeting:

LIFE OF EMANUEL (Beverly Hickman-Hay)

STAR OF EMANUEL (Rita Davis)

ETERNAL LIGHT OF EMANUEL (Cheryl Barenberg)

Congratulations! Pictures of the Annual Meeting will be in the March Bulletin.

FOOD FOR THOUGHT

Shabbat Va'era-Exodus 6:2-9:35: Copy of Wayne Margolis' D'var Torah from 12/31/21

The Hebrew word Va'era translates to, "I appeared. This week's parashah begins with the following verses: God also said to Moses, "I am the LORD. ³ I appeared to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob as God Almighty, but by my name the LORD, I did not make myself fully known to them. ⁴ I also established my covenant with them to give them the land of Canaan, where they resided as foreigners. ⁵ Moreover, I have heard the groaning of the Israelites, whom the Egyptians are enslaving, and I have remembered my covenant."

⁶ "Therefore, say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment. ⁷ I will take you as my own people, and I will be your God. Then you will know that I am the LORD your God, who brought you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. ⁸ And I will bring you to the land I swore with uplifted hand to give to Abraham, to Isaac and to Jacob. I will give it to you as a possession. I am the LORD."

So here we have God making three divine promises to the Israelites. First is to honor the covenant he made to Abraham, Isaac and to Jacob to give them the land of Canaan. Second God promises to free the Israelites, from Egyptian bondage and to do so with mighty acts of judgement against the Egyptians. Finally, but certainly not the least, God promises that, "I will take you to be my people, and I will be your God."

As we know from the Torah, that God fulfills all these promises as the narrative continues. We also know that in modern times that the promise of possession of the land of Canaan was re-fulfilled with the establishment of the State of Israel in 1948.

So, although it is clear that God fulfils his promises to the Israelites, we as Jews often do not fulfil our promises to God. We also fail to fulfil our promises to each other. How often is it that we break God's laws and commandments and how often do we break our promises to each other?

Numbers 30:3, state: "When a man vows a vow . . . or swears an oath to bind his soul with a bond, he shall not break his word; he shall do according to all that proceeds out of his mouth." From this verse arises the statement that, "A person is only as good as their word." Your word is directly linked to your honor, trustworthiness and integrity. Unfortunately in modern times people often give little credence to keeping their promises.

Although, sometimes it is not possible to keep our promises due to extenuating circumstances, hence our Kol Nidre prayer on Yom Kippur that states: All vows: Prohibitions, oaths, consecrations, vows that we may vow, swear, consecrate, or prohibit upon ourselves - from this Yom Kippur until the next Yom Kippur, may it come upon us for good -regarding them all, we regret them henceforth. They will all be permitted, abandoned, cancelled, and null and void, without power and without standing. Our vows shall not be valid vows; our prohibitions shall not be valid prohibitions; and our oaths shall not be valid oaths. However, in the absence of extenuating circumstances, we can and should do everything in our power to keep the promises to God, to ourselves and to others.

We must and should do this to maintain our honor, trustworthiness and integrity and to strive to lead a righteous life. However, there is more to leading a righteous life than just promises.

Leviticus 19:18 states: Do not seek revenge or bear a grudge among your people, but love your neighbor as yourself." Leviticus 19:34 goes on to say, "The foreigner residing among you must be treated as your native-born. Love them as yourself, for you were foreigners in Egypt."

The Talmud, in Shevuot 39a, states: "Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh." This is usually translated as, all Jews are responsible for each other. I think an even better way to say this is, all people are responsible for each other. We are responsible for each other's physical and mental wellbeing to the best of our abilities to do so.

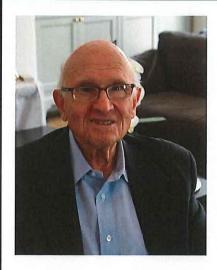
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The Talmud in <u>Shabbat 31a:6</u> tells the following famous story: A non-Jew came before Shammai and said, "I will convert if you can teach me the entire Torah while I stand on one foot." Shammai pushed the non-Jews aside with the ruler that was in his hand. The non-Jew came before Hillel and Hillel converted him saying, "What is hateful to you, do not do to your neighbor, that is the entire Torah, the rest is just commentary, now go and study."

If the concept of, "You should treat others the way you want to be treated, " is the very essence of the Torah, then why is this THE COMMANDMENT that is the most frequently broken. Why do we often not treat others the way we would want to be treated? Why do we participate in back stabbing, rumor mongering, treating others with distain or anger, xenophobia, hatred, needless criticism close-mindedness, missplaced priorities, self-importance and selfishness. When we do these things we are breaking our promise to God and to each other.

We can and should strive to do better. It is as simple as asking ourselves before we commit one of the transgressions stated above or any other transgressions against another person, "Is this the way I would like myself to be treated? If the answer to this simple question is no, then it is generally best to cease and desist.

Wayne Margolis, M.D.



Paul Kessler

will be celebrating his 100th Birthday on February 24, 2022

His family has created a tribute page where you can record him a video birthday greeting.

To access the tribute page, go to www.tribute.co/paul-kessler
The deadline for tributes is February 16th.

There will also be a picture posterboard in the Sanctuary Foyer (February 18th—February 26th) that will have a place for anyone to sign with well wishes.

If anyone would like to honor Paul in the form of a donation, the family suggest donating in his honor to the Temple Emanuel Memorial & Tribute Fund.

TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD - FEBRUARY 2022

Excerpt from the 128th Annual Congregational Dinner Program:

The Temple Emanuel Brotherhood faced a challenging year in the area of programming in trying to navigate the consistently changing COVID protocols and the hesitancy of many members to engage in social situations. Despite these hurdles, our members came together for three excellent events in 2021:

- In May, the Brotherhood attended as a group a Lamar baseball game and enjoyed tailgating and Kosher hot dogs in the parking lot prior to the game;
- In June, the Brotherhood met at Jason's Deli for lunch and then proceeded to the Dishman Art Museum on the campus of Lamar University to enjoy an art exhibit by Linnis Blantont titled "Connecting Heaven and Earth";
- In September, the Brotherhood constructed the Sukkah for the Temple children and membership to enjoy.

Hopefully this pandemic will abate and we can enjoy more social gatherings in 2022.

Mike Getz

Temple Emanuel Brotherhood President

SAVE THE DATE

for the Installation of

Rabbi Chava Koster

Fríday, Apríl 8, 2022

6:00 p.m.

Reception to follow-Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

Plan to attend this meaningful and joyous celebration.

It will be a happy occasion for us all.



SOLIDARITY SHABBAT REMARKS

Dear Regina,

It was good to speak with you for a moment last evening at Shabbat.

The presence of the Catholic bishop and priests and Protestant leaders is a statement of how dear to us is the Jewish community at Temple Emanuel, Beaumont.

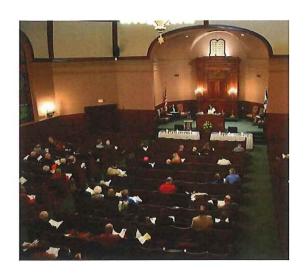
All of us are here to support your community as may be needed.

Rabbi Chava Koster's sermon, and her call to united effort to secure our basic freedom of religious practice, was well-spoken and heartfelt. Though I have met her only once, she impresses me as a person worthy of trust.

It was a special grace to worship together at Shabbat. The dignity and beauty of the service remain with me.

Fondly,

Michael Jamail—St. Anne Parish (Beaumont)







Cynthia,

Thank you so much for inviting me to the Solidarity Shabbat this past Friday. It was a very meaningful service and your Rabbi did a fabulous job of welcoming everyone and conducting the service. Her message was "spot on" and powerful.

I am grateful for the role that Temple Emanuel continues to play in our community. Thank you for welcoming me so warmly into your midst. I always feel as if I am home in your Shabbat services.

Kind regards,

Rev. Dr. Jim Fuller

SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE-FEBRUARY 2022

Excerpt from the 128th Annual Congregational Dinner Program:

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood continued to navigate the pandemic during calendar year 2021. While most of the year we continued to socially distance, wear masks and frequently wash our hands, your Sisterhood Board continued to meet and plan events. In May 2021 we had a Sisterhood Spring Luncheon with box lunches from Jason's Deli. Members present were able to craft their own Gary Rosenthal Mezuzah as part of the Hiddur Mitzvah Project. The Hiddur Mitzvah Project is the creation of Gary Rosenthal, who has been creating a unique line of sculpture, inspired by tradition, called the Gary Rosenthal Collection. This project allowed for the opportunity for each Sisterhood member present to create their own *mezuzah* in the style of Gary Rosenthal.

Sisterhood members received a kit to create mosaics of tumbled glass pieces on precut glass templates utilizing simple white craft glue. Once complete, mosaics were returned to the Gary Rosenthal Collection studio, where they were fired. Once received back at Temple Emanuel these beautiful creations became each members own beautiful and personal finished piece of Judaica.

Sisterhood also provided High Holiday refreshments (water and individual challah rolls) for Temple Emanuel members at the completion of Yom Kippur. While we were not able to provide the traditional Sukkot and Hanukkah Dinners, Sisterhood members prepared box meals for all Temple members following Shabbat Services.

Our Fall 2021 fundraiser was Cheesecake baking for the Holidays. Sisterhood members baked over 230+ cheesecakes over eight (8) baking days. All cheesecakes were warmly received by the Beaumont community.

Sisterhood also discussed the feasibility of continuing Deli Day. Discussion centered on availability/age of volunteers, ongoing pandemic concerns and the realistic capability of this Sisterhood project. The Board of Congregation Temple Emanuel Sisterhood voted not to continue this project for 2022. Alternative fund-raising opportunities will be discussed during the first quarter of 2022.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cheryl

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

MEETING NOTICE

There will be a Sisterhood Board Meeting
Wednesday, February 2, 2022
in the Temple Library
Beginning at 12:00 Noon

MARCH 2022 YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 3/5 to be Read 3/4

Solomon Engel Gordon David Greenberger Zipporah Hoffer Yetta M. Protas Dr. Sigmund Blum Henry Greene Annie Kessler Ruth Lefkovits Herman Cohen Maxine Dulanev Belle S. Goldfine Lenore Bliss Gosky F. Mancie Hirshfeifer Mamie S. Krone Lee C. Zuber Nelson Alter Bernice Bluestein Mollie Levy Born Ethel Doblin Eve Franzel Bernice Rozner Berger Ham Goldie Horwitz Viola Kramer Hyman Sharfstein Dr. Joseph Cohen Bertha Barey Philip Horwitz Blanche Plettman Beatrice L. Reddoch Joseph Sharfstein Doris Rosinger Levy Marga Steinhart

Week Ending 3/12 to be Read 3/11

Sylvan Sommer Regina B. Cohen Miriam Cohen Schwartz Max Swiren Abraham Eisen Sara Litvin Franklin Stanley B. Goldstein Toni Kern Sam Klugman Joseph Lederer **Irving Schwartz** Harold D. Greenberg Howard L. Kane Dorothy M. Lefkovits Charles Mielz Charles Miller Isidore Protas Ann Batsell Gertrude Bender Freda Crager Ione Sternberg Ney Minnie Falkowitz Abe Kolba Alyce Ney Louise Scheps Max H. Haber Hadassah Jacobs Leon R. Levy Jennie Toomim

Week Ending 3/19 to be Read 3/18

Jack Mechanic Louis Schwartz Abe Elkins Hal Lawrence Gale Florence Lynne Austin Holtzman Max Spector Bessie Sukman Sam Hertzman Estelle Carrow Sarah M. Greenberg Ursula Lefkowitz Regina Schneider Jacob Louis Zuber Dennis Alter Susan Miller Bailey Martha Haase Billy Roberts Andy Witebsky Henny Liebmann Elizabeth A. Rawles

Week Ending 3/26 to be Read 3/25

Anna Greenberg
Aymin Waldman
Leslie S. Levy
Natalie Krasnow Corman
Frank Dover
Dorothy Faye Hosen
Irvin Bud Kassoff
Anna Leaman
Gitel Markewich
Slyvia C. Miller
Martha Lea Stein
Duane Joseph Curry

Irving Davis
Anna Blum
Simon Philip Dover
Herman Glober
Morris Greenspan
Anna Leaman
Sam Night
Herman A. Philipson
Harry Bennett
Samuel Cohen
Jeff Greenberg
Aron Gross
RosaLee Leaman Roosth Mellinger

Week Ending 4/2 to be Read 4/1

Albert Morton Klein Ruth Wyde Hall I.B. "Butch" Hoffer Ida Klugman Aaron Rose William Bell Celia Harris Nettye Leibson Philip Liebman John K. Levy Jennie K. Szafir Marian Goldstein Joan Krafte Carl Muller Anne Vaxler Elise Eisenstadt Julius M. Gordon Lynn Rochelle Mechanic Rachel Trachtenberg

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Betty Klein Estelle Levy Lena Mayer Paul Moskowitz **Edward Schultz** Helen Segal Robert Diamond Recha Goldblum Hannah Goldstein Miriam Herman Gertrude Waldman Krasnow Herman Lederer Michel Lederer Gerson Scheps Phil Stein Rose Flatow Esther Glasomitzky Faye Blum Manuel Breen William Gedaly Arnold Goldstein Dr. Philip B. Greenberg

Week Ending 2/12 to be Read 2/11

Rose Finegold Sam Goldenberg Phyllis Lapine Morris Lipoff Harry Moskowitz Sarah Night Dr. Harold Roosth Henry D. Weinbaum Arie Tadmor Johanna Szafir Mrs. A. Walker Milton G. Getz Elsa Loeb Goldberg Bess Lichenstein Julie Parker Doris Waldman Spector Dr. Joseph M. Loewenstein Marie Miller Mayer Lois Wolf Louis Julian Alexander Kevin Michael Curry Ida Goldstein Hattye Kline Gordon Bertha Gray Julie Rogers Alice Selber

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Seymour G. Rosenthal Sara Rogers Davis Isaac Levin Sue Mayer Nora Mielz Cherna Bittensky Betty Reuben Natalie Loeb Alexander Jerry Battelstein Libby Rose Lubel Ernest Mayer Harvey Night Rose Schoenfeld Mary Fleckman Altman Harry Dugan Freeda Friedman Minnie Rogers Ida Hymes Gross Mack B. Waldman Stanislas "Stan" Duplechin Nathan Gingold Sigmund Greenberg Sandy Liebling Mervin F. Sandman

Byrdie Goodman Miller
Jacquie Allen
Abe S. Goldstein
Joe Markewich
Edith Tettenbaum
Marion Doss
Cora Lee Goldstein
B. Levy
Celyne Levy
Jerry Moss
Frances Goldfine Austin
Isidore Roos

Jacob A. Szafir

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 the birthday of **Charlie Weinbaum, Jr.** by: Marleen Swerdlow

In honor of the 100th birthday of Paul Kessler

by: Lois Rutman

In honor of Temple Emanuel by: Jeri Kirkendall

In honor of **Temple Emanuel** by: Al Victories

In loving memory of
Jean Dickey
Hirsh Zvi ben Moshe haCohen
Dick Parker
Jack Kossover
Cheryl Kossover Sitnick
Faye Jennusa
Rene' Spector
Madeleine & Raymond Wolf
Lindsay Pollard

Jo Hackler by: Marleen Swerdlow

In loving memory of
Zipporah Hoffer
by: Linda & Barry Hoffer
Hollan and Harlo

In loving memory of our father and grandfather Meyer Tanenblatt

by: Ann & Les Goodman Matthew & Marc & Sarah Williams

In loving memory of my mother Maurine Plettman by: Linda Plettman Surley

> In loving memory of Paul Hay by: Harold Eisen by: Lois Rutman

Cemetery Fund

In honor of my special angels
Laura & Gene Thomas
Mike Spector
by: Beverly Hickman-Hay

To help maintain and repair **Hebrew Rest Cemetery** by: Gloria & Joe Koshkin

In loving memory of Paul Hay by: Margaret Whipkey

Cemetery Fund (Cont.)

In loving memory of
Leo E. Ney, Jr.
Nathan Swerdlow
Jack Hodes
Rose Richker Friedman
Gerald Sampson
Coye Williams
Vera Donde Hodes
Marianne Hodes Todd
Mose Sampson
Anna Belle Spector
Anna Sampson
Ben J. Rogers
Eva Swerdlow
by: Mike Spector

In loving memory of Dr. Robert A. Swerdlow Mose & Sade Sampson Gerald Sampson Joan Sampson Nathan & Eva Swerdlow Lois Swerdlow **Estelle Swerdlow** Margaret & Sam Swerdlow Arleen & George Swerdlow Lillie & Morris Adler Dora & Joe Horwitz Ben Adler Abraham Adler Sarah, William & Alex Adler Gertrude & Meyer Krasnow **Betty & Harvey Night** Becky & Edwin Gale Marie Kassoff Herrin Rose & Sam Finegold Mongie & Lenny Swartz Rose & Dave Bensman Bertha & Philip Horwitz Macie Goldstein by: Marleen Swerdlow

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

Floral Fund

In loving memory of **Walter Mielz** by: Miriam & Viraf Cooper

In loving memory of my beloved mother **Gertrude Petrova** by: Beverly Hickman-Hay

Floral Fund (Cont.)

in loving memory of Joseph G. Perl by: Mary & Arnold Perl

In loving memory of my extraordinary grandfather Joseph Rogers my dear uncle Sol Rogers my wonderful father Ben Rogers my dear brother Bernard Rogers my beautiful aunt June Rogers my special uncle Nate Rogers by: Regina Rogers

In loving memory of Mamie G. Perlstein Hyman Asher Perlstein Lilly Jacobs Weinbaum Charles Weinbaum, Sr. by: Charlie Weinbaum, Jr.

In loving memory of my father **David Hebert Manson** by: Marilyn Manson-Hayes

In loving memory of
Natalie Loeb Alexander
Louis Julian Alexander
Dr. Philip B. Greenberg
by: Natalie & S.L. Greenberg

In loving memory of my mother

Maurine Plettman

by: Linda Plettman Surley

In loving memory of my beloved wife & friend **Mary Ann P. Hay** by: Beverly & Paul (z"l) Hay

In loving memory of
Helene Joy Klein Toomim
by: Kim Schwarzlose
Amy Toomim Manuel
Leah Toomim
Rachel Toomim
Dr. Claudia Toomim

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TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS (CONTINUED):

Sisterhood

In honor of the unwavering support to Sisterhood by Fern Roos by: Cheryl Barenberg

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of Rabbi Chava Koster by: Richard Drapeau

In honor of Rabbi Chava Koster by: Wendie Nordgren

In loving memory of my sister **Linda Gay Pollard** by: Joy Parker

In honor of my son as incoming
Temple Emanuel President
Ken Parker
by: Joy Parker

In honor of **Temple Emanuel** by: Jeri Kirkendall

In honor of **Temple Emanuel** by: Chuck Knipp

High Holiday Music

In honor of the anniversary of

Cynthia & Michael Wolf In honor of the 75th birthday of **Cynthia Wolf** In honor of the 95th birthday of Gloria Seligman In honor of the 75th birthday of Alan Sampson In honor of the 70th birthday of Jan Hafner James In honor of continuing recovery of **Michael Wolf** Robert Handy Wishing a speedy recovery to **Sherry Horwitz** In honor of the birth of Anastasia Sampson Lucy Pearl Eisen

by: Marleen Swerdlow

High Holiday Music (Cont.)

In honor & appreciation of
Rabbi Chava Koster
Dwight Peirce
Angela Pickering
Wilton Allen
Jane Kaulfus
Dr. Wayne Margolis
In honor of the conversion of
Kate Roberts
by: Marleen Swerdlow

In loving memory of
Barry Chesis
Lisa Doornbos
Jennifer Doornbos
Miriam Toubein
Ben Wheeler
Pearl & Jimmy Johnson
Ryle Adamson
by: Marleen Swerdlow

In loving memory of Anna L. Kramer by: Bob Kramer

In loving memory of **Paul Hay**By: Suzye & Steve Doblin

Endowment Fund

In loving memory of Paul Hay by: Arline Meyers & Nancy Meyers

Social Justice

In honor of my best friend who has been a passionate advocate of social justice all of her life Bipla (Rabbi Chava Koster) by: Joy Parker

Wishing a speedy recovery of Sherry Horwitz Michael Wolf

by: Mimi Cohen

In loving memory of Mollie Feinberg by: Mimi Cohen

Social Justice - Colorado Wildfires Relief

by: Kate Roberts

Social Justice - SPCA

In honor and appreciation of your dedication to Temple Emanuel and the Jewish Community

Dr. Wayne Margolis

by: Joy Parker

Social Justice - Disaster Fund

In hopes of helping the **Disasters in our country** by: Dan Neel

Social Justice - Humane Society

In loving memory of my beloved husband **John Shellhorn** by: Joy Parker

Social Justice - Temple Beth Israel (Austin)

In honor of **Cynthia Wolf** by: Regina Rogers

To help with the rebuilding of Temple Beth Israel
by: Wendie Nordgren
by: Lois Rutman
by: Kate Roberts
by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf
by: Susan & Wayne Margolis

Social Justice - Kentucky Tornadoes Relief

by: Lois Rutman by: Kate Roberts by: Cynthia & Michael Wolf by: Susan & Wayne Margolis

In honor of
Prissy & Tommy Roosth
Gail & Gary Swartz
Sara & Bobby Celli
by: Marleen Swerdlow

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE TZEDAKAH OPPORTUNITIES (FEBRUARY 2022 & BEYOND)

In that the Deadline for this Bulletin Article precedes the Congregation Dinner, we will not reveal how we will translate President Ken Parker's theme into action during 2022-2023. That will come with the March 2022 TESJ Update.

In that TESJ has not met to determine what our detailed outreach will be in 2022-2023, this bulletin article focuses further on three Humanitarian/Disaster Relief efforts that were mentioned in the 2021 Annual Report of the Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee.

TESJ voted during the 4th Quarter of 2021 and again during the early days of 2022 to include a trio of Humanitarian/Disaster Relief Projects for Members of Temple Emanuel and Friends of Temple Emanuel to consider supporting:

- NEW in 2022: Humanitarian Relief following the Boulder, CO wildfire for members of Congregation Har Hashem (Reform)
- Continuing from 2021: Humanitarian Relief following the Kentucky Tornadoes (\$225.00 has been collected as of this date)
- Continuing from 2021: Disaster Relief for Congregation Beth Israel, Austin, TX (\$800.00 has been collected as of this date)

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel,

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee provides Faith in Action opportunities to support Temple Emanuel's *Love Thy Neighbor* Initiative.

PLEASE designate what you want your tikkun olam mitzvah dollars to support.

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 Leah Trahan in Temple Office 409.832.6131 to make certain that your charge information is shared with Jane Kaulfus who will make the charge.
- 4. Or please visit <u>www.emanuelbeaumont.org</u> and click on the DONATE button.

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

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee



February Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters

February 4 ~ Karla Blum
Paul Kessler
Norma & Alan Sampson

February 11 ~ Natalie & S. L. Greenberg

February 18 ~ Cara & Dan Eisen Lindsay & Dr. Robert Kramer

February 25 ~ Kathy Johnson Miriam & Jim Thompson

NEW ADDRESS

Miriam & Jim Thompson 4425 Thomas Park Beaumont, TX 77706

Anniversary List - February

6 ~ Arlette & Bruce Hoffer

20 ~ Janet & Richard Shackelford

25 ~ Karen & Bobby Chapman

29 ~ Susan & Wayne Margolis

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Ruth Wunderlich

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MEMBERSHIP REPORT - FEBRUARY 2022

Temple Emanuel warmly welcomed our newest members to our congregation:

2020 Joy Parker

2021

Dan Neel

Janet & Richard Shackelford

Kate Roberts

Ruth Wunderlich

During 2021: 2 resignations were reported due to relocating:

Anne & Jeff Demuth Elaine LeTraunik

We also note the death of 2 of our cherished members:

Rene' Shapiro Spector-April 14, 2021

May their memory be a

Paul Hay—January 21, 2022

blessing (z"l)

Lois Rutman, Membership



To

RACHEL EISEN & CAMERON CRABBE

on their marriage Sunday, January 9, 2022 Parents: Mindy & Jay Eisen Grandfather: Harold Eisen

Remember Your Loved Ones	FUND (piedse cneck)
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:	
City/State/Zip:	Rabbi's Discretionary (Checks payable to
	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)
Send Card to Name:	High Holiday Music
Address:	Social Justice
City/State/Zip:	

Temple Emanuel Mission Statement:

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives

Core Values:

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

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

Social Justice

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