MAY 2023 BULLETIN

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

May 05 Shabbat Service May 12 Shabbat Service May 19 Shabbat Service May 26 Shabbat Service

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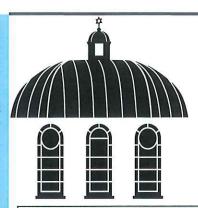
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Temple Emanuel - Beaumont, TX

Temple Emanuel RSVP Line

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

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

The festival of Shavuot used to be the day on which the Jews brought the *bikkurim* – their first fruits – to the Temple. The fact of the matter is that ever since the destruction of the Temple, there is no specific ritual associated with this holiday ... no shofar, no succah, no matzah; seemingly nothing at all. But there are many customs that have become associated with this festival. Many are aware of the fact that on Shavuot it is customary to eat milk products. There are several explanations given for this custom, ranging from the fact that we are told that Abraham and Sarah served "cream and milk," to their three visitors, to the Jews having been circumcised after the Exodus making them like infants and milk is the food for infants, to the fact that the Hebrew word for



milk, "chalav" has a numeric value of 40, and it was 40 days and nights that Moshe spent atop Mt. Sinai. A second popular custom is to stay up the night before Shavuot. This, again, has many explanations, the most popular of which is that the Jews overslept at Sinai - we don't want to make that mistake again! Then there is the reading of the Akdamut – the special poem we read on the first day. The truth is, this custom is relatively new, only a thousand years old. The Akdamut was written by Rabbi Meir, the son of Rabbi Isaac of Wurms, in approximately 1096. The word "akdamut" means "the prelude" and this poem is used as a way to highlight the Torah reading on Shavuot which describes the giving of the Torah at Sinai. Then we have the reading of the book of Ruth on Shavuot. The story of Ruth zooms in on the experiences of a small number of people, members of an extended family, to be sure, but each one a distinct individual. Each has a different relationship to the people of Israel. Boaz, the male protagonist, is firmly and successfully rooted in his community. Naomi, the suffering widow, and mother-in-law, struggles with her dislocation from her people and her attempt to return to them. And Ruth, our heroine, chooses to throw her lot in with the Jewish people despite Naomi's protests. As a book to be read on this holiday of accepting the Torah, the story of Ruth presents each of us with these three examples of an individual's relationship to the collective. Are we comfortable in our membership in the community, like Boaz? Do we struggle with conflicting impulses that lead us to leave the community at one moment and return to it at another - like Naomi? Or have we fallen in love with some person or some aspect of the Jewish people and therefore freely commit ourselves with devotion and self-sacrifice to finding our rightful place among the people like Ruth? Perhaps we can relate to all of them. The Book of Ruth is so deeply moving for many reasons. But surely one factor is its success in entwining together these three disparate exemplars of Jewish belonging, each supporting and embracing the others. I look forward to celebrating with you.

Chag Sameach - Rabbi Chava Koster

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Dear Temple Family,

What does Shabbat mean to you?

Take the time to think about it!

In the meantime, here's what Shabbat means to me:

Shabbat is my time to...

- Relax!
- Take a breath at the end of my work week!
- Be grateful...thankful for what I have and not be concerned about what I don't have!



• Be in the magnificence of Temple Emanuel's Main Sanctuary with community!

What does Shabbat mean to you?

Let's work to Invest, Innovate, and Include to Incentivize people to our Temple!

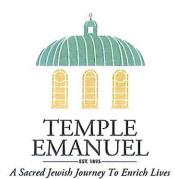
Ken Parker

President - Temple Emanuel

Honoring MY mother and ALL mothers on Mother's Day







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Brotherhood President Rita Davis THANK YOU NOTE from President Ken and President-Elect Cynthia

Dear Congregational Family,

We have just returned from several intense days at the 2023 Scheidt Seminar for Presidents and Presidents-Elect (April 20-23) Half of the fee to attend was funded by the Scheidt Family and half was funded by Temple Emanuel. We want you to know that we appreciated the opportunity that especially our Congregational Family gave to us. THANK YOU!

Over the next months, we will each be working on better understanding our relationships as Sacred Partners while at the same time we work with the Sacred Partners that we made at the Scheidt Seminar. And you have Sacred in front of your role also as Rabbi, Staff, Members...as do our Conversion Students! We are all Sacred Partners in one way or another!

We both thoroughly enjoyed Shabbat! Shabbat Evening Service was outdoors overlooking a golf course...in nature with blue skies overhead and birds chirping in the trees and butterflies having no fear of landing on our clothes. Saturday Morning Service was indoors. The highlight of the morning that was ALL Staff and participants were called to the Torah! There were three groups: (1) those who were raised in the Reform Movement and still love everything about it, (2) those who were raised in the Reform Movement but came kicking and screaming to Temple/Sunday School, and (3) those who came to the Reform Movement from one of the other branches of Judaism or through Conversion.

Can you guess what the largest group was?

Group 1 was the smallest group of Presidents/Presidents-Elect. Group 2 was larger than (1) and was the one with which Ken identified. Group 3 was the largest group and was the one with which Cynthia identified.

Pictured at the top of page 5 are some of the Presidents/Presidents-Elect who have become our Sacred Partners.

THANK YOU AGAIN, Temple Emanuel!

Ken Parker, President

Cynthia Wolf, President-Elect

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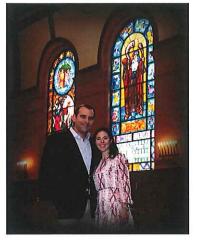
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Moments of Celebrate the "Newlyweds"



Photography by Karen Bourdier















Pictures from 2023 Scheidt Seminar



Debbie Cohen Roos, Beth-El (San Antonio) W/ Ken



Ken, Cynthia & Marc Lamb, Temple Israel (Greater Miami)



Debbie Cohen Roos, Beth-El (San Antonio) W/ Cynthia

Thank you notes from The Salvation Army Boys & Girls Club



Temple Emoruel

Thank you so

much for the

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of classroom desks.

Your kindness is

greatly appreciated

by staff and youth

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SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE-MAY 2023

Spring has sprung and summer will be upon us before we know it. I would like to take a moment to thank the following individuals who volunteered the time and talents to ensure of Mahi Day of Fun was a success: Laura & Gene Thomas, Lois Rutman, Wendie Nordgren, Sherry Horwitz, Lori Alter, Robin Goebel, and Kate Roberts. Whether you volunteered your talents to set-up, help in the kitchen or tear down after the event I appreciate all your help. We are strong together. Todah Robah on a job well done!!! Sisterhood will again have a volunteer day to make Sweet Noodle Kugel for the Tasting of Some Other Place. We will tentatively have a baking day on Wednesday, June 7, 2023, at 10:00 am. Please contact the Temple Office at 409-832-6131 or email me at cabarenberg@yahoo.com if you can help. We will need approximately 6 women that day. I will also get you information regarding the event as we need volunteers to serve the day of the tasting for Some Other Place at the Beaumont Civic Center on August 15, 2023. Lastly, I will be looking for volunteers to help inventory the kitchen with respect to dishes, serving pieces, etc. Dates and times will be determined in the next several weeks so be on the watch for updated information via email and Friday night Shabbat Flyer. As always, I am available should you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Stay well and see you around Temple!

Kol tuv Cheryl

President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood



MAY 2023 YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 5/6 to be Read 5/5

Milt Chapman
Monroe Joseph Johnson
Shirley Alter
Aron Levenstein
Celia Roosth
Brenda Nell Drago
Philip Born
Sam Breen
Miriam Liebling Malevani
Donald Greenberg
Beatrice Levine

Week Ending 5/13to be Read 5/12

Annie Bergman Eisen Dagmar H. Goldstein Doris Ruth Eisen Sue Roberts Ronald J. Spector Herbert Blum Anna '2-2' Hoffer Estelle Myers Blotner Ralph J. Brookner Katy Horwitz

Week Ending 5/20 to be Read 5/19

Blanche Apfel Cohen Julia Loshak Golob Leon Vaxler Sophia Sampson Eisen Jean Grace Klein

Week Ending 5/27 to be Read 5/26

Herman Petrower
Bessie Fishbine Swartz
Morris Louis Jacobs
Samuel Blum Sharfstein
Asher Herman
Ruth Steele
Moses Schwartz
Norma Chapman
Abraham Sadoff

Week Ending 6/3 to be Read 6/2

Lena Kaplan Mykoff Myrtle Marie Burch Bertha Finegold Horwitz Rennie Levy Schwartz G. Davis Clark David Robert Abelman Bonnie Goldstein Moise Schornstein Sam Finegold



Floral Fund

Please consider honoring the memory of your loved ones by sponsoring the Pulpit flowers for our Friday evening Shabbat Worship. Temple Emanuel observes the Yahrzeits of approximately 1,100 people during the course of the year. Your contribution to the Floral Fund will help beautify our sanctuary, our worship and add blessing to the memories of all of our loved ones and members who have died in years past.

The suggested minimum contribution to the Floral Fund is \$25.00. Please make checks payable to:

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

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JUNE 2023 YAHRZEITS

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Hyman Blieden Evelyn Finegold May J. Levy Rebecca Selber Jack Walker Delphine Mina Apfel Nettie Ginsberg Sheldon Greenberg Yetta Levin Nathan Liebling Annie Perl Sarah Simpson Michael Thompson Abraham E. Massman Jennie Miller Leon Rosenthal Morris Dugan Tina Goldblum Pauline M. Gordon Sam Lichenstein Peter Oshman Pauline Schwerin Celia Simons Goldman Sprincy Greenberg Morris Hirshleifer Hyman Massin Shirley Massin Louis Perl Thomas H. Ayer Virginia Ayer Berdie Diamond Chaisson Lena Elkins Marian Feigelson Marvin Reuben

Week Ending 6/17 to be Read 6/16

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Week Ending 6/24 to be Read 6/23

Benjamin Blum Natalie S. Stein Susan Sampson Howlett Carmen Robbins Arthur L. Taub Nathan Brookner Louise Demuth Barnett Dunner Abe Klein Maurice Lederer Lea Rabinovitch Leizer Rabinovitch Mortimer Rosenberg Sadie Sosno Lolly Black Herbert Shapiro Norma E. Goldstein Dr. Sigmund B. Herman Miriam Dover Lefkovits Abraham Selber

Week Ending 7/1 to be Read 6/30

Dr. Louis Goldstein

Ilene B. Vann Benjamin Falkowitz Harold Alex Feigelson Samuel K. Levy Louis Silverman **Emily Pearl Spector** Dave Bagelman David Elkins Karl Haase Raymond Lefkowitz Abraham Adler Jennie Belgrade Perl Brookner Ida Elster **Toby Horwitz** Jack Koshkin Robert M. Michaels Carl Waldman Ella K. Wyde Shirley Ann Getz

Fannie F. Goldstein
June Gayle Vaxler Hall
Arnold Markowitz
Hyman Sukman
Dr. David Bennett
Jessica Dworkin
Morton Mandel
Adelle Silverberg
Ann Zar Taub
Isabel Markowitz
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TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES MAY AND BEYOND

Temple Emanuel Social Justice *Mitzvah* Opportunities May 2023 and Beyond

Each Temple Emanuel Social Justice Project continues to INCENTIVIZE Temple Members and Friends of Temple Emanuel to participate in the *tikkun olam* aspect of Temple Emanuel's *Love Thy Neighbor* Initiative and, therefore, the life of Temple Emanuel and the part that Temple Emanuel plays in Beaumont, Southeast Texas, and Beyond...thus helping to fulfill an important part of President Ken's mission for his term.

Menu of *Tzedakah* (the sharing of *mitzvah* time, talent, treasure) for your consideration:

- Pickin' & Packin' Blueberries for the clients of Nutrition & Services for Seniors on Tuesday, June 13th:
 - Pickin' Blueberries from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM @ Candice's Blueberry Farm, 875 Bryan Lane, Lumberton. Wear caps, closed toe shoes, and sunscreen. NSS will provide cold water.
 - Dutch Treat Lunch @ Tony's BBQ, 5025 Eastex Freeway, Beaumont.
 - Packin' Blueberries from 1:00 PM 2:00 PM @ NSS, 4590 Concord Road, Beaumont.
- Please begin making donations to Social Justice Fund for <u>Southeast Texas</u>
 <u>Food Bank</u> for our annual High Holy Day Fund Drive. *Tzedakah* provided
 will be shared with the Southeast Texas Food Bank after *Sukkot*. \$1.00 = 3
 meals!

SAVE THE DATES:

- Thursday, May 4, 2023, 11:30 AM, Beaumont Event Centre: Deliver the Difference Luncheon benefiting the clients of Nutrition & Services for Seniors (409.892.4455 – Janci Kimball). <u>2023 Honorary Chairs are Susan</u> and Dr. Wayne Margolis.
- Thursday, May 11, 2023, 11:00 AM, Ballroom of MCM Elegante: Family Portrait Luncheon benefiting Alzheimer's Association educational outreach and programming for SETX (409.833.1613 - Shanna Briggs)
- Tuesday, August 15, 2023, The Tasting for Some Other Place, Civic Center: Benefiting the programming and clients of SOP. More in June-July Bulletin.

THANK YOU from Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee!

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES MAY AND BEYOND CONTINUES

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel, TESJ Committee provides a plethora of TORAH 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 payable 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-profits.
- 3. OR, please call Leah Trahan in Temple Office 409.832.6131 to charge your Tzedakah.
- 4. OR, please visit <u>www.emanuelbeaumont.org</u> and click on the DONATE button.

THANK YOU, Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel!

THANK YOU from Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee

SAVE THE DATE:

2023 Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner

Thursday, October 19, 2023

PLUS, elsewhere in this bulletin is very thoughtful
THANK YOU LETTER
from Lamar University for the sets of books shared
from the 2022 Humanitarian Award Dinner.



LAMAR UNIVERSITY

A Member of The Texas State University System

April 4, 2023

Cynthia Wolf, Humanitarian Award Chair Temple Emanuel 1120 Broadway Beaumont, TX 77701

Dear Ms. Wolf.

Thank you for the generous donation of *The 23rd Psalm: A Holocaust Memoir* by George Salton with Anna Salton Eisen and *Pillar of Salt: A Daughter's Life in the Shadow of the Holocaust* by Anna Salton Eisen with Aaron Eisen.

The books will be added to the circulation collections at Lamar University, Lamar State College Port Arthur, and Lamar State College Orange for student, faculty, and staff to access. Dr. Mark Mengerink (Associate Professor, History, Lamar University) also accepted several sets of books for students in his Holocaust and Nazi Germany courses.

On behalf of the Mary and John Gray Library, Gates Memorial Library, Ron E. Lewis Library, and Dr. Mark Mengerink, thank you again. We appreciate the generosity of this in-kind donation. These primary sources are welcome editions from which a wide variety of patrons may benefit.

Sincerely,

Trina Nolen

Head of Library Technical Services

Lamar University

Mary & John Gray Library

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Beaumont, TX 77710

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Anniversary List - May 5 ~ Miriam & Viraf Cooper



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20 ~ Cheryl Barenberg

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May Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters

05/05 ~ Robin & John Goebel

05/12 ~ Lori & Brian Alter

05/19 ~ Rita & Barry Davis

05/26 ~ Allison & Mike Getz, Candy Holder

BELOW IS A THANK YOU CARD SENT WITH DONATION FROM LIFE POINT CHURCH

Thank You



To Rabbi, Ken, and the entire Temple Emanuel family, We cannot begin to express what a blessing it was that you opened your doors to us, and allowed us to celebrate our most cherished day of the year in your sacred space. We pray that God will bless you greatly for the Kindness and hospitality you have Shown.

Please accept this modest to ken of appreciation from us.

Life Point Church

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TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

Memorial & Tribute Fund

In honor of
Marleen Swerdlow
Cynthia & Michael Wolf
By: Karla Blum

In honor of the marriage of Amanda & Marc Wolf By: The Rutman Family

> In loving memory of my mother Jayne Eisen By: Stephen Eisen

In memory of
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Floral Fund

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Ryan Night

Social Justice Fund

Contributions made to Jewish Community of Turkey & Relief for Ukraine In honor of Amanda & Marc Wolf By: Maggie Harris

Temple Emanuel Mission Statement:

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives

Core Values:

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

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