

DECEMBER 2023
JANUARY 2024
BULLETIN

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

December 01 Shabbat Service
December 08 Shabbat Service
December 15 Shabbat Service
December 22 Shabbat Service
December 29 Shabbat Service

January 05 Shabbat Service
January 12 Shabbat Service
January 19 Shabbat Service
January 26 Shabbat Service

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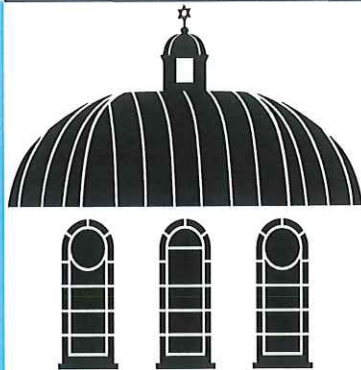
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RSVP Line**

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.

Prayers for Israel

AVINU SHEBASHAMAYIM...PRAYER FOR THE STATE OF ISRAEL

Prayer for the State of Israel

אָבִינוּ שְׁבַשְׁמַיִם, צוּר יִשְׂרָאֵל וְגוֹאֲלוֹ,
בָּרַךְ אֶת מְדִינַת יִשְׂרָאֵל, רֵאשִׁית צְמִיחַת
הָאֲלֵתָנוּ. הִגֵּן עָלֶיהָ בְּאַבְרַת חֶסֶדְךָ וּפְרוּס
עָלֶיהָ סֶפֶת שְׁלוֹמְךָ.

Transliteration:

*Avinu she-ba-shamayim,
tzur Yisrael v'go-alo
bareikh et m'dinat
visrael, reishit
tz'mihat q'ulateinu.
Hagein aleha b'evrat
hasdekha, u-f'ros aleha
sukkat sh'lomekha.*

Translation:

**Our Father our Father who is in heaven
Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel;
Bless the State of Israel, with its promise of Redemption.
Shield it with Your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace.**

**Our Father our Father who is in heaven
Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel;
Send your light and your truth
To its leaders, its ministers, its advisors,
Establish them with good council before you.**

**Our Father our Father who is in heaven
Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel;
Strengthen the hands of those who defend our Holy Land.
Deliver them; crown them with salvation and victory.
Bless the land with peace, and everyone who lives there with lasting joy.**

And let us say: Amen

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Embracing Unity and Celebrating Diversity in Our Jewish Community

Shalom, dear members of our vibrant Jewish congregation!

As we gather together in the spirit of togetherness, we are reminded of the strength and beauty that lies in our diverse and close-knit community. Our congregation is a tapestry woven with threads of various backgrounds, traditions, and stories, creating a rich and colorful mosaic that reflects the true essence of our shared faith.



In this month's bulletin, we invite you to join us in celebrating the diversity that makes our congregation so unique. Our community is comprised of individuals and families with diverse cultural backgrounds, spanning the wide spectrum of Jewish traditions.

As we embrace this diversity, let us also reflect on the values that bind us together—our shared history, traditions, and the timeless teachings of our faith.

Additionally, as we approach the upcoming holidays, let us come together in unity to celebrate the joyous occasions that mark our calendar. Whether it's lighting the Hanukkah candles, participating in a communal Seder, or observing other significant days, let the warmth of our shared celebrations strengthen the sense of belonging we all feel within our congregation.

In the spirit of unity and understanding, let us continue to support one another, showing kindness, compassion, and respect to every member of our diverse community. By doing so, we can ensure that our congregation remains a place where all feel welcome and cherished.

May this month be filled with blessings, joy, and meaningful connections as we journey together as one loving and diverse Jewish family.

Wishing all a Happy Hanukkah
Ken Parker, Temple President

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ken Parker". The ink is dark and the signature is fluid and legible.



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A Sacred Jewish Journey To Enrich Lives

Please Join us for TE Quadruple Celebration

**Shabbat in the Main Sanctuary of Temple Emanuel
&
Installation of Officers and New Temple Board of Trustees
of Congregation Temple Emanuel
&
The Celebration of 100 Years of Temple Emanuel
at 1120 Broadway
&
The Celebration of 130 years of the Presence of
Congregation Temple Emanuel in Beaumont/Southeast Texas**

Friday, January 19, 2024

6:00 P.M.

**Temple Emanuel
1120 Broadway
(entrance on Forrest Street)**

Catered *O'neg Shabbat* Reception in Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

Provided by The Family of Cynthia & Michael Wolf

**Please RSVP by January 9, 2024
409.832.6131**

Hanukkah Vocabulary

Key words and phrases for the Jewish Festival of Lights.

FROM MY JEWISH LEARNING [<http://www.myjewishlearning.org>]

Al Hanisim — Literally “on the miracles,” the prayer added to the Amidah prayer and Birkat Hamazon (blessing said after meals) during Hanukkah.

The four Hebrew letters on the dreidel, with the names transliterated above.



Dreidel (also commonly spelled dreydel) — A spinning top with four sides, each marked with a different Hebrew letter and each indicating a different play in this game.

Gelt — Yiddish for money, which was traditionally given on Hanukkah. Today, it is more often used to identify foil-covered chocolate coins, which are included in many Hanukkah celebrations.



Chocolate gelt

Hanukkah (also commonly spelled Chanukah) — Literally “rededication,” an eight-day holiday commemorating the Maccabees recapturing the Temple from the Greeks.

Hanukkiyah — Literally “Hanukkah lamp,” it is more commonly referred to as a menorah (see below). It contains nine candle-holders, one for each night of Hanukkah and one to hold the Shamash (see below).

Latkes — Pancakes, usually potato ones, fried in oil and eaten on Hanukkah.

Maccabees — The family of religious zealots who triumphed over the Syrian Greeks and liberated the Temple.

Menorah — Literally “lamp,” it originally was used only to describe the seven-branched candelabrum that was used in the ancient Temple in Jerusalem. However, the hanukkiyah used on Hanukkah is commonly referred to as a menorah.

Nes Gadol Hayah Sham — Literally “a great miracle happened there,” the letters on the dreidel (nun, gimmel, hey, shin) represent these words. In Israel, the shin is replaced with a peh, so the letters spell out Nes Gadol Hayah Po, or “a great miracle happened *here*.”



A Hanukkiyah, or Hanukkah menorah. The shamash is the candle in the center.

Sevion — The Hebrew word for dreidel.

Shamash — Literally “the helper,” the candle on the Hanukkiyah that is used to light the other candles.

Sufganiyot — Doughnuts, usually jelly-filled ones, fried in oil and eaten on Hanukkah

HOME SERVICE FOR CHANUKAH

Items Needed:

Chanukiah— 8-branch menorah

One candle for each night plus a shamash (for lighting the candles)

Matches

Candles are placed in the *Chanukiah* from right to left, and are kindled from left to right. *On *Shabbat*, light the *Chanukiah* **before** kindling *Shabbat* candles.

Before Kindling the Lights

The lights of CHANUKAH are a symbol of our joy in time of darkness. Our ancestors had the courage to struggle for freedom to worship in their own way. Theirs was a victory of the weak over the strong, the few over the many, and the righteous over the arrogant. It was a victory for all ages and all people.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

Blessed is the flame that burns in the heart's secret places.

Blessed is the heart with strength to stop its beating for honor's sake.

Blessed is the match consumed in kindling flame.

— Hannah Senesh



Within living memory, our people were plunged into deepest darkness. But we endured! The light of faith still burns brightly, and once again we see kindled the flame of freedom. Our people, Israel, has survived all who sought to destroy us. Now, through love and self-sacrifice, we labor to renew our life.

Let the lights we now kindle shine forth for the world. May they illuminate our lives even as they fill us with gratitude that our faith has been saved from extinction time and again. (Kindle the lights.)

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו, וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שֶׁל חֲנֻכָּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,

a-she- ki-d'sha-nu b'mitz-vo-tav, v'tzi-va-nu l'had-lik neir shel cha-nu-kah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Ruler of the universe,
who hallows us with mitzvot, and commands us to kindle the Chanukah lights.

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch a-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,

she-a-sah ni-sim la-a-vo-tei-nu ba-ya-mim ha-heim ba-z'man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Ruler of the universe,
who performed wondrous deeds for our ancestors in days of old, at this season.

On the first night only:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, שֶׁהֵחֵינוּ וְקִיְּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנֵי הַזֶּה.

Ba-ruch A-ta A-do-nai, E-lo-hei-nu me-lech ha-o-lam,

she- heh-cheh-ya-nu, v'ki-y'ma-nu, v'hi-gi-a-nu laz-man ha-zeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Ruler of the Universe,
for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season of Chanukah.

SISTERHOOD SCHMOOZE—DECEMBER/JANUARY 2023

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood will be having a busy December 2023. Sisterhood will be hosting the Hanukkah Dinner on Friday, December 8, 2023 following Shabbat Services. A traditional dinner of brisket, latkes, apple sauce, sour cream and roasted veggies will be offered to all who attend Shabbat Services. Reservations are required. You can email the Temple Office at templeoffice@emanuelbeaumont.org or call 409-832-6131 to make your reservation. Cost is \$18 person. If you would like to help with planning contact Lois or Bene Rutman jsmom1914@gmail.com. If decorating is your thing, feel free to contact Beverly Hickman at theatre43@gmail.com. Did I mention we will be making homemade sufganiyot this year. So, if you like jelly donuts make your reservations for dinner as I guarantee these pillowy donuts will be gone before you know it. So, if you see any of these individuals around Temple be sure to thank them for helping ensure the success of the Hanukkah Dinner.

Our Fall “Fun”draiser”, Mahj Day of Fun was a huge success again. We had 36 players from around Beaumont, Southeast Texas and Louisiana at the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall the entire day of November 9, 2023. A light breakfast of quiche, and homemade cinnamon rolls from Iris Nathan were served. Following our morning games lunch was served consisting on individual chicken pot pies, salad, rolls/butter and a Apple dump cake prepared by Laura Thomas, that was devoured.

This “fun”draiser would not be possible without the help of the following individuals: Lois Rutman, Wendie Nordgren, Robin Goebel, Janet Shackelford, Laura Thomas, Kathy Johnson, Lori Alter, Sherry Horwitz, Kate Roberts and Beverly Hickman. It really does take a village to host an event like this. Thank you, ladies, for always agreeing to serve.

Our Spring 2024 Mahj Day of Fun will be the “Natalie Greenberg” Mahj Day of Fun in late April/early May 2024. Be on the watch for details this coming Spring. If you would like to help feel free to contact any Sisterhood Board member and they can point you in the right direction.

At the November 8, 2023 Sisterhood Board meeting the topic of Floral arrangements for Shabbat Services was discussed. It was noted that several Board members have received various comments about the lack of flowers in our arrangements. Therefore, the Board decided to purchase silk floral arrangements for the Fall, Winter, Spring and Summer months. Donations to the floral fund can still be made as these arrangements cost between \$75-\$200 depending on size. You still should receive a notice regarding your families Yahrzeit. And if you decide not to donate we, Sisterhood, will still list their names in the Friday night flyer just let the office know. Of course, you could also decide to donate to any number of other donation funds at Temple Emanuel. The choice is yours.

Lastly, the Sisterhood Board will meet, **Wednesday, December 6, 2023, 12:00 Noon** in the **Swerdlow Roosth Social Hall**. All members of Sisterhood are welcome at any and/all Board meetings. If you have any questions or comments please ask.

As always, I am available should you have any questions, comments, or concerns. Stay well and I wish you and your family peace and light this holiday season. Happy Hanukkah!

Kol tuv

Cheryl

President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood
WRJ SW Past District President

JANUARY 2023 YAHRZEITS

Week Ending 1/6 to be Read 1/5

John Anthony Berger
 Sophie Bernstein
 Hyman Lipson
 Phil Parker
 Benjamin Rosen
 Jay J. Davis
 Rachel Newman
 Clyde Shields, Sr.
 Mollie Feinberg
 Anne Brookner
 Sam Roosth
 Ben Schwarz
 Sarah Diamond
 Elizabeth Kolba
 Gaston Mayer
 June Rogers
 Harold Klein
 Leo E. Ney, Jr.
 Leo E. Ney, Sr.
 Sam Roosth
 Nancy DiModica
 William S. Hurwitz
 Walter Mielz
 Jenny Roos

Week Ending 1/27 to be Read 1/26

Paul Hay
 Edwin D. Mayer
 Daniel Berk
 Saul Forbert
 Florence Sadoff Kamras
 David Herbert Manson
 Max K. Mayer, Jr.
 Nathan Waldman
 Harry Benson
 William Brookner
 Jacob S. Friedman
 Lillian Perl Margulies
 Joseph Solinsky
 Maxine Blankfield
 Anna Fishbine
 Chaim Fishbine
 Sadie Jacobs
 Sidney Kaplan

Week Ending 1/13 to be Read 1/12

George Braun
 Toby Elkins
 Jeanette Zuber Folloder
 Eli Lerman
 Nathan Swerdlow
 Jeanette M. Weil
 Morris Lerman
 John Schellhorn
 Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Poole Berry
 Nathan Roggen
 Sam Saltzman
 Meyer Tanenblatt
 Helen Louise McWilliam Clark
 Harry Jacobs
 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
 Natalie Greenberg
 Charles H. Weinbaum, Jr.

Jeanette Sophia Klein
 Carrie Meyer
 Arthur Moskowitz
 Jerome M. Ney, Sr.
 Elise Shields
 Bernard Wyde
 Clara Miller Chinski
 Weston J. Harrington
 Chaney Lee Holland
 Phyllis Kossover

Week Ending 1/20 to be Read 1/19

Morris Goldstein
 Carrye Levy Mayer
 Nolan Montondon
 Alvene Moss
 Fannie Lipson
 Benny Vener
 David Falkowitz
 Nathan Falkowitz
 Lillian Klein
 Jacob Krasnow
 Hilton Deuster, III
 Hilton Deuster, Sr.
 Cyril G. Grabwohl
 Charles Samuel Hoffer
 Maurine Kariel Plettman
 Max William Vinock
 Max Feldman
 Ben M. Goldstein
 Elise Grossman
 Jack Hodes
 Jacob David Kassel
 Sol J. Rogers
 Sarah Faro
 Pearl Vener Ginsburg
 Abraham Levy
 Max Melasky
 Elisa Mitrani
 Florence Eisen Rosenthal
 Meyer Blankfield
 Lily Greenberg
 Bertha Cohen Rudnick
 Bessie Vener

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














SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 20 tivet Temple Office Closed	2 21 tivet	3 22 tivet	4 23 tivet	5 24 tivet	6 25 tivet
	NEW YEARS DAY		10 29 tivet 11:30am - TESS Schmooze Noon - TESS Board Mtg.	11 1 shevat	12 2 shevat	13 3 shevat
7 26 tivet	8 27 tivet	9 28 tivet	17 7 shevat Noon - Sisterhood Birthday Luncheon 6:30pm - BOT Meeting	18 8 shevat ROSH CHODESH	19 9 shevat	20 10 shevat
14 4 shevat	15 5 shevat MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY	16 6 shevat	24 14 shevat	25 15 shevat	26 16 shevat	27 17 shevat
21 11 shevat	22 12 shevat	23 13 shevat			6:00pm Shabbat Services (IN-person & ZOOM) Tu B'Shvat Oneg Shabbat	Beshalach SHABBAT SHIRAH
5:00pm Wine & Cheese 6:00pm 130th Annual Mtg of the Congregation Dinner				DECEMBER S M T W T F S 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 ²⁵ 25 26 27 28 29 30	FEBRUARY S M T W T F S 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29	
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<p>17</p> <p>5 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>18</p> <p>6 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>12</p> <p>29 Kislev</p> <p></p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>13</p> <p>1 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH</p>	<p>14</p> <p>2 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>HANUKKAH</p>	<p>15</p> <p>3 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>HANUKKAH</p> <p>6:00pm Shabbat Services (IN-person & ZOOM)</p>	<p>16</p> <p>4 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>Mifletz</p>
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<p>31</p> <p>19 tevet</p> <p>CHRISTMAS DAY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>13 tevet</p> <p>Temple Office Closed</p>	<p>26</p> <p>14 tevet</p> <p>Temple Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p> <p>15 tevet</p> <p>Temple Office Closed</p>	<p>28</p> <p>16 tevet</p> <p>Temple Office Closed</p>	<p>29</p> <p>17 tevet</p> <p>Temple Office Closed</p> <p>6:00pm Shabbat Services (IN-person & ZOOM)</p>	<p>30</p> <p>18 tevet</p> <p></p> <p>Vayechi</p>

DECEMBER 2023 YAHRZEITS**Week Ending 12/2 to be
Read 12/1**

Lizabell Williams Baer
Saide S. Green
John Stuart Katz
Marvin Peltz
Grace Saxon
Minnie Spector
Eli Engle
Rose Greenberg
Marvin H. Rosinger
Richard Bennett
Hymen Spector
Jacob Sharfstein
Justina Gold Stein
Tillie W. Kaufman
Herta Mendelson
Selma Zuber Rosenthal
Morris Schnitzer

**Week Ending 12/23 to be
Read 12/22**

Charles Olliver Fogal
Harry Goldstein
Sophie Esther Koshkin
Joe Liebling
Wanda Robertson
Harry M. Rosen
Jay Doblin
Herman "Harry" Louis Goldstein
Sam Swerdlow
Rose Richker Friedman
Gerald Sampson
Jane Anne Williams
Hilda Gordon
Karl David Schwartz
Meyer Kaplan
Sidney Golob
Louis W. Kariel
Joseph Miller
Anna Dugan
David Feinberg
Rabbi Lothar Goldstein
Bruce Greenberg

Week Ending 12/9 to be Read 12/8

Yetta Eisen
Seame Feinberg Katz
David Lefkovits
Meyer Mellinger
Eva B. Segal
Mollie Weintraub
Braine Sharfstein
Benjamin Bernard Brauer
Anna May Goldberg
Richard D. Jackson
Theodore Danziger
Harry Galewsky, Jr.
Mike Gerstner
Stanley Kariel
Salka Plettman
Yochanan Bruckner
Rabbi Aaron Levy
Hyman Asher Perlstein
Horace J. Reddoch
Emil Szafir
Isadore K. Frenkel
Lawrence D. Gale
Vera Donde Hodes
Isadore Shanefield
Marianna Hodes Todd
Renee Horwitz Bennett
Samuel Irving Goldfine

**Week Ending 12/30 to be Read
12/29**

Jerome F. Bemel
Ben Adler
Samuel Levine
Helene Levy
Charles Weinbaum, Sr.
John Whipkey
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 Liebman
Mose Sampson

**Week Ending 12/16 to be
Read 12/25**

Jake Horwitz
Dr. Nate J. Rogers
Ruth Rubin
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
Ida Schwartz
S. H. Sontag
Madeleine Liebmann Wolf
Kalman Kaplan
Bernard "Ben" Kassoff
Bernard Y. Rogers
Eva Swerdlow

Judith Simons
Larry Travitsky
Coye Williams
Gusta Brookner
Abraham Goldberg
Anna Belle Spector
Lillie Jacobus Weinbaum
Max Petrower
Max Silverberg

**TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES
DECEMBER & JANUARY 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. And what does President-Elect Cynthia have as her theme for 2024? You'll know in the January Bulletin!

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

- Israel is in need of *Tzedakah* now and over the next indefinite number of months for Humanitarian Relief for the impacted communities and the soldiers of the IDF and the special forces of the IDF and the renewal of the land? Whatever *Tzedakah* is shared with Social Justice Fund of Temple Emanuel will be 100% sent to Israel:
 - American Friends of Israel Navy Seals (AFINS)
 - Friends of Israel Defense Force (FIDF)
 - Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA)
 - Jewish National Fund (JNF)

ALL 4 reputable non-profits NEED *Tzedakah*! PLEASE support any or all on your own OR in partnership with Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee!

- Temple Emanuel's Annual *MITZVAH* Day at Some Other Place will be Christmas Day: Monday December 25th. Please call Temple Office (409.832.6131) to sign up for your participation in driving Christmas Lunch to SOP Meals-on-Wheels clients OR serving lunch to SOP clients who will be coming to Some Other Place! Start times and other details are in another article in this bulletin. Please look for VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHRISTMAS DAY - SOUP KITCHEN OF SOME OTHER PLACE!
- And, THANK YOU to ALL who attended Social Justice Shabbat LIVE or ZOOM on November 3rd; those who participated in the Service as Lay Leaders (Bruce Hoffer, Ken Parker, Kate Roberts, Norma Sampson, Margaret Whipkey, Cynthia Wolf)...with SPECIAL THANKS to Angela Pickering for assisting with coordinating Social Justice Shabbat and for sharing her gift of music with ALL of us; ALL who were BLESSED in front of the OPEN ARK as Sacred Sages; and ALL who assisted Shabbat Hostesses with the *O'neg Shabbat*, including Arlette and Bruce Hoffer! TESJ has not had Social Justice Shabbat since 2019, so the one in 2023 was special; and there will be another in 2024, so STAY TUNED! TESJ started in 2005!!!!

**THANK YOU & HAPPY HEALTHY DECEMBER CELEBRATIONS & HAPPY NEW YEAR
& PRAYERS FOR ISRAEL from Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee**

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES
DECEMBER & JANUARY 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 www.emanuelbeaumont.org and click on the DONATE button.

THANK YOU to Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel
from Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee

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SAVE THE DATE and expect MORE NEWS

in this same section monthly regarding

The 9th Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner

Thursday, October 17, 2024

Downtown Event Centre

Your MITZVAH help and your MITZVAH support

will be NEEDED and APPRECIATED

*THANK YOU and HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAYS...
especially a HAPPY HEALTHY 2024...from Humanitarian Award Committee*

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED CHRISTMAS DAY - SOUP KITCHEN OF SOME OTHER PLACE

Dear Members of Temple Emanuel and Friends of Temple Emanuel,

Your *mitzvah* time is needed as we put our faith into action on Christmas morning at Some Other Place. We will be working for Karmichael at SOP:

Here are the *mitzvah* opportunities:

9:00 am ARRIVAL for those who will help prep for Meals-on-Wheels Clients:

- to fill the individual containers with fresh hot food
- to fulfill and organize the bags for distribution to Meals-on-Wheels clients into routes
- to load the cars for our drivers to deliver the bags of food for Christmas Lunch
- NOTE: TWO volunteers per car are needed for the actual deliveries!
- THANK YOU!

10:00 am ARRIVAL for those who plan to help at Some Other Place:

- to set up the room for the dine in clients
- to cut the desserts
- to be ready to serve the fresh hot food and the water/tea and the desserts when Keith tells us to open the doors
- NOTE: It takes MANY of us to cover all the service areas whether in dishing out the food or serving the meals or in pointing to where clients have come in to sit, in keeping table areas clean, etc, etc, etc!
- THANK YOU!

We must wear caps/hats and closed-toed shoes. Advisable also is the wearing of masks!

PLUS utility gloves will be provided.

After we have completed our *mitzvah* service to Meals on Wheels clients and Dine In clients of Some Other Place, we'll meet for lunch at Luby's for fellowship. If the location changes, those who participate the morning of December 25th will be told. THANK YOU!

Please notify Temple Office (409.832.6131) of your participation on December 25th on behalf of the clients of Some Other Place.

THANK YOU!

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Birthday List - December

- | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 ~ Pat Klein | 6 ~ Margret Whipkey |
| 5 ~ Jeanne Blum | 12 ~ Philip Drago |
| 5 ~ Deborah Drago | 13 ~ Lewis Hoffer |
| 5 ~ Emily Wheeler | 16 ~ Grace Spector |
| 6 ~ Nancy Meyers | 16 ~ Isabelle Spector |

Birthday List - January

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|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 2 ~ Janet Shackelford | 29 ~ Skylar Kramer |
| 6 ~ Wendie Nordgren | 30 ~ Joshua Horwitz |
| 24 ~ Fern Roos | 30 ~ Marleen Swerdlow |
| 29 ~ Sarah Barenberg | 31 ~ Jay Mandel |

December & January Shabbat Hostesses and Greeters

- 12/01 ~ Kate Roberts, Gail Williams, Dan Neel
 12/08 ~ Temple Sisterhood (Hanukkah)
 12/15 ~ Stephen Eisen, Emily & Jeff Wheeler
 12/22 ~ Cate Carabelle, Robin & John Goebel
 12/29 ~ Arline Meyers, Nancy Meyers,
 01/05 ~ Sherry & Paul Horwitz, Tracie Horwitz
 01/12 ~ Judy Granger, Janet & Richard Shackelford
 01/19 ~ Cynthia & Michael Wolf
 01/26 ~ Gail Williams, Mike Spector



Sisterhood

Birthday Luncheon

January 17, 2024

12 Noon

Swerdlow Roosth Social Hall

R.S.V.P. 409-832-6131 or

templeoffice@emanuelbeaumont.org



Happy

Anniversary List

December

24 ~ Rita & Barry Davis

January

10 ~ Miriam & Jim Thompson

20 ~ Cara & Dan Eisen

27 ~ Norma & Alan Sampson

Anniversary

TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS:

Memorial & Tribute Fund

In memory of
Natalie Greenberg
By: Carol E. Miller

In honor of
Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Barenberg
By: Shelley & Grant Belvin

In honor of
Alan Sampson
Mike Spector
For their time, effort & interest in helping me learn and find the gravesite for my Aunt and Uncle
By: Viola & Henry Kramer

Social Justice Fund

Contributions made for Israel
By: Lee D. Craigmiles

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Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of
Allison Nathan Getz
By: Beverly Hickman

In memory of
Minnie Spector
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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



Floral Fund

Please consider honoring the memory of your loved ones by sponsoring the Pulpit flowers for our Friday evening Shabbat Service. 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**

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.

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

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