

**DECEMBER 2024
JANUARY 2025
BULLETIN**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

December 6 Shabbat Service
December 13 Shabbat Service
December 20 Shabbat Service
December 27 Shabbat Service

January 3 Shabbat Service
January 10 Shabbat Service
January 17 Shabbat Service
January 24 Shabbat Service
January 31 Shabbat Service

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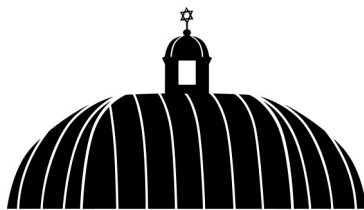
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RSVP Line**

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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 PRESIDENT

Dear Congregational Family and Friends
of Temple Emanuel,

The passion and leadership of our membership
are what drive our Congregational
Family...and so much passion and leadership
were put into the successes of November 2024
and will also be put into the plans for December and on into January
2025! THANK YOU!



Now, **What's Happening at YOUR Temple Emanuel**; and, please keep in
mind that there will always be MORE LATER:

Speaking of HAPPENINGS:

- **Rabbi Nelson** was with us throughout November for *Shabbat/Torah* Study...except for the 29th, when **Sherry Horwitz and Bruce Hoffer** served as our *Shabbat* Prayer Leaders. **Our THANKS** to Rabbi Jon, Sherry and Bruce! And, **THANK YOU** to all who have sat on the *Bimah* and/or blessed Shabbat candles! And, that goes for December and January as well! **THANKS** in advance! MORE LATER...
- **Sherry Horwitz and Bene Rutman** will be our **Shabbat Prayer Leaders** on December 20th. **Our THANKS** to Sherry and Bene! MORE LATER...
- **Speaking of December**, Rabbi Jon will be with us three weekends in **December: 6-7, 13-14, and 27-28**...and it will be on **December 27th** that we **celebrate Chanukah** together as a Congregational Family with Friends of Temple Emanuel. Please bring your menorah and candles. **Rabbi Jon will lead us in blessing Chanukah candles on the 2nd Night of Chanukah.** And, knowing Rabbi Jon, there will be *Chanukah* songs to sing...as well as a festive and fun *Shabbat* Service! **THANK YOU, Rabbi Jon!** MORE LATER...

- On that **December 27th** Shabbat, **Sisterhood is planning its traditional *Chanukah* Dinner.** Reservations are appreciated! Look for more in this bulletin about the Chanukah Dinner... and **THANK YOU, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood!** MORE LATER...
- **And, City of Beaumont – Menorah Lighting: Monday, December 30, 2024...**starting at **5:00 pm in front of City Hall in Downtown Beaumont (801 Main Street). Rabbi Jon will be here** to tell all who participate the Story of *Chanukah*, to lead the Blessing for lighting the candles on the 6th Night of *Chanukah*, and will teach/lead *Chanukah* songs. He plans to create a *Chanukah* Song Sheet. There will be various booths set up for all to enjoy *Chanukah*, the Menorah Lighting, and the fellowship by all who attend. BTW, this will be the first year the City of Beaumont it using its NEW *Menorah*. So, it will be a *Sh'hechyanu* moment! **Our THANKS to City of Beaumont for inviting us to be part of the Menorah Lighting on December 30th!** **Let's support City of Beaumont's Love Thy Neighbor Festivities Featuring *Chanukah*!** MORE LATER...

Classes with Rabbi Nelson in person and on ZOOM:

- If you are eligible, there are the following opportunities to study with Rabbi Jon: **Religious School, *B'nai Mitzvah*, Adult *B'nai Mitzvah*, and Conversion Classes.** If you meant to sign up but didn't, not a problem! Please just call Sarah Mann in the Temple Office (409.832.6131) and leave a detailed message for Rabbi Jon. MORE LATER...

***Mi Shebeirah* List of those needing prayers of healing:**

- **Please call Sarah Mann, our amazing Administrative Office Manager, to add names to the prayer list that is read on *Shabbats*** by either Rabbi Nelson or *Shabbat* Prayer Leaders. It can be your name or a family member's name or the name of a friend or the name of a community friend. We want to dedicate *Mi Shebeirah* to you/them!
- **Rabbi Nelson will call members of our Temple who are in need of healing and would love to visit with you also!** MORE LATER...

All Building Committee...looking backward:

- **THANK YOU to ABC Committee, especially Laura Thomas, for coordinating Temple Outing on Saturday, November 16th!** It started with carpooling to Orange, TX...then, Dutch Treat Lunch at Robert's Steak House...then, the stroll through Shangri La Gardens.
- Looking forward to whatever ABC plans next for the fellowship of friends and families...that includes food and fun! **THANK YOU, ABC!** MORE LATER...

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee...looking forward:

- **THANK YOU to TESJ Committee, especially Rita Davis, for coordinating Temple volunteers at Some Other Place on Wednesday, December 25th!** It is Temple Emanuel's tradition to volunteer at Some Other Place on Christmas Day. This year, the 25th is on Wednesday.
- **Please let Sarah Mann in Temple Office know if you plan to Serve clients at SOP or if you plan to Drive Meals-on-Wheels for SOP clients. MORE LATER...**

Upcoming Happenings to look forward to this month and next:

- December 6th: Blessings for those celebrating December Birthdays/Anniversaries**
- December 27th: Prayer for *Rosh Chodesh Tevet***
- January 10th : "Folk Shabbat" including Blessings for those celebrating January Birthdays/Anniversaries**
- January 26th: Congregation Dinner and Installation of New Board Members**
- January 31st: Prayer for *Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat***

Further plans for January 2025 will be in JANUARY 2025 Wednesday Happenings!

***L'Chayim / To life!* And in closing, just a reminder of what is needed by every member of Temple Emanuel...and so many *mitzvot* are already being done:**

We must as a small Congregational Family have a more positive direction for ourselves and for Temple Emanuel...to where we can each be more empathetic, more patient, and even kinder...more appreciative, more loving, and more involved or reinvolved... whichever applies to you!!!! This means too much to all of us to have it be any other way!

LET'S LOOK FORWARD TO MORE HAPPENINGS TOGETHER and LET'S KEEP PRAYING for ISRAEL, for the ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES, for the HOSTAGES, and for the FAMILIES of the IDF and the HOSTAGES!

**MAY YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES ENJOY CHANUKAH
OUR FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS
IN YOUR HOME and IN YOUR TEMPLE!
&
HAPPY HEALTHY NEW YEAR**

Cynthia

Cynthia Wolf, 2024 President of Board of Trustees

BEHIND THE SCENES featuring Long Range Proposal

MINUTES of Town Hall Meeting of Temple Emanuel Members to Discuss Long Range Proposals Sunday, October 27, 2024 Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

Attendance:

In Person: 35 members (26 families)

Zoom: 5 members

Meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm

Cynthia Wolf welcomed everyone and thanked them for choosing to be present to discuss Long Range Proposals for our FUTURE.

She shared that the purpose of the meeting was to determine what Congregants had on their minds related to the 2023 Long Range Proposal chaired by Brian Alter and the additional ideas discussed by the 2024 Long Range Proposal Committee... consisting of the 2024 Board of Trustees PLUS Sarah Mann and William Spector...that had been shared in *Behind the Scenes* Bulletin Articles in September and October.

Prior to the discussions, Cynthia called upon Michael Wolf to provide the most recent financial information of Temple Emanuel and Gale Endowment. Based on current trends, this would help sustain the use of the Main Sanctuary building for many years in the future.

Each Congregant who chose to speak had 2-3 minutes. Time was kept by Sarah Mann. Minutes were taken by Bene' Rutman. Notes were taken by Cynthia Wolf. The following thoughts/concerns emerged:

- I. Thoughts related to moving as the FUTURE
 - a. Sharing space with a Church
 - b. Moving could end up being a big expense that no telling how long or if ever we would be able to recuperate such an expense

- II. Thoughts related to remaining in the current location with variations as the FUTURE
 - a. Have the Main Sanctuary Building inspected to determine what repairs/alterations would be needed to remain in it
 - b. Use the Main Sanctuary Building and also turn it into a Museum, so that we can plan ahead for when there is not an active congregation...keeping in mind the importance of preserving our history and our legacy that we have had and can continue to have in SETX

- c. Keep the Main Sanctuary and make certain that it is not abandoned
 - d. Begin with Phase 1, getting everything in order under one roof
 - i. Put everything under one roof, by selling the Admin. Building
 - ii. Put everything under one roof, by getting rid of the Admin. Building, turning it into a Parking Lot
 - iii. Put everything under one roof, by getting rid of the Admin. Building, but keeping Kol Israel Chapel and creating parking out of the remainder
- III. Regarding our treasures
- a. Preserve the Windows
 - b. Look into selling the Torahs that are not Kosher
- IV. Miscellaneous concerns
- a. Membership growth
 - b. Know that City of Beaumont has plans to renovate Downtown which will increase the value of our property
 - c. *Utilize the expertise of The Jewish Community Legacy Project...a free service... to help us plan for our FUTURE – See IMPORTANT NOTE AT THE END OF THE MINUTES
 - d. Relationship with Houston Congregation
 - e. Relationship with local Faith-based leaders
 - f. Seek out non-profit and/or foundations that might help us to maintain our historical building
 - g. Look into obtaining a Texas Historical Landmark for our Main Sanctuary Building; currently, it has Texas Historical Marker
 - h. Planning in advance for the perpetuation of our Cemeteries
 - i. how they will be maintained
 - ii. how they will be funded
 - iii. who will be responsible
- V. Important Reminders to be reviewed
- a. The merger agreement with Kol Israel
 - b. Cemetery agreements and Perpetual Care
- VI. Michael Wolf reminded Congregants of the following:
- a. During the Presidency of Dr. Robert Swerdlow, there was a Town Hall Meeting to discuss Long Range Plans; and from that came several life insurance policies purchased and given to the Gale Endowment.
 - b. There have been several other times over the years that leaders have had good intentions to have a Long Range Plan. It's time to stop kicking that can down the road.

Prior to closing the meeting, Cynthia thanked the 2023 Long Range Proposal Committee, especially Brian Alter, and wished *R'fuach Sh'leimah* to Rabbi Danial Alter. Cynthia then summarized the thoughts/concerns that had been expressed...noting that of the 19 members who actually addressed the expressed Agenda of the Town Hall Meeting the majority of those who spoke want to figure out our FUTURE to remain in the Main Sanctuary Building while also being willing to plan what is necessary to keep the historical legacy of our Jewish footprint in SETX. She said that it would now take Committees of volunteers moving forward to do deep dives into the research to plan for our FUTURE.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:31 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Bene' Rutman, Secretary

*IMPORTANT: Early during the next week, Cynthia was in touch with Noah Levine of The Jewish Community Legacy Project who will be in Beaumont to see our two building campus and to have conversations/discussions with younger congregants and the Long Range Planning Committee on Thursday, November 14, 2024. His guidance will be invaluable in setting up additional committees which is why no committees are mentioned in these Minutes.



SISTERHOOD MAHJ DAY OF FUN

November 13, 2024



Congregation Temple Emanuel
Sisterhood Schmooze December 2024

As the calendar year 2024 draws to a close I wish my Temple Emanuel family a Happy Hanukkah. May the light of the menorah warm our souls as we move forward into 2025.

Sisterhood will be hosting the annual Hannukah Dinner on Friday, December 27, 2024. Shabbat Services will be at 6 pm in the main sanctuary. Please bring your individual menorahs as we will say the blessing and light them at the beginning of Services. Reservations are required so that we can ensure that we prepare adequately. Cost is \$18 for adults, \$8 for children 5-13 years of age. Please contact the Temple Office at 409-832-6131 or templeoffice@emanuelbeaumont.org to make your reservation. If you want to attend but the cost is prohibitive for your budgeted just let Sarah know and appropriate measures will be taken to include you. If you would like to help with preparing the meal or decorating the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall we will meet at the Temple of Sunday, December 22, 2024, at 10 am. You can also contact Bene Rutman at 409-658-4687 or jmom1914@gmail.com if you want to help with meal prep or Beverly Hickman at 409-658-1937 or theatre43@gmail.com if you prefer to help with setting up Social Hall.

Sisterhood had a very successful Mahj Day of Fun on Wednesday, November 13, 2024. We had over 60 people participate in some way. Twelve tables of four players enjoyed 5 rounds of Mahj, with three games each round. A light breakfast was served along with two delicious soups, Caesar Salad, dump cake, peach cobbler and vanilla ice cream. Drinks and snacks were served the entire day, and an enjoyable day was experienced by all. The day would not have been a success without the help of the following individuals: Laura Thomas, Beverly Hickman, Kathy Johnson, Janet Shackelford, Sherry Horwitz, Marilyn Manson, Glenn Hayes, and Wendie/Joe Nordgren. Whether you helped with set-up, food prep, kitchen help or tear down and clean up at the end of the day thank you does not seem adequate. Todah Robah one and all.

Sisterhood also stepped up to host the Fall Harvest Feast in the Sukkah on Friday, October 25, 2024, following Shabbat Services. I personally would like to thank Laura Thomas, Beverly Hickman, Wendie and Joe Nordgren, Marilyn Manson, Kathy Johnson, Robin Goebel, and Janet Shackelford. These ladies said "hineni" here I am when I was unable to fulfill the Fall Harvest Feast due to unforeseen emergency surgery. I heard from several people saying that the food was plentiful and delicious. Thank you again ladies for stepping up to provide a wonderful meal and social time for our congregants

Our next Sisterhood Board Meeting will be Wednesday, December 11, 2024, in the Temple Library at Noon. All members of Sisterhood are welcome to attend the Board meeting.

Lastly, feel free to contact me or any member of the Sisterhood Board if you have any questions. Stay well, Happy Hannukah, and may everyone have a Happy, Healthy 2025!

Kol tuv

Cheryl

Cheryl Barenberg

President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

WRJ Executive Committee/Board Member

WRJ SW Immediate Past District President



Hanukkah Dinner



Temple Emanuel
Shabbat Services & Hanukkah Dinner
Friday, December 27, 2024
6 pm
R.S.V.P. 409-832-6131 or
templeoffice@emanuelbeaumont.org
Reservation required
Cost :\$18 Adult \$8 Children 5-13
Bring your Menorah to light in Sanctuary





CAMP SHABBAT

NOVEMBER 15, 2024

FEATURING
HADDIE WHEELER,
SOFIE WHEELER &
LILLY SANDERS
WITH SPECIAL THANKS TO
SAM RUTMAN AND
RABBI NELSON

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

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

ANNIVERSARIES

- 24—Rita and Barry Davis

SHABBAT HOSTESSES

- 6—Gail Williams, Mike Spector
- 13—Emily & Jeff Wheeler, Caleb Fontenot
- 20—Arline Meyers, Nancy Meyers, Mike Getz
- 27—Temple Sisterhood



BEAUMONT
TEXAS

LIGHTING OF THE MENORAH



CELEBRATE THE JOY OF
HANUKKAH

MONDAY, DECEMBER 30 | 5PM
OUTSIDE BEAUMONT CITY HALL
801 MAIN STREET | DOWNTOWN BEAUMONT



DID YOU KNOW?

(Rabbi Samuel Rosinger dedicated the Temple in 1923 with the following original prayer.)

DEDICATION OPENING PRAYER OF TEMPLE EMANUEL CONGREGATION CORNER STONE

Broadway and Northwest Forest Street, Beaumont, Texas

O God Almighty, Eternal Father and Providence of all, we thank Thee for all the blessings Thou bestowest upon us in Thy mercy, look upon this assembly silent and attentive, grant us all we need in our daily miseries. Let our heart be free from the spirit of evil, for in Thy presence we are but miserable creatures, but Eternal Father Thy Providence takes a paternal care of everything in Thy creation. O Father and King! Ruler and Saviour, to whom everything is known, to whom everything is possible! God of Abraham, Isaac and Israel, look down from Thy high and Holy Dwelling on the children of the dust, who have essayed to devote to Thee another house, where Thy Name may abide among the children, the descendants of Thy servants. We know our weakness, and that we are dust -- here this day in health and prosperity, soon to be laid in the grave, to moulder away as our fathers before us. Only Thou livest to eternity and to Thy days there is no ending. We therefore turn to Thee, to crave Thy presence with us in our coming on, that much spiritual blessing may flow unto us from the meetings within these walls, so that the taught and the teachers may issue thence invigorated by Thy consolation, and instructed in the knowledge of Thy ways. Let us also be strengthened by Thy inspiration, that the works of Thy law may be pleasant to us, so that they may fructify within us, and render us obedient to Thy behest, and willing to follow Thee, O Father! whether we live in prosperity, or perish in earthly misery. Let Thy wisdom animate us, that we may be shown how to distinguish between the true and the false, between the apparent good and the real evil; that we may walk safely before Thee and not be ensnared by the power of sin. Let the spirit of counsel and understanding rest on the managers of this congregation and its members, that they may resolve only on what will tend to promote Thy Kingdom and spread good will and friendship among all the servants who dwell in this city. And wherever Thy children dwell, let them be made conscious that they are Thine, whom Thou didst purchase as Thy servants, when Thou didst redeem them from Egyptian slavery, that they might proclaim Thy glory and spread Thy Name unto all the corners of the earth. Give wisdom and understanding to the rulers and people of this city and country, also display Thy grace, that peace may dwell here, and the clashing of armor not be heard, and plenty and contentment reign everywhere around us, so that we of Thy household, whose lot is cast here, may not be disturbed by the sound of battles, nor the pinching of famine nor by political violence or oppression, and thus prevented from pursuing the course marked out to us by Thy law, which is the life and permanence of Israel. Be with us all in our coming in and going out, and let us feel Thy presence whenever we may be assembled, and give us the strength to proclaim Thy glory and to propagate Thy faith, and let us be made conscious that Thou art indeed our God, even the Creator of the world, the God of Truth, to all eternity. AMEN.

Order of Services

Saturday Evening, December 8. Seven-thirty O'Clock

Congregational Dedication Banquet

The Honor Guests of the Occasion will be the Visiting Rabbis.

ToastmasterSol E. Gordon

Toasts will be responded to by Rabbis Heller, Cohen and Lefkowitz, Mrs. H. Bohrer, President Ladies' Benovolent Association; Mrs. L. Goldstein, President Council of Jewish Women; Mrs. Sol E. Gordon, President Sisterhood; Mrs. Clara Chinski, Assistant Superintendent Sabbath School; Dr. Gus Scheps, President of Brotherhood; Rabbi Samuel Rosinger and Arthur M. Kaufman, President of Congregation.

Dinner served in Temple Center under auspices of Sisterhood

Sunday Morning, December 9
Ten-thirty O'Clock

Hanuka Celebration by children of Sabbath School.

The parents are cordially invited to visit the school on this occasion.

Sunday Afternoon, December 9
Three O'Clock

Fellowship Service

Prelude, "Pastorale"—FlaglerMiss Ethel Penman
 Invocation.....Rev. T. M. Hunter, First Presbyterian Church
 Let Mount Zion Rejoice by Dr. J. B. Hebert.....Choir of the First
 Methodist Church, Mrs. J. L. Kershner, Director; Miss
 Ethel Penman, Organist
 Words of WelcomeRabbi Samuel Rosinger
 AddressMayor B. A. Steinhagen
 Violin SoloMiss Gladys Harned
 FelicitationRev. E. A. Kelly, St. Anthony's Church
 AddressRev. J. Walter Mills, First Methodist Church
 Vocal Solo, "The Lord is My Shepherd"—Stross.....Mr. George Keller
 BenedictionRev. Frank A. Rhea, St. Mark's Church
 Postlude "Postlude"—SternMiss Ethel Penman

Presidents of Temple Emanuel Brotherhood

If you have Membership Directories from over the years of your Temple Membership, please either share them with Temple Emanuel for the purpose of historical preservation and/or please provide names of Presidents of Temple Emanuel Brotherhood to Sarah Mann, Administrative Office Manager.

In looking back through Membership Directories, here are some of the Presidents of Temple Emanuel Brotherhood:

S. L. Greenberg 1974 – 1975	Dr. Ruben Victores 1999 – 2000
Gary Utay 1979 – 1980	Dr. Joseph Weinman 2000 – 2003
Mike Spector 1983 - 1984	Dr. Robert Kramer 2003 – 2005
Marshall Gordon 1986 - 1987	Steve Doblin, PhD 2005 – 2006
Stephen Eisen 1990 – 1992	Russ Schultz, PhD 2006 – 2008
Dr. J. Ronald Rowes 1992 – 1993	Brian Duchin 2008 – 2010
No Brotherhood President 1993 – 1994	Ken Parker 2010 - 2014
Mike Getz 1994 – 1995	Wayne Margolis 2014 – 2018
Brian Alter 1995 - 1997	Bruce Hoffer 2018 - 2020
Bruce Hoffer 1997 – 1999	Mike Getz 2020—Present

How can we work together to preserve the written and oral history of Temple Emanuel...for it is quite the Legacy!!!!

In the past, brochures were printed for milestone moments:

*Centennial Celebration of the Jewish Community of Beaumont, Texas 1887 – 1987:
History of the Jewish Community October 17, 1987*

*Temple Emanuel of Beaumont, Texas 1895 – 1995: History of Temple Emanuel Its
First Hundred Years*

Perhaps you can also envision the following based on what we have done during the 100th Year of our Main Sanctuary Building:

The Celebration of the 100th Year of Temple Emanuel's Main Sanctuary Building 1923 – 2023: L'Chayim to the Centennial Year Celebration through December 2024...including the Establishment of Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship at Lamar University as part of the 2024 Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner

What is remembered of the Legacy of Temple Emanuel and our membership over the years depends on each of us.

THANK YOU and L'CHAYIM!

Cynthia Wolf



**JANUARY
BIRTHDAYS**

2—Janet Shackelford
6—Wendie Nordgren
24—Fern Roos
29—Sarah Barenberg
30—Marleen Swerdlow

**JANUARY
ANNIVERSARIES**

10—Miriam & Jim Thompson
20—Cara & Dan Eisen
27—Norma & Alan Sampson

**JANUARY
SHABBAT HOSTESSES**

3—Sherry & Paul Horwitz
10—Rita & Barry Davis, Regina Hays
17—Cara & Dan Eisen
24—Gail Williams, Mike Spector
31—Debra & Stephen Diamond,
Janet & Richard Shackelford



TEMPLE OFFICE
WILL BE
CLOSED

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 THRU
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1



**HOSTED BY ABC
COMMITTEE AND
BROTHERHOOD**



Swerdlow-Roosth
Social Hall

18
JANUARY

Watch Weekly
Happenings for
more information

SAVE THE DATE

2025

Jan.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

131st Annual Meeting of the Congregation

(More information in January
Weekly Happenings)

SAVE THE DATE

July 12, 2025



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Greene

Family Camp

50 Summers Under The Sun



**TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES
THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS**

Floral Fund

In Loving Memory of
Ruth Brookner
By: The Brookner Family

In Loving Memory of our Fathers,
**Seymour Teitelbaum and
Irving M. Eisen**
By: Cara and Dan Eisen

In Memory of **Nancy Nelson**
By: Maggie Harris

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Contributions made
By: Jeri Kirkendall

Cemetery Fund

In Loving Memory of
**Robert Swerdlow
Vera Donde Hodes
Marianne Hodes Todd
Anna Sampson
Ben J. Rogers
Madeleine Wolf
Benard Y. Rogers
Rose Richken Friedman
Gerald Sampson
Mose Sampson**
By: Mike Spector

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

DECEMBER 2024

Week Ending 12/7 to be
Read 12/6

Betty Greenberg
Jacob Sharfstein
Justina Goldstein
Tillie W. Kaufman
Herta Mendelson
Hilda R. Michaels
Selma Zuber Rosenthal
Morris Schnitzer
Seame Feinberg Katz
David Lefkovits
Eva B. Segal
Mollie Weintraub
Dr. Richard Hayes
Braine Sharfstein
Benjamin Bernard Brauer
Anna May Goldberg
Richard D. Jackson
Theodore Danzinger
Harry Galewsky, Jr.
Mike Gerstner
Stanley Kariel
Yochanan Bruckner
Rabbi Aaron Levy
Hyman Asher Perlstein
Horace J. Reddoch
Emil Szafir



Week Ending 12/14 to be
Read 12/13

Isadore K. Frenkel
Lawrence D. Gale
Vera Donde Hodes
Isadore Shanefield
Marianne Hodes Todd
Renee Horwitz Bennett
Louis Brookner
Samuel Irving Goldfine
Jake Horwitz
Nathan Hyman
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

Week Ending 12/21 to be
Read 12/20

Leon Cohen
Ida Schwartz
S.H. Sontag
Madeleine Liebmann Wolf
Kalman Kaplan
Bernard "Ben" Kassoff
Bernard Y. Rogers
Eva Swerdlow
Charles Olliver Fogal
Harry Goldstein
Sophie Esther Koshkin
Joe Liebling
Wanda Robertson
Harry M. Rosen
Jay Doblin
Herman "Harry" Louis Goldstein
Rose Richker Friedman
Gerald Sampson
Jane Anne Williams
Hilda Gordon
Karl David Schwartz
Yetta Eisen
Meyer Kaplan
Meyer Mellinger

Week Ending 12/28 to be
Read 12/27

Sidney Golob
Louis W. Kariel
Joseph Miller
Anna Dugan
Rabbi Lothar Goldstein
Bruce Greenberg
Jerome F. Bemel
Salka Plettman
Samuel Levine
Helene Levy
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Regina Bluestein Kaufman
Dr. Bernard D. Koshkin
Sam Liebman
Mose Sampson
Judith Simons
Larry Travitsky

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.

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2024

December

cheshvan
kisleiv

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 30 cheshvan ROSH CHODESH	2 1 kisleiv ROSH CHODESH	3 2 kisleiv	4 3 kisleiv	5 4 kisleiv	6 5 kisleiv 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	7 6 kisleiv 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
8 7 kisleiv ROSH CHODESH	9 8 kisleiv ROSH CHODESH	10 9 kisleiv	11 10 kisleiv	12 11 kisleiv	13 12 kisleiv 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	14 13 kisleiv 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
15 14 kisleiv	16 15 kisleiv	17 16 kisleiv	18 17 kisleiv 5:30pm BOT Meeting	19 18 kisleiv	20 19 kisleiv 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Sherry Horwitz & Bene Rutman (IN-person & ZOOM)	21 20 kisleiv Vayishlach
22 21 kisleiv	23 22 kisleiv	24 23 kisleiv	25 24 kisleiv OFFICE CLOSED 9:00am Volunteer Day at Some Other Place	26 25 kisleiv 5:00pm City of Beaumont Menorah Lighting OFFICE CLOSED	27 26 kisleiv 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM) Hanukkah Dinner	28 27 kisleiv 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
29 28 kisleiv	30 29 kisleiv OFFICE CLOSED	31 30 kisleiv OFFICE CLOSED	NOVEMBER 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 26 27 28 29 30	JANUARY 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 30 31	ROSH CHODESH HANUKKAH	Miketz HANUKKAH

JANUARY 2024

Week Ending 1/4 to be Read 1/3

Gusta Brookner
 Abraham Goldberg
 Anna Belle Spector
 Lillie Jacobus Weinbaum
 Max Petrower
 Max Silverberg
 John Anthony Berger
 Sophie Bernstein
 Hyman Lipson
 Phil Parker
 Benjamin Rosen
 Jay J. Davis
 Rachel Newman
 Clyde Sheilds, Sr.
 Mollie Feinberg
 Sam Roosth
 Ben Schwarz
 Sarah Diamond
 Elizabeth Kolba
 Gaston Mayer
 June Rogers

Week Ending 1/11 to be Read 1/10

Harold Klein
 Leo E. Ney, Jr.
 Leo E. Ney, Sr.
 Nancy DiModica
 William S. Hurwitz
 Walter Meilz
 Jenny Roos
 Sonia B. Sobel
 Sam Swerdlow
 Toby Elkins
 Jeanette Zuber Folloder
 Eli Lerman
 Nathan Swerdlow
 Jeanette M. Weil
 John Schellhorn
 Elizabeth Ann (Betty) Poole Berry
 Natalie Greenberg
 Nathan Roggen
 Sam Saltzman
 Helen Louise McWilliams Clark
 David Feinberg
 Harry Jacobs
 Helene Joy Klein Toomim

Week Ending 1/18 to be Read 1/17

J. Brookner
 Alice Dunner
 Rose F. Goldstein Greenberg
 Sadie Greenberg
 Mary Ann Podrasky Hay
 Helen Liebling
 Joseph R. Rogers
 Ben Adler
 Abe Bemel
 Marcus Levinson
 Charles Weinbaum
 John Whipkey
 Sam Wyde
 Morris Goldstein
 Carrye Levy Mayer
 Nolan Montondon
 Alvene Moss
 Fannie Lipson
 Benny Vener
 David Falkowitz
 Nathan Falkowitz
 Lillian Klein
 Coye Williams
 Hilton Deuster, III
 Hilton Deuster, Sr.
 Cyril G. Gradwohl
 Charles Samuel Hoffer
 Maurine Kariel Plettman
 Max William Vinock
 Max Feldman
 Elise Grossman
 Jack Hodes
 Jacob David Kassel
 Sol J. Rogers

Week Ending 1/25 to be Read 1/24

Sarah Faro
 Pearl Vener Ginsburg
 Abraham Levy
 Max Melasky
 Elisa Mitrani
 Meyer Blankfield
 Lily Greenberg
 Bertha Cohen Rudnick
 Bessie Vener
 Paul Hay

Week Ending 2/1 to be Read 1/31

George Braun
 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
 Lalla Lazarus Feigelson
 Dorris Starr Greenberg
 Morris Leaman
 Julius Myers Levy
 Harry Starr
 Lois Szafir
 Jerome I. Unick
 Max H. Unick
 Frank Greenberg
 Moris Leaman
 Fay Levine
 Ervie Levine Philipson
 Meyer Tanenblatt
 Craig Devoll
 Alma H. Harris
 Edna Mae Bennett
 Morris Lefkowitz
 Rabbi Newton J. Friedman
 Isadore G. Harris
 Dorothy Saldoff Kelman

Week Ending 1/25 to be Read 1/24 continued

Edwin D. Mayer
 Daniel Berk
 Annie Brookner
 Saul Forbert
 Florence Sadoff Kamras
 David Herbert Manson
 Max K. Mayer, Jr.
 Nathan Waldman
 Harry Benson
 William Brookner
 Jacob S. Friedman
 Lillian Perl Margulies
 Sam Roosth
 Joseph Solinsky
 Maxine Blankfield
 Anna Fishbine

**TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES
DECEMBER 2024–JANUARY 2025 AND BEYOND**

The theme that President Cynthia Wolf has shared encourages our Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel to be more empathetic, more patient, and even kinder...more appreciative, more loving, and more involved or reinvolved. Therefore TESJ will incorporate those values into our Social Justice projects which, of course, are all people oriented for making a *tikkun olam* difference in the lives of those we know and those that we do not know...in Beaumont and Beyond...with a strong focus now on Israel.

Menu of *Tzedakah* (the sharing of *mitzvah* time, talent, treasure) for your consideration...all of which are examples of our Love Thy Neighbor Initiative in action:

- **Volunteers NEEDED to serve the clients of Some Other Place on Christmas Day by either SERVING at SOP or DRIVING Meals-on-Wheels to SOP clients.**
 - **Coordinating our annual *Mitzvah* Day at Some Other Place on December 25th is Rita Davis. THANK YOU, Rita!**
 - **Please call Sarah Mann, Administrative Office Manager, to have your name placed on the list as SERVER or DRIVER. THANK YOU, Sarah!**
 - **Details about arrival time will be in Weekly Happenings closer to December 25th.**
 - **THANK YOU for helping us feed the hungry on Christmas Day!**
- **Tzedakah is needed:**
 - **Disaster Relief by those affected by hurricanes;**
 - **The food insecure people supported by Southeast Texas Food Bank;**
 - **Israel in so many ways.**
 - **THANK YOU for helping us to help people in Beaumont and Beyond!**
- **We are collecting used eye glasses in the creatively decorated box in the foyer of the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall. THANK YOU for helping us to help those who are visually impaired!**

SAVE THE DATES and PLAN TO PARTICIPATE in the following community *Love Thy Neighbor mitzvah* opportunities:

- **St. Mark's is selling frozen chili out of its Treasure House. Just drop by during the week to pick up frozen chili for a quick meal in your home! Or stock up for the colder days of winter.**
- **Monday, December 30, 2024: City of Beaumont Menorah Lighting starting at 5:00 pm in front of City Hall in Downtown Beaumont (801 Main Street). Besides our being there to celebrate the 6th Night of Chanukah together, there will also be community friends enjoying this educational Interfaith Fellowship for all ages.**
- **Friday, March 14, 2025: *Saint Joseph's Day Celebration* at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica benefitting various non-profits in Beaumont.**
- **Thursday, March 20, 2025: *Family Portrait Luncheon* for Alzheimer's care, support, and research.**
- **Thursday, May 8, 2025: *Deliver the Difference Luncheon* for the seniors served by Nutrition & Services for Seniors**
- **Please report upcoming local church and/or non-profit *mitzvah* opportunities.**

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 Sarah Mann in Temple Office (409.832.6131) to charge your *Tzedakah*.**
4. **OR, please visit www.emanuelbeaumont.org and click on the DONATE button.**

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee expresses appreciation for *Tzedakah* shared for Beaumont, SETX, and Beyond and wishes OUR

Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel

HAPPY and HEALTHY CHANUKAH and NEW YEAR

We Continue to Pray for Israel, for the IDF, for the Hostages/their Families

9th Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner

Because of the financial support by the Membership of Temple Emanuel and by Friends of Temple Emanuel from The SETX Interfaith Community, we have designated 25% of the 2024 net proceeds to begin an Endowed Scholarship at Lamar University...to be known forever as:

Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship

THANK YOU & PLEASE

SAVE THE DATE:

10th Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner

Thursday, October 16, 2025

Humanitarian Award Committee

Wishes You:

A Very Happy Chanukah

&

A New Year Filled with The Peace of Shalom

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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