

**FEBRUARY 2025
BULLETIN**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

February 7 Shabbat Service
February 14 Shabbat Service
February 21 Shabbat Service
February 28 Shabbat Service

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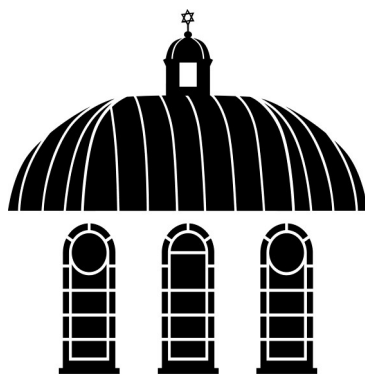
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TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

2025 Congregation Dinner Message and February Bulletin Report by Cynthia Wolf, President

Good evening and WELCOME to the 131st Annual
Meeting of Congregation Emanuel! **THANK YOU,
Congregational Family**, for your support of me as

Temple Board President throughout 2024 and for your support of all the
work that was done by the 2024 Temple Board of Trustees, Temple Com-
mittees, Sisterhood and Brotherhood. **THANK YOU** for gathering in the
Swerdlow - Roosth Social Hall this evening to celebrate what was done in
2024 and to begin our journey together in 2025.



THANK YOU to Brotherhood under the leadership of President Mike Getz
for tonight's Welcome Reception! **THANK YOU**, Mike, for coordinating
Brotherhood sponsored events, i.e. Lamar Basketball, ADL Gathering,
Building the Succah, Real-Time Crime Center Tour, etc. **Mike Getz, Broth-
erhood Officers, and Brotherhood members, please stand to be recog-
nized. THANK YOU!**

There will be more **THANK YOUS** after dinner...

AFTER DINNER: We have just enjoyed a truly delicious dinner. **THANK
YOU**, Chef Cheryl Barenberg, for catering dinner tonight. And **THANK YOU**,
Laura Thomas, for working with Cheryl to make each table in the
Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall so very elegant! **Cheryl and Laura, please
stand to be recognized! THANK YOU!**

Cathy and Staff, please come out of the kitchen to be recognized: THANK YOU to Sips' n Tips Owner Chef Cathy and Staff for making everything run so smoothly in serving our meal and in all that goes on behind the scenes in the kitchen. **Cathy and Staff, THANK YOU!**

We added a Key Staff member to Temple Emanuel in 2024 to be Administrative Office Manager. I am always hearing such wonderful feedback about Sarah Mann. THANK YOU, Sarah, for the 131st Congregation Dinner Booklet and for ALL the Weekly Happenings and ALL the Bulletins... and so very much more! **Sarah, you are amazing! Please stand to be recognized! THANK YOU!**

This room, first known as Rosinger Center, known since 1995 as Swerdlow – Roosth Social Hall has been the celebration space for Bar and Bat Mitzvah and Confirmations and, believe it or not, New Year's Eve dances and Shabbat Services held around tables and for Havdalah services and Shivah Minyan receptions...Pink Elephant Fundraiser, Deli Day, Sukkot Dinners, Chanukah Celebrations, Purim Carnivals, Passover Seders, BEAUTY Regional and District Conferences, and more...and the memories for those Happenings are part of the history of Temple Emanuel as well as part of your family history and your life as members of Temple Emanuel...as members of Sisterhood...as members of Brotherhood...as members of Temple Boards, as members of Temple Committees that coordinated special gatherings providing us and our children and others with fellowship...as well as many Annual Meetings like tonight!

I am warmed by many of those memories...as Michael and I have been part of the fabric of this Congregational Family since 1972...with approximately 50 of our 54 years of marriage spent in mitzvah service here while establishing our connection and our commitment to Temple Emanuel and SETX. We attended the majority of the Installations of the Presidents who served from 1972 on...and considered them our friends. So, our friends are looking on as we review what was done in 2024 and they are there to keep us on our toes during 2025.

And some of those Past Presidents are present tonight. **Michael Wolf, Marleen Swerdlow, Mike Spector, Norma Sampson, Wayne Margolis, Cheryl Barenberg, and Ken Parker, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

We recognized Brotherhood before dinner, I want to recognize Sisterhood now. For Break Fast and Chanukah Dinner, Memorial Book, Camp Scholarships, O'Neg Shabbat Hospitality, Mahj Tournaments, Screams Before Silence documentary about October 7, 2023 and more, THANK YOU President Cheryl Barenberg and all who made those programs successful. **Cheryl Barenberg, ALL Sisterhood Officers and Committee Chairs, and Sisterhood members, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

I have more to share, but let's begin with the business of tonight's meeting, starting with Bene' Rutman, Board Secretary; Cheryl Barenberg, Board Treasurer; Michael Wolf, Endowment Committee Chair; and Robin Goebel, Membership Chair...

THANK YOU, Bene', Cheryl, Michael, and Robin!!!! And Welcome to the New Members of Temple Emanuel.

PLUSL, Members of the Finance, Insurance, Investment, Endowment, and Membership Committees, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!

Here at Temple Emanuel, we have become focused on ***What's Next***:

The Long Range Planning Committee chaired by Brian Alter met most of 2023 to come up with a proposal that was actually a cafeteria plan of what we might do.

During 2024 we came up with a plan of action based on the majority feeling at the October Town Hall Meeting: to continue to use the Main Sanctuary and to in time to move the Administrative Office into this building and to preserve the Kol Israel Chapel as well as perhaps adjacent spaces to that but to get rid of the rest of the building.

There was just too much to think about at one time. So, we brought in Noah Levine, the consultant from Jewish Communities Legacy Project, to guide us to where to begin. We are looking for what provides Legacy...both for Temple Emanuel and for the Cemeteries owned by Temple Emanuel.

So, Project 1 is inventory of the Administration Building which starting in 1962 used to be the Clara Miller Chinski School Building that contained a number of Sunday School rooms, Rabbi's Office, Temple Office, Jacob S. Gordon Chapel, and in time Kol Israel Chapel. Gordon Chapel eventually became a workroom and the rooms had become storage closets. The function of the building changed when there was no longer a Sunday School. So, back to Project 1: THANK YOU to Laura Thomas and the Inventory Committee for handling the Inventory Process of the Admin Building. The goal of the Inventory Project is to decide what in each of the rooms to keep because of its historical value (tangible evidence of legacy) and what to trash and what to give away or to sell. **Laura Thomas and all members of the Inventory Committee, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

At the same time Noah Levine has been working with Cemetery Chair Alan Sampson about how in the future there will be a strategy in place for maintaining/preserving the legacy of the Jewish Committee of Beaumont.

A little more about Cemetery Committee under the leadership of Alan Sampson: The Cemetery Committee Crew has worked very hard to keep our cemeteries looking good. There were trees that had to be taken down and mulching done and so much more to ready our cemeteries for the 2024 High Holy Day Cemetery Service, signage refurbished...and even more. **Alan Sampson and all members and volunteers of the Cemetery Committee, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

Throughout 2024, there were big and little things that had to be done in our buildings. The basement cleanout, if I remember correctly, was actually the first project. And there was improved lighting of the Stained Glass Windows and the addition of the ramp on the outside, making it easier to access the sidewalk to the Main Sanctuary Building from the Forrest Street Side. The ramp project was underwritten by several Temple members. There were also shrubs that had to be trimmed. **Mike Spector and all members of the Building & Grounds Committee, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

Throughout 2024, there were also big and little things that had to be done to provide a safer and more secure environment for us. The windows of the basement that are on the Forrest Street side of the Main Sanctuary Building had to be reinforced. We had to mark our doors with ADA approved signage. We found it necessary to switch from ADT to Advanced Alarm Systems and there were cameras that had to be updated, so that activities around the building could be clearly seen on the monitor in the Admin Office. There were also fire extinguishers that had to be checked and refilled. Some of our outside cameras are now tied into City of Beaumont Real Time Crime Center. **Steve Diamond is unable to be here tonight; but members of the Security and Safety Committee, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

A portion of the above committee is also working on the Federal Grant Application that will help us to pay for what's on our wish list toward the remainder of what needs to be done for our safety and security. **Cheryl Barenberg and Sarah Mann, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

The Healing Committee met early on in 2024 and changed its names. All Building Connection Committee better known as the ABC Committee has planned fun evenings that provided fellowship for all who attended. And there was food as well as fellowship! They even included Rabbi Jon in leading Havdalah and in providing Name that Tune. Each evening was fun and their most recent was jointly provided by Brotherhood. Everyone enjoyed Havdalah and Bingo. **Sherry Horwitz and Laura Thomas and members of the ABC Committee, please stand to be recognized along with Brotherhood President, Mike Getz and Brotherhood Treasurer, Dan Rutman. THANK YOU!**

The 2024 Rabbi Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner honored Lamar University. The 2024 report is in the Annual Report Booklet. With 30% of the net proceeds from 2024, we established at Lamar the following: Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship. That endowed scholarship can grow with your assistance. Please Save the Date for the 2025 Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award event on October 16, 2025. **At this time, all members of the Humanitarian Award Committee and ALL volunteers who helped before, during, and after the 2024 event, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

The Social Justice Committee helped raise over \$56,000 for Israel and \$10,000 additional funds were shared with other non-profits including the Temple in Baytown following Hurricane Beryl and Humanitarian Relief following other hurricanes. The 2024 report is in the Annual Report Booklet. We are currently collecting Tzedakah for Los Angeles Wildfire Relief. **Members of Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee as well as volunteers who helped at The Tasting and who helped Christmas Day at Some Other Place, please stand to be recognized. THANK YOU!**

High Holy Day Services provided our Congregants and recently converted friends the opportunity to be called to the Torah. THANK YOU to Marleen Swerdlow, Chair of Ritual/Worship Committee for meeting with Rabbi Nelson during the planning of High Holy Day Services and THANK YOU to every member of our Congregational Family who participated in any way during Rosh Hashana and Yom Kippur as well as throughout 2024 when volunteers were needed. Marleen Swerdlow, Sherry Horwitz, Robin Goebel, and Rita Davis, please stand to be recognized along with all who said HINEINI when Shabbat Lay Leaders were needed and Pulpit Guests were asked to Open and Close the Ark and those who blessed Shabbat candles or marched Torahs or were called to the Torah! Collectively you were there to help celebrate Shabbat and Festivals and High Holy Days! THANK YOU!

The majority of 2024, Rabbi Jon Nelson, served as our Part-time Rabbi. Our Congregational Family has responded positively to Rabbi Nelson. In fact...

Last year at this time, I challenged you with whether or not we were ready to begin the process of RENEWAL.

Throughout 2024, I have seen it happen! Part of that has to do with a pied piper Rabbi who loves driving to Beaumont and leading Shabbat and High Holy Days in the Main Sanctuary and teaching Torah Study as well as B'nei Mitzvah to students of all ages and Conversion students and visits the sick and calls congregants. He led the Chanukah Celebration in Downtown Beaumont and three Funeral Services. Rabbi Jon Nelson is contracted as our parttime Rabbi, but he has given Beaumont his entire jovial heart and his passion in serving our Congregation.

Rabbi has some fun ideas for 2025. He will be with us throughout 2025 except for 6 Shabbats. And, he does plan to be on Staff at Greene Family Camp when our GFC Campers are there. **Members of the combined Ritual Committee, Transition Committee, and 2024 Temple Board, please stand to be recognized for the part that you played in having Rabbi Nelson as our parttime Rabbi. THANK YOU!**

We are a Committee-driven Congregation. Please let me know if you want to participate in the mitzvah work of our Congregational Family by serving on one or more committees.

And please let Sisterhood President Cheryl Barenberg and Brotherhood President Mike Getz know if you want to become active members of Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Our Congregational Family depends on everyone serving in one or more capacities to get the mitzvah work of our Congregation done. THANK YOU!

This continues to be my encouraging challenge to each of you: We must be the best version of ourselves that we can be as Mitzvah Mavens and Menches in Living Torah and therefore, in Living Judaism...in putting our Faith into Action!

Remember the quote in Mishkan T'filah: Pray as if everything depended on G-d; Act as if everything depended on you! That is really what we have to do...we must each ACT! THANK YOU!

And, THANK YOU for granting my giant request last year. My Shabbat was not spoiled by complaints. For that I am incredibly appreciative. As a spiritual person, I enjoy remaining on the cloud of spirituality as long as possible. And I want that for you also! THANK YOU!

I now invite Sherry Horwitz, Vice President/President Elect to lead the Installation Service...

THANK YOU, Sherry; and Welcome to new Board Members Dan Neel, Norma Sampson, Janet Shackleford, and William Spector; and THANK YOU to all continuing on the 2025 Board.

To my husband Michael Wolf, THANK YOU for sharing me so often with our Congregational Family during 2024. And you have been more than a supportive spouse, you have also been an involved Past President of Temple Emanuel Chairing the Endowment Committee and Insurance Committee and serving as an Investment Advisor and on the Finance Committee...in support of the important work of Temple Emanuel. And, I started this presidency in a wheelchair. You wore yourself out getting me back on two feet again. THANK YOU for that. And we both know that caregiving for one another is not over yet. But, let's keep as healthy as we can until years after my term as president is over! I love you!

THANK YOU to the Members of Temple Emanuel Board who are TEMPORARILY retiring from the Board of Trustees: Immediate Past President Ken Parker, Bruce Hoffer, Alan Sampson, Marleen Swerdlow, and Michael Wolf. Please come to the front to receive my THANK YOU gift to each of you for all the times that you said *HINEINI...HERE I AM!*

THANK YOU Ken, Bruce, Alan, Marleen, and Michael for living a HINEINI Life and for sharing it selflessly with Temple Emanuel!

THANK YOU to the 2024 Board for Trustees and THANK YOU to the 2025 Board of Trustees.

SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS - 2024 AWARD PRESENTATIONS TO Laura Thomas as LIFE OF EMANUEL, Steve Diamond in absentia as STAR OF EMANUEL, and Mike D. Getz as ETERNAL LIGHT OF EMANUEL

I invite Marleen Swerdlow to the front to lead the Memorial Service. Please stand...**THANK YOU, Marleen!**

And my Closing Prayer is the same as last year. It contains the Theme of my term as President:

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!

May it be G-d's will! Amen

The 131st Annual Meeting of Congregation Temple Emanuel is adjourned.

THANK YOU, Congregational Family!

Safe Return to your homes.

Respectfully shared,

Cynthia Wolf, 2024 & 2025 President, Temple Board of Trustees

Sunday, January 26, 2025

BROTHERHOOD—FEBRUARY 2025

In 2024, the Temple Emanuel Brotherhood led or participated in several events including hosting the wine and cheese reception prior to Congregational dinner, having breakfast at Panera Bread to hear an overview of proposed development in Downtown Beaumont, attending a Lamar University baseball game, participating in a proclamation from the City of Beaumont commemorating May as Jewish American History month, sponsoring a discussion with Lisa Stone of the Anti-Defamation League, touring the new Real Time Crime Center at the Beaumont Police Department, and building the Sukkah.

The Brotherhood recently participated in hosting a Bingo night in conjunction with a pot luck dinner. In February, the Brotherhood will once again be back at Panera Bread on a date to be determined. We look forward to an active and fun year in 2025!

Mike Getz

Happy Hanukkah



please join us for a

VALENTINE'S DAY *sweetheart dinner*

FEB **14** 7 PM

**DINNER & DESSERT PROVIDED BY ABC
COMMITTEE**

BRING YOUR OWN DRINKS. WATER AND TEA PROVIDED

Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall immediately after services

Reservations Recommended by Wednesday, February 12

Contact Sarah in Temple Office (409) 832-6131

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FEBRUARY 2025 BEHIND THE SCENES PART 1

featuring RABBI JON NELSON and 4 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

RABBI JON NELSON

Rabbi Jon Nelson is continuing throughout 2025 as our Parttime Rabbi at Temple Emanuel. In fact, he will be with us almost every Shabbat (so Shabbat Prayer Leaders will be needed to fill those times), during the High Holy Days and all the Festivals. In fact, Rabbi Nelson is looking forward to celebrating Purim and Second Night Passover Seder with our Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel. Purim is Friday, March 14th and Second Night Passover Seder is Sunday, April 13th. He is not only leading Services and Torah Study, but he is also leading periodic Havdalah. PLUS Rabbi is teaching B'nei Mitzvah lessons to all ages of our Congregational Family and is also teaching Conversion Students. Such lessons are being done in person and on Zoom. He is also available to visit with you during his times in Beaumont or by phone when not in Beaumont. Please let Sarah Mann know by calling 409.832.6131, and she will share your message with Rabbi Jon. What follows is a little more about Rabbi the person:

- He is married to Beth who works as Programming Director of Reform Congregation of Houston.
- He has twin sons Ben and Evan as his oldest children and daughter Emily who is a Junior at LSU.
- He had lived in Boston where he has family; his brother Josh lives in NY.
- He now lives in Spring where Beth has her family.
- He was song leader at Jewish camps while he was growing up.
- He had a Jewish rock band for many years and, of course, still enjoys playing guitar and singing.
- He has a fun sense of humor, and his Rabbinic thesis was on Humor in Judaism.
- He is great with Music Trivia and even imitates voices of characters that we know from the movies.

To learn more about Rabbi or Rabbi Nelson, or Rabbi Jon, just ask!

4 NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Dan Neel was born in Roanoke, VA. He went from Roanoke to Pt. Neches then Houston then back to Roanoke and then now back to Pt. Neches. Prior to his coming to Pt. Neches the second time, he had been Director of Finance and Administration for Roanoke Regional Airport for 25 years. The first time he lived in Pt. Neches, he worked in private industry and was transferred to work in Houston for 8 years. While in Texas, he became licensed as CPA. He moved back to Roanoke in the mid-1980's to work at the airport. In 2013 he had converted to Judaism, as his second wife was Jewish. She died in 2016. So, in 2017, Dan decided to move back to Pt. Neches where his daughters who were born in Pt. Neches were still living. In 2021, he joined Temple Emanuel. Dan is a member of the Finance and Investment Committees of Temple Emanuel. He has 2 daughters and a step-daughter. Daughter Shannon has 3 children, 2 boys who have graduated from college and a daughter who graduates from college this year. Daughter Stacy has 1 daughter who is a freshman at Lamar University. Step-daughter Jennie has 1 daughter who is a senior at University of TX. All his grands call him *Pawpaw*! To learn even more about Dan, just ask! *Mazel tov*, Dan! Welcome to the Board of Trustees!

Norma Roddy Sampson is a longtime member of Temple Emanuel. Her great grandfather was the first fulltime Rabbi of Temple Emanuel. She is Past President of Sisterhood and Past President of Temple Emanuel. During her term, Temple Emanuel's Love Thy Neighbor Initiative was adopted. When Norma decorated for any occasion before, during, and after her terms as Sisterhood President and Temple President (i.e. Bar and Bar Mitzvah Celebrations, Confirmations, Chanukah Dinners, Congregation Dinners), she Normafied the Swerdlow-Roosth Social with impeccable beauty...twinkling lights and all. She puts that same attention to detail and perfection in her job as Executive Director of Julie Rogers Gift of Life. After she graduated from Lamar University, Norma's first career was in Advertising. For all the mitzvot that she had done at Temple, in Beaumont and in SETX, Norma was honored as 2013 Eternal Light of Emanuel Recipient. She is a member of Temple Emanuel Social Justice and Humanitarian Award Committees. Norma and Alan recently celebrated their 46th year of marriage. They have 1 daughter Sarah who lives in Texas and 2 sons Micah and Benjamin who live in California. They have 2 granddaughters, Anastasia Grace and Eve Johanna, who call Norma Coco and Alan Coco Pop. To learn even more about Norma, just ask! Mazel tov, Norma! Welcome back to the Board of Trustees!

Janet Shackelford was born in Meridian, Mississippi. At age 14, she and her family moved to Monroe, LA where she later graduated from Northeast Louisiana University. Then, in 1975 she moved to Pt. Arthur not knowing anyone. Janet's first job was as Elementary School Librarian in Pt. Arthur. Fast forward, she retired in 2012 from teaching 4-year-olds in the preschool at United Methodist Temple, a church school in Pt. Arthur. She had another job which she describes as her "true career"...that of being a "fulltime mother for life". Janet and Richard Shackelford have 1 son and 1 daughter. Son Mark lives in Ft. Smith, AR with his family that includes Luke (6) and Isaac (3) who call Janet Gramma and Richard Granddaddy...names that were also used by Janet's mother and Richard's father. Daughter Amy lives in Colorado Springs, CO. Janet and Richard have been on many wonderful vacations, but their two favorite vacation spots nowadays are where their children live! Here's a tidbit: Janet and Richard had attended the same high school, but it was not until Janet attended her friend's wedding...Richard's sister's wedding...that they met! Janet is on the Sisterhood Board as District Director and serves on the ABC Committee. To learn more about Janet, just ask! Mazel tov, Janet! Welcome to the Board of Trustees!

William Spector was born in Beaumont at St. Elizabeth Hospital to parents Renee' (z"l) and Mike Spector. His paternal grandparents were Annabelle and Max Spector, both of blessed memory. William was consecrated as a student in Temple Emanuel Sunday School in 1984, became a *Bar Mitzvah* in 1993, and became a Confirmand in 1996. William was involved in BeauTY, Beaumont Temple Youth, and attended Greene Family Camp. He attended BISD schools and graduated from Lamar Institute of Technology in 2005. He is Facility Coordinator and Safety Professional for Jefferson Project Management. He and Lindsay have been married for 19 years. They are the parents of 17-year-old high school juniors and Veteran GFC Campers Grace and Isabelle. William is a member of the following Temple Committees: Social Justice, Transition, and Long Range Planning Committees. He is also a member of Temple Emanuel Brotherhood. William has helped with cemetery clean up and has "done other little things here and there around the Temple throughout the years". William enjoys fishing...does not do much but enjoys it...so those who like to fish also, give William a call. He enjoys attending Shabbat Morning Torah Study. To learn more about William, just ask! *Mazel tov*, William! Welcome to the Board of Trustees!

L'CHAYIM...TO LIFE!!!!

FEBRUARY 2025 BEHIND THE SCENES PART 2

featuring Long Range Plan

As reported in the December 2024-January 2025 Bulletin, Noah Levine, spokesperson for The Jewish Community Legacy Project, toured our two campuses and met with the 2024 Long Range Planning Committee. I also mentioned that as per his suggestions the first two sub-committees recommended are as follows:

- Laura Thomas is in charge of *Project 1 - Inventory of Admin Building*; and that is a multi-step process toward determining what is to be preserved because it preserves the legacy of Temple Emanuel. THANK YOU, Laura Thomas, and the following Temple members who are helping: Rita Davis, Robin Goebel, Beverly Hickman, Sherry Horwitz, Arlette Hoffer, Kathy Johnson, and Gene Thomas.
- Alan Sampson is heading up the *Cemetery Project*. He has been working with Noah for advice in making certain that our 2 historic cemeteries are funded in such a manner as to be maintained way beyond the lifetime of any of us. THANK YOU, Alan!

No other Committees have been set up as of this date; but please say *HINEINI...HERE I AM* when they are. We know from your input at the October 2024 Town Hall that many of our Congregants are interested in helping. THANK YOU!

- We are starting a new year as Temple Board; and with that change has also come a change in the 2025 Long Range Planning Committee which now consists of 2025 Board of Trustees plus Sarah Mann, Administrative Office Manager. When Noah spoke to the 2024 Board, he stated that the Temple Board had to be involved in the Long Range Planning. The 2025 LRP Committee are the following:

The 2025 Long Range Planning Committee

Cynthia Wolf	Steve Diamond	Norma Sampson
Sherry Horwitz	Mike Getz	Janet Shackelford
Cheryl Barenberg	Robin Goebel	Laura Thomas
Bene' Rutman	Sarah Mann	Mike Spector
Rita Davis	Nancy Meyers	William Spector
	Dan Neel	

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Congregation Temple Emanuel

Sisterhood Schmooze February 2025

Recap of 2024

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood had a very productive calendar year 2024. During 2024 Sisterhood held three general membership meetings/luncheons including the following:

- ◆ Opening Luncheon
- ◆ Birthday Luncheon
- ◆ Closing Luncheon

All meeting/luncheons were attended by approximately 15-20 sisterhood members. Business of sisterhood was reviewed/approved and included the following:

- ◆ Approval of annual operating budget
- ◆ Approval of scholarships/incentives for 3 children of Temple Emanuel to attend Jewish summer camps
- ◆ Sponsorship of Mammograms at Dauphine Center
- ◆ Purchase of a new refrigerator and dishwasher for kitchen
- ◆ Provided scholarship assistance to sisterhood members attending Fried Women's Conference in New Orleans
- ◆ Sisterhood Shabbat
- ◆ Break-Fast
- ◆ Sukkot Dinner/Fall Feast
- ◆ Hanukkah Dinner/Menorah Lighting Sanctuary

Sisterhood also had three very successful fundraisers during 2024 with two (2) Mahj Day of Fun, including the 1st Natalie Greenberg Mahj Day of Fun in the Spring of 2024. The compilation of the Memorial Book was chair by Laura Thomas with assistance from Sarah Mann and continued to meet the needs of our sacred community while raising funds to help support the various sisterhood projects.

Goals for 2025

- ◆ Update sisterhood Jewish Camp Scholarship/Incentive Policy to reflect the practice to Temple Emanuel Sisterhood. Award scholarship/incentives by end of February 2025.
- ◆ Continue with at least three fundraisers per year.
- ◆ Review/revise Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Bylaws to reflect the current practice of the Sisterhood Board. Complete prior to conclusion of 2025.
- ◆ Begin discussion of nominations to Sisterhood Board that reflect practice and potential changes to sisterhood bylaws.
- ◆ Provide scholarship assistance to sisterhood members attending the WRJ Social Justice Conference in Washington, D.C. Assistance not to exceed \$2,000/person

Please feel free to contact me or any member of the Sisterhood Board should you have any questions.

Thank you for allowing me to serve our Sisterhood as your President!

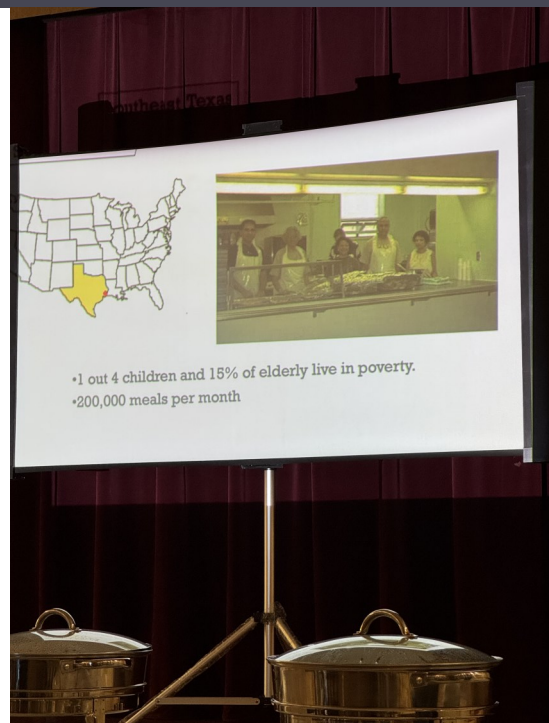
Kol tuv

Cheryl Barenberg

President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

WRJ Executive Committee/Board Member

WRJ SW Immediate Past District President



**SISTERHOOD
LUNCHEON
JANUARY 15
WITH GUEST
SHARON BEGNAUD
THE GIVING FIELD**





Some Other Place

December 2024



Shabbat Hostesses:

7—Norma & Alan Sampson, S.L. Greenberg

14—Kate Roberts, Susan & Wayne Margolis

21—Cara & Dan Eisen

28—Kathy Johnson, Miriam & Jim Thompson

Anniversaries:

6—Arlette & Bruce Hoffer

20—Janet & Richard Shackelford

20—Susan & Wayne Margolis

Birthdays:

4—Judy Granger

6—Arlette Hoffer

24—Miriam Thompson

28—Robin Goebel

MAZEL TOV

to Sarah Mann
and Tim
Pessink on
their recent
engagement
and upcoming
wedding!



**Unveiling for
Viola & Henry Kramer
Sunday, February 23, 2025
10:30am at Kol Israel Cemetery**

The family will be hosting a brunch after and would like an approximate count of attendees. Please contact Sarah in Temple Office if you would like to attend.

**Sarah in Temple Office will be
on vacation for the following
dates in February:**

Thursday, February 6

Friday, February 7

Monday, February 10

Monday, February 17

**All messages will be returned
when Sarah is back in the
office; but if you have an ur-
gent matter, please contact
Cynthia or Sherry directly.**

Summer Camp Reports shared by Sofie and Haddie Wheeler and by Lilly Sanders

Shabbat-Sha Besties at Greene Family Camp

Shabbat Guests on Bimah Friday, November 15, 2025

Sofie Wheeler:

I love summer camp. I get to be with my friends. Summer camp is so fun, and I get to learn more about how to be Jewish. My favorite activities at camp are Baking and Art. My favorite camp food is the orange chicken and the *Shabbat-sha Brownies*. I can't wait to go back!

Haddie Wheeler:

For me Camp has been an amazing experience with tons of learning opportunities and lifelong friendships. One of my favorite things we do is sing songs. My favorite thing about them is the lesson you learn in every song. My favorite camp song talks about bringing peace down to us. It reminds me to try to make peace of things that are harder to find peace in. Another one of my favorite things we do at camp is our activities like Art, Guitar, and Cooking. I feel like camp has made me a better person and I hope to keep going back every year. Thank you so much.

Lilly Sanders:

My experience this summer at GFC was amazing! Shabbats, Campfires, ALL my Activities and Friends...I loved every single moment at camp. I'm so glad I got to be with Haddie and Sofie this year! They were my favorite people at camp, and they were always there for me! We would always dance and be together on Shabbat. One of my favorite things at camp was Friendship Circle. Friendship Circle was where everyone held hands and kept walking into circles until we finally made a spiral. After that, we would sing, pray, and listen to all of my favorite Staff members' speeches as we all cried along with them. My 2nd favorite thing at camp was Campfire. At Campfire we all gathered together every Saturday night; and much like Friendship Circle, we would cry, pray, and sing...but all of our tears were happy tears. I learned so much and more about our religion. I couldn't imagine not going to camp every summer. Camp will always be my favorite place away from Home!

THANK YOU, Sofie, Haddie, and Lilly for sharing your memories from GFC!!!!



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**

Cemetery Fund

In Memory of
Dr. Robert Swerdlow
Rosa Lee Roosth Mellinger
Dr. Harold Roosth
Meyer Mellinger
Sade & Mose Sampson
Joan Sampson
Gerald "PeeWee" Sampson
Anna & Morris Leaman
Eva & Nathan Swerdlow
Dora & Joe Horwitz
Rose Finegold
Bertha & Philip Horwitz
Lillie & Morris Adler
Mary & Sam Swerdlow
Lois Swerdlow
Estelle Swerdlow
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Arleen & George Swerdlow
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Mongie & Lenny Swartz
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Ann Vaxler
Norma Goldstein
Sarah Night
Patty Tapper Soffer
Jerry Lee
Joe Kushner
Stella Dunlap
Bessie & Pearl Johnson
Sarah Hawes
Ben Wheeler
 By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

Cemetery Fund Cont.

In Memory of
Paul Kessler
 By: Mindy & Jay Eisen

In Memory of
Paul Alfred Kessler
 By: Arlene & Alan Gerger

In Loving Memory of
Lauren and J.W.
 By: Dawn R. Brownman

In Memory of my Parents,
Marie "Mongie" and Lenny Swartz
 and my Grandparents, **Yetta and Harry Eisen**
 By: Gary Swartz

Social Justice
Wild Fire Relief Efforts

By: Judy Granger
 By: Susan & Wayne Margolis
 By: Dan Neel

In Honor of my dear friend,
Tina Fox, who is a member
 of Temple Isaiah in Los Angeles
 By: Regina Rogers

Social Justice
Stable Spirit

In Loving Memory of
James "Gary" Hall
 By: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

Social Justice

By: Richard Drapeau

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THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS**

Floral Fund

In Loving Memory of
my fantastic Mother,
Gertrude Petrova
By: Beverly Hickman

In Loving Memory of
my adoring Husband and hero,
Paul Hay
By: Beverly Hickman

In Loving Memory of,
Natalie Greenberg
By: S.L. Greenberg

In Memory of my wonderful
Father, **Ben**, my dear Brothers,
Bernard and Arvey, special Uncle,
Nate and beautiful Aunt, **June**
By: Regina Rogers

In Loving Memory of my extraordinary
Grandfather, **Joseph Rogers** and
my dear Uncle, **Sol Rogers**
By: Regina Rogers

In Loving Memory of
Beverly Inez "Maka" Bunting
By: Laura Thomas

In Loving Memory of
Richard Hayes
By: Wendie and Joe Nordgren

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

In Honor of the extraordinary
Sharon Begnaud of the Giving Field
By: Regina Rogers

Memorial and Tribute Fund

In Loving Memory of
Paul Kessler
By: The Hearn Family

In Memory of
Paul Alfred Kessler
With Love: The Staller Family

In Memory of **Paul Kessler**
By: Phyllis & Ronald Steinhart

In Loving memory of
Paul Kessler
By: Susan & Wayne Margolis

In Fond Remembrance of
Paul Kessler
By: Miriam Wright

In Memory of **Paul Kessler**
By: The Dover Girls

In Memory of **Paul Kessler**
By: Regina Rogers

In Memory of **Paul Kessler**
By: Kathy Johnson

In Memory of **Paul Kessler**
By: Valorie & Rick Steinhart

In Loving Memory of **Steve Breen**
By: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In Loving Memory of **Paul Kessler**
By: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

In Loving Memory of **Mort Swerdlow**
By: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

General Fund

In Loving Memory of
Lauren Rogers Freedman
By: The Freedman Family

In Memory of my Parents,
Marie “Mongie” and Lenny Swartz
and my Grandparents, **Yetta and Harry Eisen**
By: Gary Swartz

In Memory of
Beatrice Travitsky
In Memory of
Phyllis Brick
In Memory of
Betty Langer Manson
In Memory of
Sarah Emily Knopf
In Memory of
Brandy Johnson
In Memory of
Steve Breen
In Memory of
Lauren Rogers Freedman
In Memory of
Carol Koshkin
In Memory of
Paula Eisenstein Baker
In Memory of
Gloria Seligman
In Memory of
Arvey Rogers
In Memory of
Beverly & Carl Parker
In Memory of
Royce Huffman
In Memory of
Rita Herold Hankins
In Memory of
Nancy Nelson
In Memory of
Tomas Neel
By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

High Holy Day Music Fund

In Honor of Conversion of
**Maggie Harris, Arlette Hoffer, Sage Wiess,
Caleb Fontenot, Joey Rutherford, Regina
Hays and Wendie Nordgren**
In appreciation of speedy and continuing
recovery of **Cheryl Barenberg**
In appreciation of continuing recovery
of **William Spector**
In Honor of 90th birthday of
S.L. Greenberg
In honor of 90th birthday of
Al Dugan
In honor of the birth of
Atticus Barenberg
In honor of **Lois Rutman** and her
move to Austin—We miss you!
In honor and appreciation of **Angela Pickering** and
her angelic voice
In appreciation and honor of **Dwight Pierce**
In honor and appreciation of
Rabbi Jon Nelson
In appreciation of continuing recovery
of **Robin Goebel**
In honor and appreciation of
Sarah Mann
By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

In Loving Memory of
Lauren Rogers Freedman
By: Cynthia & Michael Wolf

The Giving Field Bricks to Raise Funds for Kitchen Classroom

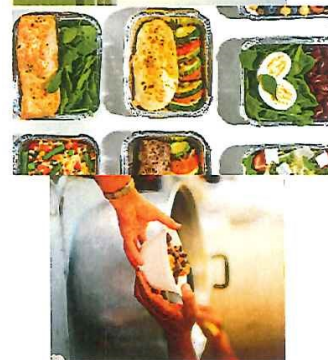
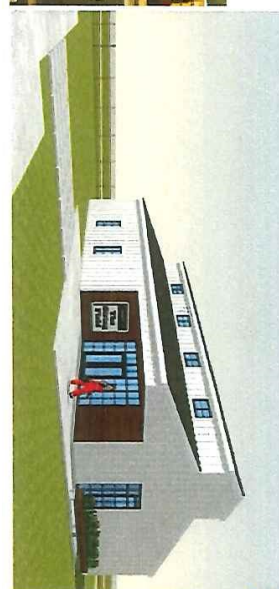
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Temple Emanuel Congregation

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The Giving Field

Help Pave The Way to Our Future Kitchen Classroom



The Giving Field is selling commemorative bricks to raise funds for the building of our kitchen classroom.

It is the perfect way to honor someone you love by purchasing a brick that will become part of the kitchen classroom walkway.

Donor Information

Name: _____

Address: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Number of Bricks _____ Amount: \$ _____

Please Make Checks Payable To:

St. Anne Church

In Memo: The Giving Field Kitchen Classroom Campaign

Mail To:

The Giving Field

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4" x 8" Brick \$250 each

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4" x 8" Brick \$250 each

Each block represents one letter on the brick. Please **print** clearly.

LAURA THOMAS as 2024 LIFE OF EMANUEL

Life of Emanuel Award is given to an individual or individuals who contribute to our Temple on an ongoing basis whether for few years or many. These Congregants work behind the scenes; and, although we may not know that they're there or see the many results of their efforts, they make the Temple run smoothly for all of us. Tonight's recipient is such a person: one who is always happy to help but never really wants a role of leadership; one who takes over for a fellow volunteer but who wants to take no credit; one who has not only served on the Temple Board and on one of the Auxiliary organizations of Temple Emanuel but also has worked on both Temple projects and on projects of one of the Auxiliary organizations of Temple Emanuel; one who does not like to be at the microphone but who has been a Shabbat Prayer Leader and made introductions at the microphone; one who is more comfortable working with the colors on a paint palette than what was involved with the numbers of being Temple Treasurer for two years; but, because she was asked to serve her Temple, like all other times, her response was, *HINEINI*. I am, of course, describing LAURA THOMAS; and I further honor her with a unique poem:

L is for LAURA, 2024 LIFE of Emanuel Recipient

A is for ALL *mitzvah* work, including on Temple's ABC Committee and on organizing the ADMIN inventory

U is for UNDERSTANDING that what U do for Temple matters to US

R is for REPLYING *Hineini* often and for modeling the value of RESPONSIBILITY

A is for sharing ART APPRECIATION with ATTENDEES at a 2024 Sisterhood Meeting

T is for THOMAS, the TITLE you gained by marrying Gene, 2019 Life of Emanuel Recipient

H is for your work on HUMANITARIAN Award Dinner Committee

O is for the OWNERSHIP that you employ in your OUTSTANDING *Mitzvah* Service

M is for MAHJ MAVEN, MEMORIAL Book Chair, and MOTHER of Sarah MANN, our Administrative Office MANAGER

A is our APPRECIATION for ALL that you have done and will do for Congregation Temple Emanuel, including for tonight as Chef Cheryl's ASSISTANT with Congregation Dinner

S is for your work in SISTERHOOD, on SOCIAL Justice Committee, and as SHABBAT Prayer Leader

Mazel tov, LAURA; and THANK YOU!!!!!! I now present you with the Certificate that recognizes you as 2024 LIFE OF EMANUEL Recipient. The plaque that is in the foyer of Swerdlow-Roosth Social will in time have your name on it. Mazel tov, LAURA!!!!!!

Cynthia Wolf, 2024 & 2025 Temple Board President

STEVE DIAMOND as 2024 STAR OF EMANUEL

Star of Emanuel Award is given to an individual or individuals who undertake an exceptionally large job for the congregation and thus deserve to be recognized. This task may be unique and a special project or one of the many recurring tasks that exist at the Temple. This recipient has devoted time and energy and made personal sacrifices to insure that the Temple achieves new and higher goals. Tonight's recipient is such a person: one who is uniquely the one to handle the task that needed to be done and that continues to be done on an ongoing basis; one who has served on the Temple Board but was committed to taking care of the project even if not on the Board; one whose expertise in law enforcement and safety for over 30 years makes him equally comfortable in protecting our congregants as in making the facilities of Temple Emanuel safer. I am, of course, describing STEVE DIAMOND; and I further honor him with a unique poem:

S is for STEVE, also called STEPHEN, 2024 STAR of Emanuel Recipient

T is for TEMPLE Safety and Security Chair, a volunteer position begun late 2023 under President Ken

E is for your EYES being laser focused on what in our 2 buildings was far from being safe or secure

V is for being the VERY epitome of professional deputy and *mitzvah* VOLUNTEER

E is for the EXCEPTIONAL manner that you have collaborated and nudged us on our ongoing journey

D is for DIAMOND, a family with Jewish origins in Pt. Arthur's Rodof Shalom under Rabbi Lothar Goldstein

I is for INVOLVING yourself once retired to fulltime volunteerism at Temple Emanuel

A is for ALWAYS being there for us and walking the beat even while you suffered from constant back pain

M is for MENSCH and for your MARRIAGE to Debra, who gets our thanks for sharing you with us

O is OUR appreciation for your ONGOING scrutiny of our buildings and selfless service

N is for the NEVER-off-duty care and concern for our congregants and our buildings

D is for DEPUTY *extraordinaire* and the "hound DOG" that keeps searching for more

Mazel tov, STEVE; and THANK YOU!!!! In time, I will be presenting you with the Certificate that recognizes you as 2024 STAR OF EMANUEL Recipient; but it is now time for you to heal from your recent surgery. The plaque that is in the foyer of Swerdlow-Roosth Social will also in time have your name on it. Mazel tov, STEVE!!!!

Cynthia Wolf, 2024 & 2025 Temple Board President

MIKE D. GETZ as 2024 ETERNAL LIGHT OF EMANUEL

Eternal Light of Emanuel Award is our highest honor given to an individual or individuals who have always been there to support the work of the Temple through their time, their treasure, or both and sets the example for all of us. This award is affectionately referred to by some as *the big macher* award, and one that will be given only to those whose dedication over many years sets the example for all of us. Tonight's recipient is such a person. This person is no stranger to leadership or to selfless service and is no stranger to being a productive Congregant and a productive Citizen of Beaumont, though he was raised in Pt. Arthur. This person graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1974, graduated from Lamar in 1978 and graduated from South Texas Law School in 1989. His journey toward becoming an attorney took persistence: sports reporter, science teacher, Scout professional, and letter carrier. He learned early on in life how important it was for him to be confident and self-reliant. I am, of course, describing MIKE DAVID GETZ; and I further honor him with a unique poem as 2024 ETERNAL LIGHT OF EMANUEL Recipient:

M is for MIKE, well-known Temple MENSCH and equally well-known City of Beaumont MACHAR

I is for your INTEREST in happily helping others IN our Congregation and IN our community and for doing your part to make a difference where you serve

K is for your being KNOWLEDGEABLE in your profession and in your advocacy for justice

E is for your serving as ELECTED Councilman for Beaumont's Ward 2 since 2011 and living your life by the Scout Mission and Scout Law both of which led you to accomplish the Trail to becoming EAGLE Scout

D is for DAVID, a middle name DEEPLY rooted in *Tanakh*, for DAVID had the courage to face challenges with a strong heart, with loyalty, and with his faith in G-d

G is for GETZ Family with Jewish origins in Pt. Arthur's Rodof Shalom under Rabbi Lothar GOLDSTEIN

E is for high ENERGY level that accompanies you throughout your very busy week

T is for all the TIMES that you replied *Hineini* to serve as Brotherhood President and on the Temple Board

Z is for the Hebrew word *zikhronah livrakha* meaning *may her memory be a blessing* by in 2023 naming Temple Emanuel as one of the 6 non-profits included by the Getz Charitable Remainder Unitrust Agreement Honoring the Life and Memory of Allison Julia Nathan Getz (Z"L)

Mazel tov, MIKE; and THANK YOU!!!! I now present you with the Certificate that recognizes you as 2024 ETERNAL LIGHT OF EMANUEL Recipient. The plaque that is in the foyer of Swerdlow-Roosth Social will in time have your name on it. Mazel tov, MIKE!!!!

Cynthia Wolf, 2024 & 2025 Temple Board President



131st Annual Meeting of Congregation Temple Emanuel January 26, 2025



FEBRUARY

2025

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
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 Saldooff Kelman

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. The suggested minimum contribution to the Floral Fund is \$25.00.

Week Ending 2/8 to be Read 2/7

Alice Arkeen
William M. Gusfield
Janice Bernstein
M. Bittensky
Dorothy K. Gordon
Sarah Frances Hawes
Irving Silverberg
Jacob Krasnow
Isadore Fallis
A.E. Finegold
Wayne K. Horwitz
Dora Kassoff
Rose Finegold
Sam Goldenberg
Ben M. Goldstein
Phyllis Lapine
Morris Lipoff
Harry Moskowitz
Sarah Night
Harold Roosth
Florence Eisen Rosenthal
Henry D. Weinbaum
Arie Tadmor

Week Ending 2/15 to be Read 2/14

Johanna Szafir
A. Walker
Milton G. Getz
Elsa Loeb Goldberg
Bess Lichenstein
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
Chaim Fishbine
Sadie Jacobs
Seymour G. Rosenthal
Sara Rogers Davis
Sidney Kaplan
Sue Mayer
Nora Mielz
Cherna Bittensky
Betty Reuben

Week Ending 2/22 to be Read 2/21

Natalie Loeb Alexander
Jerry Battelstein
Libby Rose Lubel
Ernest Mayer
Harvey Night
Rose Schoenfeld
Mary Fleckman Altman
Harry Dugan
Freeda Friedman
Minnie Rogers
Isadore H. Brookner
Ida Hymes Gross
David Kramer
Mack B. Waldman
Stanislas "Stan" Duplechin
Nathan Gingold
Sigmund Greenberg
Sandy Liebling
Mervin F. Sandman
Betty Klein
Estelle Levy
Lena Mayer
Paul Moskowitz
Kathy Neel
Edward Schultz
Helen Segal
Robert Diamond
Mildred Friedman
Recha Goldblum
Hannah Goldstein
Miriam Herman
Gertrude Waldman Krasnow
Herman Lederer
Michel Lederer
Gerson Scheps
Phil Stein
Rose Flatow
Sylvia F. Goldstein



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<p>23</p> <p>25 shevat</p> <p>10:30am Unveiling for Henry and Viola Kramer at Kol Israel Cemetery</p>	<p>24</p> <p>26 shevat</p> <p>PRESIDENT'S DAY</p>	<p>25</p> <p>27 shevat</p>	<p>26</p> <p>28 shevat</p> <p>5:30pm BOT Meeting</p>	<p>27</p> <p>29 shevat</p>	<p>28</p> <p>30 shevat</p> <p>6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)</p> <p>ROSH CHODESH</p>	

Week Ending 3/1 to be
Read 2/28

Faye Blum
Manuel Breen
Alexander Z. Franklin
William Gedaly
Arnold Goldstein
Philip B. Greenberg
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
Solomon Engel Gordon
David Greenberger
Zipporah Hoffer
Yetta M. Protas
Margaret Swerdlow
Dr. Sigmund Blum
Morris Goodman
Henry Greene
Annie Kessler
Ruth Lefkovits
Joan Sampson
Herman Cohen
Maxine Dulaney
Belle S. Goldfine
Lenore Bliss Gosky
F. Mancia Hirshfeifer
Philip Horwitz
Mamie S. Krone
Kenneth Shank
Lee C. Zuber

Week Ending 3/8 to be
Read 3/7

Morris Adler
Nelson Alter
Bernice Bluestein
Mollie Levy Born
Ethel Doblin
Eve Franzel
Bernice Rozner Berger Ham
Goldie Horwitz
Viola Kramer
Hyman Sharftstein
Dr. Joseph Cohen
Bertha Barey
Blanche Plettman

MARCH 2025

Week Ending 3/8 to be
Read 3/7 Continued

Beatrice L. Reddoch
Joseph Sharfstein
Sara Litvin Franklin
Doris Rosinger Levy
Marga Steinhart
Kenneth Neel
Dr. Harold Roosth
Sylvan Sommer
Regina B. Cohen
Miriam Cohen Schwartz
Max Swiren
Abraham Eisen
Stanley B. Goldstein
Toni Kern
Sam Klugman
Joseph Lederer
Irving Schwartz

Week Ending 3/15 to be
Read 3/14

Harold D. Greenberg
Howard L. Kane
Dorothy M. Lefkovits
Charles Mielz
Charles Miller
Julie Parker
Isidore Protas
Doris Waldman Spector
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
Isaac Levin
Jack Mechanic
Louis Schwartz
Abe Elkins
Hal Lawrence Gale
Florence Lynne Austin Holtzman
Max Spector
Bessie Sukman
Sam Hertzman

Week Ending 3/22 to be
Read 3/21

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
Anna Greenberg
Aymin Waldman
Barbara Forbert
Esther Glasomitzky
Anna Leaman
Leslie S. Levy
Natalie Krasnow Corman
Frank Dover
Dorothy Faye Hosen
Irvin Bud Kassoff
Anna Leaman
Gitel Markewich
Sylvia C. Miller
Martha Lea Stein

Week Ending 3/29 to be
Read 3/28

Duane Joseph Curry
Irving Davis
Emil Holtzen
Anna Blum
Simon Philip Dover
Herman Glober
Morris Greenspan
Sam Night
Herman A. Philipson
Harry Bennett
Samuel Cohen
Jeff Greenberg
Aron Gross
RosaLee Leaman Roosth Mellinger
Albert Morton Klein
Ruth Wyde Hall
I.B. "Butch" Hoffer
Ida Klugman
Aaron Rose
William Bell
Celia Harris
Nettye Leibson
Philip Liebman

TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES

FEBRUARY 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 incorporates those values into our Social Justice projects as we continue to make a *tikkun olam* difference in the lives of those we know and those that we do not know...in Beaumont and Beyond...with a continuing strong focus on Israel.

Menu of Tzedakah (the sharing of mitzvah time, talent, treasure) for your consideration all of which are examples of Temple Emanuel's Love Thy Neighbor Initiative in action:

- Los Angeles Wildfire destruction is our HINEINI call to help our California neighbors by way of collecting Tzedakah for Jewish Federation of Los Angeles Wildfire Relief Fund and for Pasadena Jewish Temple and Center, a Southern California congregation that has served its Jewish community for more than a century. THANK YOU!
- Israel continues to be in need of Tzedakah for Humanitarian Relief. 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)
 - * THANK YOU!
- Temple Emanuel's Annual *MITZVAH* Day at Some Other Place on Christmas Day was a success in many ways: Lunches served at Some Other Place numbered approximately 110, and meals delivered to the Meals-on-Wheels Clients of SOP numbered 159! Coordinating Christmas Day at Some Other Place was Rita Davis. THANK YOU, Rita! There were 43 volunteers...a combination of Members of Temple Emanuel and Friends of Temple Emanuel...all friends of Some Other Place! Here are the names that were on the SOP Sign In Sheet as representatives of Temple Emanuel: Rita & Barry Davis; Mike Spector; Grandchildren of S.L. and Natalie (z"l) Greenberg: Jake Greenberg, Meagan Moses, Matt Wagman, Haley Greenberg, Madison Moses, and Dan Slutsky; Family of Miriam and Viraf Cooper: Jennifer, Bryan, Laker, Denver, and Patrick Powdrill; Susan Margolis; Robin Goebel; The Hazleton Family: Shannon, Jeff, Christopher, Maggie, Lilly, Carson, Olivia, Jessa, and Charlie; Maggie Harris and her brother James Harris; Laura and Gene Thomas; Sherry Horwitz; Arlette, Bruce, and Wesley Hoffer; Susan and Larry Woodall PLUS more from the other groups that came. SAVE THE DATE: Thursday, December 25, 2025. THANK YOU!

- **Additional Social Justice Projects** are collecting used eyeglasses for Lions Club and collecting Tzedakah for:
 - * **Women & Children's Shelter of Family Services**
 - * **Stable Spirit for Scholarships** for clients who need equine therapy
 - * **Beaumont Pet's Alive**, a no kill animal shelter
 - * **More will be reported in the future Bulletins**
 - * **As always...**

THANK YOU and HEALTH!

2025 Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee

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.**

THANK YOU from Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee

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**Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner NEWS
for February 2025 Bulletin**

From the net proceeds of the 2024 Humanitarian Award Dinner, 30% have been given to the Lamar University Foundation for an Endowed Scholarship known forever as:

Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship

Additional money can be added to the endowed scholarship in either of the following ways:

1. **Donation to Temple Emanuel designating your contribution to the Lamar Foundation for Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship**
2. **Donation directly to Lamar Foundation for Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship: P.O. Box 11500 Beaumont, TX 77710**

***THANK YOU & PLEASE SAVE THE DATE for the
10th Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner
Thursday, October 16, 2025***

***In time, Your MITZVAH help and your MITZVAH support
will be NEEDED and will be APPRECIATED***

THANK YOU and HEALTH

2025 Humanitarian Award Committee

**ANNOUNCEMENT: *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship*
Lamar University Foundation**

It's official!!!! Temple Emanuel has established an Endowed Scholarship at Lamar University: *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship*.

THANKS to ALL who supported the 2024 Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Dinner, as 30% of the net proceeds established the *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship*.

The document was signed Friday, January 10, 2025.

Pictured at Elsa's Greek Grill are Cynthia Wolf, Temple Board President, and Karen Nichols, Chief Operating Officer of Lamar University Foundation.

Additional gifts for the *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship* can be made through designated donations to either of the following:

Temple Emanuel

Attn: *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship*

1120 Broadway

Beaumont, TX 77701

OR

Lamar University Foundation

Attn: *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship*

P. O. Box 11500

Beaumont, TX 77710

Respectfully shared,

Cynthia Wolf



**LET'S SHOW THE LOVE FOR OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORS
PLEASE SAVE THE DATES AND
ALL INFORMATION IS POSTED ONLINE ABOUT
TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS**

- ***St. Marks Chili* is sold frozen from Treasure House of St. Mark's Episcopal Church
805 North Street**
- **February 20th – DINNER: *Oyster Supper* benefitting the programming and outreach of
First United Methodist Church starting at 4:30 pm**
- **March 6th – DINNER: *Gold for the Gold* benefitting Art Museum of SETX**
- **March 20th - LUNCH: *Family Portrait Luncheon* benefitting Alzheimer's Association Ed-
ucation and client support locally. Honorary Chairs are Gay and Bill Scott**
- **March 20th – DINNER: Texas Energy Museum Blowout with Guest Speaker Jason
Chaffetz**
- **March 22nd – DINNER: Le Grand Bal *We Are Family* of Lamar University honoring Rob
Clark and Jerry Thacker and Artist Michael Kennaugh**
- **April 10th – DINNER: Symphony of SETX Soiree Fundraiser *Fly Me to the Moon: An
Evening with the Sounds of Sinatra and the Symphony of SETX***
- **April 24th – DINNER: *Gift of Life Champagne & Ribs* honoring Jay Bruce; Mark Fertitta;
Ernest Hymel, MD; The Honorable Dade Phelan; David Willard, PhD**
- **May 1st - LUNCH: Deliver the Difference Luncheon benefitting clients of Nutrition &
Services for Seniors honoring Bishop David Toups with Special Awards presented to
Valero, L.C. Brown, and Sheree & Vernon (z"l) Pierce**

**PLEASE KEEP TEMPLE OFFICE POSTED OF
CHURCH AND/OR NON-PROFIT EVENTS
TO INCLUDE IN FUTURE BULLETINS**

4 THANK YOU NOTES RECEIVED FOR *TZEDAKAH* SHARED IN 2024 FOR PROJECTS OF TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE/SOCIAL JUSTICE FUND

Southeast Texas Food Bank from Harvey Zernial, President/CEO: *Your recent gift...to Southeast Texas Food Bank is a great blessing to thousands of residents of our region in need of hunger relief. The fundamental purpose and mission of the Southeast Texas Food Bank is to reduce the presence of hunger and to fill the stomachs affected by it...Your generous gift propels us further towards that goal and provides some hope to a child or a senior citizen or a family that has grown accustomed to poor nutrition and its accompanying side effects. I am grateful that you have chosen to generously offer people served by the Southeast Texas Food Bank some relief from their condition and I hope you will continue to provide generous support for our important mission in the future.*

Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas from Carolyn Fernandez, President/CEO: *Thank you for the support of Catholic Charities of Southeast Texas with your recent donation...for Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat) and the Brenda's Blessing Bags initiative that is in loving memory of Brenda Roberts. It is a distinct honor to join with Temple Emanuel's Social Justice Committee and the Love Thy Neighbor outreach in serving those needing food. On behalf of the struggling individuals...Catholic Charities thanks you. I pray your support for those we serve will continue, so that Southeast Texas remains a place where God's love is forever visible.*

FIDF Friends of the IDF from Steven Weil, Chief Executive Officer: *On behalf of the Friends of the Israel Defense Forces (FIDF) and the soldiers of Israel, thank you so much for your generous contribution...Your gift provides aid and comfort to the brave, young men and women of the IDF. Established by Holocaust survivors in 1981, FIDF is the sole organization authorized to represent the IDF to benefactors across North America. For 40 years, FIDF has been providing educational, cultural, recreational, and social services programs and facilities to the IDF heroes and their families. With your generous contribution, FIDF is able to carry out its mission and provide hope, purpose, and life-changing support for the soldiers who protect Israel and the Jewish people worldwide – transforming the future of Israel, one soldier at a time.*

American Friends of Israel Navy SEALs (AFINS) from Eric Zoller, Chair: *On behalf of American Friends of Israel Navy SEALs (AFINS), thank you for your contribution...As Israel fights for its existence and the security of the Jewish people, we are grateful for your support. Shayetet-13, Israel's Navy SEAL unit, has brought the fight back to Hamas since the war's first day, responding to the first attacks by retaking the Sufa Outpost and helping to clear the kibbutzim of terrorists. The unit has operated tirelessly since, completing special operations in Gaza including the raids on Hamas' headquarters beneath Al-Shifa Hospital and its southern Gaza headquarters...cleared terrorist out of Gaza City schools, where it also uncovered large weapons caches. Shayetet-13 is leading in ensuring Hamas is never again able to commit such atrocities. This war will be won but at great cost, and your contribution will help us to meet the needs of the many warriors and families now sacrificing so much for the State of Israel and the safety of Jewish people everywhere. ...Thank you once again for your generosity.*

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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