

**MARCH 2025  
BULLETIN**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

March 7	Shabbat Service
March 14	Shabbat Service
March 21	Shabbat Service
March 28	Shabbat Service

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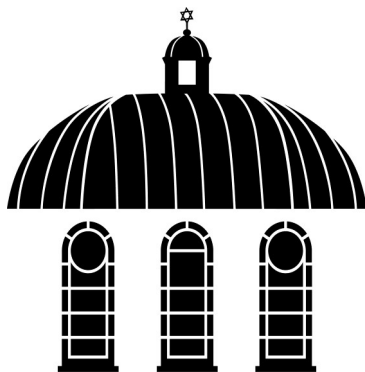
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When you need to RSVP for any  
Temple activity or meeting,  
Please call 832-6131 and press 3.

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



# TEMPLE EMANUEL

*A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.*

## FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of  
Temple Emanuel,

The passion and leadership of our member-  
ship are what drive our Congregational Family...and so much passion and leadership were

put into the successes of December 2024 – February 2025 and will  
also be put into the plans for March 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

**Shabbat Services/Torah Study/Counting the Days until Purim and  
Passover:**

- **Rabbi Nelson** was with us throughout **January and February** for **Shabbat/Torah Study**...except for January 30<sup>th</sup>, when **Wayne Margolis** served as our **Shabbat Prayer Leader**. Our **THANKS** to **Rabbi Jon and Wayne!** And, **THANK YOU** to all who have helped **Open and Close the Ark and/or blessed Shabbat candles!** In fact, **THANK YOU** to **ALL** who have prayed with us in person and on **Zoom!**
- **Rabbi Nelson** will be with us throughout **March**...and that includes **Purim and 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Passover!**
- **Classes with Rabbi Nelson** in person and on **ZOOM** have begun: If you are eligible and meant to sign up, there are the following opportunities still open for you to study with Rabbi Jon: **Youth and Adult B'nai Mitzvah** and **Conversion Classes**. Please just call Sarah in the Temple Office (409.832.6131) and leave a detailed message for Rabbi Jon.



- **Please plan to participate on *Purim Shabbat*:** Friday, March 14<sup>th</sup> by notifying Sarah in Temple Office. *Shabbat Services/Megillah Reading* followed by Dinner coordinated by Sherry Horwitz and Jazz and Rhythm & Blues provided by Caleb Fontenot on Keyboard and Larry Oliver on Saxophone. There is an announcement in this bulletin. **Reservations and Costuming encouraged!**
- **Please plan to participate in *Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder*:** Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> by notifying Sarah in Temple Office. There is an announcement in this bulletin. **Reservations are Required! MORE LATER...**

***Mi Shebeirach* List for those needing prayers of healing when struggling with physical, emotional or spiritual challenges:**

- **Please call Sarah**, 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 Shebeirach* to you/them! Personal and Community Prayers are important for all in need of *R'fuach Sh'leimach*...a complete healing!
- **Rabbi Nelson will call members of our Temple who are in need of healing and would love to visit with you also! Please notify Sarah in Temple Office. MORE LATER...**

**All Building Committee:**

- **THANK YOU, ABC Committee especially Laura Thomas, for coordinating February 14<sup>th</sup> *Valentine's Sweetheart Dinner*. THANK YOU, Laura Thomas and Beverly Hickman, for the festive decorations! THANK YOU, Chef Cheryl Barenberg and Wendie & Joe Nordgren, for the delicious dinner! THANK YOU to ALL who participated!**
- Looking forward to whatever ABC plans next for our fellowship of family and friends... and that usually includes food and fun! **THANK YOU, ABC! MORE LATER...**

**Additional THANK YOU:**

- **THANK YOU, Tim Pessink, for being a *Mitzvah Man*!** Let me recount the ways: Tim has changed lightbulbs in the Admin. Building, set up tables in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall, hung Award plaques in the foyer of the Main Sanctuary Building, and even discarded the trash created by the Admin. Inventory Crew! There is more about Tim in this bulletin. **THANK YOU, Tim! MORE LATER...**

**Upcoming Happenings to look forward to this month and next:**

- March 13<sup>th</sup>:** Small Congregations (including ours) sponsored *Reading of Megillah* on Zoom
- March 14<sup>th</sup>:** *Purim Shabbat* and Blessings for those celebrating March Birthdays/Anniversaries
- March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Prayer for *Rosh Chodesh Nisan*
- April 11<sup>th</sup>:** *Folk Shabbat* including Blessings for those celebrating April Birthdays/Anniversaries
- April 13<sup>th</sup>:** Passover 2<sup>nd</sup> Night Seder
- April 18<sup>th</sup>:** *Yizkor* Service starting at 5:45 pm prior to *Shabbat* Service
- April 25<sup>th</sup>:** Prayer for *Rosh Chodesh Iyyar* and Commemoration of *Yom HaShoah*

Further plans for MARCH and APRIL 2025 will be in Wednesday's Weekly 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, for the FAMILIES of the IDF and the HOSTAGES, and for the FAR TOO MANY AFFECTED BY NAURAL DISASTERS!**

***CHAG PURIM SAMEACH = HAPPY PURIM***

Cynthia Wolf, 2025 President of Board of Trustees/March 2025 Bulletin

*Please join us on Friday, March 14th at 6pm  
as we celebrate Shabbat and Purim with...*

# *A SHUSHAN STORY*

*An Original Purim Shpiel by Rabbi Jon Nelson*



*COSTUMES ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED!*

**Join us Friday, March 14th after Shabbat Services  
for a Purim Pot Luck Dinner!  
The Royal Court Musicians, Caleb Fontenot and  
Larry Oliver will also join us!**



**If your last name starts with:**

**A-H Salad**

**I-Q Vegetable**

**R-Z Dessert**

**Reservations requested by calling  
or emailing Sarah in Temple Office**



**Saturday, February 22,  
Rabbi Nelson met with  
Cub Scout Pack 51 from  
Port Neches and Groves  
with their leader, Sarah  
Borello.**

**Rabbi Nelson helped  
them earn a patch  
involving learning about  
a faith different than  
their own.**



#### **BROTHERHOOD—FEBRUARY 2025**

Temple Emanuel owns a lot at the corner of Broadway and Center street that has unfortunately become a location for some homeless individuals to camp on, despite the fact that the Salvation Army shelter is located just a few blocks away. City ordinances prohibit camping on both public and private property and Temple Emanuel received a notice from the city directing that the camping ban be enforced on this property and the trash left behind be abated.

No trespassing signs were installed on the property and the campers moved, however, a significant amount of trash was left behind. On Sunday, March 2, 2025, Temple Emanuel brotherhood will undertake a cleanup of the property at 10:00 a.m. to be followed by coffee and bagels at the Rosinger Center. All Brotherhood members are invited to participate.

**Mike Getz**

**Brotherhood President**

## **MARCH 2025 BEHIND THE SCENES featuring Security Grant Proposal**

Cheryl Barenberg and Sarah Pessink, Co-Chairs of the Nonprofit Security Grant Program Initiative at Temple Emanuel, have been working together for months on our Security Grant Proposal for the Main Sanctuary Building. The Nonprofit Security Grant Program (NSGP) provides funding support for target hardening and other physical security enhancements and activities to nonprofit organizations that are at high risk of terrorist attack. The intent is to integrate nonprofit preparedness activities with broader state and local preparedness efforts. It is also designed to promote coordination and collaboration in emergency preparedness activities among public and private community representatives, as well as state and local government agencies. They will submit a detailed application to the Texas Governor's Office by 5:00 p.m. March 13, 2025. Note that the [Nonprofit Security Grant Program \(NSGP\)](#) allows certain types of entities to apply for funding as sub applicants. Applications from the state of Texas will be bundled together and submitted to FEMA for consideration. Each sub application will be reviewed individually. If the sub applicant is determined to meet grant guidelines, the sub applicant may be awarded grant monies up to \$200,000 through FEMA and the Office of the Governor.

To participate in the grant process each sub applicant (Temple Emanuel) must complete a risk assessment of their campus. Temple Emanuel had a Risk Assessment completed in February 2024 (Administrative and Sanctuary Building). Jason Dice, Regional Director of Secure Community Network, conducted the risk assessment which included an extensive valuation of the current security of our buildings and identification of potential areas of vulnerability. The results of the Risk Assessment were reviewed with the Board of Trustees. It was recommended that the following key areas be addressed: Inventory the Administrative Building, obtain contractor bids to include the creation of "Safe Rooms", replacing doors with solid core doors, adding deadbolts and security bar locking mechanisms, using bollards and/or shrubbery where needed, updating the phone system to include a public address system, explore replacing the current lift with an elevator that goes from basement to the main floor of Sanctuary, and provide congregant education of new target hardening based upon Risk Assessment.

Once submitted to the Office of the Governor and accepted/certified, our sub application will be combined with other sub applications for consideration by FEMA. Once a decision is made by FEMA, all sub applicants will be notified of grant application outcome. If awarded a grant, Temple Emanuel could receive notification as early as fall 2025. If we are awarded a grant, we would anticipate commencement of the project in the Fall of 2025 and into the winter of 2026. Our hopes are that the process would be completed by the Fall of 2026.

What happens next? We complete/certify the application process with the Office of the Governor. Then we patiently await hearing back from them with confirmation of receiving the grant. If Temple Emanuel receives a grant for the Main Sanctuary Building, then the first project will involve relocation of the Administrative Office and securing appropriate doors with security bars to deter intrusion by unwanted individuals.

THANK YOU to Cheryl and Sarah for sharing their time on this very detailed project.

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



S.L. Greenberg was reelected by Congregation  
to serve as Congregation's Representative to the  
Gale Endowment Committee.  
It is a 3-year term until January 31, 2028.

THANK YOU, S.L.

SATURDAY, MARCH 22 AT 5:30PM  
SWERDLOW-ROOSTH SOCIAL HALL

# HAVDALAH, DINNER & TRIVIA

**BRING YOUR OWN DINNER  
WATER AND TEA WILL BE PROVIDED  
JEWISH TRIVIA AFTER HAVDALAH AND DINNER**

HOSTED BY ABC COMMITTEE





**FEBRUARY 14  
VALENTINE'S  
SWEETHEART  
DINNER**

**It was a beautiful evening of delicious food and even better company!**



*Congregation Temple Emanuel*  
*Sisterhood Schmooze*  
*March 2025*

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood will spend this spring reviewing/updating our Sisterhood Bylaws to reflect our current practice. Our goal is to still provide our membership with informative meeting on topics important to WRJ while still meeting the obligations of our temple and sisterhood community. If you are interested in serving on the Bylaws Committee, please let myself or Laura Thomas know. We look forward to developing a functional set of Bylaws that accurately reflect Temple Emanuel Sisterhood.

We will also begin to advertise for our Natalie Greenberg, Mahj Day of Fun scheduled for April 30, 2025. Be on the watch for your invitation to join in this fun day at Temple Emanuel. All levels of players are invited to sign up, everyone is welcome.

Incase you missed it in our February 2025 article Sisterhood goals for 2025 are as follows:

- Update sisterhood Jewish Camp Scholarship/Incentive Policy to reflect the practice to Temple Emanuel Sisterhood. Award scholarship/incentives by end of February 2025. This task has been completed and Sisterhood awarded three scholarships to Greene Family Camp for the coming camping season
- 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. This process is currently underway. Ongoing updates to be provided to membership.
- 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*

Cheryl Barenberg  
President, Temple Emanuel Sisterhood  
WRJ Executive Committee/Board Member  
WRJ SW Immediate Past District President





# SMALL CONGREGATIONS OF TEXAS CELEBRATE PURIM

## DON'T MESS WITH ESTHER

RABBI JON NELSON WILL ALSO  
BE PARTICIPATING

THURSDAY,  
MARCH 13 @ 7PM

Only on Zoom  
Link to be provided in  
Weekly Happenings in March

# SAVE THE DATE

July 12, 2025



**URJ**

# Greene

# Family Camp

## 50 Summers Under The Sun





## TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

### Social Justice Wild Fire Relief Efforts

In Appreciation of **Rabbi Jon Nelson**

In Appreciation of **Sarah Thomas Mann**,  
AWESOME Administrative Office Manager

In Appreciation of **S.L. Greenberg**

R'fuach Sh'leimah to **Marilyn Manson Hayes**

R'fuach Sh'leimah to **Steve Diamond**

R'fuach Sh'leimah to **Rita Davis**

R'fuach Sh'leimah to **Wendie Nordgren**

R'fuach Sh'leimah to **Joel Berger**

R'fuach Sh'leimah to **Joy Parker**

Mazel Tov to **Elizabeth Margolis and Christian Van Dang** on their recent engagement

Mazel Tov to **Sarah Mann and Tim Pessink**  
on their recent marriage

Mazel Tov to **Laura Thomas** as  
2024 Life of Emanuel

Mazel Tov to **Steve Diamond** as  
2024 Star of Emanuel

Mazel Tov to **Mike Getz** as  
2024 Eternal Light of Emanuel

Mazel Tov to **Cheryl Barenberg** as  
newly elected WRJ Treasurer

By: Cynthia and Michael Wolf

### Social Justice Wild Fire Relief Efforts Continued

By: Richard A. Drapeau

### Floral Fund

In Loving Memory of **Marvin Sandman**

By: The Brookner Family

In Loving Memory of my wonderful mother,  
**Julie**, my loving grandmother, **Minnie**  
and my special Aunt **Sara**

By: Regina Rogers

In Loving Memory of my wife, **Kathy Neel**

By: Dan Neel

### Cemetery Fund

In Loving Memory of **Faye Blum**

By: Diana Blum

### General Fund

By: Susan and Larry Woodall

By: Jeri Krikendall





*Mazel Tov*

**To Elizabeth Margolis  
and  
Christian Van Dang on  
their recent engagement**

# **APRIL 2025**

## Week Ending 4/5 to be Read 4/4

John K. Levy  
Jennie K. Szafir  
Marian Goldstein  
Joan Krafte  
Carl Muller  
Anne Vaxler  
Elise Eisenstadt  
Julius M. Gordon  
Lynn Rochelle Mechanic  
Rachel Trachtenberg  
Rosalee L. Roosth Melinger  
Miriam Fannette Brookner  
Henry Lubel  
C.P. Snelgrove

## Week Ending 4/19 to be Read 4/18

Nelle P. Herns  
Rene' Spector  
Joseph F. Bittensky  
Richard Jacobs  
Morris Klein  
Emanuel Toomim  
Agnes Ladner  
Wilbur Shapiro  
Gussie Waldman  
Max Abraham Goldfine  
John David Holland  
Hattie Diamond Edelman  
Fannie Hyman  
Carl E. Lovell  
Joseph Rosenthal  
Jayne Eisen  
Max Hirsch  
Sarah Spector  
Anna Rose Swartz

## **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.

## Week Ending 4/12 to be Read 4/11

Beth Eisen  
Harvey Golob  
Clara Greenspan  
Sidney Kelman  
Bernard F. Kessler  
Harry Robbins  
Rhea Levy Sommer  
Eleanor Perlstein Weinbaum  
Raudee Lynn Solotorovsky  
Hanna H. Bluhm  
Joe Feldman  
Bennett Friedlander  
Adie Lee Stewart Haws  
Louis Horwitz  
Sidney Henry Levy, Jr.  
Howard Martin  
Barbara Ellen Blumstein  
Pauline Deutser  
Harold Kaplan  
Molly Gedaly  
Gertrude Rosinger  
Stanford S. Swartz  
Milton Bender  
Alex Eli Martin  
Robert H. Rawles  
Jesse M. Saxon

## Week Ending 4/26 to be Read 4/25

Charles H. Naman  
Melissa Ann Rogers  
Catherine Rosenberg  
Herbert H. Friedman  
Rose Krasnow  
Franne Michaels  
Nathan Speer  
Oscar N. Eldridge  
Janice D. Gordon  
Carrie Levy  
Carrie Schwartz Zeve  
Mike Aceto  
Ezero I. Greenberg  
Morris Tettenbaum  
Golde Bruckner  
J. Bruckner  
Pearl Janowitz  
Donna Gold  
Adele Kariel  
Samuel Feigenbaum  
Gertrude Greenberg  
Murray Herbert Hoffer  
Mary Jane Horwitz  
Leo Williams



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>FEBRUARY</b> S M T W T F S 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	<b>APRIL</b> 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					<b>1</b> 1 adar 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM) <i>Terumah</i> <b>SHABBAT SHEKALIM</b> <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>
<b>2</b> 2 adar 10:00am Brotherhood Cleanup at Temple Emanuel	<b>3</b> 3 adar	<b>4</b> 4 adar	<b>5</b> 5 adar NOON - TES Board Mtg.	<b>6</b> 6 adar	<b>7</b> 7 adar 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	<b>8</b> 8 adar 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM) <i>Tetzaveh</i> <b>SHABBAT ZACHOR</b>
<b>9</b> 9 adar	<b>10</b> 10 adar	<b>11</b> 11 adar	<b>12</b> 12 adar	<b>13</b> 13 adar 7:00pm Don't Mess with Esther (Only on ZOOM)	<b>14</b> 14 adar 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM) 7:00pm Purim Potluck Dinner	<b>15</b> 15 adar 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM) <i>Ki Tisa</i> <b>SHUSHAN PURIM</b>
<b>16</b> 16 adar	<b>17</b> 17 adar	<b>18</b> 18 adar	<b>19</b> 19 adar	<b>20</b> 20 adar <b>FAST OF ESTHER</b>	<b>21</b> 21 adar 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	<b>22</b> 22 adar 9:00am Torah Study (IN-person & ZOOM) 5:30pm Havdalah and Jewish Trivia <i>Vayakhel</i> <b>SHABBAT PARAH</b>
<b>23</b> 23 adar	<b>24</b> 24 adar	<b>25</b> 25 adar	<b>26</b> 26 adar 5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting	<b>27</b> 27 adar	<b>28</b> 28 adar 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	<b>29</b> 29 adar 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM) <i>Pekude</i>
<b>30</b> 1 nisan <b>ROSH CHODESH</b>	<b>31</b> 2 nisan					



**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

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**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  
Brandy Johnson

**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

### MARCH 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.

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!**
- 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
  - \* Feed the Hungry non-profits: Some Other Place, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Nutrition & Services for Seniors, Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat)
  - \* More will be reported in future bulletins
  - \* **THANK YOU!**

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:

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.

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.

OR, please call Sarah in Temple Office 409.832.6131 to charge your *Tzedakah*.

OR, please visit [www.emanuelbeaumont.org](http://www.emanuelbeaumont.org) and click on the DONATE button.

THANK YOU from Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee



*MAZEL TOV*

to

*CHERYL BARENBERG*

on her appointment as the  
Treasurer for Women for Reform Judaism

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

**Congregation K'Nesseth Israel (Baytown, TX) from Joan Linares, President:** *On behalf of Congregation K'Nesseth Israel, I want to thank you and your congregation, Temple Emanuel, for the most generous contribution to help us with the restoration of our building after Hurricane Beryl. Your support is so greatly appreciated. We will always remember the kindness of your congregation.*

**Jewish Federations of North America from Julie Beren Platt, Chair of Board of Trustees, and Eric D. Fingerhut, President and CEO:** *On behalf of the Jewish Federations of North America (JFNA), we thank you for your generous donation...to the Israel Emergency Fund...Your contribution is being allocated through a comprehensive process to our partners in Israel to support: Basic Need; Evacuation, Housing, Respite and Support for frontline communities; The Fund for the Victims of Terror; Trauma Relief and Psychosocial Care; Local Efforts and Volunteers; Additional allocations for mid-term and long-term needs. What a powerful way to make a difference! You have our profound appreciation for thinking of the Jewish Federations at this time. Each gift has an impact and...will make a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need. Am Yisrael Chai!*

**Jewish Federation of North America from Eric D. Fingerhut, President & CEO:** *On behalf of The Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA), we thank you for your generous donation...to the 2024 Hurricane Relief Fund...JFNA's Emergency Relief Fund has allocated funds to provide immediate humanitarian needs for community members across Florida, Georgia, Tennessee, North Carolina, and South Carolina that were affected by Hurricane's Helene and Milton. Your contribution has made a meaningful difference in the lives of those in need in the region... What a powerful way to make a difference! You have our profound appreciation for thinking of the Jewish Federations at this time.*

**MAZON, A Jewish Response o Hunger from Abby J. Leibman, President & CEO:** *Thank you for your synagogue's generous donation...supporting MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger...We appreciate your decision to support MAZON as in expression of your community's commitment to tzedakah and tikkun olam. Tragically, millions of Americans and Israelis struggle every day to put food on the table. It does not have to be this way. Our Jewish values compel us to fight for the most vulnerable among us – to strive to repair the world by pursuing justice. At MAZON, that means taking the lead to find real solutions to the challenges of hunger that plague too many of our neighbors. As part of the MAZON family, your congregation's generosity provides invaluable support for those in need. I cannot thank you enough for being our partner in the fight to end hunger. With our help, we will bring about lasting change. Together we will transform **how it is into how it should be.***





*Thank You for  
Paving The Way!*



This brick will help pave the way to our future  
Kitchen Classroom at The Giving Field that will  
help feed the hungry in our community.

Dear Temple Emanuel,  
Thank you for ordering two bricks that will help *Pave The Way to Our Future Kitchen Classroom* at The Giving Field.  
Thank you again for supporting our mission to feed the hungry. We are truly blessed by you!  
Peace,  
Sharon Begnaud



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**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
- March 4<sup>th</sup>—43<sup>rd</sup> *Taste of the Triangle*: from 6:30-8:30pm Beaumont Civic Center
- March 6<sup>th</sup> – DINNER: *Gold for the Gold* benefitting Art Museum of SETX  
March 14<sup>th</sup> – *St. Joseph Altar Day* at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.
- March 20<sup>th</sup> - LUNCH: *Family Portrait Luncheon* benefitting Alzheimer's Association  
Education and client support locally. Honorary Chairs are Gay and Bill Scott
- March 20<sup>th</sup> – DINNER: Texas Energy Museum Blowout with Guest Speaker Jason  
Chaffetz
- March 22<sup>nd</sup> – DINNER: *Le Grand Bal We Are Family* of Lamar University honoring Rob  
Clark and Jerry Thacker and Artist Michael Kennaugh
- March 24<sup>th</sup> – April 6<sup>th</sup> – YMBL'S SOUTH TEXAS STATE FAIR
- April 10<sup>th</sup> – DINNER: Symphony of SETX Soiree Fundraiser *Fly Me to the Moon: An  
Evening with the Sounds of Sinatra and the Symphony of SETX*
- April 24<sup>th</sup> – DINNER: *Gift of Life Champagne & Ribs* honoring Jay Bruce; Mark Fertitta;  
Ernest Hymel, MD; The Honorable Dade Phelan; David Willard, PhD
- April 25<sup>th</sup>– MIRACLE MATCH FOR LIFE GOLF TOURNAMENT at Bayou Din Golf Club  
benefitting NMDP<sup>sm</sup> | Julie Rogers "Gift of Life" Program | LifeShare Blood Center
- May 1<sup>st</sup> - 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**

# 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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