MAY 2025 BULLETIN

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM Worship Services

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

May 2	Shabbat Service
May 9	Shabbat Service
May 16	Shabbat Service
May 23	Shabbat Service
May 30	Shabbat Service

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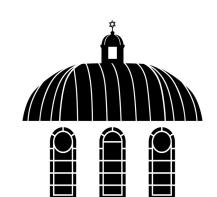
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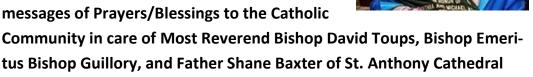
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A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel,

On behalf of Temple Emanuel, I have sent messages of Prayers/Blessings to the Catholic



And, I have shared my personal messages with my friends of the Interfaith Community who are Catholic.

Basilica, for the passing of Pope Francis on Monday, April 21, 2025.

Each Shabbat that Pope Francis was ill, we included his name in the Mi Sheibeirah List.

Following his burial, we remember him during the period of Sh'loshim (30 days since his passing).

Pope Francis' name was a Blessing in Life.

May his name continue to be a Blessing now that he is in his Heavenly Home.

> Let us all say, Amen *******

The passion and leadership of our membership are what drive our Congregational Family...and so much passion and leadership were put into the successes of April Happenings and will also be put into the Happenings of May 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

VOTING REFORM for #3 in the World Zionist Congress has been going on since early March, but voting is open until May 4th.

- It is very important that each of our Temple Members VOTE REFORM #3 in the World Zionist Congress Election by May 4th.
- "The representatives who are elected with one-third of them coming from the United States will make key decisions on allocating over \$1 billion annually to support the most pressing needs across Israeli society and the Diaspora...The larger the voter turnout is the more the American Jewish voice is heard."
- Sarah Pessink has already emailed detailed information to you on the steps, but it's repeated in this bulletin. If you still need help, please just call Sarah at Temple. And, THANK YOU again to Sarah!

MORE LATER...

HAPPENINGS IN APRIL

- Rabbi Nelson was with us throughout April for Shabbat/Torah Study...except for April 4th when we had Shabbat Prayer Leaders. Joining me were Kate Roberts, Maggie Harris, and Sage Wiess. THANK YOU to Rabbi Jon and to my 3 Co-Shabbat Prayer Leaders!
- THANK YOU to all who helped Open and Close the Ark and/or blessed candles each *Shabbat* in April! THANK YOU to ALL who have prayed with us for *Shabbat* Services in person, on Zoom, on Facebook, and even on YouTube! And THANK YOU to ALL Congregants who sponsored April *O'neg Shabbats*! We as a Jewish community celebrate the *Mitzvah* of observing *Shabbat* each week: "Remember the *Sabbath* Day, and keep it holy." (*Exodus* 20: 8 -11) Please join us in person or on Zoom or Facebook or after hours on YouTube!
- On Friday, April 11th we celebrated Folk Shabbat PLUS Rabbi Jon blessed all celebrating April Birthdays and/or Anniversaries whether in person or on Zoom! I have been told that everyone enjoyed the Temple Emanuel Trio featuring Rabbi Jon, Angela Pickering, and Caleb Fontenot! For all the extra time spent on preparing, THANK YOU to Rabbi, Angela, and Caleb! There were so many joyful vibes expressed for Folk Shabbat, and our Congregational Family and Friends look forward to more Shabbats with theme related music!

• Rabbi was also with our Congregational Family on April 13th for 2nd Night *Seder*. THANK YOU to Rabbi Jon who served as Leader of the Seder! It was a *Sh'hehiyanu* moment for you, as it was the first Seder that he led at Temple Emanuel! And, THANK YOU to ALL who helped to make the Seder Meal so very special by volunteering before, during, or after the Seder, especially Sherry Horwitz as well as Cheryl Barenberg, Robin Goebel, Arlette Hoffer, Tracie Horwitz, Wendie & Joe Nordgren, Sarah & Tim Pessink, and Laura & Gene Thomas! If I left off your name, please kindly tell me. THANK YOU to the 55 adults and 3 children who gathered in Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall to retell the story of our journey from slavery to freedom in words and in song and through traditional foods! ENJOY the pictures in this bulletin!

- And there are several key mitzvot associated with Passover: Did you keep Passover? Did you eat matzah during Passover? Did you participate in a home and/or community Seder? Did you retell the story of the Exodus...the freedom of our people...by reading from the Haggadah? Did you give Tzedakah to a non-profit of your choice and that might be Temple Emanuel: to the General Fund to help the Temple or to the Social Justice Fund to distribute to those in need? The Seder Plate reminds us of the 6 themes of Passover: HOPE, STRENGTH, FREEDOM, RENEWAL, PERSEVERENCE, OFFERING. The six themes are not limited to Passover! They are important for us to have throughout the year!
- On Friday, April 18th prior to *Shabbat* Services, we observed *Yizkor*. During *Yizkor*, we remember our loved ones and friends from across the years. Besides our observing *Yizkor* at the end of *Passover*, we also observe *Yizkor* during *Yom Kippur*, *Shavuot*, and *Shemini Atzeret* (which is at the end of *Sukkot*). So, our next *Yizkor* will be prior to *Shabbat* Services on Friday, June 6th. *Shavuot*, the Festival of Weeks, is celebrated 7 weeks after Passover to coincide with the giving and receiving of *Torah* at Mount Sinai. The 49 days of the 7 weeks between *Passover* and *Shavuot* are marked by the Counting of the *Omer*. Please refer to *Did You Know* in this bulletin. THANK YOU!
- On April 25th, besides Shabbat we celebrated Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance) and Yom HaZikaron (Israel Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers) and welcomed the new month of Iyyar!
- On April 26th our Congregational Family went on a field trip to Orange, coordinated by Laura Thomas. Following Dutch treat lunch at Robert's Steakhouse, the participants visited Shangri La Botanical Gardens. THANK YOU to Laura and to all who participated!

 And, if that's not enough for April, Sisterhood had a very successful Natalie Greenberg Mahj Day of Fun!

- THANK YOU to Michael Wolf, Temple Emanuel's Insurance Chair for being on top of the necessary steps to keep our Temple insurance updated. As a result of his efforts a TEAM of went into action. THANK YOU to Sarah Pessink for doing some research related to the kitchen, so that is now checked off! THANK YOU to Mike Spector, Building & Grounds Chair, who also got involved by recruiting Caleb Fontenot and Tim Pessink to do some painting on the Calder side of the Administrative Building, so that is checked off! THANK YOU to Caleb and Tim! Mitzvot well done by all!
- PLUS, with the end of April came the end of our First Quarter of 2025. I would like to encourage each of you to consider making *Tzedakah* Donations in any amount to Temple Emanuel *Memorial and Tribute Fund* (also known as General Fund) or to *Cemetery Fund* or to any of the other funds of Temple Emanuel. Perhaps you have never thought about this, but Temple Emanuel is a business with weekly and monthly expenses. And sometimes, there are emergencies. FACT: Our expenses, while we try to keep a really good handle on them, are simply over and above what is paid in dues. We provide a quality product. We want to keep it that way. And with additional *Tzedakah*, we will. So, THANK YOU!
- Additional April THANK YOUS will be in the June-July Bulletin.
- MORE LATER...

HAPPENINGS IN MAY

May 2nd: Shabbat Service with Celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut (Israel Independence Day) and the Counting of the Omer Day 20

May 9th: Shabbat Service and the Counting of Omer Day 27

May 10th: ABC Committee coordinates Havdalah in the Park and Dutch Treat Dinner at Jason's Deli

May 16th: Shabbat Service, Torah Service, and Blessings for those celebrating May Birth days/Anniversaries and the Counting of the Omer Day 34

May 23rd: Shabbat Service and the Counting of the Omer Day 41

May 30th: Shabbat Service and Shavuot Celebration and Prayer for Rosh Chodesh Sivan and the Counting of the Omer Day 48

June 6th: Yizkor prior to Shabbat Service...

For May activities planned by local Churches and Non-Profits, please look for the listing in this bulletin entitled Let's Show The Love for our Neighbors, and that leads to MORE LATER...

HAPPENINGS BEYOND MAY

- SHABBAT PRAYER LEADERS ARE NEEDED on the following dates: July 4th, July 25th, August 8th, October 3rd, and November 28th. Please say HINEINI by calling Sarah Pessink in the Temple Office.
- MORE LATER...

QUOTE RECEIVED IN APRIL THAT I THINK YOU WILL ENJOY

Upon reading our March and April Bulletins, daughter Natalie Wolf Barth commented: "Lots going on!"

I shared the following response with the Temple Board and now with you:

"For a small congregation, we really ARE busy with LOTS GOING ON which is so very healthy for each and every one of us...regardless of our age and/or our stage! Jewish life is in very good hands at Temple Emanuel because our Congregational Family steps up...for however and whenever we are needed!"

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, the ISRAEL DEFENSE FORCES, the HOSTAGES, and the FAMILIES of the IDF and of the HOSTAGES.

WE STAND WITH ISRAEL!

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

Congregational Family,

Every 5 years we are given the opportunity to VOTE as a Reform Congregation for the Reform candidates in the World Zionist Congress.

We encourage you to vote for #3, Reform Slate.

Please VOTE using the link below:

http://www.vote4reform.org/

There is a \$5 fee to register to vote.



MARCH 10 — MAY 4, 2025
Your Vote for Israel's Future

HELPFUL HINTS FOR VOTING

- 1. Follow the above link to the website.
- 2. Click "Vote Now".
- 3. You may scroll to view the slate and can click on each candidate to learn more information. #3 is the Reform slate.
- 4. Click "Register & Vote Now" at the top or bottom of the page.
- 5. Fill out your personal information and answer the questions.
- 6. Choose your payment method from the list and click "Complete Registration".
- 7. You will receive a PIN to use to cast your vote. If you selected to receive it via text it will come within a minute or two. You can stay on this screen while you wait.
- 8. Click link to enter PIN and click "Submit".
- 9. Vote #3 Reform.
- 10. Click "Continue" to review your vote.
- 11.Click "Cast Ballot".

Our Community Passover 2nd Night Seder on 4/13/25

Thanks to all who attended our 2nd night Seder on the evening of April 13th. With 55 adults and 3 children in attendance, it was a wonderful evening. Everyone participated as we read the Haggadah and celebrated freedom together as a community.

The evening was top notch, from the items and symbols on the Seder plates, to the delicious meal. Much appreciation and thanks to all of our wonderful volunteers who made it so special with the planning, setup, cooking and logistics including Sherry Horwitz, Cheryl Barenberg, Robin Goebel, Arlette Hoffer, Tracie Horwitz, Sarah and Tim Pessink, Wendie and Joe Nordgren and Laura and Gene Thomas.

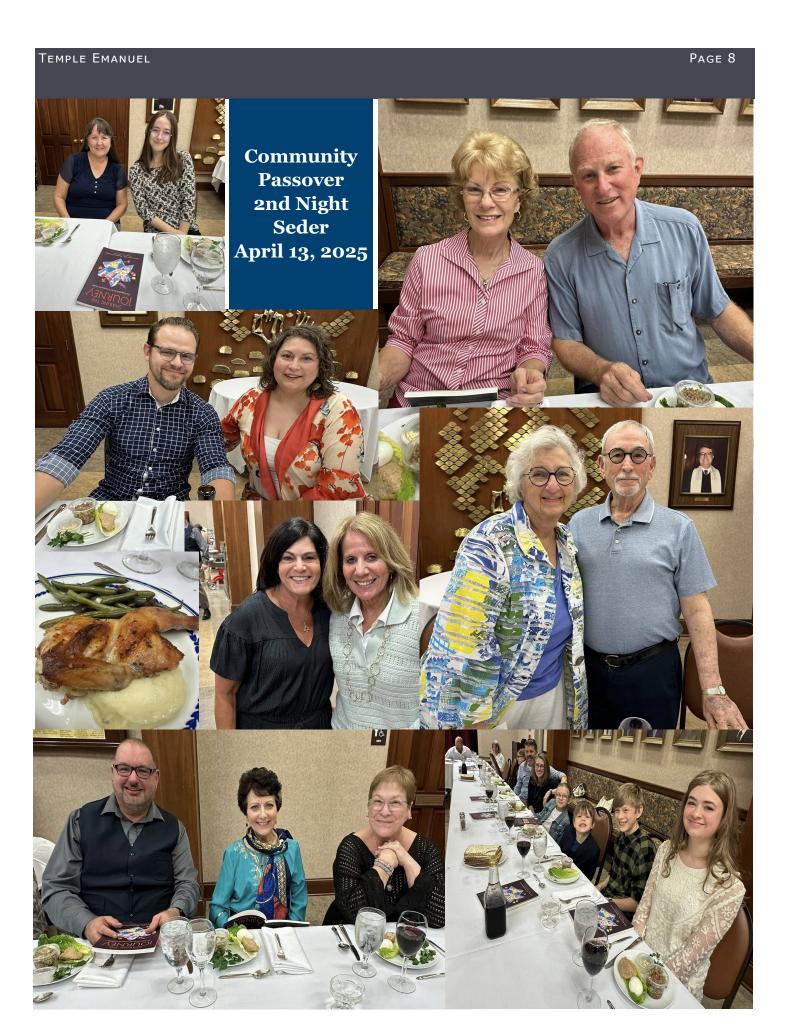
Congrats and Yasher Koach to Charlie Hazelton for finding the afikomen and to Bruce Hoffer for the mitzvah of "opening the door" for Elijah the Prophet.

May we continue to go from strength to strength and rejoice in the words from our Haggadah...

עֲבָדִים הָיִינוּ. עֻתָּה בְּנֵי חוֹרִין (Avadim hayinu. Atah b'nei chorin) "We were slaves, now we are free."

Rabbi Jon





THANK YOU TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE WHO PARTICIPATED IN THE APRIL 2025 PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE:

Charlie Hazleton (age 6) Jessa Hazleton (age 9) Olivia Hazleton (age 13)

They each provided statements and pictures of where and when they feel God's Presence.

For participating, Charlie, Jessa, Olivia along with The Hazleton Family and Rabbi Jon Nelson will be my guests at Elsa's Greek Grill AND their special entries are included in the May Bulletin.

The next Presidential Challenge for TEENAGERS and YOUNGER will be in the June-July Bulletin and will be due prior to the Deadline for the September Bulletin.

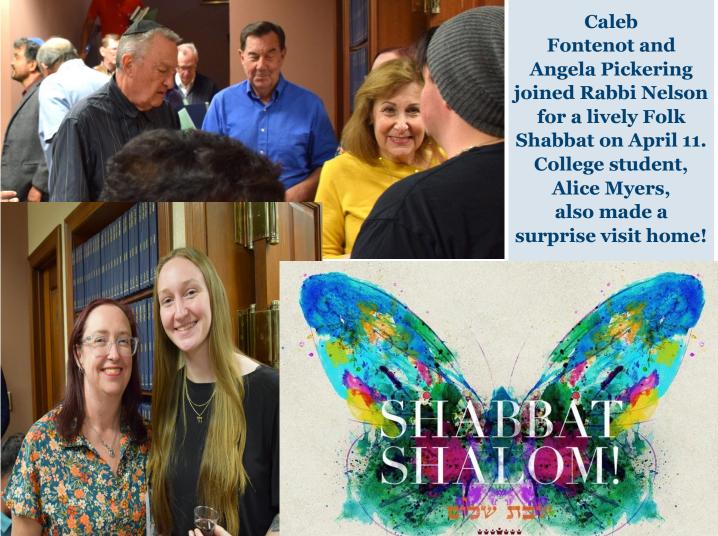
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THANKS & HEALTH from Cynthia Wolf, Temple Board President

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Congregation Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Schmooze May 2025

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Board continues to meet, monthly, in the Temple Library. Our next General Sisterhood meeting will be Tuesday, May 6, 2025. Meet & greet 11:30 am and Lunch @ 12 Noon. A lite lunch of Caesar salad, dessert, iced tea and water will be served. The revised Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Bylaws will be presented as they have already been approved by the Sisterhood Board. Following the business meeting Marilyn Manson and Laura Thomas will again lead us in a fun art project. Please make plans to attend this very important meeting. Look for the luncheon invitation elsewhere in the bulletin. Invitation and revised Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Bylaws will be emailed to all Sisterhood members for review prior to the meeting. I look forward to being with everyone at our Spring 2025 Luncheon.

Sisterhood hosted the 3rd Annual Natalie Greenberg Mahj Day of Fun on April 30, 2025. A light breakfast and Penne Pasta Lunch was served. Approximately 40 women played five (5) rounds of Mahj with prizes awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. Door prizes were also drawn throughout the day. Special thank you go to Laura Thomas, Robin Goebel, Beverly Hickman, Sherry Horwitz, Kathy Johnson, and Wendie Nordgren for all their help to ensure the success of our Day of Fun.

I would also like to thank Temple Emanuel Sisterhood collectively for helping host the Jeanne Blum Celebration of Life on Sunday, April 27, 2025. Jeanne was a long-time member of Sisterhood and many members of her family and our congregational family shared remembrances of her life well lived.

Lastly, I will be sending out an email mid-July 2025 about cleaning of silver items in preparation for the High Holidays 2025. Please "Save the Date" July 22, 2025 if you want to volunteer. All supplies and disposable gloves will be provided. As always feel free to contact me with any questions. As we begin to start our summer vacations things around Temple will take a slower pace. Please know that Sisterhood will remain busy planning for our fall events. Wishing you all the summer of your life!

Kol tuv,

Cheryl Barenberg

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood President Past President Southwest District WRJ, Treasurer



TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025

at 12:00 Noon Swerdlow Roosth Social Hall

RSVP Sarah at 409-832-6131 or templeoffice@emanulbeaumont.org



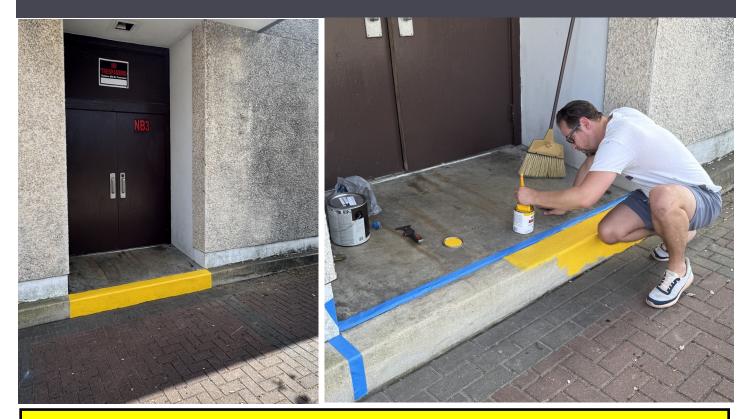








Bruce Hoffer and Mike
Spector spent hours
cleaning the back lot of
the Cemetery and Kol
Israel lots. Mike also
made some needed repairs to the gates.
Thank you Bruce &
Mike for all of your
hard work!



Thank you to Caleb Fontenot and Tim Pessink for beautifying the Calder entrance by painting the step leading to the door and repainting the doors!



DID YOU KNOW?

NOTE 1 from Cynthia: On Saturday, April 19th, Counting the *Omer* was one of several topics during *Torah* Study.

Because of the interest by those present both in person and on Zoom, I decided that it would be really good for this particular *Torah* Study Topic to be available in the May 2025 *Did You Know* Column...and that was met with enthusiasm by those attending Torah Study with Rabbi Nelson. THANK YOU, Rabbi, for sharing with us what is from your files:

Counting of the Omer from the files of Rabbi Jon Nelson:

What is the Omer?

Originally an agricultural practice tied to the barley harvest, the Omer evolved into a spiritual bridge between Pesach (freedom) and Shavuot (revelation). We count 49 days, starting the second night of Passover on the Evening of Sunday, Apr 13th, 2025 to erev Shavuot on Sunday, June 1st, 2025

Transition to Shavuot:

The culmination of the counting leads to Shavuot, celebrating the giving of the Torah. This transition emphasizes the journey from physical freedom (Passover) to spiritual responsibility (Shavuot). The Counting of the Omer serves as a meaningful bridge between these two significant Jewish holidays, highlighting themes of growth, responsibility, and community.

Daily Counting:

Each evening during this period, individuals recite a blessing and count the day, often incorporating a personal intention or reflection on growth based on the 49 Sefirot.

The Sefirot are Divine attributes or emanations in Kabbalistic thought, and during the Counting of the Omer, each of the Sefirot are paired in a unique combination each day. These seven are associated with emotional and spiritual aspects of the human experience, and each day is an opportunity for introspection and refinement.

Here are the seven Sefirot used during the Omer counting;

Week 1: **Chesed**—Kindness Week 5: **Hod**—Humility

Week 2: **Gevurah**—Discipline Week 6: **Yesod**—Foundation/Connection

Week 3: **Tiferet**—Harmony/Compassion Week 7: **Malchut**—Sovereignty/Leadership

Week 4: **Netzach**—Endurance

DID YOU KNOW? Continued...

How the seven Sefirot are Used in Counting the Omer:

Each of the 49 days is associated with a pairing of these attributes - one for the week (outer attribute) and one for the day (inner attribute). For example: It's like a 7x7 matrix of self-reflection, helping a person refine different emotional and spiritual qualities each day on the journey toward receiving the Torah on Shavuot.

	Day 1 Chesed (Kindness)	Day 2 Gevurah (Discipline)	<u>Day 3</u> Tiferet (Harmony/ Compassion)	<u>Day 4</u> Netzach (Endurance)	<u>Day 5</u> Hod (Humility)	<u>Day 6</u> <u>Yesod</u> (Foundation/ Connection)	<u>Day 7</u> <u>Malchut</u> (Sovereignty/ Leadership)
Week 1 Chesed (Kindness)	Chesed she'b'Chesed	Gevurah she'b'Chesed	Tiferet she'b'Chesed	Netzach she'b'Chesed	Hod she'b'Chesed	Yesod she'b'Chesed	Malchut she'b'Chesed
Week 2 Gevurah (Discipline)	Chesed she'b'Gevurah	Gevurah she'b'Gevurah	Tiferet she'b'Gevurah	Netzach she'b'Gevurah	Hod she'b'Gevurah	Yesod she'b'Gevurah	Malchut she'b'Gevurah
Week 3 Tiferet (Harmony/ Compassion)	Chesed she'b'Tiferet	Gevurah she'b'Tiferet	Tiferet she'b'Tiferet	Netzach she'b'Tiferet	Hod she'b'Tiferet	Yesod she'b'Tiferet	Malchut she'b'Tiferet
Week 4 Netzach (Endurance)	Chesed she'b'Netzach	Gevurah she'b'Netzach	Tiferet she'b'Netzach	Netzach she'b'Netzach	Hod she'b'Netzach	Yesod she'b'Netzach	Malchut she'b'Netzach
Week 5 Hod (Humility)	Chesed she'b'Hod	Gevurah she'b'Hod	Tiferet she'b'Hod	Netzach she'b'Hod	Hod she'b'Hod	Yesod she'b'Hod	Malchut she'b'Hod
Week 6 Yesod (Foundation/ Connection)	Chesed she'b'Yesod	Gevurah she'b'Yesod	Tiferet she'b'Yesod	Netzach she'b'Yesod	Hod she'b'Yesod	Yesod she'b'Yesod	Malchut she'b'Yesod
Week 7 Malchut (Sovereignty/ Leadership)	Chesed she'b'Malchut	Gevurah she'b'Malchut	Tiferet she'b'Malchut	Netzach she'b'Malchut	Hod she'b'Malchut	Yesod she'b'Malchut	Malchut she'b'Malchut

NOTE 2 from Cynthia: Starting on Friday, April 18th, we began to Count the Omer just as we have in previous years following the 2nd Seder. It is on page 278 of the Mishkan T'filah. That night, we counted the 5th day following the 2nd Seder,

During Torah Study the following morning, we learned about the 49 Sefirot used when applying the counting of the Omer to the actions of our daily lives and within the relationships that we make with others.

So, on the 5th day following the 2nd Seder we began to think about Yesod she'b'Chesed which means Connection through Kindness. In other words: how on a daily basis we should live our lives in such a way as to connect with another human being using kindness.

Throughout the rest of April and what will be in May with the counting of the Omer, we will share several Shabbats together. During those Shabbats, we will have additional experience when counting the Omer on also concentrating on combinations of improving ourselves emotionally and spiritually in more positive ways.

5/2025

SAVE THE DATE

July 12, 2025





Happy Mother's Day May 11, 2025





TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Memorial and Tribute Fund

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**

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By: Barbara Golub By: Phyllis & Eric Lawrence

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**

By: Judy Night By: Nancy Meyers By: Arline Meyers

In loving memory of Annette Gedaly, Walter Mayer, Jr., Ronald J. Spector, Anna "2-2" Hoffer, Gertrude Silverman and Betty Night

By: Mike Spector

In loving memory of our mother and Grandmother, **Jeanne Blum** By: Her Family

By: Janet & Richard Shackelford

General Fund

In honor of Temple Emanuel Passover Seder By: Mike Spector and William Spector

In loving memory of our mother and Grandmother, **Jeanne Blum** By: Her Family

By: David Fastman

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman** and in honor of our sweet sister, Bene'
By: Marilyn Manson Hayes

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**By: Gail & Gary Swartz

Floral Fund

In loving memory of **Jayne Eisen**By: Mindy & Jay Eisen

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**By: Evelyn Dashefsky

Social Justice Some Other Place

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**By: Marc Wolf

High Holiday Music Fund

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**By: Natalie & Brett Barth





MAY 2025

To be read 5/2

Shirley Alter Elisa Marie Bernstein **Aron Levenstein** Bertha Muller Celia Roosth Benjamin Saltzman Ralph Segal Libby Vener Brenda Nell Drago **Sidney Arthur Newton** Philip Born Sam Breen Perry Masor Eisen **Annie Feigelson** Miriam Liebling Malevani Jeffrey Meyer S. Donald Greenberg Alex Kalmikoff Jennie Kramer **Beatrice Levine** Milt Chapman Annie Bergman Eisen David H. Goldstein Mose D. Goldstein Harry Kolba Jennie Bennett Dagmar H. Goldstein Irma J. Levv Nathan Newman

To be read 5/16

Mildred Lederer **Irving Lefkowitz** Blanche Apfel Cohen **Hyman Elster** Julia Loshak Golob **Dave Miller** Jennie Oshman Leon Vaxler Sophia Sampson Eisen Harry Galewsky, Sr. Albert Goodell Tena Gradwohl **Katy Horwitz** Roger Norman Koshkin Raymond Meyer Tettenbaum Sam Vener Jean Grace Klein **Herman Petrower Bessie Fishbine Swartz** Lena Levy Bluestein **Morris Louis Jacobs Betty Night** Samuel Blum Sharfstein William L. Simons

To be read 5/30

Myrtle Marie Burch Julius Feigelson Hannah Horowitz **Bertha Finegold Horwitz** Rennie Levy Schwartz G. Davis Clark Herman Lefkovits Robert David Abelmen **Sherwin Elkins** Israel Friedman Bessie Fruhman **Bonnie Goldstein** William Kuhn Irene E. Polansky Samuel M. Polansky **Moise Schornstein** Norma Chapman Sam Finegold Hyman Blieden **Evelyn Finegold** May J. Levy Rebecca Selber Jack Walker **Delphine Mina Apfel Nettie Ginsberg Sheldon Greenberg** Yetta Levin **Nathan Liebling Annie Perl** Sarah Simpson

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.

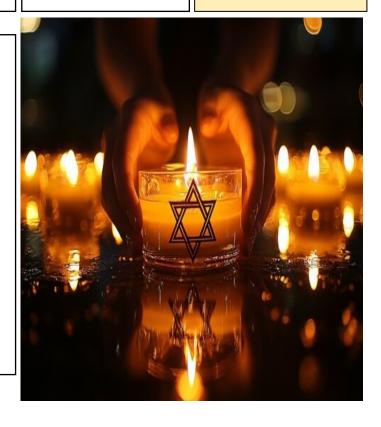
The suggested minimum contribution to the Floral Fund is \$25.00.

To be read 5/9

Doris Ruth Eisen William Plettman **Sue Roberts David Greenberg** Walter Mayer, Jr. Celia Roosth Ronald J. Spector Herbert Blum Anna "2-2" Hoffer **Paul Mever** Bert C. Miller Lillian O. Miller **Anna Schnitzer** Gertrude Silverman **Estelle Myers Blotner** Ralph J. Brookner Nettie Kuhn Jean Lieberman Walter Maxwell Mayer, Sr. Sadie Bernstein

To be read 5/23

Zach Jacobs Louis Sokolsky Sophie Bagelman Jav Cecil Crager Asher Herman Freda Mushlin **Marian Edelstein** Ginger Greenberg **Edith Catherine Hay Charles Lantos** Helen Orrin **Ruth Steele Kate Kramer Moses Schwartz** Madeline Glober **Abraham Sadoff** Leon Tiras Simon Walker **Barnett Greenberg** Lena Kaplan Mykoff



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						5:30pm Havdalah in the Park Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
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MOTHER'S DAY					LAG BA'OMER	Emor
18 20 iyar	19 21 iyar	20 22 iyar	21 23 iyar	22 24 iyar	23 25 iyar	24 26 iyar
			5:30pm Board of Trustees Meeting		6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
	VICTORIA DAY CANADA					Behar-Bechukotaí
25 ^{27 iyar}	26 ^{28 iyar}	27 29 iyar	28 tsivan	29 2 sivan	30 3 sivan	31 4 sivan
	OFFICE CLOSED				6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
	MEMORIAL DAY		ROSH CHODESH			Bamidbar

To be read 6/6

Michael Thompson Abraham E. Massman Jennie Miller Leon Rosenthal **Morris Dugan** Tina Goldblum Pauline M. Gordon **Eugene Karpel** Sam Lichenstein Peter Oshman **Pauline Schwerin** Celia Simons Goldman Sprincy Greenberg Morris Hirshleifer **Hvman Massin Shirley Massin Louis Perl** Thomas H. Aver Virginia Aver **Berdie Diamond Chaisson** Lena Elkins Marian Feigelson Marvin Reuben Irving Elias "Sonny" Breen Sylvia (Cissy) Friedman Chernoff

To be read 6/13

Fannie Benson Carlton R. Cormier Pauline K. Maver **Charles Miller Dorothy Theise** Sam C. Glober **Baile Bagelman Anne Berger Gladys Koshkin Maurice Meyers Udis Samuelson Shapiro** Miriam Tiras Julius J. Goudchaux Sam Sharfstein **Esther Friedman Cohen Hamilton Faulk** Susan Van Klyke Benjamin Blum Natalie S. Stein Susan Sampson Howlett **Carmen Robbins**



To be read 6/20

Nathan Brookner **Barnett Dunner Eugenia Margaret Angier Harris** Abe Klein Maurice Lederer Sophie Rachlin Levin Lea Rabinovitch Leizer Rabinovitch **Mortimer Rosenberg** Sadie Sosno Lolly Black **Herbert Shapiro** Dr. Sigmund B. Herman **Miriam Dover Lefkovits** Abraham Selber Dr. Louis Goldstein Hene B. Vann **Benjamin Falkowitz** Harold Alex Feigelson Samuel K. Levy Louis Silverman **Emily Pearl Spector** Arthur L. Taub

JUNE 2025

To be read 6/27

Dave Bagelman Karl Haase Raymond Lefkowitz Abraham Adler Jennie Belgrade Perl Brookner **Ida Elster Toby Horwitz** Jack Koshkin Carl Waldman Ella K. Wyde **Louise Demuth Shirley Ann Getz** Fannie F. Goldstein June Gayle Vaxler Hall **Arnold Markowitz** Hyman Sukman Dr. David Bennett Jessica Dworkin **Morton Mandel** Adele Silverberg Ann Zar Taub Norma E. Goldstein Isabel Markowitz Charles W. Phillips Fanny Norma Goldstein Hildegard Linz Kern Robert Lemon Sara Crager Swope Norman Szafir



TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES MAY 2025 AND BEYOND

The theme that President Cynthia Wolf has shared for her term 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, and/or treasure) for your consideration...all of which are examples of Temple Emanuel's *Love Thy Neighbor* Initiative In Action:

- THANK YOU to those who provided funds so that Kosher for Passover cheese could be provided to the soldiers serving in AFRICOM.
- 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 benefit the
 people of Israel:
 - American Friends of Israel Navy SEALS (AFINS)
 - Friends of Israel Defense Forces (FIDF)
 - Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA)
 - * Jewish National Fund (JNF)
 - * THANK YOU!
- THANK YOU for supporting additional Social Justice Project that speak to your heart:
 - Collecting used eyeglasses for Lions Club
 - * Collecting Tzedakah for:
 - Beaumont Pet's Alive, a no kill animal shelter
 - Disaster and/or Humanitarian Relief as needed
 - Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat) of Catholic Charities
 - Nutrition & Services for Seniors
 - Some Other Place
 - Southeast Texas Food Bank
 - Stable Spirit for Scholarships for clients who need equine therapy
 - Women & Children's Shelter of Family Services
 THANK YOU for supporting

Projects of 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:

- 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 Pessink in Temple Office 409.832.6131 to charge your gift of *Tzedakah* to your credit card.
- 4. OR, please visit www.emanuelbeaumont.org and click on the DONATE button.

Please consider making a *Tzedakah* Gift to Temple Emanuel Social Justice Fund; and, THANK YOU!



in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner

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

The Committee is working behind the scenes to be able to provide additional information about the 10th Rabbi Samuel Humanitarian Award Dinner in the June-July Bulletin.

In the meantime...

REMINDER that in 2024 we established Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship Lamar University Foundation

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 and HEALTH

2025 Humanitarian Award Committee (5/2025)

LET'S SHOW THE LOVE FOR OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORS

PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

- May 1st LUNCH: Deliver the Difference Luncheon benefitting clients of Nutrition & Services for Seniors while also honoring Bishop David Toups with Special Awards presented to Valero, L.C. Brown, and Sheree & Vernon (z"I) Pierce
- Starting May 9th and ending May 25th MUSICAL PRODUCTION: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory at Betty Greenberg Center for Performing Arts, a Production of Southeast Texas STAGES, formerly Beaumont Community Players. Our own Lindsay Spector is one of the community performers. Tickets are sold in advance of the performances: 409.833.4664
- May 17th & 24th BEAUMONT ART LEAGUE Class "A Long Hard Look at Myself" Self Portrait in Oil. \$50 Class fee. More information found at www.beaumontartleague.us
- May 10th 14th ANNUAL MEDITERRANEAN FESTIVAL: St. Michael Greek Orthodox Christian Church, 690 N. 15th Street from 11:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m. with proceeds benefitting The Arc of Greater Beaumont

ALL INFORMATION IS POSTED ONLINE ABOUT
TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS

PLEASE KEEP TEMPLE OFFICE POSTED OF
CHURCH AND/OR NON-PROFIT EVENTS
TO INCLUDE IN FUTURE BULLETINS (5/2025)

Temple Emanuel Mission Statement: A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives Core Values:

- We believe the Jewish life-journey has the power to change lives.
- We are committed to lifelong learning.
- 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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