JUNE/JULY 2025 BULLETIN

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM Worship Services

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

June 6	Shabbat Service
June 13	Shabbat Service
June 20	Shabbat Service
June 27	Shabbat Service
July 4	Shabbat Service
July 11	Shabbat Service
July 18	Shabbat Service
July 25	Shabbat Service

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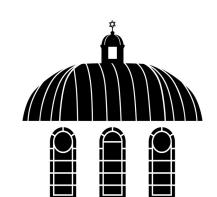
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Please slowly and clearly state the name of the meeting or activity, names of those attending, and your contact number.



TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel,

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



Happenings and will also be put into the Happenings of those of June & July 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

As I mentioned several Friday nights during announcements, late April and early May provided us with what I affectionately refer to as *The Season of The Yoms*. Here's why: there are three special *Yoms* (Hebrew word for days) that we observe during a very short period of time: *Yom HaShoah* (Holocaust Remembrance Day), *Yom HaZikaron* (Israel Memorial Day for Fallen Soldiers), and *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* (Israel Independence Day). THANK YOU to Rabbi Jon Nelson for providing special readings, prayers, and songs in commemoration of *Yom HaShoah*, *Yom HaZikaron*, and *Yom Ha'Atzmaut* as part of two *Shabbat* Services! And, THANK YOU to Sarah Pessink for making certain that we had the Memorial Candles to light in our homes.

HAPPENINGS IN MAY

• Speaking of Rabbi Nelson: he was with us throughout May for *Shabbat/Torah* Study and MORE! THANK YOU to Rabbi Jon!

- Rabbi Nelson is guiding 8 students on their journey to Conversion to Judaism. Some of those one-on-one lessons are in person and some are on Zoom. Some of the Conversion Students are attending *Shabbat* Services, and some are attending *Torah* Study. We hope that each of them will feel welcome at Temple Emanuel throughout the Conversion process. THANK YOU to Rabbi Jon for providing our Conversion Students what they need to know! And, THANK YOU to our Conversion Students for choosing to learn what it means to be Jewish and how to live a Jewish life!
- THANK YOU to all who helped Open and Close the Ark and/or blessed candles each Shabbat in May! 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 May 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 May 7th, Mike Spector and Caleb Fontenot trimmed the trees on the fence line between The Orchard and the Temple lot next to it. And sometime prior to that, Mike Getz made certain (again) that tents and trash were removed from all of our Temple properties! THANK YOU to Mike Spector, Caleb Fontenot, and Mike Getz for helping us follow City of Beaumont Code!
- On May 9th, Rabbi Nelson offered a special prayer during Shabbat Services honoring MOTHERS!
- On May 10th, there were 21 in attendance at Torah Study along with Rabbi Jon. Included in this bulletin is the picture from Torah Study on May 10th.
- On May 10th following *Torah* Study, Rabbi Nelson met with Adult members of our Congregation who plan to participate in the Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class. If interested in participating in Adult *B'nei Mitzvah* Class, please contact Sarah Pessink in the Temple Office.

On May 10th our Congregational Family celebrated another ABC Committee Fun Fellowship Opportunity at Jason's Deli: Havdalah on the patio with Rabbi Jon followed by Dutch Treat Dinner. THANK YOU to ABC Committee Co-Chairs Sherry Horwitz and Laura Thomas and to those who participated in this off-campus time together!

- On May 11th, I hope ALL the MOTHERS of our Congregational family enjoyed OUR Day!
- On May 16th, besides Shabbat Service and Torah Service, Rabbi Jon talked about the Festival of Lag B'Omer that falls on the 33rd day of the Counting of the Omer; and offered Blessings for those celebrating May Birthdays/Anniversaries. Mazel tov to ALL who were blessed in person or on Zoom! (Who remembers the picnics sponsored by Brotherhood to celebrate Lag B'Omer? That picnic/that celebration marked the end of Sunday School each year. It was a day of outdoor games and good food! Who remembers?)
- On May 30th, besides *Shabbat* Service, we celebrated *Shavuot*, the Festival of Weeks that marks the giving/receiving of *Torah* by Moses on Mt. Sinai! *Shavuot* is celebrated 7 weeks after *Passover*. The 49 days of the 7 weeks between *Passover* and *Shavuot* are marked by the Counting of the *Omer*. THANK YOU to all who participated in the Torah Service by carrying *Torahs*! (Who remembers celebrating Confirmation on *Shavuot* in classes on 2 or 3 or more? It's fun looking at the Confirmation pictures in the hall of the Administration Building. It's a walk down Memory Lane! Who remembers?)
- MORE LATER...

HAPPENINGS IN JUNE & JULY

June 6th: Yizkor with Rabbi Nelson starting at 5:45 p.m. just prior to Shabbat

Service

June 13th: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jon starting at 6:00 p.m.; Blessing for FA-

THERS

June 15th: Happy FATHERS Day!

June 20th: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jon starting at 6:00 p.m.; Torah Service;

Blessings for those with June Birthdays & Anniversaries

June 27th: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jon starting at 6:00 p.m.; Rosh Chodesh

Tamuz

July 4th: Happy 4th of July and <u>PLEASE VOLUNTEER to lead the *Shabbat Service*</u>

on the 4th of July

July 11th: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jon starting at 6:00 p.m.

July 18th: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jon starting at 6:00 p.m.

July 19th: ABC Committee Karaoke in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

July 25th: Shabbat Service with Rabbi Jon starting at 6:00 p.m.; Torah Service;

Rosh Chodesh Av; Blessings for those with July Birthdays &

Anniversaries

Additional Temple Emanuel plans for June & July 2025 will be in Wednesday's Weekly Happenings!

AND

For June & July 2025 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...

SHABBAT PRAYER LEADERS ARE NEEDED as follows:

July 4th, August 1st, August 8th, October 3rd, and November 28th
Please say *HINEINI* by calling Sarah Pessink in the Temple Office.

PRESIDENTIAL REMINDER

We are in our Second Quarter of 2025 (May – August):

If you have not already done so, please respond to the Accountant's note to you regarding your Second Quarter Statement.

I would also 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.

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! THANK YOU!

L'Chayim / To life!

And, in closing...

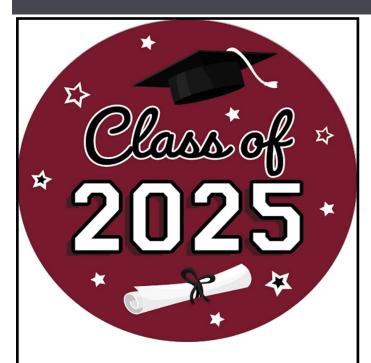
Just a reminder of what is needed by every member of Temple Emanuel...and so many *mitzvot* are already being done:

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 IS-RAEL, 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/June & July 2025 Bulletin



MAZEL TOV

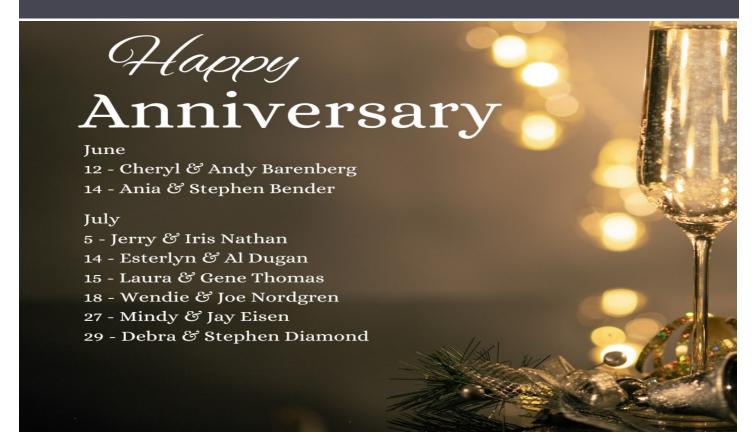
Logan Vanderdoes graduated from Silsbee High School in May!

Debra & Stephen Diamond's grandson, Kaden Zampini, graduated with a degree in Finance and Economics from Lamar University! MAZEL TOV to
Sarah & Tim Pessink and
Laura & Gene Thomas on the
marriage of Sarah's son,
Christopher Crain to Arlo Bigler on
June 9, 2025.











JUNE BIRTHDAYS

3-Regina Rogers

8-Ken Parker

11-Sofie Wheeler

13-Marsha Hoffer

21-Joel Berger

27-John Goebel

28—Gene Thomas

30-Iris Nathan

JULY BIRTHDAYS

7—Andy Barenberg

20-Eric Lawrence

25-Mike Getz

26-Lois Rutman

27—Mike Spector

28-Phyllis Lawrence



June — July 2025 BEHIND THE SCENES featuring Long Range Plan of Legacy Project

UPDATE PREPARED BY TEMPLE BOARD PRESIDENT, CYNTHIA WOLF

It has been shared with you in the past that Project 1 which was Inventorying and Decluttering the Administrative Building was being accomplished by Laura Thomas and her TEAM. Bags of Trash and damaged furniture have been hauled off. Book shelves that were in every classroom will be moved to the basement. Arts & Crafts items were given to the Art Museum of Southeast Texas, red cloth bags were given to Market to HOPE of Catholic Charities to be used for Brenda's Blessing Bags, and assorted beads were given to Greene Family Camp for jewelry making during summer camp. Remaining are classroom tables, chairs, teacher desks, and other miscellaneous items. Please contact Sarah Pessink, our Administrative Office Manager, if you are interested in seeing those items. THANK YOU, Laura et al!

Another aspect of the Legacy Project is being accomplished methodically by Sarah Pessink. She is going through file cabinets. What is trash is being removed; what is important for legacy purposes is being kept. Extra copies of Bulletins, Memorial Books, Temple Directories, Jewish Community and Temple Historical Milestone Celebration Booklets, and Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner Programs will be given to Beaumont's Tyrrell Historical Museum, Rice University for its Texas Jewish Archives and to the Texas Jewish Historical Society Files in Austin's Bullock Museum. This helps us maintain a Jewish footprint not only in Beaumont but in Texas...specifically in SETX! THANK YOU, Sarah!

ANNOUNCING ADDITIONAL PROJECTS

Project 2, Decluttering the 3 Closets in Main Building and tidying up Rabbi's Main Sanctuary Study, will also be accomplished by Laura Thomas and her TEAM. THANK YOU, Laura et al!

Project 3, Decluttering the Stage in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall, will be accomplished by members of Temple Emanuel Sisterhood and Temple Emanuel Brotherhood! THANK YOU, Sisterhood President Cheryl Barenberg and Brotherhood President Mike Getz for building the TEAM to make this happen!

We know that the goal of the long range plan is to move the Temple Office and files into the Judaica Shop and its adjacent Storage Closet. We know that construction is needed for that to happen. And, we await news about the receipt of the Security Grant to take care of that; but in the meantime, FEMA has that on hold.

We know that there are rooms in the Administrative Building that could be returned to being Rabbi Herbert Rutman Museum while also continuing to serve as Temple Library, Workroom, Kol Israel Chapel; and, of course, there is a Storage Closet.

Project 4, Moving the Rabbi Herbert Rutman Museum to a climate controlled area of the Administrative Building, is a TIME SENSITIVE necessity! THANK YOU, Brotherhood, Sisterhood, and others who would like to assist!

Project 5, Cleaning Temple Library shelves, culling out books to give away, and replacing books on the shelves, will be a time consuming *mitzvah* task; but each aspect of Project 5 is important! During the initial days of Project 1, many books were boxed. There was a TEAM that boxed them. There will be a TEAM to dust the shelves! There will be a TEAM to replace books according to subject back on the shelves. PLEASE *SAY HEINEINI...HERE I AM*! THANK YOU to ALL!

ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

For high school volunteers, we are happy to provide SERVICE HOUR CREDITS! You will need to bring that form with you on work days for the signature of the person in charge. We want you to receive credits for *mitzvah* hours served. THANKS to ALL the TEENS!

EVERYONE WHO SAYS HINEINI...HERE I AM is so very APPRECIATED!

TODAH RABAH...THANK YOU!

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



TORAH STUDY ON SATURDAYS IN MAY



Congregation Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Schmooze June/July 2025

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood will be busy working behind the scenes this summer as we prepare for the High Holidays as well as the Tasting for Some Other Place on Tuesday, August 19, 2025, from 5 – 7 pm at the Civic Center in downtown Beaumont. Tickets will be on sale in the Temple Office for \$15 and very volunteer working the day of the events must have a ticket to gain access to the Civic Center. Temple Emanuel participate in this worthwhile fundraiser and Sisterhood will serves to coordinate our efforts. A new design theme has been developed by Marilyn Manson and will be constructed by Laura Thomas. Laura will be looking for volunteers to help her put our new theme into motion. If she calls you, please answer "heineni" "here I am" to help in whatever way necessary.

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood will also hold a silver polishing day July 22, 2025 at 10 pm to get the silver Judaic items as well as serving pieces ready for the High Holy days. All members of the congregation are encouraged to help. We will meet in the Swerdlow Roosth Social Hall at 10 am. All supplies necessary to complete this task will be available on that day. life well lived.

Lastly, Wendie Norgren and Kathy Johnson attended the Rabbi Marla J. Feldman Social Justice Conference along with myself. Wendie summarized her experience, and I wanted to share it with members of sisterhood and our congregation at large. We are so fortunate to have such dedicated members of our congregation and Reform movement. Please look. For Wendie's article elsewhere in the bulletin.

Finally, with the dog days of summer upon us things at Temple Emanuel may take a slower pace from a Sisterhood standpoint. Please know that Sisterhood will remain busy planning for our fall events, including the Mahj Day of Fun in November or December 2025. Wishing you all the summer of your life!

Kol tuv,

Cheryl Barenberg

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood President WRJ, NA Treasurer WRJ SW District Past President

To: Temple Emanuel Sisterhood

From: Wendie Nordgren, Recording Secretary

Subject: Rabbi Marla J. Feldman Social Justice Conference 2025

Date: 23 April 2025

I am beyond grateful to you all for the generous reimbursement which allowed me to attend the Rabbi Marla J. Feldman Social Justice Conference during the week of April 4-7, 2025 in Washington, D.C. For me, this was a once in a lifetime opportunity, something I'd never dreamed of doing. It was lifechanging and unforgettable. This past year, I've been on Temple Emanuel's Social Justice Committee. While many wonderful things have been accomplished by the experienced members of the committee, I don't feel as though I have much to offer. Social justice often feels like a weighty, insurmountable task. Where is it even possible to start? How could someone like me even come close to making a difference? Attending the conference has shed some light on these nagging, persistent questions. There were also sessions which were meaningful in regard to personal growth. I'd like to share a few highlights, things that made an impact on me.

One of the sessions that I was curious to attend was "Rosh Chodesh, An Ancient Ritual for Modern Times" by Sarah Waxman. It was early in the morning. All I knew as I entered the room was that Rosh Chodesh was the head of the month. Yes, I recall a time months ago when Kate tried to explain it to me, but it was still a mystery. What possible ritual could there be for a new month other than a prayer? Well, I learned some interesting things. There is a ritual for the full moon of the month. What intention do people set for each month? Why is the moon important? Sarah spoke about time being cyclical and linear, and about being aware without judging. Our holidays are never on the same day because Judaism follows a lunar calendar. The moon is our Jewish clock to know. In the land of Egypt, God commanded Moses and Aaron, "This month shall mark for you the beginning of the months; it shall be the first of the months of the year for you" Exodus 12:2. In Egypt, the Israelites were slave, and their time, days, and months weren't their own. With Moses, it all shifted. With Passover, there was a new start. The Jewish people came into being in the month of Nisan. Then, they were commanded to mark the months from that moment. Owning your own time is freedom. Each month has a different focus (I googled these.:)):

Nisan: Passover/Pesach, and the first month of the year; Iyar: Shavuot, and the giving of the Law at Mount Sinai;

Sivan: Shavuot, and receiving the Torah;

Tammuz: A month of mourning of the destruction of Jerusalem;

Av: A month of mourning for the destruction of the First and Second Temples;

Elul: Focuses on spiritual preparations for Rosh Hashanah;

Tishrei: The time of Rosh Hashanah and Sukkot; Heshvan: A time of quiet reflection and study;

Kislev: Chanukah:

Tevet: A month of reflection and repentance, including the fast of Asara B'Tevet;

Shevat: the new year for trees;

Adar: Purim and the deliverance of the Jewish people.

Each month, we should try to integrate the theme of the month into our own lives. For example, during the month of Tammuz, we should deal with personal grief and anger. During the month of Av, we should focus on love. Focus on the thing driving that month. The speaker, Sarah, grew up in a Conservative home, went to Hebrew school three days a week, and spent her summers in Israel. She didn't know anything about the ritual of Rosh Chodesh until she was in her twenties when a convert friend of hers told her about it when she was looking for a way to connect with her Judaism. Then, her curiosity led her to look into it, and she found four books on the topic which had been written before she was born. If you want to learn more on the topic of Rosh Chodesh, you can find it on Sarah's site, www.atthewellproject.com.

Another session that I attended was called "It's Getting Heated Over the Haroseth: Having Respectful Dialogue During Times of Difference." The session leaders were Rabbi Marla Feldman, Kate Bigam, and Judy Landis. There are different sorts of arguments. L'Shem Shamayim, For the Sake of Heaven, are arguments meant to deepen our understanding of a topic or issue. It makes me think of Talmudic arguments. While these sorts of things do arise at our Temple upon occasion, more often disputes aren't about the Torah. In our congregations, how do we deal with differing opinions? We act on our values. The current political environment is extremely polarized, social media can be misleading, Jewish community is more diverse, there are fewer unifying threats, and minority views often out-shout mainstream views. So, how do we put animosity aside and effectively communicate? We need to remember to be respectful and open to differing views, be conscious of the fact that not everyone is of the same background, know that consensus is not unanimity, that Jewish values will govern congregational actions, and that congregations will speak to Reform values in public arenas. It's important to remember that conflict is okay, but there must be ground rules and time for differing views. We need to listen with open minds and assume good intentions are behind those views. It shouldn't be about winners or losers. For those who want to know more about this topic, the following is a list of recommended literature: The Amen Effect; Beyond Dispute; How Minds Change; Good Reasonable People; Beyond Your Bubble; and Talking Across the Divide.

Another workshop that made an impact on me was about D.E.I. I must admit to entering it after it had already begun, so sitting down in the back of the room, I just tried to absorb what was being discussed. The conversation centered around inclusivity in the Jewish community. I had a moment. Thinking about my own journey, I thought about my own community and the profound difference it has made in my life by going out of the way to include me. The Sisterhood at Temple Emanuel drew me into themselves- polishing silver, helping in the kitchen, inviting me to join, convincing me to learn to play Mahjong, and eventually allowing me the honor of serving as their recording secretary. Not one person did all of these wonderful things for me. They all did. They made me part of their "infinity space," the space where we can all feel safe being who we are. What a selfless gift of inclusion they have given to me. I want to be to others what they have been to me.

The day arrived when we would travel the short distance from the hotel to the Capital to lobby on the three stances of the W.R.J., democracy, reproductive freedom, and Israel. Sitting on my seat in the bus, I felt rather insignificant, but my sisters, Kathy and Cheryl were with me, so I wasn't afraid even though I was so very far out of my comfort zone. I'd traveled all the way from home to our nation's capital without my husband which was scary for me. However, I must say that Kathy is an expert traveler. At times she reminded me of travel guide Samantha Brown. She knows how to do everything. On the way to the conference, we didn't even get lost in the airport! When the bus stopped and we got out, I was in awe at being at such an historically significant site. As an history minor, I've seen pictures of our nation's capital in so many texts, but actually being there was profound. The architecture was stunning. I loved everything. However, I continued to feel like there was nothing that a person like me could actually do of any matter in Washington, D.C. Concentrating on keeping up with the group kept me from panicking. I mean really. What was I doing here? Then, we were seated in a gorgeous meeting room belonging to Senator Cornyn. I listened while Trish spoke on the topics we'd discussed with Cheryl and our group. Then, something happened that I'd never dreamed possible. My mouth opened, and I contributed. It was a few hours later after I'd had time to process my emotions when the lyrics to the song which we all sang together during the conference came back to me- I have a voice. My voice is powerful. My voice can change the world.

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood, thank you for drawing me into your "Infinity Space," for teaching me about our Reform Values, and for teaching me that I do have a voice, and that I can do the work of Social Justice. This has been a lifechanging experience that I will never forget.



TEMPLE EMANUEL SISTERHOOD 2025 MEMORIAL BOOK

Deadline is JULY 21st

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Email/Cell of above person:		Check #
PLEASE contact the Temple Offi	ce IF you want to charge thi	s to your <u>credit card</u> on file.
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Dear Friends,		
will be available during Yizkor Memor	rial Services the afternoon of <i>Yon</i> e following chart indicate, as to b e	or supporting the 2025 Memorial Book that in Kippur. Please consider making a "chai" e enefit the many mitzvah projects of Temple en to attend Jewish summer camps:
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DID YOU KNOW?

Personal Experience in Counting the Omer shared by Cynthia Wolf

Every day that I counted the *Omer* in the way that I learned during Torah Study back in April really helped me and challenged me to refine a different part of my soul on a daily basis. There are 49 combinations of Hebrew words. At first I was upset with myself because I just could not keep track of what the Hebrew words were that were included in the *Sefirot*, Divine Attributes, that I was trying to put into action. And then I realized that that was not what was important! I simply needed to concentrate on the TWO English words representing Attributes paired with each day...one day at a time! (As a reminder, here are the Divine Attributes: Kindness, Discipline, Harmony/Compassion, Endurance, Humility, Foundation/Connection, and Sovereignty/Leadership. And, Rabbi Jon provided the Chart that helped me to keep track of the paired Attributes.)

I don't attend every Torah Study, but I am so very glad that I attended when Rabbi Jon explained how to use the Chart; and, in that I really could not do it on my own, I am so very appreciative of Maggie Harris for sharing daily recorded lessons with me. It's no secret: I am a spiritual person and have been for a very long time, so going through the process of internalizing for the first time the meaning associated with each of the 49 days of the Counting of the Omer has been so very healthy for me. And I admit that I continue to be a work in progress!

One of the days I was to express APPRECIATION and GRATITUDE to those who have helped me. We all make sacrifices when we choose to put Temple first. That sacrifice must not be taken for granted! I make every effort to say THANK YOU in person and include THANK YOUS or THANKS in Bulletin Articles, emails, and texts! So, one more time, THANK YOU to ALL who have done so very much throughout my term to make a positive impact on our Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel! We are a TEAM of passionate Professional and Lay Leadership...and that means Together Everyone Accomplishes More! And, WE do! June & July 2025



Haudalah and Karaoke

Rabbi Jon Nelson and Music Matters DJ

19 July 2025 5:30 PM

Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall More information in upcoming Weekly Hapenings

RSVP with Sarah in Temple Office (409) 832-6131

SAVE THE DATE

July 12, 2025





ATTENTION: TEENAGE CHILDREN AND YOUNGER

THIS SUMMER 2025 PRESIDENTIAL CHALLENGE IS FOR YOU!!!!!

And for participating, there will be two Opportunities:

- 1. To go out to eat with Rabbi Jon and me...and your parents are, of course, invited
- 2. To have what you write or draw published in the September Bulletin

There is a quote in our *Shabbat Siddur*, *Mishkan T'filah*, that I always include when I serve as *Shabbat* Prayer Leader because it means so very much to me. In fact, I truly believe my parents, RosaLee and Dr. Harold Roosth of blessed memory, showed me on a daily basis what I much later would find in two simple but powerful sentences written by Reform Rabbi Ferdinand Isserman (1898 – 1972). I call it one of my *mantras*, simply put: a way of life. Therefore, I look forward to finding out what this quote means to you:

Pray as if everything depended on God.

Act as if everything depended on you. (page 47 Mishkan T'filah)

Please share your thoughts in SENTENCES, POETRY, AND/OR PICTURES.

Please turn in your product on or before September 1st to Sarah Pessink in the Temple Office.

THANKS & HEALTH from Cynthia Wolf, Temple Board President

TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS

Memorial and Tribute Fund

In loving memory of **Dr. David Bennett**By: Deborah & Philip Drago

In loving memory of **Dan Rutman**By: Phyllis Greenberg

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of **Anna "2-2" Hoffer**By: Marsha and Louis Hoffer

In loving memory of Marian Feigelson, Sylvia (Cissy) Friedman Chernoff, Gladys Koshkin, Udis Samuelson Shapiro, Emily Pearl Spector, Jack Koshkin and Norma E. Goldstein

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In memory of	Becky & Edwin Gale Love Thy Neighbor
For Speedy Recovery of	Community Fund
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	Rabbi's Discretionary Fund)
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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



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Sh'lach	SUMMER BEGINS	JUNETEENTH				FATHER'S DAY
25 sivan 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	20 24 sivan 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	19 23 sivan	22 sivan 5:30pm BOT Meeting	17 21 sivan	20 sivan	19 sivan HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
<i>Beha'alotecha</i> FLAG DAY						
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Max Altman Rabbi Arthur Bluhm Alte Sternberg Blum Laes Chess Mildred Dugan Sam Wagner **Oscar Davis** Jav W. Herns Stephenie Esther Shapiro **Andrew Teitelbaum Iona Doss** Arthur M. Kaufman Charles S. Petrova **Pearl Speer Dave Vener Richard Wiess** Pearl Feigenbaum Isidor Goldblum Miriam Silverberg Marguerite Kahn Sommer Edna Rose Falk **Bob Franzel Pauline Weill Leavy**

To be read 7/25

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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 7/11

Jacob Loeb Eisen Sophia Kaplan Rose W. Lederer **Erich Liebmann** Mollie Bagelman Alvin Unick Fannie Blieden AdaLee Clark Duplechin Zelda Glober **David Mitrani Bess Wolfson** Ralph Night **Irving Sonny Friedman** Meyar R. Weiss Rebeccah Wyde **Mattie Loeb Bliss** Fannie Simkin Breen Harold Saltzman



TEMPLE EMANUEL SOCIAL JUSTICE MITZVAH OPPORTUNITIES JUNE/JULY 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:

Recently checks were mailed to the following TESJ Projects:

- Beaumont Pets Alive for the care of animals in the No-Kill animal shelter
- Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles for Humanitarian Relief from Wildfires
- Kosher for Passover Cheese for Jewish Soldiers stationed in AFRICOM
- Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center for Disaster Relief from Wildfire destruction of its 100 year old building
- Stable-Spirit for scholarships for equine assisted therapy
- THANKS!

Projects related to Israel:

- American Friends of Israel Navy SEALS (AFINS)
- Friends of Israel Defense Forces (FIDF)
- Jewish Federation of North America (JFNA)
- Jewish National Fund (JNF)
- THANKS!

Additional TESJ Projects:

- NEW: Collecting gently used and clean men's clothing
- Collecting used eyeglasses for Lions Club
- Collecting Tzedakah for:
 - Market to HOPE (Help Other People Eat) of Catholic Charities
 - Nutrition & Services for Seniors
 - **⋄** Some Other Place
 - Southeast Texas Food Bank
 - Women & Children's Shelter of Family Services

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

Please consider making a *Tzedakah* Gift to

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Fund; and, THANK YOU!

10th Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner has been postponed until Thursday, October 15, 2026

There is a letter from Cynthia Wolf in this bulletin. She will also send it to Humanitarian Award Dinner supporters from over the last 4 years

More information related to the 10th Humanitarian Award Dinner will be provided after the summer by Sherry Horwitz

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 Scholar ship
- 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
(June & July 2025 Bulletins)



June 1, 2025

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel:

Our 10th Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinner has been postponed. The NEW date is <u>Thursday</u>, October 15, 2026. You will be receiving information about it from Sherry Horwitz, who will be installed in January as our 2026 Temple Board President. THANK YOU for how you have supported our mission to build a stronger Southeast Texas community by way of our *Love Thy Neighbor* Initiative which guides all programming at Temple Emanuel. And, we know that you will continue to support future Humanitarian Award Dinners.

The following local organizations received assistance over the past few years because of your generosity to previous Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinners: Some Other Place, Southeast Texas Food Bank, Nutrition & Services for Seniors, Garth House, and Lamar University Foundation. In fact in 2024, we established an endowed scholarship with Lamar University Foundation that we named *Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship*.

We know that our community outreach and our *Love Thy Neighbor* programming might be affected by our skipping a year. Please consider supporting us for a non-event in 2025.

On behalf of Temple Emanuel, the members of the Humanitarian Award Dinner Committee express our APPRECIATION; and, we look forward to seeing you October 15, 2026!

Cynthia Wolf, Temple Board President/Event Chair

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LET'S SHOW THE LOVE FOR OUR LOCAL NEIGHBORS PLEASE SAVE THE DATES

- June 5th at Jefferson Theatre CLASSIC MOVIE: The Good, The Bad, and The Ugly 4K Restoration
- June 7th at SETX STAGES in the Parking Lot: PRIDE Fest from 3:00 p.m. to 11:30 p.m.
- July 4th in Downtown Beaumont Following Shabbat Services: Annual 4th
 of July Celebration with food vendors AND Symphony of SETX at The Ju lie Rogers Theatre

ALL INFORMATION IS POSTED ONLINE ABOUT
TIMES. LOCATIONS. TICKETS AND SPONSORSHIPS

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CHURCH AND/OR NON-PROFIT EVENTS
TO INCLUDE IN FUTURE BULLETINS (JUNE & JULY 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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