

**FEBRUARY 2026
BULLETIN**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

Feb 6	Shabbat Service
Feb 13	Shabbat Service
Feb 20	Shabbat Service
Feb 27	Shabbat Service

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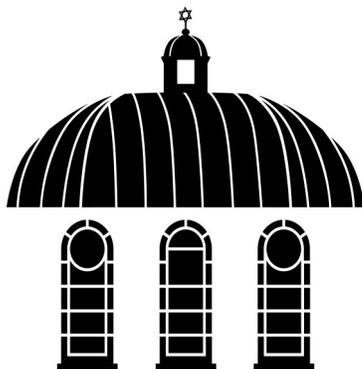
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TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

Friends, I want to wish everyone a happy and healthy New Year.

As we turn our calendars to 2026, we are invited to pause, to take stock, and to begin again. Judaism has never relied solely on the secular new year for renewal; our tradition offers many sacred moments for reflection and reset. And yet, there is something powerful about this shared turning of the page, and when much of the world is asking: *Who have I been, and who do I want to become?*

The language of the new year is often about renewal, intention and fresh starts. These are beautiful and necessary ideas. But this year, they must be paired with something equally Jewish and equally essential: resolve. Not just resolutions that fade a few months after January 1st, but a deeper sense of being resolute: grounded, courageous, and clear about who we are and what we stand for.

We enter this year at a time when global antisemitism is no longer subtle or distant. It is loud, visible, and deeply unsettling. Jews around the world are being challenged simply for existing openly and proudly as Jews. Synagogues require security in ways that once felt unthinkable. Jewish students, professionals, and families are being asked to shrink themselves, to explain themselves, or to remain silent.



Our Torah knows this moment well. Again and again, our ancestors stood at the edge of uncertainty, called to move forward not because the path was easy, but because it was right. The Israelites do not leave Egypt with naive optimism; they leave with courage, memory, and resolve, stepping into the sea not knowing if it will remain parted, but knowing that standing still is not an option.

This is where synagogue life matters more than ever. Our temple is not only a place of prayer; it is a declaration. It says: We are here. We belong. We will gather, sing, learn, debate, celebrate, and mourn together, openly and unapologetically. Each time we walk through the doors of Temple Emanuel, we affirm that Jewish life is not merely surviving, but living.

As we begin this new year, I invite each of us to consider not only what we wish to change, but what we are prepared to stand for. How will we continue to show up for our community? How will we support Jews beyond our temple walls? How will we teach the next generation, and remind ourselves, that Jewish identity is not a liability, but a beautiful source of wisdom, resilience, and moral vision?

May 2026 be a year in which we renew our spirits, and may we move forward together: clear-eyed, open-hearted, and resolute, carrying the light of Jewish life into a world that needs it more than ever.

Rabbi Jon Nelson

Friday, February 13

**Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat
with a Pot Luck Dinner immediately following Services
in the Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall**

See next week's Weekly Happenings for more details!



FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Fellow Congregants,

What an honor it is to be asked to be President of our Temple. I will admit I am pleased, a little scared and very anxious. I am so excited to be working with the group of people that are the Trustees. And, I am so proud of my Executive Board. Bene' Rutman, President-Elect. A lady many of us watched grow up, marry the oldest son of a past Rabbi of Temple Emanuel, have two sons and grow into the strong woman she has become. Dan Neel, Treasurer, a CPA. I have all the confidence that anything financial will be handled in the property manner and probably be checked, rechecked and rechecked again. Having lived with a CPA I am familiar with the process. Sarah Pessink, Secretary, who has already proven she has the skills to keep records straight, papers organized and is a very "on top of" person.

As I step into the role of President of Temple Emanuel, I want each of you to know that I will always be honest and straight forward with you. You have the right to know what is happening at Temple. After all, Temple Emanuel is not my private Temple nor is it the Board's private Temple. Temple Emanuel is our Temple—each and every member—all of us. If you have a question, an idea or a thought—text, call or email me. I may not be able to answer your question but I will try to find the answer. Tell me or any member of the Board your thoughts or ideas. I cannot promise that they can be done but they can be talked about and discussed. I want no one to ever feel they are being kept in the dark about anything concerning Temple Emanuel. I hope to be a President that you will all be proud of.

My final words are to the Board of Trustees. Alright, guys and gals, eat your Wheaties cause we've got work to do! Thank you All!!

Sherry Horwitz

Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees President



THANK YOU
To all who attended and participated in our 132nd Congregational Meeting and Dinner!



Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Schmooze

February 2026

This is my first Sisterhood report as the new President for 2026 & 2027. I am so happy to welcome the new board and happy to start a new year with lots of fun and fulfilling projects and events.

At our Birthday Luncheon on January 14, 2026 we were so happy to have WRJ SW District President, Phyllis Strasberg as our guest speaker and we were honored to have her do the installation of the new board. Thank you, Cheryl Barenberg, for providing a wonderful lunch and cupcakes!! We also surprised Cheryl as Past President by dedicating the Temple Emanuel Kitchen in honor of Chef Cheryl Barenberg.

We will have our first Board meeting on Tuesday, February 3rd at 12 noon in the library. Meetings are opened to all who want to attend, however, you must be a board member to be able to vote.

Dates to be aware of for FEBRUARY:

- Brotherhood and Sisterhood will have a Brainstorming Ideas meeting on Tuesday, February 10th at 6:00 pm at Rao's on Dowlen Road. Everyone is invited to come to share ideas and thoughts on events and projects.
- February 13th will be Brotherhood & Sisterhood Shabbat. I know this is short notice but I have a cue sheet that divides nicely into 8 sections so we will need volunteers!

More dates to follow after our meeting and we will share in the Weekly Happenings and the Monthly Bulletins.

Finally, if you have any questions or concerns about Sisterhood, please feel free to contact any board member of Sisterhood.

Thanks,

Laura Thomas

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood President



**Sisterhood Birthday
Luncheon and Installation of
New Officers with Guest Speaker
Phyllis Strasberg
WRJ Southwest District President**

**The Temple Emanuel Kitchen was
lovingly dedicated to
Chef Cheryl Barenberg**



TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD

The Temple Emanuel Brotherhood sponsored an outing to watch the Lamar University men's basketball team on January 31.

On Tuesday, February 10, 2026, there will be a joint meeting between members of Brotherhood and Sisterhood at Rao's Bakery at 4440 Dowlen Road. The purpose of the meeting is to plan our 2026 calendar and to incorporate ideas that YOU would like to see us undertake this year. I have had preliminary discussions with Laura Thomas, our new Sisterhood President and Sherry Horowitz, our new Temple President and we have some exciting ideas, but we need to hear from you! The meeting will take place at 6 p.m. and refreshments will be available for you to purchase from Rao's. Please try to attend.

Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat will be on February 13, 2026. This annual event gives Brotherhood and Sisterhood members the opportunity to participate and lead in Sabbath services and I need some Brotherhood members to volunteer to participate. Please contact me at (409) 351-2828 to let me know if you are interested in being part of this event.

I am also checking into participation at a Reform Congregation Casino Night scheduled for February 28, 2026 in Houston. More information on this will follow. However, I can tell you now that we will have the opportunity to travel across state lines and go to a casino in Lake Charles on a bus with members of Jewish congregations in Houston on March 25, 2026. More information on this trip, which will be during the day, to follow.

Shalom for now,
Mike Getz

**Temple Emanuel Brotherhood and Sisterhood
will be hosting a joint meeting to brainstorm ideas for
programming in the upcoming year.**

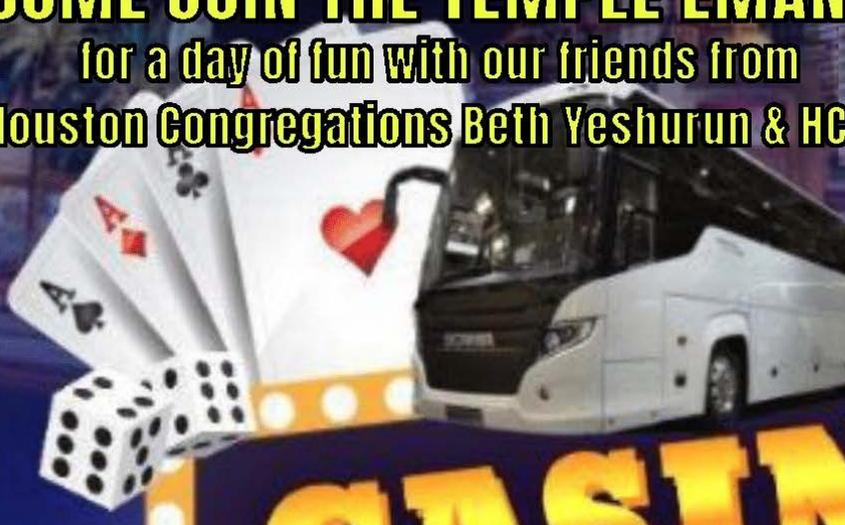
**Tuesday, February 10 at 6pm
Rao's Bakery located at 4440 Dowlen Road**

**Everyone is invited to attend and share your
thoughts on events and projects!**

COME JOIN THE TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD
for a day of fun with our friends from
Houston Congregations Beth Yeshurun & HCRJ

HORSESHOE.
LAKE CHARLES

A CAESARS REWARDS. DESTINATION



CASINO BUS TRIP

**ONLY \$25
PER PERSON**



Wednesday, March 25th (10am-7pm)
Bus leaves promptly at 10am!

- Meet and park at the Gateway Shopping Center
- Meals are "pay your way"
- Snack bag for the bus provided by HCRJ
- Must be 21 to ride the bus & enter the Casino

SPACE ON THE BUS IS LIMITED!
RSVP to Sarah in the temple office by February 12th





HAPPY BIRTHDAY

2—Judy Granger

6—Arlette Hoffer

24—Miriam Thompson

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

6– Arlette & Bruce Hoffer

20—Janet & Richard Shackelford

29—Susan & Wayen Margolis



City of Beaumont Menorah Lighting At Riverfront Park



**TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES
THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS**

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of
Dr. Robert Swerdlow
Rosa Lee Roosth Mellinger
Dr. Harold Roosth
Meyer Mellinger
Sade & Mose Sampson
Anna & Morris Leaman
Eva & Nathan Swerdlow
Dora & Joe Horwitz
Rose Finegold
Bertha & Philip Horwitz
Lillie & Morris Adler
Mary & Sam Swerdlow
Lois Swerdlow
Mort Swerdlow
Estelle Swerdlow
Ben Adler
Arleen & George Swerdlow
Gertrude & Meyer Krasnow
Mongie & Lennie Swartz
Betty & Harvey Night
Janice & Jack Bernstein
Marie Kassoff Herrin
Max Lefkowitz
Alice & Irma Levy
Jean Lieberman
Ann Vaxler
Norma Goldstein
Sarah Night
Patty Tapper Soffer
Jerry Lee
Joe Kushner
Stella Dunlap
Bessie & Pearl Johnson
Sarah Hawes
Ben Wheeler

By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

Donations made by
 Gail and Gary Swartz

In loving memory of
Leo Ney, Sr.
Natalie Greenberg
Isadore G. Harris
Irving Silverberg
A.E. Finegold
 By: Mike Spector

High Holy Day Music Fund

In honor of the marriage of
Sarah and Tim Pessink
Elizabeth Margolis and Christian VanDang
 By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

In honor of the conversion of the **Hazelton Family-**
Jeff, Shannon, Jessica, Olivia & Charlie
Joe Nordgren
 By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

In appreciation and in honor of
Angela Pickering
Dwight Peirce
Rabbi Jon Nelson
Sarah Pessink
 By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

In honor of the birth of
Jack Harold Eisen
Ari Mael Rodriguez
Nathan Blackler Reynolds
Kolbie Amelia Golboro
 By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

In honor of the B'nei Mitzvah of
Caleb Fontenot
Maggie Harris
Regina Hays
Wendie Nordgren
Kate Roberts
Sage Wiess
 By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

For Handrails on the Steps to the Ark

Donations made by:
 Sherry Horwitz
 Mike Spector
 Richard Drapeau

In loving memory of
Allison Getz
 By: Mike Getz

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Donations made by
 Jeri Kirkendall

General Fund

In loving memory of

Al Dugan

Linda Goldstein

Dan Rutman

Jeanne Blum

Linda Erickson

Paul Kessler

Paul Horwitz

Suanne Eisen Lubin

James Harris

Marcia Diamond Sherman

Alan Stuart Finger

Dr. Don Price

By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

In loving memory of

Viola and Henry Kramer

By: Stuart Kramer

Memorial & Tribute

In loving memory of

Douglas Bender

By: Debra and Stephen Diamond

In loving memory of

Edna Mae Bennett

By: Deborah and Philip Drago

Social Justice**Beaumont Pets Alive**

Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles

Shalom Austin

In honor of

Cynthia and Michael Wolf

Dr. Tommy and Prissy Roosth

Rachel and Matthew Swerdlow

By: Marleen Roosth Swerdlow

Social Justice

Donations made by

Judy Granger

Social Justice—Jackson, MS

Donations made by

Margaret Whipkey

Floral Fund

In loving memory of my
extraordinary grandfather

Joseph Rogers and
my dear Uncle **Sol Rogers**

By: Regina Rogers

In loving memory of

Ben Rogers

Bernard Rogers

Dr. Arvey Rogers

Dr. Nate J. Rogers

June Rogers

By: Regina Rogers

In loving memory of

Mervin F. Sandman

William Brookner

By: The Brookner Family

In loving memory of

Walter Mielz

By: Miriam and Viraf Cooper

In loving memory of

Natalie Greenberg

By: S.L. Greenberg and Family

In loving memory of
my adoring husband and my hero

Paul Hay

By: Beverly Hickman

In loving memory of
my fantastic mother

Gertrude Petrova

By: Beverly Hickman

In loving memory of

Weston Harrington

By: Judy Granger

To be read 2/6

Rose Finegold
 Sam Goldenberg
 Phyllis Lapine
 Isadore H. Brookner
 David Kramer
 Morris Lipoff
 Harry Moskowitz
 Sarah Night
 Harold Roosth
 Henry D. Weinbaum
 Arie Tadmor
 Johanna Szafir
 Mrs. A. Walker
 Mildred Friedman
 Dr. Milton G. Getz
 Elsa Loeb Goldberg
 Bess Lichenstein
 Sylvia F. Goldstein
 Dr. Joseph M. Loewenstein
 Marie Miller Mayer
 Lois Wolf
 Louis Julian Alexander
 Kevin Michael Curry
 Alexander Z. Franklin
 Ida Goldstein
 Hattie Kline Gordon
 Bertha Gray
 Julie Rogers
 Alice Selber

To be read 2/13

Paul Hay
 Seymour G. Rosenthal
 Sara Rogers Davis
 Sue Mayer
 Nora Mielz
 Cherna Bittensky
 Betty Reuben
 Natalie Loeb Alexander
 Jerry Battelstein
 Libby Rose Lubel
 Ernest Mayer
 Harvey Night
 Rose Schoenfeld
 Margaret Swerdlow
 Mary Fleckman Altman
 Harry Dugan
 Freeda Friedman
 Morris Goodman
 Minnie Rogers
 Joan Sampson
 Ida Hymes Gross
 Philip Horwitz
 Kenneth Shank
 Mack B. Waldman
 Morris Adler
 Stanislas "Stan" Duplechin
 Nathan Gingold
 Sigmund Greenberg
 Sandy Liebling

To be read 2/20

Betty Klein
 Estelle Levy
 Lena Mayer
 Paul Moskowitz
 Kathy Neel
 Edward Schultz
 Helen Segal
 Robert Diamond
 Recha Goldblum
 Hannah Goldstein
 Miriam Herman
 Gertrude Waldman Krasnow
 Herman Lederer
 Michel Lederer
 Gerson Scheps
 Phil Stein
 Rose Flatow
 Sara Litvin Franklin
 Faye Blum
 Manuel Breen
 William Gedaly
 Arnold Goldstein
 Dr. Philip B. Greenberg
 Byrdie Goodman Miller
 Dr. Harold Roosth
 Jacquie Allen
 Abe S. Goldstein
 Joe Markewich
 Edith Tettenbaum
 Marion Doss
 Cora Lee Goldstein
 B. Levy
 Celyne Levy
 Jerry Moss
 Frances Goldfine Austin
 Julie Parker
 Isidore Roos
 Doris Waldman Spector
 Jacob A. Szafir

FEBRUARY 2026



To be read 2/27

Solomon Engel Gordon
 David Greenberger
 Zipporah Hoffer
 Yetta M. Protas
 Dr. Sigmund Blum
 Henry Greene
 Annie Kessler
 Ruth Lefkovits
 Herman Cohen
 Maxine Dulaney
 Belle S. Goldfine
 Lenore Bliss Gosky
 F. Mancia Hirshfeifer
 Mamie S. Krone
 Lee C. Zuber
 Nelson Alter
 Bernice Bluestein
 Mollie Levy Born
 Ethel Doblin
 Eve Franzel
 Bernice Rozner Berger Ham
 Goldie Horwitz
 Viola Kramer
 Isaac Levin
 Hyman Sharfstein
 Dr. Joseph Cohen
 Bertha Barey
 Blanche Plettman
 Beatrice L. Reddoch
 Joseph Sharfstein
 Doris Rosinger Levy
 Marga Steinhart

If you would like to receive a Yahrzeit date reminder card from the Temple Office following the death of a loved one, simply contact the office at your earliest convenience.

Temple Office telephone number is (409) 832-6131

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 14 shevat	2 15 shevat	3 16 shevat Noon - TES Board Meeting	4 17 shevat	5 18 shevat	6 19 shevat 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	7 20 shevat 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
8 21 shevat	9 22 shevat TU B'SHEVAT	10 23 shevat 6:00pm Brotherhood and Sisterhood Meeting at Rao's on Dowlen	11 24 shevat	12 25 shevat	13 26 shevat 6:00pm Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat with Pot Luck Dinner to follow (IN person & ZOOM)	14 27 shevat No Torah Study
15 28 shevat	16 29 shevat	17 30 shevat	18 1 adar 5:30pm BOT Meeting	19 2 adar	20 3 adar 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	21 4 adar 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
22 5 adar	23 6 adar	24 7 adar	25 8 adar	26 9 adar	27 10 adar 6:00pm Shabbat Services W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)	28 11 adar 9:00am Torah Study W/Rabbi Jon Nelson (IN-person & ZOOM)
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Terumah

Tetzaveh

SHABBAT SHEKALIM

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PRESIDENTS DAY

MARCH 2026

To be read 3/6

Kenneth Neel
 Sylvan Sommer
 Regina B. Cohen
 Miriam Cohen Schwartz
 Max Swiren
 Abraham Eisen
 Stanley B. Goldstein
 Toni Kern
 Sam Klugman
 Joseph Lederer
 Irving Schwartz
 Harold D. Greenberg
 Howard L. Kane
 Dorothy M. Lefkowitz
 Charles Mielz
 Charles Miller
 Isidore Protas
 Ann Batsell
 Gertrude Bender
 Freda Cragger
 Esther Glasomitzky
 Anna Leaman
 Ione Sternberg Ney
 Minnie Falkowitz
 Abe Kolba
 Alyce Ney
 Louise Scheps
 Max H. Haber
 Hadassah Jacobs
 Leon R. Levy
 Jennie Toomim

To be read 3/20

Anna Greenberg
 Aymin Waldman
 Barbara Forbert
 Leslie S. Levy
 Natalie Krasnow Corman
 Frank Dover
 Dorothy Faye Hosen
 Irvin Bud Kassoff
 Anna Leaman
 Gitel Markewich
 Rosalee L. Roosth Mellinger
 Sylvia C. Miller Martha Lea Stein
 Duane Joseph Curry
 Irving Davis
 Emil Holtzen
 Anna Blum Simon Philip Dover
 Herman Globler
 Morris Greenspan
 Sam Night
 Herman A. Philipson
 Harry Bennett
 Samuel Cohen
 Jeff Greenberg
 Aron Gross
 RosaLee Leaman Roosth Mellinger

To be read 3/27

Albert Morton Klein
 Joe Feldman
 Ruth Wyde Hall
 I.B. "Butch" Hoffer
 Ida Klugman
 Aaron Rose
 William Bell
 Celia Harris
 Harold Kaplan
 Nettye Leibson
 Philip Liebman
 John K. Levy
 Dan Rutman
 Jennie K. Szafir
 Marian Goldstein
 Joan Krafte
 Carl Muller
 Anne Vaxler
 Elise Eisenstadt
 Julius M. Gordon
 Alex Eli Martin
 Lynn Rochelle Mechanic
 Rachel Trachtenberg
 Miriam Fannette Brookner

To be read 3/13

Brandy Johnson
 Jack Mechanic
 Louis Schwartz
 Abe Elkins
 Hal Lawrence Gale
 Florence Lynne Austin Holtzman
 Max Spector
 Bessie Sukman
 Sam Hertzman
 Estelle Carrow
 Sarah M. Greenberg
 Ursula Lefkowitz
 Regina Schneider
 Jacob Louis Zuber
 Dennis Alter
 Susan Miller Bailey
 Jeanne Blum
 Martha Haase
 Billy Roberts
 Andy Witebsky
 Henny Liebmann
 Elizabeth A. Rawles



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.

2025 Annual Report of the Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee (TESJ)

Dedicated to Linda Goldstein (ז"ל), devoted member of TESJ

The 2025 TESJ Projects focused on President Cynthia's theme of encouraging 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 reinvented.* Therefore TESJ has incorporated those values into our Social Justice projects which, of course, make a *tikkun olam* difference in the lives of those we know and those we do not know in Beaumont and Beyond. Our greatest focus since 10/7/2023 has been on Israel.

Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel, in sharing *Tzedakah* in the form of time, talent and/or treasure, have made the world a better place through our menu of successful appeals for *Tzedakah*! And, each TESJ *Tzedakah* Project was reported in the monthly Temple bulletins and *Shabbat* Programs and *Happenings* and other eblasts.

The Grand Total for *Tzedakah* shared in 2025 was \$18,199.00 as per the following:

\$ 10,100.00	American Friends of Israel Navy SEALS (AFINS) – for special forces and their families
\$ 200.00	Beaumont Pet's Alive – No Kill Animal Shelter
\$ 72.00	Catholic Charities for Market to HOPE (Helping Other People Eat)
\$ 1,000.00	Jewish Federation of Greater Los Angeles – wildfire relief
\$ 136.00	Jewish National Fund (JNF) – repairs to Land of Israel
\$ 250.00	Kosher for Passover Food for Jewish soldiers serving in AFRICOM
\$ 36.00	MAZON – the Hebrew word for Jewish Response to Hunger
\$ 1,000.00	Pasadena Jewish Temple & Center for wildfire relief
\$ 1,168.00	Shalom Austin - for victims of flooding of Guadalupe River
\$ 1,711.00	Some Other Place PLUS participation in The Tasting for SOP and *please see below about Christmas Day at Some Other Place
\$ 2,326.00	Southeast Texas Food Bank from High Holiday 'Funds for Food' Drive NOTE: \$1.00 = 3 meals, therefore our <i>mitzvah</i> monetary support provided 6,978 meals for Southeast Texas neighbors
\$ 200.00	Stable Spirit – for equine assisted scholarships

***On December 25th under the leadership of Rita Davis, thirty volunteers representing Temple Emanuel served at Some Other Place either helping dine in Clients or delivering to Meals-on-Wheels Clients!**

And, besides *Tzedakah* for Israel (\$10,236.00) that represents the majority of funds received in 2025, TESJ was responsible for keeping the Hostages and Deceased Hostages in the forefront of our Congregational Family and Friends. Until the return of the final deceased hostage, the Memorial Poster will remain on the *Bimah* and extra candles will continue to be kindled on *Shabbat*. “The last deceased Israeli hostage in Gaza whose body has not been recovered is Staff Sgt. Ran Gvili, a 24-year-old police officer killed on October 7, 2023, while fighting Hamas militants at Kibbutz Alumim...” Our thoughts and prayers are with his family.

***Tzedakah* received from additional projects that are not listed will be donated along with other funds in 2026.**

Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee is currently collecting USED eyeglasses for the Lion’s Club and collecting *Tzedakah* for Beth Israel Congregation in Jackson, MS. On January 10, 2026, they experienced a fire that caused extensive damage to their Synagogue. Beth Israel Congregation is also the home of the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life (ISJL) which provided Temple Emanuel with Religious School Curriculum for many years.

In closing, Temple Emanuel and Friends of Temple Emanuel, THANK YOU for your support in 2025! Together we made a *tikkun olam* difference in Beaumont and Beyond!

And, THANK YOU in advance for your support in 2026. Together we will again make a *tikkun olam* difference in Beaumont and Beyond!

THANK YOU to the following for their behind the scenes support in our Social Justice efforts all year: Administrative Office Manager Sarah Mann and Certified Public Accountant Lauren Brooks!

**Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Wolf, Chair
2025 TESJ Committee**

Rita Davis	Linda Goldstein (z”l)	Judy Granger	
Arlette Hoffer	Bruce Hoffer	Pat Klein	Marilyn Manson-Hayes
Susan Margolis	Wayne Margolis	Wendie Nordgren	Joe Nordgren
Kate Roberts	Regina Rogers	Norma Sampson	William Spector
Laura Thomas	Margaret Whipkey	Sage Wiess	



**Temple Emanuel Volunteers
hard at work on Christmas
Day at Some Other Place**



Annual Report of 2025 Rabbi Samuel Humanitarian Award Committee
NON-EVENT FUNDRAISER

In August 2025, letters went out to hundreds of supporters of previous Rabbi Samuel Rosinger Humanitarian Award Dinners (members of Temple Emanuel and Friends of Temple Emanuel). What a delight it was to receive donations of support from the Interfaith Community for this Non-Event!

There were minimal expenses related to the mail out, but that is not in this report.

What I want to share is how much we did receive for the Non-Event: \$3,900.00.

One donation in the amount of \$1,500.00 was sent to us to be sent on to Lamar University Foundation for Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship. That one gift meant so very much to me as it helped to grow the endowed scholarship and the scholarship touches the future!

Several times since the Endowed Scholarship was established, we have received notes of appreciation from Dr. Jaime Taylor, President of Lamar University.

Our first Scholarship Recipient was named on August 22, 2025. Norma and Alan Sampson were present at the Lamar Event.

I encourage our Congregational Family to remember to include Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship in your philanthropy.

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 They Neighbor Scholarship**
- 2. Donation directly to Lamar Foundation for Temple Emanuel Beaumont Love Thy Neighbor Scholarship, P. O. Box 11500, Beaumont, TX 77710**

**Respectfully submitted,
Cynthia Wolf, Non-Event Chair**

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.

2026 Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees

Sherry Horwitz - President; Bene’ Rutman - President-Elect; Dan Neel - Treasurer;
 Sarah Pessink - Secretary; Laura Thomas—Sisterhood President; Mike Getz - Brotherhood President;
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 Arlette Hoffer, Nancy Meyers, Norma Sampson, Janet Shackelford, William Spector

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 Caleb Fontenot, Mike Spector,
 William Spector

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*Bruce Hoffer, Mike Getz,
 Laura Thomas

Cemetery

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 Arlette Hoffer, Bruce Hoffer,
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