

**MARCH 2026  
BULLETIN**

**FRIDAY NIGHT**

**6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES**

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

Mar 6	Shabbat Service
Mar 13	Shabbat Service
Mar 20	Shabbat Service
Mar 27	Shabbat Service

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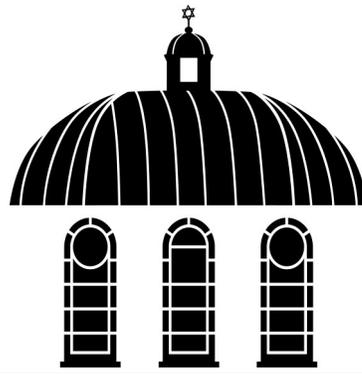
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Temple Emanuel - Beaumont, TX



# TEMPLE EMANUEL

*A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.*

## FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

Friends, as we enter the Hebrew month of *Adar*, our tradition famously teaches: *Mishenichnas Adar, marbim b'simcha*, or "When *Adar* arrives, we increase our joy."

March is always a month of transition. The world outside is waking up. Spiritually, we're moving from the introspection (and chilly weather) of winter toward the liberation story of Passover waiting just ahead. But before we get there, Judaism gives us something wonderfully unexpected: the deeply meaningful holiday of Purim.

The story of Purim, told in Megillat Esther, is unique. God's name never appears. Not once. The salvation of our people unfolds through courage, timing, hidden identity, and what looks like coincidence. Our tradition calls this *hester panim* - the hiding of the Divine face. Just as Esther hides her identity until the critical moment, we too often experience life as though meaning, purpose, or even God is hidden behind the ordinary struggles of daily life. And let's be honest, we've all worn masks from time to time. Not just the fun ones on Purim. The everyday ones. The "I'm fine" mask. The "I've got this" mask. The "this doesn't bother me" mask.

Purim invites us to flip everything. By putting on costumes, we actually get closer to our personal truth. We laugh at what scares us. We make noise in the face of evil. We remember that even when the world feels upside down, there is a deeper story unfolding. And it's important to remember that Purim joy isn't random. It's structured around four beautiful mitzvot that strengthen our community:



The first is "*Mikra Megillah*" when we gather to hear the Book of Esther and drown out Haman's name with our groggers. It reminds us that evil may exist, but it never gets the final word. Next, we have our "*Seudat Purim*" where we sit down to a festive meal. A reminder that joy is physical, communal and is meant to be shared around a table. Another *mitzvah* is the preparing and giving of "*Mishloach Manot*," when we send gifts of food to friends and neighbors. A simple act that says: "I see you. I'm glad you're part of my life." And finally, we should engage in "*Matanot La'evyonim*," where we give to those in need. Because, as our tradition says: if joy only stays inside our own homes, it isn't real Jewish joy. In *Adar*, happiness must widen the circle.

As we move through March, our Temple calendar is full: A Zoom learning experience with some of our sister congregations: "*Don't Mess with Esther*" on March 2nd, our own Purim celebration on March 6th, Shabbat services, Torah Study, a community-building (and hopefully prosperous) trip to the Horseshoe Casino in Lake Charles and all the small sacred moments in between. This is a season of blooming, both outside and within.

Maybe this month is also a chance to do a little spiritual spring cleaning. And let's ask ourselves... What masks are we ready to set down? Where can we add a little more "joy?" Not the superficial kind, but the deep, connected kind?

Please know that however you choose to celebrate Purim: your presence matters. It's what turns a building into a home. May this *Adar* bring laughter that heals, courage that surprises you, and the awareness that even in hidden places, blessings are unfolding.

*Chag Purim Sameach!* May your month be filled with light, renewal, and a generous dose of holy joy.

Rabbi Jon Nelson

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

# *Megillah Reading and Hot Dog Pot Luck*



***COSTUMES ARE WELCOME AND ENCOURAGED!***

## FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

Time has passed since the Congregational Dinner but it is definitely not too late to say “THANK YOU” to Cheryl Barenberg for the delicious meal!

Rabbi Jon, Mike Getz, Laura Thomas, Sarah Pessink and myself had a calendar meeting for the year. Dates may have to change but as a group we have an idea of what is happening, when it is happening and where our year is heading.

It was so nice to be at Temple Friday, February 13 and attend a Brotherhood/Sisterhood Service. It was so good to hear the roots of the Temple coming together in unity. The evening ended with a Pot Luck Meal of good food, enjoyable conversation and lots of laughter.

The Board of Trustees had our first formal meeting on Wednesday, February 18th. The meeting was the type I was looking forward to—informative reports, excellent questions and answers, upbeat and ready to handle Temple business in a manner that has everyone working together.

Prepare to laugh, enjoy and eat! Purim will be celebrated on Friday, March 6th. We will hear the story of Esther, boo Haman and cheer Mordechai! Then we will continue the fun with a Pot Luck Meal of hot dogs with all of the fixings and more laughter!

My hope for each of you as March enters our lives is that we have warm weather and days filled with peace and love.

*Sherry Horwitz*

Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees President



**Brotherhood &  
Sisterhood Shabbat  
With Pot Luck  
Dinner  
Friday, Feb 13**



# Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Schmooze

## March 2026

Temple Emanuel Brotherhood and Sisterhood had a calendar/idea meeting at Rao's on February 10th, which Mike Getz organized but was unable to attend due to a work conflict. There were 12 people in attendance and we are all excited for this year's programming.

On Friday, February 13th we had a very successful Brotherhood/Sisterhood Shabbat with a Valentine's Day Pot Luck dinner after. Thank you to Maggie Harris, Wendie & Joe Nordgren, Gene Thomas, Mike Getz, Sage Wiess, Beverly Hickman and Bruce Hoffer for leading the service.

Purim (with Costumes!) will be on Friday, March 6th with a Hot Dog Pot Luck Dinner after services. Please contact Sarah in Temple Office to RSVP.

Our next Sisterhood Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, March 3rd at Noon in the Temple Library.

Thanks,

*Laura Thomas*

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood President





TEMPLE EMANUEL SISTERHOOD

# Natalie Greenberg Mahj Day of Fun

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22, 2026

1120 BROADWAY ST., BEAUMONT, TX 77701

DOORS OPEN AT 9:00 AM / GAMES START AT 9:45 AM

DOOR PRIZES AND PRIZES FOR TOP 3 WINNERS!

\$45 INCLUDES LIGHT BREAKFAST/LUNCH

5 ROUNDS OF 3 GAMES EACH

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## TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD

The Temple Emanuel Brotherhood participated with Sisterhood in conducting Shabbat services on February 13, 2026. This event gave Brotherhood and Sisterhood members the opportunity to participate and lead in Sabbath services and we had great participation! Thank you to all the Brotherhood members who volunteered to be a part of this meaningful service.

On Thursday, March 19, 2026, the Beaumont Heritage Society will host their monthly Heritage Happy Hour at Temple Emanuel. The Temple Emanuel Brotherhood will collaborate with the Beaumont Heritage Society in this event by meeting and greeting visitors to our synagogue and hosting tours of our sanctuary and letting visitors know about the history of our congregation. If you are willing to participate in this event, I could use four or five Brotherhood members to help out. Please contact me at 409-351-2828 if you are willing to participate.

On Saturday, March 28, 2026, there will be another opportunity to collaborate with the Beaumont Heritage Society as the Brotherhood conducts another "History and Havdalah" as part of our Jewish Legacy Series where we honor famous deceased Jewish citizens of Beaumont and Southeast Texas that played significant roles in our community. This month we will be honoring Hyman Asher Perlstein, one of the early Jewish settlers in Beaumont. Mr. Pearlstein came to Beaumont in 1889 with \$21.90 in his pocket and took a job working for a local blacksmith for 25 cents a day. After several years, he bought out his employer and began an incredibly successful business career. His story is the American Dream and worth hearing, please join us to participate in honoring this remarkable man.

On Wednesday, March 25, 2026 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. The bus will stop to pick up members that would like to go on this outing at Gateway Shopping Center around 10 a.m. We will meet for coffee and breakfast at Jason's Deli in Gateway Shopping Center at 9 a.m. and we should be back around 5 p.m. Further details to follow.

Shalom for now,

Mike Getz

# ***HERITAGE HAPPY HOUR!***

Temple Emanuel

*1120 Broadway*

**Hosted by Beaumont Heritage Society**



*A Sacred Jewish Journey To Enrich Lives*

**March 19th, 2026  
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.  
\$10 Admission**

*Perlstein Office Building, Beaumont, Texas*



Temple Emanuel Brotherhood and Beaumont Heritage Society invite you to "History and Havdalah" at the Art Museum of Southeast Texas on

**Saturday, March 28, 2026 at 5:30pm**

As part of our Jewish Legacy Series, we will honor Hyman Asher Perlstein, one of the the early Jewish settlers in Beaumont.

**TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES  
THE FOLLOWING DONATIONS**

**Cemetery Fund**

In loving memory of  
**Harvey Night**  
**Freeda Friedman**  
**Minnie Rogers**  
**William Gedaly**  
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**Max Spector**  
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Donations made by  
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In celebration of our new members  
**Joe Nordgren, The Hazelton Family,**  
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In honor of **Iris & Jerry Nathan**  
By: Susan Legnion

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In loving memory of  
**Anna Leaman**  
By: Norma & Alan Sampson

In loving memory of  
**Barbara Mitchell**  
By: Debra & Stephen Diamond

In loving memory of  
**Kathy Neel**  
By: Dan Neel

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In loving memory of  
**David Manson**  
By: Marilyn Manson-Hayes

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Rita & Barry Davis

**Floral Fund**

In loving memory of **Charles Mielz**  
By: Viraf and Miriam Cooper

In loving memory of my wonderful mother,  
**Julie Rogers**, my loving grandmother,  
**Minnie** and my Special Aunt **Sarah**  
By: Regina Rogers

# 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  
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 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

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.

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**APRIL 2026**

To be read 4/3

Miriam Fannette Brookner  
 Henry Lubel  
 C.P. Snelgrove  
 Beth Eisen  
 Harvey Golob  
 Clara Greenspan  
 Sidney Kelman  
 Bernard F. Kessler  
 Harry Robbins  
 Rhea Levy Sommer  
 Eleanor Perlstein Weinbaum  
 Fannie Hyman  
 Raudee Lynn Solotorovsky  
 Hanna H. Bluhm  
 Bennett Friedlander  
 Addie Lee Stewart Hawes  
 Louis Horwitz  
 Sidney Henry Levy, Jr.  
 Howard Martin  
 Barbara Ellen Blumstein  
 Pauline Deutser

To be read 4/17

Max Abraham Goldfine  
 Esidore J. Goldstein  
 John Dave Holland  
 Hattie Diamond Edelman  
 Dora Horwitz  
 Carl E. Lovell  
 Joseph Rosenthal  
 Jayne Eisen  
 Max Hirsch  
 Sarah Spector  
 Anna Rose Swartz  
 Charles H. Naman  
 Melissa Ann Rogers  
 Catherine Rosenberg  
 Herbert H. Friedman  
 Oscar N. Eldridge  
 Janice D. Gordon  
 Carrie Levy  
 Carrie Schwartz Zeve  
 Mike Aceto  
 Ezero I. Greenberg  
 Morris Tettenbaum

To be read 4/24

Golde Bruckner  
 J. Bruckner  
 Annie Geigelson  
 Pearl Janowitz  
 Donna Gold  
 Adele Kariel  
 Jennie Kramer  
 Milt Chapman  
 Samuel Feigenbaum  
 Gertrude Greenberg  
 Murray Herbert Hoffer  
 Mary Jane Horwitz  
 Leo Williams  
 Russell Batsell  
 Sadie Elkins  
 Lionel Forbert  
 Sadye Barsky Forbert  
 Annette Gedaly  
 Macie Paula Goldstein  
 Manfred R. Levy  
 Volodimir Nemerinsky  
 Dorothy Greenberg Bushman  
 Bernard Deutser  
 Annie Lee Goldstein  
 Conrad Krafte  
 Murray P. Smyth  
 Bess Wunderman  
 Genevieve Bumar  
 Sadie Levinson  
 Sarah L. Levy  
 Florence Melasky  
 Celia Roosth  
 Pearl Rose  
 Daniel Wunderman  
 Mae Freidman  
 Isaac Funk  
 Monroe Joseph Johnson  
 Anna Schnitzer

To be read 4/10

Mollie Gedaly  
 Rose Krasnow  
 Franne Michaels  
 Gertrude Rosinger  
 Stanford S. Schwartz  
 Nathan Speer  
 Samuel Swartz  
 Milton Bender  
 Robert H. Rawles  
 Jesse M. Saxon  
 Nelle P. Herns  
 Rene' Spector  
 Joseph F. Bittensky  
 Richard Jacobs  
 Morris Klein  
 Emanuel Toomin  
 Agnes Ladner  
 Wilbur Shapiro  
 Gussie Waldman



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

**March 2026 Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee (TESJ)**

Members of TESJ continue to offer a plethora of *TORAH* IN ACTION opportunities to support Temple Emanuel's *Love Thy Neighbor* Initiative. We continue to encourage the giving of *Tzedakah* and of making a *tikkun olam* difference in the lives of those we know and those we do not know in Beaumont and Beyond. Here are the TESJ *Mitzvah* Opportunities for this month:

- TESJ is currently collecting USED eyeglasses for the Lion's Club. Please drop yours in the cleverly decorated box found in the foyer to Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall. THANK YOU!
- TESJ is also 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. THANK YOU!
- TESJ is also collecting Tzedakah for Kosher for Passover cheese for Jewish soldiers serving in AFRICOM. We are collecting now in order to send the Tzedakah in a timely manner. THANK YOU!

And, Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel, here's how to share your *mitzvah* dollars:

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. (Temple Emanuel, P. O. Box 109, Beaumont, TX 77704)
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](http://www.emanuelbeaumont.org) and click on the DONATE button. +

Please consider making a *Tzedakah* Gift to  
Temple Emanuel Social Justice Fund  
THANK YOU and Happy HEALTHY Spring!

**LET'S SHOW THE LOVE FOR OUR FRIENDS & NEIGHBORS  
PLEASE SAVE THE FOLLOWING DATES IN 2026**

- All year** St. Mark's Episcopal Church: frozen chili is being sold at St. Mark's Treasure House all year!
- March 19<sup>th</sup>** St. Joseph Day at St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica (700 Jefferson St.) featuring spaghetti lunch; fig cookies and other popular treats can be pre-ordered. For more information, please call St. Anthony Cathedral Basilica Office: 409-833-6433 or 409-924-4300; Donations taken at the door for lunch
- March 26<sup>th</sup>** Alzheimer's Association *Family Portrait Luncheon*, benefitting local programming and research – For more information regarding Sponsorships and tickets, please call 409-833-1613 or visit [FamilyPortrait.givesmart.com](http://FamilyPortrait.givesmart.com)
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>** St. Michael Mediterranean Festival from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm at 690 N. 15<sup>th</sup>; stay tuned for more information in April and May Bulletins
- May 7<sup>th</sup>** Nutrition & Services for Seniors *Deliver the Difference Luncheon* – For more information regarding Sponsorships and tickets, please call 409-892-4455. And, should you need Meals-on-Wheels Services provided by Nutrition & Services for Seniors, please call 409-892-4455

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

# UPCOMING SAVE THE DATES

**Thursday, April 2, 2026**

**Temple Emanuel 2nd Night Passover Seder**

**In Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall**

**Additional information will be in  
future Weekly Happenings**

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**Thursday, October 15, 2026**

**2026 Rabbi Samuel Rosinger**

**Humanitarian Award Dinner**

**Additional information will be provided  
in the coming months from the  
Humanitarian Award Committee**

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# Temple Emanuel Mission Statement:

## A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives Core Values:

- I. We believe the Jewish life-journey has the power to change lives.
- II. We are committed to lifelong learning.
- III. We are committed to meaningful, relevant, and engaging worship.
- IV. We are committed to being an inclusive community open to everyone who wishes to join us for worship and study.
- V. We are committed to our sacred responsibility of being a “light unto the nations” as the Jewish voice of Southeast Texas.
- VI. We are committed to being a part of the worldwide Jewish community.
- VII. We are committed to the survival and welfare of the State of Israel.

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