

**MAY 2026
BULLETIN**

FRIDAY NIGHT

6:00 PM WORSHIP SERVICES

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

May 1	Shabbat Service
May 8	Shabbat Service
May 15	Shabbat Service
May 22	Shabbat Service
May 29	Shabbat Service

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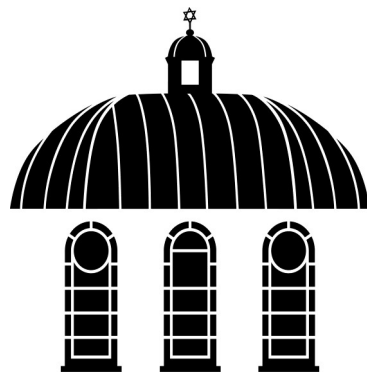
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TEMPLE EMANUEL

A sacred Jewish journey to enrich lives.

FROM OUR TEMPLE RABBI

Dear Friends,

As we enter the month of May, we find ourselves in a season of transition and reflection.

In Judaism, spring is closely tied to renewal, rebirth, and hope, and the beginning of the Jewish people's freedom. There's something about this time of year that gently nudges us to slow down, take it in, and notice what's growing, both around us and within us.... literally "stopping to smell the roses." This time of year links the physical blossoming in nature with a spiritual "recharge" that we all need during this time of year.

We're also coming right out of Passover, still carrying that powerful story of moving from slavery to freedom. And as always, it doesn't feel like just something from the past... It's a story we're still living. Each day gives us another chance to ask what it really means to be free, and how that freedom shows up in the way we treat others, speak, and make choices. It's not just about leaving something behind, it's about building something meaningful in its place.

May is also one of those months filled with connection. Many families are celebrating milestones, kids and grandkids are wrapping up the school year, and our temple continues to be a place where we come together; for prayer, for learning, for breaking bread together, and for simply being there for one another. Those everyday moments, the small acts of kindness and the times we show up for each other, are what truly hold our community together.

As we move forward a few weeks in our calendar, we look ahead to Shavuot, which arrives at sundown on May 21st. Shavuot marks the giving of the Torah, the moment when our people stood together at Sinai and received not just a set of commandments, but a covenant that continues to shape Jewish life and values today.



It's this seven-week period from Passover to Shavuot which is especially meaningful, because we begin the spring season by remembering liberation, and we end it by remembering revelation. In that sense, we're asked what we can do with the freedom we have been given, and how we can carry Torah into the world through learning, justice, compassion, and holiness.

I hope this month brings you many opportunities for peace, renewal, and connection. May we continue to grow as individuals and as a congregation, and may we arrive at Shavuot ready to receive the Torah again with open hearts and grateful spirits.

With blessings.

Rabbi Jon Nelson



**BARK MITZVAH
ROGERS PARK
Hosted by
Brotherhood**

FROM OUR TEMPLE PRESIDENT

April started off with a bang. First Night Seder was held on April 1st and Temple hosted the traditional Second Night Seder on April 2nd. The food was delicious and the Service was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to Rabbi Jon, Laura and Gene Thomas, Wendie and Joe Nordgren, Robin Goebel, Cheryl Barenberg, Kathy Johnson, Sarah and Tim Pessink for setting tables and chairs, cooking, running errands, etc., etc., etc. Without their help the night would not have been the success that it was.

Long Range Planning Committee had a meeting on April 14th. We are moving forward in a positive direction and hope to have a Town Hall Meeting in the near future.

We have secured an Honoree for the Humanitarian Dinner. Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.

I was invited to Breakfast with the Bishop on April 18th at St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. Gail Williams came as my guest and we had a lovely time. We enjoyed getting to know Bishop Toups and it was a marvelous event with lots of laughter and talking.

On Friday, April 24 a special Shabbat Service and Pot Luck Dinner was held for Israel's Independence Day. Again, a lively group came together to celebrate, eat, laugh and visit.

My wishes for each of you is a beautiful month of May filled with the beautiful and colorful flowers and, as always, days of peace and love.

Sherry Horwitz

Temple Emanuel Board of Trustees President





TEMPLE EMANUEL 2ND NIGHT PASSOVER SEDER Thursday, April 2, 2026



Temple Emanuel Sisterhood Schmooze

May 2026

TES had a busy month in April!!

Our 17th Mahj Day of Fun on April 22nd was wonderful. We had 44 players and 2 vendors from Houston. Thanks to all the great volunteers: Cheryl and Wendie for all things food and Janet, Kathy, Sherry and Nancy covering everything from set up to registration to raffles to many extra duties!! Thanks to Tim, Gene and Joe for all the muscle!

April 23rd we had to break down the Mahj set up and get ready for the Friday night Pot Luck in celebration of Israel's Independence Day and fundraiser for the Jewish National Fund. Thanks again to everyone that helped!! We collected over \$300 and had a fun dinner after services. We hope to make this an annual event.

TES has 5 members plus 2 husbands going to the WRJ SW District conference in San Antonio from April 30-May 3.

Memorial Book letters will be mailed in May with a deadline of June 26, 2026.

Our next Sisterhood Board Meeting will be on Tuesday, May 5th in the Library at Noon.

Thanks,

Laura Thomas

Temple Emanuel Sisterhood President



WRJ SW DISTRICT CONFERENCE

**San Antonio, Texas
April 30—May 3**





**TES
17TH
MAHJ
DAY OF
FUN
APRIL 22**

TEMPLE EMANUEL BROTHERHOOD

The Temple Emanuel Brotherhood collaborated with Rabbi Nelson to have our first "Bark" Mitzvah at the Rogers Park Dog Park on Saturday, April 25. It was well attended by Congregation members of both the two legged and four legged variety. Rabbi Nelson offered a prayer for our pets, both living and deceased, followed by a Havdalah ceremony. Very cool event.

Next month the Temple Brotherhood will revive an old tradition, a Congregational Picnic. It will be held on May 16, 2026 from 3 - 6 pm. at the home of Brotherhood President Mike Getz, 7950 Phelan Boulevard in Beaumont. The swimming pool and tennis court will be open for those wanting to participate and some adult beverages will be available for those that just want to relax. Please make plans to attend but call Sarah at the Temple office to let her know you are coming so we can have enough food and drinks on hand.

All the best,
Mike Getz



CONGREGATIONAL PICNIC

Saturday, May 16, 2026 from 3-6 PM
Home of Brotherhood President,
Mike Getz
7950 Phelan Blvd., Beaumont
The swimming pool & tennis courts
will be available.

RSVP WITH SARAH IN TEMPLE OFFICE
(409) 832-6131



**TEMPLE EMANUEL GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGES THE
FOLLOWING DONATIONS**

**Temple Emanuel Sisterhood-
Women's Shelter**

In honor of **Cynthia Wolf**
By Regina Rogers

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Donations made by
Jeri Kirkendall

Memorial & Tribute

In loving memory of our mother,
Anna "2-2" Hoffer
By Marsha & Lewis Hoffer

Social Justice—Jewish National Fund

Donations made by
Susan & Wayne Margolis

Cemetery Fund

In loving memory of
Ronald J. Spector
Anna "2-2" Hoffer
Gertrude Silverman
Ralph J. Brookner
Betty Night
By Mike Spector

**Social Justice—
Beaumont Meals on Wheels**

Donations made by
Richard Drapeau



**We will be
CLOSED**

MONDAY, MAY 25TH

In Observance of

Memorial Day



To be read 6/5

Delphine Mina Apfel
 Luke Christian
 Nettie Ginsberg
 Sheldon Greenberg
 Yetta Levin
 Nathan Liebling
 Annie Perl
 Sarah Simpson
 Michael Thompson
 Abraham E. Massman
 Jennie Miller
 Leon Rosenthal
 Morris Dugan
 Tina Goldblum
 Pauline M. Gordon
 Sam Lichenstein
 Peter Oshman
 Pauline Schwerin
 Celia Simons Goldman
 Sprincy Greenberg
 Morris Hirshleifer
 Hyman Massin
 Shirley Massin
 Louis Perl
 Thomas H. Ayer
 Virginia Ayer
 Berdie Diamond Chaisson
 Lena Elkins
 Marian Feigelson
 Marvin Reuben
 Irving Elias "Sonny" Breen
 Sylvia (Cissy) Friedman Chernoff
 Eugenia Margaret Angier Harris
 Sophie Rachlin Levin

To be read 6/12

Fannie Benson
 Carlton R. Cormier
 Pauline K. Mayer
 Charles Miller
 Dorothy Theise
 Sam C. Glober
 Baile Bagelman
 Anne Berger
 Gladys Koshkin
 Maurice Meyers
 Udis Samuelson Shapiro
 Arthur L. Taub
 Miriam Tiras
 Julius J. Goudchaux
 Sam Sharfstein
 Esther Friedman Cohen
 Hamilton Faulk
 Susan Van Slyke
 Benjamin Blum
 Louise Demuth
 Natalie S. Stein

To be read 6/19

Susan Sampson Howlett
 Carmen Robbins
 Nathan Brookner
 Norma E. Goldstein
 Barnett Dunner
 Abe Klein
 Maurice Lederer
 Lea Rabinovitch
 Leizer Rabinovitch
 Mortimer Rosenberg
 Sadie Sosno
 Lolly Black
 David Elkins
 Herbert Shapiro
 Dr. Sigmund B. Herman
 Miriam Dover Lefkovits
 Robert M. Michaels
 Abraham Selber
 Harold Eisen
 Dr. Louis Goldstein
 Ilene B. Vann



JUNE 2026



To be read 6/26

Benjamin Falkowitz
 Harold Alex Feigelson
 Samuel K. Levy
 Louis Silverman
 Emily Pearl Spector
 Dave Bagelman
 Karl Haase
 Raymond Lefkowitz
 Doris Wiess
 Abraham Adler
 Jennie Belgrade
 Perl Brookner
 Ida Elster
 Toby Horwitz
 Jack Koshkin
 Carl Waldman
 Ella K. Wyde
 Shirley Ann Getz
 Fannie F. Goldstein
 June Gayle Vaxler Hall
 Arnold Markowitz
 Hyman Sukman
 Dr. David Bennett
 Jessica Dworkin
 Sophia Kaplan
 Morton Mandel
 Adele Silverberg
 Ann Zar Taub
 Isabel Markowitz
 Charles W. Phillips
 Herbert Hayden Strozier
 Mollie Bagelman
 Fanny Norma Goldstein
 Hildegard Linz Kern
 Robert Lemon
 Sara Crager Swope
 Norman Szafir

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SUNDAY

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THURSDAY


FRIDAY


SATURDAY

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JUNE
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1
14 iyar 
6:00pm Shabbat Services
W/Caleb Fontenot
(IN-person & ZOOM)

2
15 iyar 
No Torah Study

3
16 iyar 
Emor

4
17 iyar

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18 iyar

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19 iyar

7
20 iyar

8
21 iyar 
6:00pm Shabbat Services
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

9
22 iyar 
9:00am Torah Study
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

10
23 iyar 
Behar-Bechukotai


11
24 iyar

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25 iyar
LAG BA'OMER

13
26 iyar

14
27 iyar

15
28 iyar 
6:00pm Shabbat Services
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

16
29 iyar 
9:00am Torah Study
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)
3-6pm Congregational
Picnic

17
1 sivan
11am Paul Horwitz
Unveiling at Kol Israel
Cemetery


18
2 sivan
MOTHER'S DAY

19
3 sivan

20
4 sivan
5:30pm BOT Meeting

21
5 sivan 

22
6 sivan 
6:00pm Shabbat Services
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

23
7 sivan 
9:00am Torah Study
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

24
8 sivan
ROSH CHODESH

25
9 sivan
Office Closed

26
10 sivan

27
11 sivan

28
12 sivan

29
13 sivan 
6:00pm Shabbat Services
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

30
14 sivan 
9:00am Torah Study
W/Rabbi Jon Nelson
(IN-person & ZOOM)

31
15 sivan
MEMORIAL DAY

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MAY 2026

To be read 5/1

Abraham M. Blieden
 Mary Fallis
 Nettie Kuhn
 Sidney Mayer
 David Sobel
 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
 Miriam Liebling Malevani
 Jeffrey Meyer
 S. Donald Greenberg
 Alex Kalmikoff
 Beatrice Levine
 Annie Bergman Eisen
 David H. Goldstein
 Mose D. Goldstein
 Harry Kolba

To be read 5/15

Kate Kramer
 Mildred Lederer
 Irving Lefkowitz
 Balance Apfel Cohen
 Hyman Elster
 Julia Loshak Golob
 Dave Miller
 Jennie Oshman
 Leon Vaxler
 Sophia Sampson Eisen
 Harry Galewsky, Sr.
 Albert Goodell
 Tena Gradwohl
 Roger Norman Koshkin
 Raymond Meyer Tettenbaum
 Sam Vener
 Jean Grace Klein
 Herman Petrower
 Bessie Fishbine Swartz

To be read 5/29

Lena Kaplan Mykoff
 Myrtle Marie Burch
 Julius Feigelson
 Hannah Horowitz
 Bertha Finegold Horwitz
 Rennie Levy Schwartz
 G. Davis Clark
 Herman Lefkovits
 David Robert Abelman
 Sherwin Elkins
 Israel Friedman
 Bessie Fruhman
 Bonnie Goldstein
 Bill Kuhn
 Irene E. Polansky
 Samuel M. Polansky
 Moise Schornstein
 Sam Finegold
 Hyman Blieden
 Evelyn Finegold
 May J. Levy
 Rebecca Selber
 Jack Walker

To be read 5/8

Jennie Bennett
 Dagmar H. Goldstein
 Katy Horwitz
 Irma J. Levy
 Nathan Newman
 Doris Ruth Eisen
 William Plettman
 Sue Roberts
 David Greenberg
 Walter Mayer, Jr.
 Ronald J. Spector
 Herbert Blum
 Anna "2-2" Hoffer
 Paul Meyer
 Bert C. Miller
 Lillian O. Miller
 Gertrude Silverman
 Estelle Myers Blotner
 Ralph J. Brookner
 Nettie Kuhn
 Jean Lieberman
 Walter Maxwell Mayer, Sr.
 Sadie Bernstein

To be read 5/22

Lena Levy Bluestein
 Morris Louis Jacobs
 Betty Night
 Samuel Blum Sharfstein
 William L. Simons
 Norma Chapman
 Zack Jacobs
 Louis Sokolsky
 Sophie Bagelman
 Jay Cecil Crager
 Asher Herman
 Freda Mushlin
 Beatrice Travitsky
 Marian Edelstein
 Ginger Greenberg
 Edith Catherine Hay
 Charles Lantos
 Helen Orrin
 Ruth Steele
 Moses Schwartz
 Madeline Globber
 Abraham Sadoff
 Leon Tiras
 Simon Walker
 Barnett Greenberg
 Eugene Karpel

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.



May 2026 Temple Emanuel Social Justice Committee (TESJ)

Dear Congregational Family and Friends of Temple Emanuel,

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. Below is a menu to select from that will, by way of your philanthropy, make a *Mitzvah* difference, so please support what speaks to your heart:

Actually, we present only one this month:

******Tzedakah* is requested to answer the call to help as needed in Israel...in particular at this time to help Jewish National Fund relocate those living in vulnerable areas to safer spaces and to provide all that is needed in those areas for the health and welfare of the community. Therefore, Jewish National Fund is not just about reforestation of the land; it is about the protection of its population! THANK YOU!

And, here are the various ways that you can fulfill the *Mitzvah* of *Tzedakah*:

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 and click on the DONATE button.

**Please consider making a *Tzedakah Mitzvah* Gift
as part of your Spring *Mitzvah* Project to the
Temple Emanuel Social Justice Fund.**

THANK YOU and HEALTH!!!!!!



New handrails leading up to the Ark have been installed. They are beautiful!

Temple Emanuel appreciates everyone that made this project possible.

An Unveiling for Paul Horwitz will be held on Sunday, May 17 at 11am at Kol Israel Cemetery.

A light lunch will follow at Temple Emanuel in Swerdlow-Roosth Social Hall

**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

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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