Emanuel Synagogue

Bulletin

SERVICE TIMES

Join us on Zoom, using the same link as all services: https://zoom.us/j/6574911810.

Please remember that we still have Evening Minyan Sundays through Thursdays at 8:00 pm, and Morning Minyan every Thursday at 8:30 am.

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

14th Fast of the Firstborns
15th Erev Pesach/Seder 1
16th Seder 2
23rd Passover ends at sunset
28th Yom HaShoah

Rabbi's Rostrum

To sell your chametz, please fill out the form on the Synagogue website, found here: Passover Information - Emanuel Synagogue (emanuelokc.org) The sale of chametz will take effect on Thursday, April 14, 2022, at 10:00 am, Central time, and the sale will terminate on Saturday night, April 23, 2022, at 9:00 pm, Central time.

For complete Passover information, please download the Rabbinical Assembly's Pesah Guide 5782: Pesah Guide 5782 | The Rabbinical Assembly

For those first-born adults who would prefer not to fast, please join us on Zoom on Friday morning, April 15, 2022, at 8:30 am for Morning Minyan, followed by a *siyyum* (the joyous celebration when someone finishes learning an entire volume of Jewish text - all who attend are required by Jewish law to break their fasts in order to eat a celebratory meal).

The Synagogue will host an Online First Seder on Friday night, April 15, 2022, beginning at 7:00 pm. This will use the same Zoom link as all Shabbat and weekday services use.

Hillel will host an Online Second Seder on Saturday night, April 16, 2022, which Rabbi Jacobson will lead again this year. This special seder will be a throwback to the popular culture of the 1990s - a nod to the Nineties worth of

"Seinfeld," so bring all your "Friends" to sit on the virtual Big Orange Couch for a Saturday night of "fresh" programming that proves Jews aren't afraid of the dark.*

** For a translation of the above sentence, please consult an early Milennial or a late Generation X-er.*

Passover Morning Services will be held on Zoom on Satuday, April 16, and on Sunday, April 17, 2022, at 10:00 am.

Morning Services for the seventh and eighth days of Passover will be held on Friday, April 22, and Saturday, April 23, 2022, at 10:00 am. These services will be both online and in-person.

Sacred Spaces

We are excited to announce that Emanuel Synagogue is one of ten USCJ synagogues selected from across the country to participate in a year-long Keilim cohort focused on building and affirming a safer, more respectful, more equitable culture. for those who work in and interact with synagogues. Keilim is the Hebrew word for "vessels." Policies are vessels that help communicate and uphold an organization's values and expectations.

Why

As a participating synagogue, we will be drafting a core statement of values, workplace policies, and procedures pertaining to issues of harassment, discrimination, bullying, and other behaviors that undermine safety, respect, and equity.

Who

This opportunity is a collaboration among our synagogue, USCJ, and Sacred Spaces, an organization that builds healthy Jewish communities by partnering with Jewish institutions to prevent and respond to sexual abuse and other abuses of power. At Emanuel Synagogue, we have selected a group of dedicated individuals to serve on the cohort team, Rabbi Abby Jacobson, Erin Lofties, Katherine Nash, Marc Levine, and Michael Mannes. However, this is intended to be a collective process, and our team's participation in the cohort will welcome feedback, participation, and support from our whole community. We will be asking for community input for Statement of Values, as well as community members' experiences and thoughts to help us shape our policy and procedures.

What

To support our congregation's effort, throughout the cohort, our team will:

- Attend five training sessions.
- Participate in a survey designed to gain input from board members, staff, volunteers, and congregants about what is and is not currently contributing to a safe and respectful environment.
- Use the online Keilim Policy Toolkit, a project supported by the SRE Network.
- Receive expert guidance through monthly office hours.
- Adapt and develop key pieces of workplace policies and protocols to foster safety and respect.
- Interact with other cohort members in a peer-to-peer learning community.

Quotes for Inclusion

"Sacred Spaces is honored to have the opportunity to partner with USCJ, as participating congregations undertake the important work of developing and updating their policies and procedures to ensure greater workplace safety, respect, and equity."- Shira Berkovits, President and CEO of Sacred Spaces

"It was important for USCJ to invest in this program, and the ten synagogues participating will lead the way in ensuring that community values are reflected and upheld in individual organizational policies." Aimee Close, Director of Synagogue Leadership & Innovation at USCJ

Additional Information

Please contact Erin Lofties *at* ErinLoftiesLPC@gmail.com with any questions or to find out about opportunities to participate in our Keilim process.

You can learn more about Sacred Spaces here.

Principal's Podium

Dear Bloom Family School Families,

This Saturday, April 2nd, we will have our first installment of **HEBREW SCHOOL SHABBAT.** Our Shabbat celebration of our Hebrew School Students and Faculty. Please come and show your support this Shabbat from 10 AM-12 PM.

These are the dates and time for our school this month:

- Sunday, April 3rd Bloom Family School (10 AM-12 PM)
- Wednesday, April 6th- Bloom Family School (4:30-6 PM)
- Sunday, April 10th- Bloom Family School (10 AM-12 PM)
- Wednesday, April 13th- Bloom Family School (4:30-6 PM)
- Sunday, April 17th- **NO SCHOOL- Passover**
- Wednesday, April 20th- **NO HEBREW SCHOOL - Passover break**
- Sunday, April 24th- Bloom Family School (10 AM-12 PM)
- Wednesday, April 27tth- Bloom Family School (4:30-6 PM)

Gan Shabbat and **Junior Congregation** will start meeting in the Auditorium and the Chapel respectively starting April 2nd. Starting every shabbat at 10 AM. See you there.

Have a sweet and kosher Passover,

Rabbi Juan Mejia

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Ma Koreh?

April 2022

Dear Emanuel Family,

Tikkun Olam, often translated as "bettering the world," is one of the six core values of United Synagogue Youth (USY), and the SOONER Chapter passionately embraces helping others. One of the oldest awards in the Youth Lounge is the 1952 International USY Tikkun Olam Award, and the current chapter is committed to making our world a better place as past SOONER members were.

On Tu B'Shvat, International USY issued a Tikkun Olam challenge to the over 350 chapters around the world to raise money for your favorite charity by Purim. The Tikkun Olam Challenge was met with gusto! Mylin Klein led the SOONER+ team, and she quickly decided/agreed in consultation to a "Bake Sale." Events in the Ukraine helped Mylin decided what to bake, where to bake, and who should receive the funds immediately and decisively.

Mylin reached out to both SOONER members and temple youth members (OKATY) to help bake Ukrainian Cinnamon Cookies, and the response was wonderful. The team of bakers, Mylin, Gracia Mejias, Lillie Johnson, Nina Damitsian, and Zinnia Steele, baked over 100 Baker's Dozen (1300+++ cookies including the broken and sample cookies). Donations of $18 or more received a Baker's dozen Ukrainian Cinnamon Cookies, and many donated significantly more than the suggested $18.

This is the first time in more than 10 years both youth groups worked together on a project. Thank you, Ardis Steele, the Temple's Youth Engagement Specialist, for teaming up and providing a booth at the CommUNITY Purim Carnival held on Temple B'nai Israel's grounds for the Bake Sale and so much more. The financial results were amazing. The funds raised at the Carnival Bake Sale, Temple, Synagogue, and Federation (leading the way) exceeded $13,000. All funds were donated to the Jewish Federations of North America's Crisis in Ukraine Fund, helping the Jewish community in Ukraine help the Jewish community, their neighbors, and refugees during these desperate times. The $13,000 gave the SOONER chapter both the Regional and International USY Purim T.O. Challenge Award. Yasher Koach to the bakers, and Todah Rabah to the many donors.

See you around the shul,
Jeff Goss
ES Youth Director

P.S. The cookies are wonderful with coffee or tea. They are like cinnamon scones.

P.S.S. Here is the recipe:

Ukrainian Cinnamon Cookies
A traditional winter treat
Recipe from https://ukrainian-recipes.com/cinnamon-cookies.html

> *Today we are going to share with you the recipe for a flavorful dessert. This is the recipe for classic, Ukrainian home-style cinnamon cookies.*
>
> *Cinnamon is a delicious spice which is not just for some (winter) holidays, since it can be used to spice up your everyday cookies and desserts. Let's bake delicious cookies coated in cinnamon and sugar. They are baked as quickly as they are eaten. After trying once, you will think that these cookies are one of the best ones you have ever eaten. So easy to make and so rewarding! Be prepared, as everyone you serve these cinnamon dessert will want its recipe.*

Ingredients:
Cookie Dough

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- ½ tsp. baking soda or 1 tbsp. cold soda water or 1 tbsp. cold water
- 3 cup flour
- 1 tbsp. cinnamon
- ¾ cup sour cream
- 14 tbsp. dairy butter
- Pinch of salt

Egg wash

- 1 egg
- 1 tbsp. water

Instructions:
Grind eggs with sugar. Add soft dairy butter, sour cream, and baking soda. Mix the ingredients and add flour gradually. Stir everything well. Knead the dough and refrigerate it for 1-3 hours (you can chill it overnight).

Roll the prepared dough on a heavily floured surface, the layer thickness of the dough should be ¼ inch think. Cut out cookies in any desired shape (for the Purim Carnival use hearts or flowers). Brush the cookies with egg wash then sprinkle with sugar and cinnamon or with blue and yellow colored sugar. Set cookies 1-inch apart on a baking sheet greased with butter and bake them at 450°F till the edges are lightly browned (5-10 minutes). Remove the cookies from the oven and let them cool.

ukrainian-recipes.com

The 2022 Minyanaire's Brunch is planned and scheduled for **June 19, 10 a.m**. for the service, brunch following immediately. We will be honoring our 2020 Minyanaire, Jay Shanker, whose celebration got postponed because of COVID, and this year's 2022 honoree, Dr. Howard Stein. Just save the date for now if you are a regular minyan attendee! Linda Gardner will host us at her home and we welcome volunteers to help with food preparation and presentation.

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To Life!

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

4 Jeff & Lori Blumenthal

12 Loren & Julie Plotkin

13 Robert & Michelle Seelig

24 David & Lindy Goss

APRIL BIRTHDAYS

3 Charles Esmon
Myrna Markowitz
7 Linda Gardner
Dr. Alfred Last
Michael Mannes
8 Shmuel Shepkaru
9 Madison Schweigart
10 Loren Plotkin
Yaniv Zimber
12 Daniel Seelig
13 Lou Barlow
14 Sandy Belson
15 Matthew Hallowell
16 Ben Shanker
18 Jennifer Damitsian
Kelvin Meek
22 Julie Buthman
Skyler Moomey
Ardis Marrs Steele
26 Brianna Johnson
Marc Vegh
28 Yuliya Hallowell
29 Christopher Beasley
30 Richard Fritz

In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

BERTHA ADICKMAN
David & Lindy Goss

GERT COOPER
Dr. Robert B. Epstein

ANNE FOGLE
Karin Kruger

VICTOR GIVENTER
Shirley Skalovsky

MELVIN L. LEIBS
Jerry & Jackie Bendorf

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Elaine Weise

FAYE ROSE
Elaine Weise

BERNARD SHANKER
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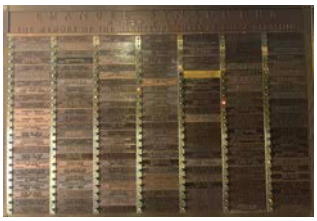

Saturday, April 2,
1 Nisan
Charles Haskell Caylen

Sunday, April 3,
2 Nisan
James Epstein
Andrew Sontheimer

Monday, April 4,
3 Nisan
Mike Skalovsky

Tuesday, April 5,
4 Nisan
Lena Bendorf
Harriet Chudnow
Edward Cohen
Goldie Nichols

Friday, April 8,
7 Nisan
Rev. Aaron Hardin

Saturday, April 9,
8 Nisan
Moshe Farber
Sylvia Oberstein

Monday, April 11,
10 Nisan
David Elmaleh

Tuesday, April 12,
11 Nisan
Meyer Kushner

Wednesday, April 13,
12 Nisan
Celia Besansky

Thursday, April 14,
13 Nisan
Mervin Leibs

Friday, April 15,
14 Nisan
Milton Emmer

Sunday, April 17,
16 Nisan
Nathan Karchmer

Monday, April 18,
17 Nisan
Sarah Rich

Wednesday, April 20,
19 Nisan
Everett H. Lamond
Ola Leibs
Daniel Stackhouse

Thursday, April 21,
20 Nisan
Leah Henson
Manya Kornblit

Friday, April 22,
21 Nisan
Sam I. Goldstein
Eva Josephson

Saturday, April 23,
22 Nisan
Harris Goldberg
Louise Lamond
Robert Emmett Stackhouse

Sunday, April 24,
23 Nisan
Ruth Posner

Monday, April 25,
24 Nisan
Ben Cohen
Ethel Jacobson
Charles Sandler

Tuesday, April 26,
25 Nisan
Blanche Reabe

Wednesday, April 27,
26 Nisan
Lilian Rochlin

Thursday, April 28,
27 Nisan
Ida Lebenson

Friday, April 29,
28 Nisan
Barbara Karchmer

Saturday, April 30,
29 Nisan
Louis Rich
Samuel Zaben

תודה רבה

TODA RABAH

Donation to **Cemetery Fund**
Bernard Backer

Speedy recovery to
Sherri Jacobson
Dr. Martin & Laura Levine
Elaine Weise

Congregants Assistance Fund
Yona Alter
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