

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

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Tisha B'Av 27th

Good & Welfare Announcements

Please send any G&W announcements to bethryanmd@att.net.

מזל טוב



Minyanaire
of the Year

2023

Bob Weiss



Minyanaires' Brunch 2023

This year's Minyanaires' Brunch was celebrated on father's Day, June 18, at the home of Linda Gardner. Bob Weiss, no stranger to all things honored at Emanuel Synagogue, was this year's MINYANAIRE. Shachareet services were led by Rabbi Juan and current regulars at our weekday minyanim were invited. After services, a festive brunch of lox, bagels, cream cheese, noodle kugel, fresh fruit platter, a delicious pound cake in the shape of a Magen Dovid and date nut bread was offered to the assembled guests.

In the past, Bob Weiss has been the presenter of our Minyanaire award and gift. This dilemma was graciously and perfectly solved with another long-time member of Emanuel and old friend of Bob's, Mitchell Rozin. Since former minyanaires were also honored and remembered at this event, Mitch reminded us of all the wonderful folks who have been honored, starting in 2002, with their names on our plaques. We were also thrilled to have several of the former minyanaires with us in person: Dr. Robert Epstein, Harold Green, Helene Harpman, Brenda Hooper, and Jay Shanker.

For many years the Minyanaires' Brunch has been celebrated in the charming home of Linda Gardner. Helene Harpman and Linda, along with various volunteers, Laura Levine, Gail Israel, Lois Pendergraft, Shirley Skalovsky and others have helped prepare the food and arrange it in tempting ways...to the delight of everyone. This year they announced their "retirement" as the cooks and organizers, but the event will continue under the "sponsorship" of the evening minyan. A BIG thanks to Jan Green for being our star photographer for the Minyanaires' brunch.



PRIDE
2023





Principal's Podium



Bloom Family Hebrew School Educational Strategy for 2023-2024 Serving Our Children (0-16)

As our Hebrew School turns 100 years old this year, I wanted to lay out all of the educational offerings we have at **EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE** for our youngest members to set our legacy of **LEARNING, SPIRITUALITY** and **COMMUNITY** on a straight path towards the new century. We are thankful for the continued support of the Synagogue's leadership and the Bloom Fund in the central task of any Jewish Community, which is to provide for the education of its youth.

GAN SHABBAT / JUNIOR CONGREGATION (AGES 0-11)

This **free** program is open to all members of the Jewish Community. Enthusiastic Shabbat morning prayers full of music, dance, theater and community introduce our youngest learners to Hebrew, Liturgy, Jewish values and Spirituality in a safe and fun environment. The participants of Gan Shabbat and Junior Congregation practice their Hebrew, refresh their knowledge, and learn instinctively the importance of having a Jewish community.

Gan Shabbat (AGES 0-7) Our pre-literacy program relies very strongly on music and games. Come and start learning the aleph bet with a prayer based movement experience. Very young learners will need adult supervision.

Junior Congregation (AGES 8-11) Introduces our youth to the traditional liturgy and gives our students their first chance to lead prayers in a

supportive environment of their peers.

Our programs run every shabbat from 10am-12pm. During many shabbatot we will be partnering with our **Youth Group** to extend the learning and fellowship into the afternoon.

BLOOM FAMILY HEBREW SCHOOL (AGES 3-13)

Learning from the best practices of other communities and assessing the changing needs of our community, we have decided to broaden the platforms in which our students learn to reach every child where they are, fostering individual learning, while preserving the beloved community that we have created in our wonderful classrooms. We will achieve this in three spaces:

1. WEDNESDAY HEBREW LAB (AGES 3-7)

Our **traditional Wednesday slot (4:30-6:00 PM)** will be reserved primarily for **our youngest learners (3-6)**. Music, art, and age appropriate prayer and Torah learning will enrich our younger students and prepare them for Hebrew literacy.

Families who would rather their older students **tutor in-person**, may also make a weekly thirty-minute tutoring appointment on Wednesdays in the Emanuel Synagogue building.

2. WEEKDAY ONE-ON-ONE HEBREW TUTORING (AGES 8-13)

Starting at age 7, we will match our students with a Hebrew Tutor to work **one-on-one** on their Hebrew decoding, prayers, and eventually, bar/bat mitzvah preparation. In such a small school,

we have often struggled with great disparities in Hebrew skills, learning methods and strengths, while trying to foster communities of similarly aged peers. With the lion's share of Hebrew reading and decoding being done one-on-one, we can tailor that portion of the program to each student's needs. For your convenience, tutoring is offered both virtually and in person (on Wednesdays only). Our students will start with individual lessons of 30 minutes of tutoring, and increase it as our students near bar-mitzvah.

3. SUNDAY HEBREW SCHOOL (AGES 3-13)

Our traditional **Sunday time slot (10AM-12PM)** will be preserved for all ages so we can come together as a community to **pray, cook, dance, learn, and celebrate**. With the great success of our **Jewish Enrichment Program** last semester, we will be combining traditional frontal teaching in peer separated classrooms, with family programming, arts-integrated holiday prep, cooking, and even some field trips. We will also have regular Hebrew leveling activities (which will combine students by Hebrew level) which are key to retention of decoding and liturgy. As with our **Gan Shabbat** and **Junior Congregation**, we will be partnering many Sundays with **Youth Group** to extend the learning and the fun by scheduling events after Sunday School.

HEBREW HIGH SCHOOL (AGES 13-17)

Designed for our post b'nai-mitzvah crowd, **Rabbi Jacobson** will meet virtually with our Hebrew School graduates to examine a variety of topics in **Jewish history, Thought, Holocaust, Israel, and more**. This space will also serve as a forum for our Youth to grow into thoughtful Jewish Oklahomans and Americans, preparing them for the challenges and blessings of Jewish adulthood. For some topics, the class will be partnering with local, national, and international organizations to bring in outside speakers or participate in field trips and meetings with other organizations.

Please join me for a VIRTUAL INFORMATIONAL MEETING on Wednesday July 12th at 6:00 PM.

Looking forward to our second century of learning at Emanuel Synagogue.

Rabbi Juan



Ma Koreh?

July 2023

Dear Emanuel Family,

It is Jewish summer camp time! Synagogue children are enjoying Jewish camping here in OKC and in Colorado. Jewish camping weaves Jewish identity into the fabric of camp, helping campers find their own identity and friends in a Jewish space. At a Jewish camp, Jewish and Israeli culture is celebrated, and young energetic staff members engage and challenge each camper to explore their abilities at a pool or lake, basketball court, hiking trails, river rafting, rock climbing, art, dance, and so much more.

At the Federation's Camp *Chaverim*, my favorite part of the day is morning drop-off. The big kids all have smiles, but the 2- and 3-year-olds, as well as their parents, seem a little anxious for the day. However, Rueben Levine, 2, always ran into my arms with such a big smile and a huge hug. It was the best way to start a day. The Weiss triplets rocked Camp *Chaverim*'s first Meshuganah day of the

summer with their crazy hair. Parents introducing these first-time campers to Jewish camping is awesome.

As the youth get older, 8 and above, Jewish sleepaway camps are an excellent option for an immersive Jewish experience. This year our campers will attend two Colorado camps, the JCC Ranch Camp and Ramah in the Rockies. Paloma Levine will be following her mom's, Ronnie Grinberg, footsteps at the Ranch Camp, and I cannot wait to hear stories and see pictures. Argo and Tzvi Mejia, Albie Buthman, and Mylin Klein will enjoy part of their summer at Ramah in the Rockies. Michelle Goss will be on the archery staff all summer, and I will spend a couple weeks volunteering and keeping an eye on our campers.

Each of these camps is designed to be enjoyed by all campers. Whether they're telling stories in their bunks, learning about the environment, or exploring what Judaism means to them and their friends in a fun and amazing place; Jewish camping has an immediate impact. Campers return home connected to their camp community and friends in a special, independent, and adult like way. Campers with positive experiences tend to be more engaged in youth group, Hebrew school, and congregational life. They love to share their new tunes for traditional prayers and Israeli music. They breathe new life into our synagogue.

See you around our wonderful shul!

Jeff Goss
ES Youth Director

New Friends



The Friendship Never Ends

Old Friends





Temporary Hold

Personal Challah orders are currently on hold until we hire another kitchen staff to replace our beloved Ms. Mandy who recently retired. We apologize for any inconvenience this may be to those who order regularly. . . With that said, I'd like to express a big "todah rabbah" to Barb Brandenburg & Tiffany Logsdon for making enough Challah for Shabbat Kiddush to last several months! We greatly appreciate you both!

Shalom Ladies!

It is an honor to be your next Sisterhood President, and I'm excited about all the fun we're going to have together! First, I would like to express a big "Todah rabbah!" to the previous President, Tiffany Logsdon, who put so much love and effort into this Sisterhood during her term. She always went above and beyond (even serving a 3 year term instead of the usual 2!). I have some big shoes to fill! Thank you Tiffany! We greatly appreciate you!

My favorite part about our Sisterhood is the way we come together for important events & holidays, not only to serve our Emanuel community, but to have fun together, and create lasting bonds. This can only be possible by the generous volunteering of our

Sisterhood members, and the membership dues you give that support our work each year. THANK YOU for being a part of this amazing opportunity to serve and to grow our Emanuel Synagogue community!

If you have not become a member, and are interested, please call our Synagogue office and sign up! We'd love to have you!

Lastly, I'm excited to share that starting in July, we will be having a "Ladies Day/ Night Out" each month to get together, connect, share ideas, and have fun! So look out for those announcements!

Have a great summer! ☀️

Sincerely,

Heather Zarfati

Sisterhood Gift Shop

Buy your Bar & Bat Mitzvah, Wedding, and Baby Gifts. Plus, Yahrzeit and Shabbos candles, Jewelry, pottery and so much more.





JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Jay Shanker & Sara Jane Rose
- 8 Robert & Jeanne Schlotte
- 9 Brandon & Lindsay Katzir
- 10 Dr. Henry & Carol Asin
- 12 Dr. Martin & Laura Levine
- 16 Bob & Tammy Weiss
Larry & Donna Graham
- 20 Jeff & Debbie Trachtenberg
- 25 Win & Frances Stewart



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 4 Rocco Meoli
Eleanor Miller
- 6 Dr. Noam Stillman
- 11 Elaine Muhlberg
Kira Seelig
- 15 Amit Zarfati
- 16 Yaniv Damitsian
- 20 Barb Brandenburg
- 22 Barbara Farber
Alan Goldfarb
Josiah Hodge
Julie Plotkin
- 24 Elaine Weise
- 25 Benjamin Duffy
- 28 Maya Damitsian
Paloma Yael Levine
- 29 Elizabeth Caplan
Gefen Zimmer
- 30 Michael Korenblit
Zev Raizen
- 31 Naomi Cohen



In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

PAMELA BROWN

Zelda Brown
Susan Brown
David & Heidi Shear

ARVIN BURDETT

James Goldsberry

THOMAS DURICA

David & Sherri
Durica

SYLVIA GETHNER

Dr. Perry Gethner

MEYER GOSS

David & Velinda
Goss

MEYER KORNBLIT

Michael & Joan
Korenblit

DOROTHY**LANGSAM**

Shelley Savage
Elaine Weise

BEVERLY**MELNICK**

Stacy Coe

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BILL VEGH

Marc Vegh

MARTHA WEISS

Drs. Stephen &
Roberta Sloan

ALBERT ZETLAN

Zelda Brown
Susan Brown
David & Heidi Shear

BERNARD ZETLAN

Zelda Brown
Susan Brown
David & Heidi Shear



With Affection We Recall...



**Saturday, July 1,
12 Tammuz**

Rose Gringer
Lucille Horwitz

**Monday, July 3,
14 Tammuz**

Della Fagin
Brett Shalom Kanter

**Tuesday, July 4,
15 Tammuz**

James Belson
Charles Goodman
Clara Karlin

**Thursday, July 6,
17 Tammuz**

Joan Epstein

**Saturday, July 8,
19 Tammuz**

Pola Farina
Lucille Vegh

**Sunday, July 9,
20 Tammuz**

Eva Cohen
Edith Krasnow
Ada Wirtz

**Monday, July 10,
21 Tammuz**

Henrico Farina
Bernice Gardner
Rebecca Yourman

**Tuesday, July 11,
22 Tammuz**

Sidney Kowaloff
Nancy Sureck

**Wednesday, July 12,
23 Tammuz**

Bernard Slutzky

**Friday, July 14,
25 Tammuz**

Jerry McDaniel

**Saturday, July 15
26 Tammuz**

Ben E. Goldberg
Richard Matty

**Sunday, July 16,
27 Tammuz**

Fannie Abramson

**Monday, July 17,
28 Tammuz**

Kate Mize

**Tuesday, July 18,
29 Tammuz**

Jennie Katz
Rose Miller

**Thursday, July 20,
2 Av**

William Lassen
Herman Merson

**Friday, July 21,
3 Av**

Meyer Cohen
Miriam Emmer

**Saturday, July 22,
4 Av**

Chaya Sara Chen

**Monday, July 24,
6 Av**

Phillip Blum
Tillie Kushner

**Tuesday, July 25,
7 Av**

Shoshana Elimalech

**Wednesday, July 26,
8 Av**

Wolf B. Bendorf
Omar Trinidad
Paul Weise

**Thursday, July 27,
9 Av**

Ian Levine
Philip Sureck

**Friday, July 28,
10 Av**

Jennifer Cohen
Bernice Harpman
Sig Harpman Jr.
Irene Siegal

**Saturday, July 29,
11 Av**

Matilda Cohen
Michael Joel Weiss

**Sunday, July 30,
12 Av**

Eleanor B. Cohen
Irving Emmer
Esther Lassen

**Monday, July 31,
13 Av**

Joseph Bateshansky
Bertha Bendorf
Rachmil Kurlender



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רבה

TODA RABAH

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SUNDAY
JULY 2

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POOL
Party

FOOD, DRINKS, AND SUMMER FUN!
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