Emanuel Synagogue

Bulletin

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October 2025 Tishre-Cheshvan 5786

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

1 Erev Yom Kippur
2 Yom Kippur
6 Erev Sukkot
7-13 Sukkot
14 Shmini Atzeret
15 Simchat Torah

ATTENTION PLEASE

In our efforts to organize, starting this month members can begin using the below email addresses. Cox accounts will no longer be available starting May 2025.

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EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE

MONTHLY BULLETIN

Emanuel Synagogue, the Conservative synagogue for the Oklahoma City area, is home to some 200 member families and individuals. Our congregation is close-knit and friendly, like a big family. Most of us have known each other for years (often for generations), but we're thrilled when newcomers ask to join us, and we do everything we can to make them feel welcome and integrate them into our community.

Our synagogue membership is diverse, including people of all ages and a wide range of Jewish backgrounds (Conservative, Orthodox, Reform, and Jews by marriage or by choice). What we all have in common is our commitment to maintaining our Jewish culture and heritage for ourselves and for our children and grandchildren.

As Conservative Jews, we respect Judaic traditions and study Torah while seeking to make them relevant to busy lives in the modern world.

October

2025

September

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28	29	30				

November

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30						

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
28	29	30	**1**	**2**	**3**	**4**
			Erev Yom Kippur 6:55 PM Candle lighting 7 PM Kol Nidre & Yom Kippur	Yom Kippur 9:30 AM Morning Service 7:54 PM Havdallah 8 PM Break-the-Fast	6:52 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:51 PM Havdalah
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	Erev Sukkot	Sukkot Starts			6 PM Burgers Bar 6:42 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:41 PM Havdalah
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
		Shmini Atzeret	Simchat Torah		6:33 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:32 PM Havdalah
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
		Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	Rosh Chodesh Cheshvan	M	6:26 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:24 PM Havdalah
26	27	28	29	30	31	1
					6:17 PM Candlelighting	9:30 AM Shabbat Service 7:17 PM Havdalah
31						

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2025 High Holiday Service Schedule

Pre-Holiday Services

SEPTEMBER 13 2025

Selichot - Community Service	Main Sanctuary	7PM-8PM

SEPTEMBER 14, 2025

Reverse Tashlich	Lake Hefner	9:AM-12PM

Rosh Hashanah

SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services & Oneg	Main Sanctuary	7PM-9PM

SEPTEMBER 23, 2025

Day 1 Rosh Hashanah Services	Main Sanctuary	9:30A-1:30P
Day 1 Evening Service	Online	7:30P-8:30P
Junior Congregation	Youth Lounge	10AM-12PM
Youth Services	Classrooms	10AM-12PM

SEPTEMBER 24 2025

Day 2 Rosh Hashanah Services	Main Sanctuary	9:30A-1:30P
Day 2 Evening Service	Online	7:30P-8:30P
Junior Congregation	Youth Lounge	10AM-12PM
Youth Services	Classrooms	10AM-12PM

SEPTEMBER 27, 2025

Shabbat	Chapel	9AM-12PM

SEPTEMBER 28, 2025

Kever Avot	Fairlawn Cementary	2PM-3pm
Kever Avot	Emanuel Cementary	3PM-4PM

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Yom Kippur

OCTOBER 1, 2025		
Evening Service	Main Sanctuary	7PM-9:30PM
OCTOBER 2, 2025		
Morning Service	Main Sanctuary	9:30AM-2PM
Evening Service	Main Sanctuary	5PM-7:54PM
Break-The-Fast		7:54P-9PM
Youth Service		

Sukkot

OCTOBER 6, 2025		
Evening Service	Online	7:30P-8:30P
OCTOBER 7, 2025		
Morning Service	Chapel	9:30A-11:30A
Evening Service	Online	7:30P-8:30P
OCTOBER 8, 2025		
Morning Service	Chapel	9:30A-11:30A
Evening Service	Online	7:30--8:30P
OCTOBER 9, 2025		
Sisterhood Sukkot Lunch		11:30A-1:30P
OCTOERB 10, 2025		
Burger's Bar Youth Fundraiser		6PM-8PM
OCTOBER 11, 2025		
Shabbat Service	Chapel	9AM-12PM
OCTOBER 13, 2025		
Hoshanah Rabbah Services	Chapel	9AM-11AM
Evening Service	Chapel	7PM-9PM

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Shemini Atzeret

OCTOBER 13, 2025

Evening Service	Online	8PM-8:30P

Simchat Torah

OCTOBER 14, 2025

Morning Service & Yizkor	Chapel	9AM-11AM
Evening Service & Dinner	Chapel	7PM-9PM

OCTOBER 15, 2025

Morning Service & Lunch	Chapel	9AM-1PM

Yom Kippur Pledge

Pledging and donating between the High Holidays acknowledges the importance of the synagogue in our lives and in our community. On a personal level, Yom Kippur gives us each an opportunity to recommit ourselves to Jewish ways and values in the coming year, and many people give generously right before Yom Kippur to symbolize their personal recommitment to the important mitzvah of tzedakah in the coming year.

Donations to the synagogue help fund bringing a cantor into town; maintenance and up keep of the building which has increased in pricing over the years; cemetery maintenance; assists congregants in need and much more.

This coming year, your donation is needed immensely to offset the rising cost of general maintenance and upkeep. With the generous donations of the past and recent donors, the synagogue was able to repair the AC unit in time for High Holidays.

Projects that need funding in the very near future:
New Building Roof
Kitchen renovations
New Fence Around Parking Lot Unit

Long Term Projects:
Auditorium Update

Please consider donating this year. No amount is too small.
Donations can be made online at the synagogue website or with your donation card handed out at services.

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MESSAGE FROM RABBI JACOBSON

In my own personal learning, I came across a wonderful midrash. The midrash asks why the Torah emphasizes the treatment of the *ger* (the "stranger," or the non-Jewish person). The Torah instructs that we not mistreat or oppress the *ger* thirty-six separate times - more than almost any other topic, commandment, or instruction. The midrash starts by asking why.

The midrash asks us to imagine a human king who owns large flocks of sheep and herds of goats. Of course, because he is a king, he employs a herdsman to oversee all of these animals. This paints the picture of a wealthy king who delegates successfully and who does not micromanage his staff.

One day, a gazelle wanders into the group and stays, making its new home among the king's sheep and goats. The king becomes fixated on this gazelle and its health and well being. He gives constant instructions to the herdsman regarding the care and feeding of the gazelle, and he asks about it at least twice a day. The king has <u>focused</u> on the gazelle.

The royal herdsman asks why. The king has trusted the herdsman with keeping the hundreds of other animals alive, healthy, and productive. They give wool, they give milk, and they produce babies. The herdsman has never needed special instructions on their care and feeding, much less daily instructions! The herdsman asks why the king has chosen to focus so much on this one animal.

The king could have many reasons why the gazelle is so important to him. The gazelle is beautiful, and it is an unusual animal - especially given the background of hundreds of sheep and goats. In this midrash, however, the king does not care that the gazelle is beautiful or that it is unusual. The gazelle is certainly not as useful a domesticated animal as either sheep or goats, since its fur cannot be made into fabric, and it is not accustomed to giving milk (the midrash does not tell us whether this gazelle is male or female, so it might never give milk under any circumstances).

In the midrash, the king points out to the herdsman that the gazelle is not a domesticated animal. For those of us who remember learning the history of colonialism, we might assume that the

king is eager to domesticate the wild and unruly gazelle, but the midrash does not go in that direction either.

Instead, the king tells the herdsman that this wild gazelle is unaccustomed to being cared for, and that he has an interest in making sure that the gazelle receives all the care and tending it needs since no one has ever cared for it before.

A *ger* in our community can be like this gazelle - unaccustomed to life in the Jewish community and, therefore, unaccustomed to being cared for by the Jewish community. For this reason, the midrash explains, God gives so many commandments regarding our treatment of that "stranger" - the *ger*.

I would like to take the idea one step further: Everyone is vulnerable on one subject or another. Everyone needs to be cared for, and everyone has ways in which s/he is unaccustomed to receiving that care. When it is your turn to be the gazelle, may you choose to wander into our well tended flock, and may you accept the care that will follow.

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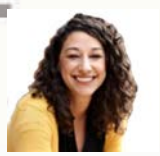
Drop in for tea and a chat with Rabbi Jacobson!
Office Hours are Mondays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm
Feel free to drop in, or schedule a meeting time that is more convenient for you.
(Hours subject to change to accommodate an emergency in the congregation, and Rabbi Jacobson will not hold office hours on Jewish holidays, federal holidays, or any other time when the Synagogue offices are closed.)

Do you know someone who is sick, or who could use some cheering up? One way to help someone who is sick or feeling down is to let Rabbi Jacobson know to contact him/her/them. Another great way is to add someone to the Misheberach list, for the congregation to pray for their health. However, please remember to ask that person's permission first!
*Please note: We read the names on the Misheberach (sick prayer) list out loud during Shabbat services and Evening Minyan. For the sake of their privacy, we read people's Hebrew names, or if they do not have a Hebrew name, we only read their first name in English. We want to comfort people with our prayers, not to invade their privacy.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



The High Holidays are here and in full swing, and I hope each of you had an opportunity to reflect and plan for a meaningful year ahead. These sacred days give us a chance to pause, reset, and look forward with hope as we step into 5786 together.

I want to take a moment to share how deeply grateful we are for your Yom Kippur pledges. Your generosity makes an immediate and lasting impact. As many of you know, we are working toward major capital improvements to our HVAC system, kitchen, and roof—projects that are essential to maintaining and growing our vibrant synagogue community. For your convenience, donations can be made easily online, and every contribution brings us closer to these important goals.

Beyond these improvements, we are also committed to bringing engaging and meaningful programming to our community. I encourage you to join us for two upcoming October events:

- October 10 – Youth Burger Bar Israel Fundraiser
- October 25 – Screening of Children of October 7

Your presence and participation help strengthen our community and ensure that Emanuel remains a home filled with warmth, connection, and purpose.

As we continue into the year 5786, I wish you and your loved ones peace, love, and good health. May this be a year of blessings for us all.

PRODUCER ASSAF BELER
WITH MONTANA TUCKER

THE CHILDREN OF OCT 7

HEAR INTERVIEWS WITH 7 CHILDREN WHO WERE VICTIMS OF 10/7/23

OCT 25, 2025 | 7:30P

AT EMANUEL SYNAGOGUE

REGISTER: bit.ly/oct25movie

CONCESSIONS AVAILABLE. DONATIONS ACCEPTED

Annual BURGERS BAR

Come out and enjoy a delicious burger under the sukkah for the annual youth fundraiser. This fundraiser supports travel expenses for our youth to travel to Israel.

OCT 10
5:00PM
TO
7:00PM

Buy your tickets in advance today!
https://bit.ly/burgers2025
$18 advance
$25 at the door
$5 children (18 and younger)
Vegetarian option available

RSVP BY OCT 5

Questions? Email
youth@emanuelsynagogueokc.org

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HEBREW SCHOOL

Shanah tovah to all of our Bloom Family Hebrew School Families. May this new year of 5786 bring us the blessings of learning, growing, and community. Here is our calendar for the month of October. And if you look deep into it, you will realize that there is a lot of activities going on (praying, fasting, feasting) but very little class. Rabbi Shimon from the Talmud teaches us that "the most important thing is action". Our tradition is one oriented towards learning but that learning is never just for its own sake. True learning inspires one to grow together with one's community through action.

	Wednesda	October 1	KOL NIDRE
ג	Sunday	October 5	SHS @TBOOH (Food bank)
	Wednesda	October 8	No HEBREW LAB- Sukkot
ג	Sunday	October 12	SHS @Habitat for Humanity
	Wednesda	October 15	FALL BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
	Sunday	October 19	FALL BREAK (NO SCHOOL)
	Wednesda	October 22	Hebrew Lab (ages 5-7)
א	Sunday	October 26	Sunday Hebrew School (5-13)
	Wednesda	October 29	Sunday Hebrew School (5-13)

That is why I urge our families and faculty to be there not only for the learning but also the important values of **KEHILAH (community/ volunteering)** and **TZEDAKAH (justice and equity).**

The Take a Bite Out of Hunger will offer learning activities for children under 8 years of age who cannot volunteer on the floor.

For the **Habitat for Humanity** event we will try to offer a similar activity close but of course not TOO close to the building site. (Please be aware of your email.)

A wonderful way to stay engaged during these weeks in which your children will be unconsciously clamoring to go to Hebrew School is to bring them to our **HIGH HOLIDAY SERVICES (Wednesday October 1, 7-9pm and Thursday October 2, 9 am-12pm)** and to our weekly **GAN SHABBAT & JUNIOR CONGREGATION (Saturdays 10am-12pm).** Stay with your family to learn Torah, play board games and have lunch.

May we be inscribed and sealed in the Book of Life this 5786!

Rabbi Juan Mejia

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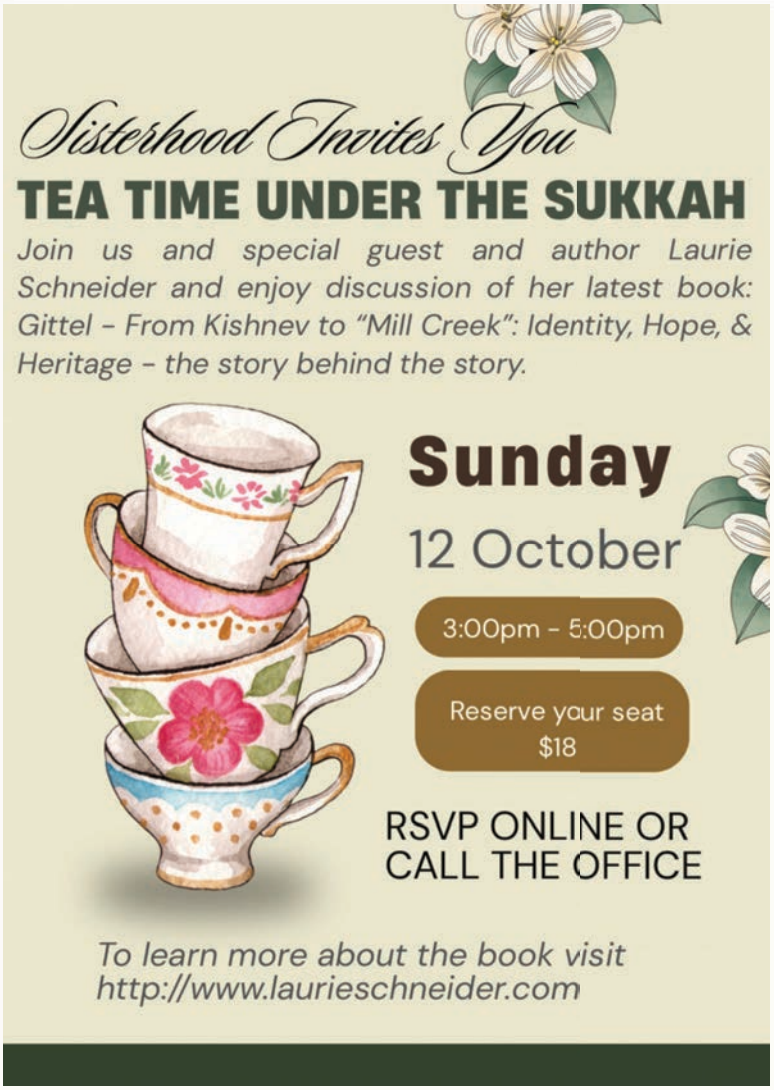
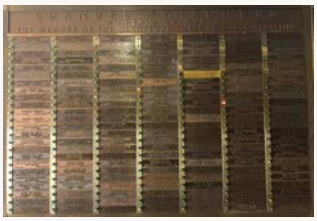


Sisterhood Gift Shop

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

With Affection We Recall...



Thursday, October 2,
10 Tishrei
Fannie Goldberg
Donald J. Kumm
Bertha Miller
Charles Rubin
Ben Shanker

Friday, October 3,
11 Tishrei
Henry Black
Mary Kushner
Susan Colton

Tuesday, October 7,
15 Tishrei
Rabbi Benjamin Papermaster
Charles Singer
Rosemary Stackhouse
Sadie Sureck

Wednesday, October 8,
16 Tishrei
Mimi Shanker

Thursday, October 9,
17 Tishrei
Robert Bravo

Sunday, October 12,
20 Tishrei
Rose Goldstein
Esther Wasserman

Monday, October 13,
21 Tishrei
Max Melnick

Tuesday, October 14,
22 Tishrei
Samuel Orenstein

Wednesday, October 15,
23 Tishrei
Meyer Emmer
Isaac Miller
Charles Robinson

Thursday, October 16,
24 Tishrei
Edward Mendelson
Janet Orenstein
Henry Sureck

Saturday, October 18,
26 Tishrei
Pearl Kushner
Simha Waknine
Tillie Ring

Sunday, October 19,
27 Tishrei
Reuben Finkelstein
Charles Stackhouse Sr.
Lawrence Stackhouse

Monday, October 20,
28 Tishrei
Harry Stackhouse

Tuesday, October 21,
29 Tishrei
Abe Shapiro

Wednesday, October 22,
30 Tishrei
Mendel Kurlender

Thursday, October 23,
1 Heshvan
Isadore Rozin

Friday, October 24,
2 Heshvan
Adell Alpern
Leah Rebecca Hardin
Helen Hirsh

Saturday, October 25,
3 Heshvan
Anita Wachtel

Sunday, October 26,
4 Heshvan
Sylvia Melnick
Dr. Leon Unger

Monday, October 27,
5 Heshvan
Jeremy Altshuler
Hannah Magner

Wednesday, October 29,
7 Heshvan
Lillian Muss
Dora Rodman

Thursday, October 30,
8 Heshvan
Dr. William Shelton

WE REMEMBER

DOROTHY COHEN
Shirley Skalovsky

RICHARD EPSTEIN
Dr. Richard B. & Scott Epstein

MILLIE LEVIN
Robin Shanker & Joseph Anzelmo

ROSE ROSE
Elaine Weise

AARON SLUTZKY
Marvin Slutzky

BEN SHANKER
Robin Shanker & Joseph Anzelmo

MIMI SHANKER
Robin Shanker & Joseph Anzelmo

BESSIE SLUTZKY
Marvin Slutzky

PAUL WEISE
Shirley Skalovsky

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

8 Jerry & Jackie Bendorf

15 Jennifer & Davis Dennis

21 Harry & Hedra Merson

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

1 Jennifer Goldberg
Amy Settles
7 Dr. Ira Targoff
9 Ann Kennett
10 Brooklyn Ann Green
Robert Seelig
11 Dr. Robert H. Epstein
Gracia Hannah Mejia
13 Louise Fritz
Alex Hamilton
14 Dr. Peter Armendariz
17 Sherri Jacobson
Aliza Nechtow
22 Phineas Hodge
23 Judy Silverstein
26 Michelle Goss
Ezra Logsdon
27 Tierney Eden
28 Dr. Amalia Miranda

תודה רבה

TODA RABAH

Donation to Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

Dr. Robert B. Epstein
Shelley Savage

Congregants Assistance Fund Donation

Dr. Yona Rebbetzin Alter
& Dr. Rabbi Levi Alter
Bernard Backer
Heather Robertson
Meredith Willis

Cemetery Fund Donation

Dr. Robert B. Epstein

High Holy Days Donation

Dr. Robert B. Epstein
Shelley Savage

Jewish Theatre of Oklahoma Announces it's 25/26 Season

We're thrilled to unveil our 2025–2026 Season — a powerful lineup of stories that span generations, continents, and emotions. This year, our productions dive deep into **legacy, love, identity, conflict, and community.**

Whether you're a long-time subscriber or joining us for the very first time, we invite you to share in these unforgettable stories with us.

THE 2025–2026 SEASON LINEUP
BAD JEWS
by Joshua Harmon
Directed by Terry Veal

📍 Carpenter Square Theatre

🗓️ October 4 at 8:00 PM | October 5 at 2:00 PM
A beloved grandfather dies, and a treasured family heirloom ignites a firestorm between cousins.

PROVENANCE
by Jennifer Maisel

📍 Oklahoma Shakespeare

🗓️ November 8 at 8:00 PM | November 9 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
Three intertwined journeys collide across time, memory, and war as a family searches for stolen art and the truth about their past.

THE SCRIBE
Written & Performed by Jesse Bernstein

📍 Oklahoma Shakespeare

🗓️ January 3 at 8:00 PM | January 4 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
In an exclusive reprise, Jewish Theatre of Oklahoma welcomes back a favorite from our 2021 season! In this one-man show, Jesse Bernstein reveals the untold (and maybe truthful) story of how the Torah was created.

✨ *Subscriber Exclusive*
This premium event is normally **$50 per ticket** — but included *free* with the top two Premium Subscription packages. A perfect

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THE APPLE TREE
Music by Jerry Bock, Lyrics by Sheldon Harnick
Starring Amanda Lee

📍 Oklahoma Shakespeare

🗓️ January 24 at 8:00 PM | January 25 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM
The classic tale of Adam & Eve with a comedic twist. Through songs and humor, this show asks timeless questions about love, choice, and truth.

ON THE EDGE
by Motti Lerner
Starring Ford Austin and Rob May

📍 Oklahoma Shakespeare

🗓️ March 14 at 8:00 PM | March 15 at 2:00 PM & 7:00 PM A tormented Israeli widower and his estranged son confront the ghosts of the past in a political, psychological thriller set in the shadow of war.

THE CEMETERY CLUB
by Ivan Menchell

📍 Carpenter Square Theatre

🗓️ May 2 at 8:00 PM | May 3 at 2:00 PM
Three widows gather at the cemetery—until new love, old grief, and shifting friendships begin to change everything.

SEASON SUBSCRIPTIONS NOW OPEN
Want to see every show? Subscribers enjoy the **best seats, biggest savings, and special perks.** Our intimate venues fill quickly — don't miss your chance to join us!

We now offer **three tiers of subscription packages**:

$120 Entry-Level Subscription
One ticket to five productions (*The Scribe not included*).

$260 Premium Subscription
Two tickets to all six productions — including *The Scribe* (normally $50 per ticket).
Plus, exclusive perks for the best value.

$1000 Producer's Club
Two tickets to all six productions and recognition in our programs.
A perfect way to support the arts at the highest level.

SUPPORT THIS SEASON
From costumes and props to venues and artists, bringing these stories to life takes tremendous heart — and your generous support.

Every gift, big or small, helps us raise the curtain. Please consider making a tax-deductible donation today

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