

Emanuel Synagogue



Bulletin



SERVICE TIMES

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THIS MONTH'S EVENTS

January

- 1 Office closed
- 4 Birthday Shabbat
- 7 Asara B'Tevet
- 8 JFED PJ Library
- 18 Sisterhood Shabbat
- 19 MLK Overnight
- 20 Martin Luther King jr Day
Office Closed
Community March to the Capitol
- 22 Board Meeting
- 27 Rosh Chodesh Sh'vat

Special Announcement

Minyanaire of the Year

Every year the past recipients of the Minyanaire of the Year award are asked to select the coming year's honoree. The festive event is usually held in June. The invitees are people who have attended morning minyan at least 7 times in the previous year. We are excited to announce that the 2020 honoree is **Jay Shanker**. Mazel tov!

Welcome TO THE FAMILY



*Dawn Jefferies
Edwina Lowry
Hunter & Jessica Blunt
Miriam Grossman*

*Please take the time to
introduce yourself and let
them know how much we
appreciate them choosing to
join our family.*

*Love Laughter Friends & Family
Welcome Here*

Thank You For Sharing Your Photos





PRESIDENTS' PERSPECTIVE



Have you ever wandered through the halls of Emanuel Synagogue embracing the sights around you? I always enjoy walking down the confirmation corridor looking for familiar faces and trying to figure out who is related to whom. I am proud to see my children's faces among the others and to know they have grown up here. There's the Past Presidents' passageway with so much rich history and I feel gratitude to them for leading our congregation through the trials and tribulations of synagogue life. I hope it was fulfilling for them, having contributed to a place that's still so vibrant 115 years later. There are rooms dedicated to wonderful people who have chosen to give to our synagogue in many ways, be it financially and/or with their precious time. These names are a part of why our shul is alive today. Some names on the memorial wall are familiar, some are not, but they represent the love for those who have been before us, remembered and treasured by family and friends. There are plaques reminding us of those that went the extra mile to make this place what it is.

Of course, the kitchen is the core of so much of our life here at Emanuel.

Festive onegs and bar and bat mitzvahs along with Shabbat meals and life cycle events have brought many people together in this room. We are grateful to bring sustenance to life here.

The mikvah, built with funds from Aaron Slutzky, of blessed memory and who had the foresight to see this need, is still in use today. It needs a new roof and renovation but hopefully, with the generous members of our congregation, it will be fixed and breathe new life.

There is a beautiful new chapel, sanctuary and rooms as well, thanks to the renovation committee and our members, that allow us to enjoy services and activities. We have a place for ICSS so that our rich traditions can be learned, shared and carried on. This is a program we can all be proud of.

So many special feelings when I walk the synagogue. I hope it conjures up the same wonderful feelings for you. Oh and if the walls could talk....that's a story for another time.

Have a healthy and happy 2020.

Julie and Tammy



Principal's Podium



A New Semester At ICSS

January is the beginning of a new semester at our Inter-Congregational Sunday School. Our older children transition from one area of study to another. The fifth grade class will be starting to learn about Torah In Our Lives, finding ways to bring Torah into modern day society. Our sixth grade will begin learning Comparative Judaism with Mr. Eytan Penn. During this semester, the students will learn about different denominations within Judaism and how they differ in practice. The seventh and eighth grade will begin learning Jewish Values with Mrs. Barbie Greer. They will learn about different virtues and traits within the Torah and how these values shape our tradition and are applied to daily life. The ninth grade class will begin to study Rabbinics with Rabbi Abby Jacobson and will delve deeper into Jewish text. Temple B'nai Israel's tenth grade class will begin their Confirmation studies and participate in a variety of field trips with Rabbi Vered Harris. Emanuel Synagogue's tenth grade class will be working privately with Rabbi Abby Jacobson to prepare for Confirmation. We want to thank Dr. Brenton Wimmer,

Dr. Ann Louise Olson, and Mr. Jim Moore for their service during the fall semester, and we welcome our new faculty into the ICSS family.

On January 19, we will have our regularly scheduled classes for Pre-K through fifth grade. Our sixth through tenth graders are asked to help volunteer at Temple B'nai Israel's annual Dr. Martin Luther King program. The students should arrive at 5:00 pm to help set up the program before guests arrive. This is a wonderful opportunity for community service and for the teens to listen to the inspiring speakers during the program.

Many of our students love art and cooking with Ms. Lily Sisson. This month, we will begin to prepare for the holiday of Tu Bishvat. Our art class will be creating miniature planters with parsley seeds to celebrate the holiday of Tu Bishvat. Our goal is that our parsley will be ready to eat by Passover! In cooking, we will have our very own Tu Bishvat seders with a variety of different fruits and vegetables for the children to enjoy.

Dear Bloom Family Hebrew School
Families,

Happy new decade! We hope that these twenties are roaring with enthusiasm for growing and learning. We also hope that this long winter break has been rewarding and restful for our families, faculty and students.

We will not have class on Wednesday, January 8th as we will be devoting that day to teacher development and training. Teaching the teachers so our community keeps growing and improving.

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15th: First day of class of the new semester (4:15-6:15 PM)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22nd: Regular Class (4:15-6:15 PM)
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29th: Regular Class (4:15-6:15 PM)

Also please save the date. SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15th will be our second Hebrew School Shabbat. Please come and show your support for our students and teachers as they lead services and showcase their achievements. More information in February's bulletin.

Yours in education,

Rabbi Juan Mejia

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Inter-Congregational Sunday School Co-
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At the 1936 Berlin Olympics, two American Jewish runners, Marty Glickman and Sam Stoller, were removed from the American 4 X 100 meter relay team. Even today, historians believe anti-Semitism was the motivating factor.

On January 19th, Emanuel Synagogue Youth will host one of the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Coalition's High School study programs. This is the third year the chapter has been involved with the MLK celebrations. This year's theme is Gender, Race, Religion: Equality of the Olympics.

Barron Pierre de Coubertin, the founder of the modern Olympics, said; "May joy and good fellowship reign, and in this manner, may the Olympic Torch pursue its way through ages, increasing friendly understanding among nations, for the good of a humanity always more enthusiastic,

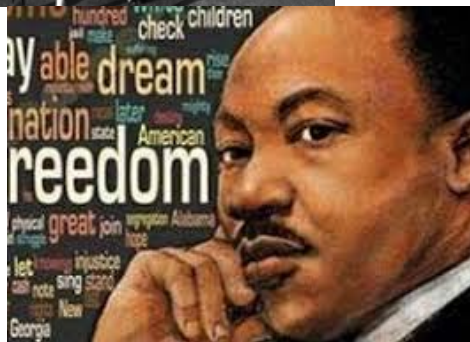
more courageous and more pure." Barron de Coubertin's global vision of bringing ALL Humankind together for this quadrennial event has changed but not waived from his original vision.

Dr. King understood the importance of sport. He surrounded himself with athletes, and supported their struggles for equality and economic freedom. In 1967, Dr. King met with Tommie Smith, Lee Evans, and John Carlos to help organize the 1968 Olympic boycott by African American athletes. The athletes were vilified, and the raised fists of Carlos and Smith symbolized the athletes' struggles during the Medal Ceremony.

Understanding the power of the Olympic games on our continued pursuit for Civil Rights and Equality for all will begin at 8 p.m. on Sunday night. These sessions are open to Junior High and High School students, and our keynote speakers will be the Foundation for Liberating Minds. Emanuel Family,

join SOONER and the OKC community for the Holiday Coalition's Silent March Monday morning at 9 a.m. to the state capital.

See you Monday morning, January 20th at Emanuel Synagogue for the Silent March, around the Shul
Jeff



Involvement Opportunities

BLOOM FAMILY HEBREW SCHOOL

Wednesdays from 4:15 - 6:15 @ ES
The Bloom Family Hebrew School is for children aged 3-13. If your children aren't already enrolled, they are always welcome!



Gan Shabbat is a fun, musical, and family-friendly service for ages 0-7 Saturday mornings at 10:30 in room 7 led by Rabbi Juan.



Junior Congregation is for students (ages 8-12) have their own space and extraordinary service every Shabbat morning from 10:30 – noon, led by Morah Naomi Fox. Come celebrate and learn in Classroom 3.

Introduction to Judaism Classes



For Jews or for those interested in conversion. Sundays from 3-5 PM. Contact Rabbi Abby Jacobson if you are interested.

INTER-CONGREGATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL



Sundays from 10:00AM - 12:00PM, children ages 4-16 from Emanuel Synagogue and Temple B'nai Israel gather to learn at one of the longest joint Reform-Conservative supplementary education programs in the country. This year, classes are held at Temple B'nai Israel.



Meet at the synagogue on the 2nd Sunday of the month. Contact Fred Poplin, post commander, cell phone 405-550-5648 or email at arlette5@cox.net.

THE NO RSVP Shabbat Club

Everyone is invited to THE NO RSVP Shabbat Club following Kiddush **every Shabbos** in Hart Auditorium. Stay for a light dairy lunch, friends, fun, and community. The kids play while the adults enjoy board games, sing songs, study Talmud, and schmooze. It is a great way to share Shabbos with your Emanuel Family.

MINYAN AND MIKVAH FORMS ON THE ES WEBSITE

Requesting a minyan or using the mikvah is only a click away. Use the drop down menu under **Services & Events** <https://www.emanuelokc.org/>



UPCOMING EVENTS & HOLIDAYS

Holidays begin at sundown on the evening before the date specified

2020 PJ Library Schedule



PJ Library is a program for Jewish families with children up to age eight. Each session is offered at two different times to accommodate busy family schedules.

We meet at the Jewish Federation for Jewish holiday stories, crafts and kosher snacks!

TU B'SHAVAT

Sunday, 1/12: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 1/16: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

PASSOVER

Sunday, 3/15: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 3/19: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

SHAVUOT

Thursday, 5/14: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.
Sunday, 5/17: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

HIGH HOLY DAYS

Sunday, 8/16: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 8/20: 5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.

SHABBAT

Sunday, 10/18: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 10/22: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

HANUKKAH

Sunday, 11/29: 1:30 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Thursday, 12/3: 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.

PJ Library programs are free to attend, but pre-registration is required.

Please also be sure to sign your child up to receive free Jewish books throughout the year at pjlibrary.org.

RSVP to office@jfedokc.org
or 405-848-3132

Join more than 20 families for PJ Library. PJ Library provides a treasury of FREE Jewish books and music to children aged six months to eight years.

February

- 1 Birthday Shabbat
- 10 Tu BiShvat
- Men's Club Meeting
- 22 Shabbat Shekalim
- 23 Torah Cafe`
- 25-26 Rosh Chodesh Adar
- 26 Board Meeting

March

- 7 Birthday Shabbat
- Shabbat Zachor
- 9 Erev Purim
- Ta'Anit Esther
- Erev Purim services & dinner
- 10 Purim
- 11 Youth kitchen closed for Passover Preparation
- Shushan Purim
- 14 Shabbat Parah
- 20-21 Bar Mitzvah Bryant Moore
- 22 Kitchen closed for Passover Preparation

April

- 4 Birthday Shabbat
- Shabbat Hagadol
- 5 Sisterhood Volunteer of the Year
- 8 Erev Pesach
- Ta'anit Bechorot
- Burning of hametz
- 9 Pesach I (Synagogue Offices Closed)
- Synagogue Second Seder
- 10 Synagogue Offices Closed
- 1st Day of the Omer Count
- 13 Men's Club Meeting
- 15 Pesach 7 (Synagogue Offices Closed)
- 16 Pesach 8 (Synagogue Offices Closed)
- 17 Kitchens back to normal
- 18 Remembrance Shabbat
- 21 Yom HaShoah
- 22 Board meeting
- 23 JFED Yom HaShoah Program
- 24 Celebrate Israel Shabbat
- Rosh Chodesh Iyar
- 25 Celebrate Israel Shabbat
- 26 Torah Cafe
- 28 Yom HaZikaron
- 29 Yom HaAtzma'ut
- Israeli Independence Day Picnic

May

- 2 Birthday Shabbat
- 9 Nathan Hodge Bar Mitzvah
- 10 Mother's Day
- 12 Lag B'Omer
- 15-16 Medical Professional Appreciation Day
- 22-23 Jerusalem Shabbat
- 23 Yom Yerushalyim
- 24 Rosh Chodesh Sivan
- 25 Memorial Day (Synagogue Offices Closed)
- 28 Erev Shavuot
- 29 Shavuot I (Synagogue Offices Closed)
- 30 Shavuot I

SAVE THE DATE



**Emanuel Synagogue's
Couple of the Year**

Honoring

Jeff and Hali Goss

Thursday, March 12, 2020





SISTERHOOD NEWS

The Latke Luncheon was a smash success. Everyone laughed at the cold, misty weather outside and delighted in the delicious food. Reservations were taken at the door by Jim Goldsberry and Elly Weise. The chefs and servers included Hilary Levenson, Brenda Hooper, Joyce Friedman all inspired and directed by Laura Levine. Laura was also responsible for the great looking centerpieces and table decorations. Wonderful gifts for Chanukkah were displayed by our gift shop Chairwoman, Jan Green and her helpers. Santa never had elves like Jennie Goldberg, Sue Goldfarb, Karen Jonscher with an assist from Esther. Jan also provided the delightful gifts for our favorite Chanukkah classic, BINGO with Helene Harpman and Gracia. We had over 100 people enjoying an early taste of Chanukkah.

But you ain't seen nothing yet! Sisterhood Shabbat is January 18. We can do more than cook! Sisterhood members will be conducting the entire service, including the Torah and Haftarah, the sermon and the announcement of Sisterhood's Volunteer of the Year for 2020. Lunch will be served to all afterwards, graciously cooked by Jeff Goss. That way all Sisterhood members can be in the Sanctuary to worship together. Thank you, Jeff!

Have you ever wanted to be a published

author? See **your words** in print each month? After over a year of writing our monthly Sisterhood news, Carol Epstein has retired. We are hoping that someone else will come forward to write the monthly Sisterhood news and schmooze. Just send your name to HMharpman@aol.com to volunteer.

Sisterhood is gearing up for the master hamantashen baking. Keep an eye on Emanumail to see when you can help learn to make these delicacies and when you can order yours! One of Sisterhood's sweetest fund raisers is Chef Amy Settles baking sessions. In the Fall she and her helpers make Challot for Rosh Hashana and in the early Spring, many flavored hamantashen for Purim.

Thanks to our wonderful congregation for supporting us as we support so many aspects of LIFE AT EMANUEL! We appreciate you and need every one of you.

Sisterhood Gift Shop

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







Men's Club

Emanuel Synagogue



1/6/19

Men's Club is going to axe throwing \$40 at the door. Join US!

Time: 7:00pm to 9:00pm

Address: 1201 W Reno Ave. Suite A

Questions? Contact Matthew Hallowell (405)317-8506

Looking Ahead:

Men's Club
Emanuel Synagogue



Date: 3/9/20 Time: 4:00pm - 7:00pm

Pajama Party Purim!
We will be having a pajama party themed. We will be providing hot dog dinner meal for \$8 and tickets to play games for \$.50 each.

More games and events!

Best Pajama Contest starts at 6:00pm

We need volunteers!
Call Matthew Hallowell 405 317-8506

Tzedakah:

Men's Club
Emanuel Synagogue



The Mens Club is raising money for a new Sukkah. We are looking for donations to build a new sukkah. Please donate at the bellow address;

www.emanuelokc.org/sukkah-gazebo.html

Questions? Contact Matthew Hallowell (405)317-8506



REMEMBER

It has become the custom to commemorate the yahrzeits of Holocaust victims (whose dates of death are not known) on the fast day of the 10th of Tevet. We would like to add all of the Holocaust victims from your family to our yahrzeit list for that day. This will supplement our reading of the names on Yom HaShoah (Holocaust Remembrance Day). Please send us those names, along with how they are related to you. Along those same lines, we would like to read the names of Holocaust survivors from your family who moved to Oklahoma. The names of those who have passed away will be read on both Yom HaShoah and their individual yahrzeit days. Please help us collect and confirm these names, as well. Thank you for your help.
Rabbi Jacobson



*Jan 30th Jeanne Golan Concert, Time TBD,
Sharp Concert Hall, Catlett Music Center

*Feb 9th James Simon Concert, Time TBD,
Sharp Concert Hall, Catlett Music Center



JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 14 Dr. Michael & Diana Robinson
- 22 Larry & Mary Trachtenberg
- 27 Myrna & Ivan Markowitz
- 29 Murray & Sharon Cohen



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Amanda Blumenthal
Ronna Davis
- 2 Arie Meoli
Arlette Poplin
- 5 Martin Rich
Tina Rothblum
Jean Routman
- 7 Levi Aroch
- 9 Ronnie Grinberg
- 11 Margaret Cotten
Sharon Neuwald
- 14 Harry Merson
- 16 Mylin Klein
- 18 Robert Johnson
- 19 Larry Trachtenberg
- 21 Samuel A. Friedman
- 25 Jay Farber
Carol Krasnow
Dean Moore
- 26 Lizzy Moore
- 27 Sherry Silverstein-Alpert
- 29 Jorja Rose
Howard Stein
- 30 Sophie Moore
- 31 Liev Moore



In Memory Of Our Loved Ones

MICHAEL BARLOW

Anita Barlow

BEN COOPER

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis
Epstein

FAYE EPSTEIN

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis
Epstein

HENRY H. ELLIS

Gail E. Meltzner, Jamie
Meltzner Spann & Leslie
Meltzner Hellman

HANNAH ELMALEH

Fred & Arlette Poplin

YEHOUDAH ELMALEH

Fred & Arlette Poplin

ABE GOLDSTEIN

Don Goldstein

PEARL GOSS

David & Lindy Goss

ELEANOR KAMBER

Mark & Janet Price

FLORA LIVINGSTONE

Dr. Martin & Laura Levine

LISA SLATER

Dr. Ira & Beth Targoff

JOSEPH YOURMAN

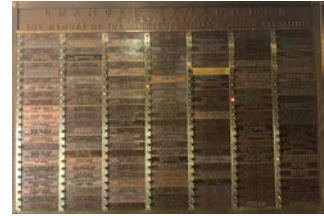
Mark & Janet Price

BELLE WEISE

Elaine Weise



With Affection We Recall...



**Wednesday, January 1,
4 Tevet**

Robert Belson

**Thursday, January 2,
5 Tevet**

Freda Levy
Carole Marcus
Miriam Silberman

**Sunday, January 5,
8 Tevet**

Meyer and Dora Cohen
Evelyn Sarah Friedman
Millie Melman
Sam Skalovsky

**Monday, January 6,
9 Tevet**

Susan Robinson
Dr. Harold Rosenbaum

**Tuesday, January 7,
10 Tevet**

Freha Elmelech

**Wednesday, January 8,
11 Tevet**

Vera Bateshansky
Leah Rebecca Schiff
Morris Schneider

**Thursday, January 9,
12 Tevet**

Camille Merson

**Friday, January 10,
13 Tevet**

Irvin Fagin
Lorraine Gardner
Bernice Lipkin
Emma Miller
Sylvia Rachlin
Ronnie Schneider

**Sunday, January 12,
15 Tevet**

Henry Ellis

**Monday, January 13,
16 Tevet**

Harold Ginden
Dr. Sender Stolove

**Tuesday, January 14,
17 Tevet**

Albert Bateshansky
Markus Fritz
Max Gethner
Mary Juaneta Goldsberry
Adolf Neuwald

**Wednesday, January 15,
18 Tevet**

Reuben Cohen
Sarah Weiss

**Thursday, January 16,
19 Tevet**

Ruth Fineberg

**Friday, January 17,
20 Tevet**

Larry Emmer
Meyer Sobol

**Saturday, January 18,
21 Tevet**

Myra Lichtenstein
Vivian Young

**Sunday, January 19,
22 Tevet**

Philip Colton
Harvey Kushner
Amy Plotkin
Harold Tanenbaum
Sidney Zaben

**Monday, January 20,
23 Tevet**

Sara Dagan
Martin Weise

**Tuesday, January 21,
24 Tevet**

Shirley Hellman
Florence Lederman Schneider
Lisa Wagner

**Wednesday, January 22,
25 Tevet**

Bertha Dorn
Ruth Goldberg
Anne Rothbard

**Thursday, January 23,
26 Tevet**

Mildred Kowaloff
Elizabeth Sherman

**Friday, January 24,
27 Tevet**

Allan Stone
Joan Weinberg

**Sunday, January 26,
29 Tevet**

Jerry Arvine
Blanche Goldberg
Joe Levy
Lillie Stackhouse
Ann White

**Monday, January 27,
1 Shevat**

Bessie Bennett
Adeline Gratch

**Tuesday, January 28,
2 Shevat**

Cece Jefferson

**Wednesday, January 29,
3 Shevat**

Howard Epstein
Jerome Rose
Florette Shanker

**Thursday, January 30,
4 Shevat**

Lisa Anne Fogle
Dorothy Kurlender
Zel Rozin

**Friday, January 31,
5 Shevat**

Diane Albrecht
Aaron J. Levy
Arthur Silberman
Albert Waitroob



תודה

רבה

TODA RABAH

Donation to Cemetery
Fund

Bernard Backer

Dr. Robert B. & Phyllis
Epstein

General Donation

Joan Darrow

Edwina Lowry

Kathleen (Kasi) Shelton

