



EMANUEL CONGREGATION

Brotherhood

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From the Brotherhood President

Shana Tovah from the Brotherhood!

The Emanuel Brotherhood had a wonderfully busy spring. In April, we hosted a memorable Shabbat service honoring the 80th Anniversary of Rabbi Schaalman's Bar Mitzvah. It was an honor to stand on the bimah with the Rabbi as he read the Torah.

Brotherhood Member David Sutlin contributed his talented chanting. In May, Brotherhood members participated in the Shavuot Service Religious School Confirmation. I particularly enjoyed listening to the confirmands share their reflections on being Jewish. Emanuel is blessed to have such bright, thoughtful young people among our members. At the Comedy Q&A Fundraiser, Brotherhood volunteers staffed the parking lot. Later in May, Emanuel celebrated the culmination of the Torah Dedication project, including a lively ceremony marking the arrival of the Torah. Thanks to a generous donation from a congregation member, the Brotherhood was able to organize a delicious BBQ picnic lunch.

All of these events were successful because of the dedication of Brotherhood members, and many others in our congregation. I sincerely thank all of you for your help. September is the Brotherhood's busiest month. Three years ago we began a new tradition of hosting a BBQ picnic on the first day of religious school. This year's picnic will be very special for me as I will wear a new hat at Emanuel: that of a Religious School parent. One of the students to whom I'll be serving lunch will be my vivacious four-year-old daughter, Joella, as she joins the youngest class. Probably the most important service the Emanuel Brotherhood performs for the Congregation is organizing the ushers for the High Holy Days services. I'm fortunate to have our previous Brotherhood President David Fleischman at my disposal—he has always been so well organized that spearheading this task doesn't terrify me.

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