



EMANUEL CONGREGATION

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News From The Brotherhood

As we approach Thanksgiving this month, it has occurred to us that we have much to be thankful for.

As Men of Reform Judaism, the Brotherhood has once again had a successful start to the new year with several important events and services. We thank everyone who helped by organizing and participating in the running of these.

The first event was the Brotherhood Kick-Off Event. We gathered at the end of August at Bob and Audrey's home to enjoy a beautiful Sunday afternoon to meet and relax with each other, enjoy great conversation, and to honor our Rabbi Emeritus, Herman Schaalman and Lotte. A few testimonials were given and the Rabbi and Lotte were given an award of appreciation and a certificate, but the highlight of the afternoon was when Rabbi Schaalman took some questions and recalled for us some intimate, warm, and often funny stories. Thank you Rabbi and Lotte.

On September 6th, on the first day of religious school, the Brotherhood sponsored and organized the Annual Emanuel Picnic. It took place at Emanuel, immediately after the school day and over 100 attended. There were activities and food for all and it also gave the parents and kids of the religious school a place and time to renew friendships and form new ones. A great time was had by all. We plan on doing this again next year. Thank you Emanuelites.

The next event was the first Round-Table for this year. It was on September 23rd and it featured an evening of conversation with Rabbi Zedek. Here we gave Emanuelites a chance to ask the Rabbi anything they wanted. We learned from the Rabbi how he was first attracted to the Rabbinate and who were some of the people who helped influence him through this time. We also learned a little about how he has become such a great storyteller. It was fascinating and interesting and revealing. Thank you Rabbi.

At the end of September and the Beginning of October, the Brotherhood organized and led the High Holiday Ushering efforts. As always, it was an honor to serve Emanuel with this assignment. We thank all Emanuelites, their families, and friends who attended High Holiday Services for your understanding and cooperation. We also thank the staff and board of Emanuel for your guidance and hard work in this successful endeavor. Finally, we thank the congregation of Or Chadash for their help as well.

The next event will be the second Round=Table. It will be in December. Visit the Emanuel Brotherhood web site, <http://emanuelbrotherhood.com>, for details.