



EMANUEL CONGREGATION

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News From the Brotherhood

L'Shanah Tovah to all from the Emanuel Congregation Brotherhood. We wish you a healthy, happy, prosperous, and safe new year.

Again this year, our hearts, our prayers, and our support are with Israel and our fellow Jews everywhere in the world and we repeat the prayer we express each year. May the leaders of all governments find a way to allow all of their citizens to worship as they choose freely and may the leaders of all governments find a way to respect the right of their neighboring country's elected leaders to govern their people as they choose.

While we reflect on our hopes for peace, we are looking forward to enjoying another year of exciting, provocative, moving, and fun events and services. There will be the usual items: the Kick-Off, the Round-Table Discussions, Ushering High Holidays, the Emanuel Second Passover Night Seder, the Brotherhood Shabbat, the Emanuel Picnic, The WRJ/Brotherhood Joint Event, and more. Look for announcements as the year progresses.

The first event this year is the Kick-Off Party for the Brotherhood members and their partners in late August. This year we are honoring our friend and leader, Phil Arendt. In September, the 2009 Emanuel Congregational Picnic will once again be on the first day of Religious School. In October we will have the first of four Round-Table Discussions. The title for this first discussion is "The Influence of Jews on Popular Music".

In July, we began the final book of the Torah, Deuteronomy. Moses retells the Jewish story, recounting the covenant with Israel. Among other things, Moses reminds Israel that he cannot make all of the many decisions needed alone and that he has set up a system of managers to help with this task. These things have not changed. The temple, it's clergy, staff, and it's lay leadership rely on the members of the congregation to stand ready to take action, make decisions, make contributions, including their talents to make Emanuel work well for everyone.

In these days of economic and social stress, it is important that we all work together. This year the Brotherhood is concentrating its efforts to the well being of the Emanuel community through what we hope are some innovative new ideas. As these new programs are implemented, more details will be communicated.

Once again, L'Shanah Tovah to all.

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