

The Emanuel Synagogue Brotherhood
Annual Report (July 2023 to June 2024)
Tuesday June 18, 2024

Dear Emanuel Synagogue Congregants:

The past year has been very successful for the Emanuel Brotherhood. We have maintained active and ongoing in-person programming throughout the 2023/2024 program year. Our membership totals have remained stable. Brotherhood members and other Emanuel congregants have continued to volunteer their time and their efforts allowing us to successfully execute all of our events this past fiscal year. Congregants and other committees continue to put their confidence and trust in the Brotherhood to provide the food services of their important events held at the Emanuel. The Brotherhood is very appreciative of all the support from our members, supporters, and contributors. We are grateful for the trust placed in us and always strive to ensure that we prepare the best quality foods, exceed expectations, and provide interesting topics and guest speakers at our events.

We hosted numerous delightful events this past year and received positive feedback from those in attendance. The Brotherhood raises the majority of its funds by providing kosher food services, usually kiddushes for Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and other special Shabbats throughout the year as it has done historically. Brotherhood programs and key events held this past year are listed below, many included educational speakers and entertainment.

- 7 Bar/Bat Mitzvah Kiddushes
- 6 Shabbat Kiddushes for other Simchas (i.e., birthdays, anniversary, Veteran's Day)
- Continued Brotherhood Flagship Events:
 - Summertime BBQ/Meeting
 - First Day of Hebrew School Breakfast
 - Build the New Sukkah
 - Brotherhood Paid Up Dinner
 - Dinner with Rabbi Small
 - Worldwide Wrap
 - Brotherhood Shabbat
 - Dinner with Cantor Risman
 - Annual David Rappaport Recognition Dinner
- Continued the tradition of mailing a Yellow Candle to all Synagogue members to be lit on Yom Ha'Shoah. Donations for these candles are then used to support Holocaust education through the Greenberg Center and Voices of Hope.
- Continued support and participation in the CT Valley Region of the FJMC.

In May 2024, the Brotherhood successfully completed a Matching Challenge Grant to the Torah Restoration Project for a total donation of \$5,000. This amount is included in the Brotherhood's total annual end of the year contribution to The Emanuel Synagogue. In addition, the Brotherhood will also contribute to the Jaffa and Arava Institutes in Israel.

It has been my honor to serve as President of Brotherhood this past year and I greatly appreciate the support I have received from the Brotherhood Board and our Members.

Sincerely,

Philip Thierman, Brotherhood President