

HaShomer

APRIL 2008

Congregation Beth Shalom

ADAR II/NISAN 5768

Schedule of Services

April 2008

Adar II/Nisan 5768

Friday, April 4, 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 5

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Children's Minyan/Simcha Shabbat

Torah: Tazria

Shabbat HaChodesh

Friday, April 11, 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 12

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Rebecca Gotlieb Bat Mitzvah

Torah: Metzarah

Friday, April 18

Tot Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

Family Service 7:30 pm

Saturday, April 19

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Achare Mot

Shabbat HaGadol

Sunday, April 20, 9:00 am

First Day of Pesach

Friday, April 25, 8:00 pm

Saturday, April 26

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Seventh Day of Pesach

Torah: Shmini

Sunday, April 27, 9:00 am

Eighth Day of Pesach and Yizkor

To Contact the Rabbi:

Rabbi Soltz welcomes your calls, emails, and instant chats.

You may contact him at the CBS office, 817-860-5448; at home, 817-654-9572; or via email and instant chat, nsoltz@aol.com.

From the Rabbi

Pesach is my favorite holiday. Memories, aromas, connection, awe, overwhelming – these are just a few of the words that immediately pop into my mind when thinking about the observance of this festival in just a few weeks.

We all carry the collective memory of the saga of our people from Egypt to today. Whether we were born into that saga, or whether we opted into that saga, it is our shared past. Collective memories, though, are hard to grasp. That's the reason the hagadah exhorts us "even if we were all wise, it still is a mitzvah to re-tell the story of the exodus from Egypt". Tell the story long enough and frequently enough to enable it to become our own.

Or, I remember seders of youth – the calm of one set of grandparents' home and the utter chaos of another. Hard matza balls from one grandmother, and soft matza balls from another grandmother.... The afikomen always in the same place, and the utter amazement when one of the children found it.... And the work... shlep the dishes, move the pots, clean everything and then clean it again.... And when do we eat?... And then why did anyone even ask the question, because it is more than you would care to eat.... And a whole week, it seems, of the festival of the unleavened crumbs everywhere.

So, as we prepare for our own celebrations with family and community, let me ask you to ponder for a moment what was your most memorable seder.

I can certainly share mine.

It was in the 1980s, during the time of the Soviet Union. Jews could leave, but with great hardship. Our committees worked hard on behalf of Soviet Jewry, of obtaining their freedom, of protesting, and finally of resettling those fortunate enough to make their way to Israel, the US, Canada, or anywhere else in the world.

I was Rabbi in Rochester, New York, where many Russians from colder climates liked to settle. The synagogue secretary and her family had arrived several years before. A few days before Pesach she received word that her parents were being granted an exit visa, and had a week to leave Moscow.

They arrived Erev Pesach with a few suitcases, speaking only Russian and a smattering of Yiddish. Literally almost the first stop was our family Seder. They had not experienced anything Jewish since the rise of Stalin in the mid 1950s. It was then that I understood the true meaning of Pesach – from slavery to freedom, from oppression to dignity.

May we all have a wonderful Pesach, and through all the work, all the celebration and all the spiritual renewal truly understand and relate to our Judaism.

Chag Sameach,

– Rabbi Ned J. Soltz



Beth Shalom Annual Community Passover Seder

Please join Rabbi and Mary Soltz, and our congregational family for our Annual Community Seder, on Sunday, April 20, at 6:00 p.m.

Paid reservations required by April 10. Adults: \$25; Children (ages 4-10) \$10.

Contact the Beth Shalom office for more information: 817-860-5448

From the President

Since many of the issues dealt with in my last two columns were the same ones addressed at the March board meeting, I wanted to give you some insight into the dedication and commitment shown by the members you have chosen to serve on the board of directors. As I continually reiterate to our board: We serve our congregation by leading, we do not lead our congregation by serving. Toward that end, here is a glimpse of who we are.

A closed board meeting was originally scheduled for February 21, to present to the board insights and data of the varying parts of our congregational components and finances to allow them (the board) to decide on a course of action to recommend to the Rabbi Search Committee on how to proceed. **Mike Kapin** and **Larry Brunell** spent many hours organizing the data and creating a Power Point presentation. The closed meeting was postponed to allow time for me to provide input and feedback before presenting it to the board at large.

A meeting was arranged for this purpose, at which we were joined by first vp **Barry Goldfarb**. Not only were the facts astounding and quite a revelation, a free-flow of ideas took place over the three hours spent together. As a result, it was determined that two additional meetings prior to the rescheduled closed board meeting on March 23, were needed to accomplish three goals: 1) Enhance what we had already compiled by seeking additional information. 2) Extrapolate the end-of-year 2008 budget, and 3) Create a five-year financial plan – something that, to our knowledge, had never been undertaken by any previous board. Attending the meetings before March 23, in addition to the aforementioned, were second vp, **Mark Lewis**; controller, **Ken Licker**; treasurer, **Judi Lecoq**, and I.

Not only will the board members have attended the March 2nd board meeting, but the March 23rd special session and an all day board training session on March 30. The training day will focus on developing effective committees and leadership, and organizational skills. It will be led by facilitator **Marcia Grossfeld** of the URJ. Following that is our regularly scheduled board meeting on April 13.

In summary, many of our board members will have been involved with as many as six meetings in a five-week period on behalf of our congregation. If that is not a sign of dedication, time, effort, and commitment, I don't know what is!

That leads me to my next point. Earlier in this article I noted that the facts presented to me were quite eye-opening and insightful. One of the most startling pieces of information shared was the fact that **80% of our current board has served on the board previously!** In other words, we are



continually being recycled. While you might at first think that this level of experience is beneficial, I would like to posit another point of view.

This statistic tells me we have not been successful in recruiting the next generation of leaders at the committee level in order to integrate them into the leadership process and groom them for eventual succession. If we don't, then burn-out will ensue, and the congregation will be ill-prepared to meet the challenges of the future unless the **younger and newer** members get involved.

There are many opportunities available for varying interests and skill sets. We can help you feel better about yourself as you get involved in a cause greater than yourself. Call me to tailor a personal life-skills course just for you **today**. You and your Beth Shalom family will be glad you did!

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not thank everyone involved with the congregant-led services and Brotherhood breakfast speaker series over the March 7-9 weekend. It was personally satisfying to greet such a large number of congregants over the three-day period, as well as observe us in the pursuit of Avoda - as our services were both heartfelt and inspirational. As I have said several times, service to HaShem is not a spectator sport.

Special thanks and acknowledgement goes to ritual chair **Mike Kornitzky**, who spent many hours coordinating the lovely congregant-led services, as did Brotherhood president **Richard Posner** on the scrumptious breakfast served prior to **Dr. Brent Sasley's** lecture. Both **Barry Goldfarb** and **Dr. Brian Caplan** led us capably and confidently in prayer, while **Ellen Pincus** elevated us with her words of comfort and inspiration.

Dr. Sasley sparked our intellectual needs with his polished informational, and well-presented argument about the US role in Mideast prospects for peace, and whether the US is irreplaceable or irrelevant. It is our goal to use Dr. Sasley's lecture as a template to develop future opportunities in what I like to call the "Brotherhood Breakfast Speaker Series". Let Richard Posner or me know if you have any ideas for speakers or have a topic that you would like addressed and discussed in this format.

– *Stuart Snow, President
Congregation Beth Shalom*

General board meetings are open to all members in good standing. If you wish to attend and speak at a meeting, please contact the board secretary, Michael Rein, mrein@gmail.com at least one week before the meeting so he can place you on the agenda. Walk-in visitors are welcome, but only as observers.

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Havdalah Family Night

Please join us for our first-ever family Havdalah event on Saturday, April 5. With the help of Sheri Allen, we will learn the songs and rituals surrounding this beautiful Shabbat tradition. Our evening will begin with a delicious dinner at 6:00 p.m., followed by singing, stories, and a creative Havdalah service. There is no charge for the program. Please bring a dessert to share.

RSVP to the Beth Shalom office at 817-860-5448. The first 30 families to respond will be going home from this program with a beautiful surprise gift! The evening is targeted toward families with newborns through Bar/Bat Mitzvah age children.

This program has been made possible through a grant by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Yom HaShoah Program

Thursday, May 1, 7:00 p.m.
at Beth-El Congregation

The Tarrant County community will commemorate the Holocaust with its annual service and program. This year, the Manchester Dance Ensemble will perform their *Spirit Unbroken* and *In Anticipation of a New Nation*. Both pieces were choreographed by Lesa Broadhead, who is also the artistic director of the Ensemble. These two dance works combine contemporary dance and music in order to emphasize the healing aspects, the power, and the impact of the Holocaust, as well as the formation of the State of Israel.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, with financial support from the Dan Danciger/Fort Worth Hebrew Day School Supporting Foundation, Brite Divinity School and TCU Jewish Studies Program, Martin Hochster memorial Post #755-Jewish War Veterans, The National Conference for Community and Justice, TCU/Hillel/University Ministries, Congregation Ahavath Shalom, Beth-El Congregation, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Congregation Beth Israel. For more information, please call the Federation office at 817-569-0892.

Yom Hazikaron Service

Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 p.m.
at Congregation Ahavath Shalom

This community service commemorating Israel's fallen soldiers is a time for all Jews to come together to remember the Israeli soldiers who have continued to give their lives defending our homeland. We remember all of the soldiers, those who died in the years preceding the creation of the State of Israel, and those who died yesterday to ensure its continued existence.

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Brotherhood

CBS Golf Tournament

Congregation Beth Shalom Brotherhood is hosting a fund-raising golf tournament for the very first time!

The date is **April 29**, and it will be held at Mansfield National Golf Club. We invite everyone to get involved in some way – either by playing, volunteering, or by signing up sponsors.

The cost of playing is \$75 and includes lunch and a raffle ticket for the grand-prize giveaway. In addition to the grand prize, there will be other prizes raffled off and contests throughout the rounds. These will include a putting and chipping contest, longest drive, closest to the hole, closest to the water without going in, closest to the bunker without going in, and longest club throw.

Sponsorships are available in three categories: Title sponsor for \$1,000. Hole sponsor for \$500. Tournament sponsor for \$250. If you know a business or individual who might be willing to be a sponsor, please send that information to David Silverberg at atouchofsilver@sbcglobal.net in order to have them receive sponsorship material.

ARFTY TOO Golf Ball Raffle

Just in time for the First Annual Beth Shalom Golf Tournament, ARFTY TOO is raffling golf balls. Correctly guess how many tees are in a container and you will win one-dozen Nike Juice golf balls.

Guesses are \$1 each or 10 for \$5. If there are no exact guesses, the winner will be the closest guess. There will be 4 winners.

See Melanie Gottlieb for details.

Golf balls generously donated by Nations Best Sports.

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Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood Gift Shop

Be sure to take a look at the Gift Shop link on the Beth Shalom website (www.bethshalom.org)

The 40% Off Chanukah Items Sale Continues.

We Have a Beautiful Selection of Menorot, Candles, Cookies, Toys, and Other Gifts.

20% Off on Mezzuzot and
10% off on Selected Jewelry.

Sylvia Gray Chaverim

Invite you to join them

**Tuesday, April 15, for a Field Trip
to the Annual Mini-Passover Seder**

Given by the Isadore Garsek B'nai B'rith Lodge

Held at Beth-El Congregation

Meet at CBS at 10:30 am. Transportation will be provided. The Seder is from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

The Seder is FREE.

Reservations must be made by April 1.

Rosalie Cagan at 817-684-7197

Sylvia Gray Chaverim made possible through a grant from the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Daytimers Presents:

Jewish Composers

from Broadway and Tin Pan Alley

Wednesday, April 16, 12:00 noon

Featuring Genie Long

Accompanied by Brad Volk

Lunch \$8.00, catered by Pak-a-Pocket

Program only, \$3.00 per person

Genie Long has sung at Bass Hall many times, including the symphony's first performance there. She is currently in the choirs at Beth-El and at University Christian Church.

Brad Volk serves as organist/choir director at Beth-El Congregation. He has studied with Emmet Smith, Herndon Professor of Music, Emeritus at TCU, and has been a long-time member of the American Guild of Organists.

For information/reservations contact: Barbara Rubin, 817-927-2736, or Sylvia Wexler, 817-294-1129.

The Sylvia Wolens Jewish Daytimers is a program of Beth-El Congregation with support from the Jewish Federation.

Live from NY's 92nd Street Y

Beth-El Congregation continues the *Live from NY's 92nd Street Y* program series for the Tarrant County community.

Each program features a speaker and discussion from the local area immediately following the broadcast, and a delicious dessert buffet will be served during each program.

A \$3 suggested donation is appreciated and all are welcome. This program is made possible through the generous support of Beth-El Congregation and the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Tuesday, April 8, 7:15 pm

Cokie Roberts: Ladies of Liberty

ABC News political commentator Cokie Roberts describes remarkable women who helped build our nation by facing challenges and becoming reformers and advocates for education, orphans, and abolition.

Katie Sherrod, an independent writer, producer and commentator will lead a post-broadcast discussion.

Religious School

We had a great time in March!

Purim was fabulous. While the big kids (sixth-graders and up) attended the guest lecture by Brent Sasley, the Gan (kindergarten) through fifth-graders dressed up in costumes, ate Hamantaschen, and beat the Haman piñata to a pulp. . . well, at least until it gave up some candy. Many thanks again to **David Markson**, who cut up some dowels for the first grade to use on their megillah scrolls, and who was our piñata man. David repeated his roll as piñata master on Thursday, March 20, at Beth Shalom's Purim celebration.

Visitors to our kitchen greatly appreciate **Pam Sudbury's** donation of a double coffee pot to the school kitchen. Pam, thank you so much!

If you participated in the Barton Passover candy fundraiser, thank you for helping us raise money for the religious school. We used the money to pay for such unbudgeted items as the bounce house and the balloon animal artist for CBS's Purim celebration.

On to Passover:

The religious school Passover celebration will be on Sunday, April 13. Parents are always welcome to join us as we celebrate Passover in the different grades. As in previous years, **Henry** and **Janice Kasten**, parents of our first-grade teacher, **Sara Kasten**, volunteered to purchase, boil, and peel seven-dozen eggs for the school model Passover Seder. The Kastens have been donating the eggs for many years, since their own children were students in our Sunday School. Thank you, guys, for your continuing support of our school. A great big thank you also to Jewish Women International, Fort Worth Simcha Chapter, for their financial donation that will enable us to buy ceramic seder plates for the children to paint and use at their family's seder.

Important dates:

Friday, April 4 - Fifth grade leading services

Sunday, April 6 - Pancake breakfast

Sunday, April 13 - Religious school Passover celebration

Sunday, April 20 and 27 - No Sunday school - Passover

Wednesday, April 23 - Mid-week Hebrew

– *Danielle Snailer, Religious School Director*
daniellesnailer@aol.com

Remember to Collect Boxtops for Education Labels (worth .10 each) and Campbell's Labels for Education on Campbell's Products. Our School Gets Money Back from Boxtops, And We Are Able to Use Labels to Purchase School Supplies from Campbell's Program

We rely on you to let us know when a member of Beth Shalom has celebrated a simcha, endured a loss, or is ill.

Please call the office 817-860-5448, or email to janetaa@bethshalom.org.

B'nai Mitzvah

Rebecca Jean Gotlieb

Mark and Melanie Gotlieb invite the congregation to join them as their daughter, Rebecca Jean, is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, April 12, at 10:00 a.m.

An honor student at Barbara Bush Middle School, Rebecca participates in several school activities. She plays trumpet in the school band, and earned a spot on the UIL Editorial Writing team. She is also a member of the National Junior Honor Society.

Rebecca is an aspiring piano player, and has taken lessons since she was in first grade. When she is not busy with school or piano-related activities, she enjoys swimming and dancing (both of which she plans to resume the moment she no longer has Bat Mitzvah tutoring).

Many people have helped prepare Rebecca for her Bat Mitzvah, but special thanks go to the Markson family. Throughout the years, Aubrey, Sam, and Mrs. Angela Markson have been Rebecca's Hebrew teachers. It takes an extraordinary person to commit to teaching for a year, but the Marksons committed to seeing this class through the entire Bar/Bat Mitzvah preparations from the time they were in third grade. Because of them, Rebecca has had a wonderful experience preparing for her big day.



Andrew Fleischer

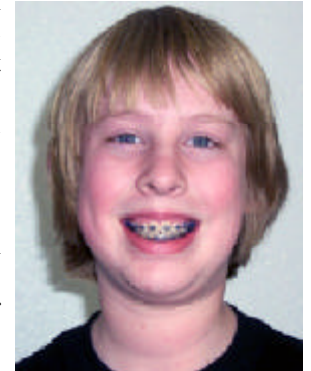
The Fleischer family is proud to announce that Andrew will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, May 3, at 10:00 a.m. We invite the congregation to share in this simcha and the kiddush luncheon following.

Andrew is currently on the honor roll, as he has been since entering Colleyville Middle School in the 6th-grade. He enjoys playing the euphonium in the symphonic band, where he is first chair. While his instrument isn't a guitar like Stevie Ray Vaughn or Eric Clapton, he still thinks it's pretty cool.

Two weekends a month, Andrew volunteers at PAWS of Paradise, helping the organization find adoptive homes for rescued dogs. His duties range from caring for and socializing the animals, interviewing perspective owners, to raising money for surgeries that are needed for some of these dogs to have a better life. Andrew wishes that we would foster some of these dogs, but his evil parents have held him to the one family dog we adopted.

His time at home is spent with friends, listening to a variety of music, reading, and computer games. Other hobbies include riding his bike and restoring classic cars with his dad. It is Andrew's hope that one day he will restore a 1967 Ford Mustang hard top. With the mechanical skills he is developing, and his determination, we have no doubt he will see his dream through.

We would like to thank everyone at Congregation Beth Shalom, from the many wonderful teachers in mid-week and Sunday school, to the numerous members who have taken time to encourage the children to participate in services. A special thanks to Barbara Berner for her guidance in helping Andrew achieve his goals as a Bar Mitzvah. Thanks to Rabbi Soltz for encouraging Andrew while he prepared on the bimah and when developing his speech.



Congregant-Led Weekend

I would like to thank all of our fellow congregants who made this weekend special. Starting with **Barry Goldfarb**, Friday night service leader (who drove all night when his Thursday evening flight from Huntsville, AL got cancelled due to the weather), and **Brian Caplan**, our Saturday morning leader, who introduced us to a number of new melodies.

Ellen Pincus and **Stuart Snow** inspired us with a Friday night sermon and a Saturday morning d'var Torah. Thanks to **Steve Sternblitz** who called our congregants to the Torah in his role as Gabbi. Thanks to **Danielle Snailer** who stepped in when some of our scheduled congregants were unable to take part in our service.

To all our other participants, I also thank you for participating, and a yasher koach for a job well done! A special yasher koach to our two Bar Mitzvah students, **Andrew Fleischer** and **Sam Weiger**.

Finally, thanks to the Brotherhood and **Dr. Brent Sasley** for the Sunday morning breakfast and stimulating discussion of the United States' role in the Mid-East peace process.

– *Michael Kornitzky*
Ritual Committee Chair



Central Market

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If you can't read this, you need to see us.

Beth Shalom Profiles

Lori Freeman

Anyone who comes into the religious school building is drawn to the wall by the kindergarten class. On it, Lori hangs the students' work, and if you want comedy, try to read some of their interpretations of biblical stories: Noah and the Whale will have you in stitches!

So, who is this teacher who produces such creative lesson plans, and has the most enviable job – gluing, painting, and getting all messy?

Lori Freeman is originally from Brooklyn, New York. Although she lived there for 23 years, she happened to attend a Bar Mitzvah and fell in love with the Bar Mitzvah boy's cousin, a dashing young man by the name of Robert. Since Robert was in the navy, after the couple married they moved to Italy for a year. So, does Lori speak Italian? No, she just came up with her own version of Italian (something she calls "Spanish with Italian vowels"), and *it worked!* Of course, it also helped that most Italians spoke English.

The Freemans returned to the States after a year in Sardinia to live in Illinois, where Lori gave birth to Holly, their first daughter. Then on to Florida, Virginia (where Felicia was born), and finally to Texas, where son Ryan, was born.

The couple joined CBS and Lori began teaching in our preschool with Laurie Sherwin, Audralyn Nidel, and Dawni Plaistow. When the preschool closed, Lori agreed to join our volunteer faculty and Sunday School, teaching kindergarten.

The kindergarten class - or as Lori calls them, Mitzvah Heroes - does incredible things every week! They start the year out with deciding what their Mitzvah Hero character does (many boys want to be firefighters on Noah's ark; one year we even had a "shopper" Mitzvah Hero who "bought" supplies for the residents of the ark). Last week, the kids made their own Joseph's Coat of Many Colors, told their own version of Jonah and the Whale (the kids tell Lori and she writes it down for them, usually with her wonderful helper, Holly).

There is always something hanging in the classroom or in the hallway to show people what the kindergarteners are learning. Come by and check it out!

Lori's firstborn, Holly, became a Bat Mitzvah at CBS six years ago, and returned to teach Hebrew and help her mother. This year, Felicia, who is in seventh-grade, will become a Bat Mitzvah at CBS, and hopefully continue in her mother and sister's footsteps by being a teacher and tutor at our school.

Ryan, who is a fifth-grader, enjoys being in Sunday School with his friends and with his teachers, and is looking forward to his Bar Mitzvah in two years.

We're glad you are here, Freemans!

– Danielle Snailer

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janetaa@bethshalom.org



Birthdays

April 1
Emilia Pavlovic

April 3
Meryl Cope
Lynda Friedensohn

April 4
Samantha Perez

April 5
Frank Greenberg

April 6
Mark Gratch
Michelle Kapin
Frieda Lambert
Jackie Pock
Josef Uri Spindler

April 7
Ryan Freeman
Kenneth Licker
Michael Rein
Charles Tashbook

April 8
Andrew Fleischer

April 9
Adam Visosky

April 10
Cara Schulman
Shari Stevens

April 14
Andrea Snow

April 15
Kaitlin Barasch
Alex Mowry
Adam Sondecker

April 16
Daniel Rousch

April 17
Carolyn Solomon

April 18
Paul Solomon

April 19
Sarina Bekerman

April 21
Barbara Price

April 22
Jessica Silverberg

April 24
Ken Daley

April 25
Leia Oh

April 26
Lori Freeman

April 27
Sarah Soltz

April 28
Jim Frisinger
Samuel Markson
Etta Schmerler

April 29
Juli Hobby
Madeleine Markson

April 30
Roger Carlone
Angela Markson

Anniversaries

April 2
Rachel & Ken Carlson
Raquel Rosenthal & Brian Jetty

April 6
Lisa & Jonathan Heistein

April 8
Lee & Leslie Scjulman

April 11
Rabbi Ned & Mary Soltz

April 20
Jeanne & Richard Franklin

April 24
Mary Ann & Steve Levine (10)

April 26
Sue & Vince Brezinsky

April 29
Bryon Adinoff & Patricia Holland
Dawni & Donald Plaistow

April 30
Miriam & Jim Ward



Become a Minyanaire

**Just think. We have a Rosh Chodesh minyan once a month, or 13 times a year (lunar calendar).
 We have a dedicated group of 6 - 7 people who attend.
 We have 194 family units that equate to about 300 adults (post Bar/Bat Mitzvah).**

Minus the seven regulars, we need three people to make a decision to attend minyan once a month. Three divided into 300 equals 100, or a commitment by three people to attend just one minyan out of every 100 minyans.

With 13 minyans a year, each person would make a solid commitment to attend minyan once every seven-and-a-half years!

Is this not a mitzvah we can do?

Is this not a mitzvah to the congregation?

Is this not a mitzvah to our fellow Jews?

Please refer to the schedule of services on page one for date and time of services.

Donations

(Received prior to March 16)

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

In honor of the birthdays of: Bea Stein, Lee Wenokur, Seena Stevens, Jim Ward; in honor of the anniversaries of: Michele and Jeff Rothschild, Miriam and Andy Cohen, Christine and Eugene Posnock, Shelley and Steve Sternblitz, Sharon and Lee Wenokur from Harold Mandel and Sharon Self

In honor of the birthdays of: Lee Wenokur, Phyllis Weiner, Sandy Silverman, Samantha Zelling, Jim Ward, Harold Mandel; in honor of the anniversaries of: Carl and Rosalie Cagan, Eugene and Christine Posnock, Lee and Sharon Wenokur; in honor of the births of: Dylan Robert, grandson of Lee and Sharon Wenokur; Nessa Irit, granddaughter of Frank and Lili Weiner from Randall Gray

In memory of Fanny Nancy Finkelstein and Carolyn Finkelstein from Dolores and Barry Schneider Wishing good health to Dolores Schneider from Shelley and Steve Sternblitz

GENERAL FUND

In memory of Abraham Rothschild from Heidi Rothschild

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of the birth of Cameron Snailer from Etta Schmerler

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of Rabbi Soltz' birthday from Etta Schmerler

IRA UDES MEMORIAL BIMAH FUND

In memory of Phil Kabakoff's aunt from Shelley and Steve Sternblitz

BUILDING FUND

In honor of the birth of Lili and Frank Weiner's granddaughter

from Jan and Howard Weiss

In memory of Jean Mazur and Irwin Paderewski

from Fran Levy

In honor of our daughter, Leah from Fran and Eric Kreindler

In support of Congregation Beth Shalom from Claudia and Arnold Alcocer

ONEG/KIDDUSH FUND FUND

In honor of our children: Brian, Wendy, and Mike

from Linda and Arthur Moses

In honor of Samara's first birthday from Yael and Brent Sasley

In honor of Harold Mandel's 82nd birthday from his daughters, Sharon Self, Barbara Bensman, and Dana Gecker

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

from Pam and Johnny Sudbury

from Rabbi and Mary Soltz

from Stephanie and Richard Posner

from Dolores and Barry Schneider

from Rob Berg and Don Powers

from Bryon Adinoff and Trish Holland

from Janie and John Mowry

from Melanie and Mark Gotleib

from Janet and Jerry Aaronson

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In memory of Marion Goodman

from Loesje and Elliott Blumberg



Would you like to honor someone's good deed, honor a birthday, special occasion or send condolences? You can do this with a donation that benefits Beth Shalom.

You may indicate a fund of your choice, or leave it to the discretion of the executive director to select it for you. Donation forms are available on the website (www.bethshalom.org), or from the office.

If the recipient is not a synagogue member, please be sure to include their address.

Community-Wide Mitzvah Day

All four synagogues in Tarrant County will participate in this community-wide **Mitzvah Day** event on **April 6**. The kickoff to the projects will be Sunday, at 9:00 a.m. in the Great Hall of Temple Beth-El.

The event will begin with a breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, coffee, and juice, followed by a short prayer service. This will be followed by Mitzvah Day activities. Lunch will be served at 12:30 p.m. The Carter Bloodmobile will be in front of the Temple from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., and the Beth-El Gift Shop will be open for "tax free" shopping.

Some of the organizations we will provide assistance to include: Mission Arlington, Tarrant Food Bank, Ronald McDonald House, Habitat for Humanity, and All Church Home for Children. Organizations that benefit from Mitzvah Day can use clothing in good repair, shoes, small household appliances, books, shampoo, soap, combs and brushes, toothbrushes and toothpaste.

This is a family event, so bring the entire family for a day of fun and fulfillment in pursuit of tikkun olam. Students who want to participate will be granted an excused absence from Sunday School.

If you have any questions, please call Ben Weiger at 817-860-5165, or email him at weiger@sbcglobal.net.

– Ben Weiger

Yahrzeits

March 28-29

Sylvia Halbert
Roy Mowry
Fanny Nancy Finkelstein*
Chaya Leder
Jake Sharg

April 4-5

Lewis Lackman*
Wallace Printz*
Albert Hirschman*
Fannie Milner*
David Wildman
Anne Lefer*
Arlene Godfry*
Joseph Lazovick*
Meyer Cohen

April 11-12

Shaoul Haim ben Ezra Israel
Howard Koven*
Joan Dunn
Beila Buckbinder Spindler
Josef Spindler
Jack Zimmerman
Richard Simon Cook
S. William Flack*
Robert Milner*
David Meyer Rubin*

April 18-19

Beatrice Mandelstein*
Sadie Knee Sternstein
Harry O. Miller*
William Grodin
Charlene Longoria*
Dolores Fratina
Isidor Landsberg
Lillian Lazovick
Irene Lewis

April 25-26

Andries Voet
Lillian Bushlow*
Melvin Godlieb*
Morris Gould*
Stanley Herman
Daniel S. Ratner*
Robert Stuart*
Bertha Diamond
Blossom Gitterman
Dora Saxe*
William Willie, Jr.

* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

A leaf on the Tree of Life, located in the Dora Saxe Sanctuary, is a perfect opportunity to commemorate a simcha in your family or to acknowledge someone special.

The minimum donation is \$100 and benefits the Building Fund. To order a leaf, please write your own inscription and mail it with your check to the CBS office.

Mitzvah Project

Hello friends,

As most of you know, I will be celebrating my Bar Mitzvah this summer. As one part of preparing for it, I must become involved with the community and charities. Something has happened to a family that my dad works with that has touched me and I knew I wanted to help them any way I could.

This family has three children. The youngest is Fiona. She is three-years old, and was diagnosed with a liver problem in the fall of 2007. Almost immediately she had to have her liver replaced. She was able to have that done, but then had complications and needed to go through it again.

Keep in mind, she is a three-year-old little girl.

As it turned out, the second one took, but she has now had even more complications. She has had more surgeries in her short time than most people have in a lifetime.

I knew I had to do something to help. I decided I will have garage sales to help raise money for them to pay their medical expenses. What I need from you is donations for the garage sales. I will come to your home and pick up the items. We will have the sales starting in March, and go as long as we have items to sell.

Now is a good time to clean out your closets, attics, toy chests, etc. Anything you can donate will help. If you are a pack rat, now you have the perfect excuse to get rid of the stuff for a greater good.

Fiona finally came home from the hospital after several months. She was home for a short while, and is now back in the hospital due to complications. Her family had to sell one of their cars to pay bills. Her parents had both worked full- and part-time jobs prior to the illness just to make ends meet. The mom had quit both jobs to be with Fiona all the time while she was hospitalized. She is now having to go back to Lowe's so they can afford the medicine that Fiona needs to stay alive. This is very serious.

Lowe's has had several blood drives at their local stores to raise money for the family. To verify this information, contact the Lowe's in Keller, TX at 817-605-0081.

Please, do what you can to help. We appreciate you, and they will too.

Thank you,

- Ben Berman

Parents: Steve and Kimberly Berman, 6208 Meadowedge Rd., Arlington, TX 76001; Kimberly, cell: 817-454-0667; home: 817-483-2892.

Please call or email us when you would like us to pick up any items you can donate.

Mortgage Free in Three
Campaign Goal:
\$360,000
Total to Date: 142,623
from 84 Families
(and five non-members)

Watercolor Class

Julie Eisenfeld will offer a watercolor class on Thursday evening, May 19, at 7:00 p.m. This will be an "art experience" for all levels of interested parties. The class will be open to the first 10 people who respond no later than May 17 to 817-468-0297 or 817-416-1408. Cost for the class is \$10/person. It will be given in Julie's home studio.

A graduate of Indiana University with a degree in art education, Julie taught art in grades 1-12 in the public schools of Merrville, IN, and upstate New York. While teaching, she continued to produce her own watercolors, pastels, and linoleum prints. While in Schnectady, NY, her works were accepted into the Museum store and a major work was accepted into the Schnectady Museum as part of a temporary regional show.

After moving to Arlington in 1972, Julie had a one-woman show at the JCC in Fort Worth where she also taught ceramics on the adult level. One of the most memorable and satisfying experiences Julie has had was offering an adult serigraphy class for two years in the Continuing Education department at UTA. The class learned the photo silkscreen method.

Besides lino-printing, Julie feels that the medium of watercolor is the most challenging mainly because it is so unforgiving. She continues to take workshops in watercolor when offered by professionals that come to the area. It should be noted that in one recent show (at the main library in downtown Fort Worth), out of an exhibit of approximately 65 pieces, only two works were sold, one of them being Julie's.

Julie feels that one of the most wonderful things to come out of her passion for art is that her two daughters are working in the field. Susan is a graphic artist, and Candice is a fine artist. Both girls are able to support themselves in this vocation.

Jewish War Vets Want You!

The Martin Hochster JWV Post 755 of Fort Worth and Tarrant County is accepting applications for membership.

Anyone who has served in any branch of the military - active, reserve, guard, or in the military of another country - is eligible for membership. War-time service is not necessary.

JWV is the oldest veterans organization in the U.S., and plays an active role in issues affecting Jewish servicemen and women, both active and retired. For information/applications contact: Post Commander Dr. Barry Schneider, 817-360-9298; dr_barrys@yahoo.com.

New Member Applications

If you, or anyone you know, is interested in joining the Beth Shalom family, please call our executive director, Janet Aaronson, 817-860-5448