

HaShomer

MAY 2008

Congregation Beth Shalom

NISAN/IYAR 5768

Schedule of Services

May 2008

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Friday, May 2, 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 3

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Children's Minyan/Simcha Shabbat

Andrew Fleischer Bar Mitzvah

Torah: Kedoshim

Tuesday, May 6, 7:00 am

Rosh Chodesh Sivan

Friday, May 9, 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 10

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Emor

Friday, May 16

Tot Shabbat Service 6:00 pm

Family Service 7:30 pm

Saturday, May 17

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: B'har

Friday, May 23, 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 24

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: B'Chukotai

Friday, May 30, 8:00 pm

Saturday, May 31

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Bamidbar

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

It's 60 years for Israel this month! Yet, even as I write this column, the United Methodist Church is meeting in Fort Worth with a resolution on the table to divest from any company doing business with Israel. Even a group of Jewish extremists is presently urging that no Methodist investment funds be invested in any vehicle even approaching Israeli involvement.

Just before Pesach, Jimmy Carter took it upon himself to meet with Hamas terrorist leaders. Mind you, this is the same Jimmy Carter who wrote a book on Israel's "apartheid" while remaining curiously silent about Darfur, Tibet, China, and the human rights records of Arab countries.

Yet, despite cries of righteous indignation from anti-semites hiding behind supposed human rights and ex-politicians whose institutes are funded by Saudi Arabia... despite the now daily barrage of Qassam rockets fired from Gaza into the northern Negev, Israel reaches the age of 60.

Take some time to celebrate. Take an opportunity to reflect. Do not let your voice remain silent in the face of injustice.

Our community will gather in a gala celebration of this great milestone on Sunday evening, May 11, at Congregation Beth El, sponsored by the Jewish Federation. There will be food, entertainment, and celebration of the redemption brought by the establishment of the state of Israel. See the formal announcement below. I am expecting the attendance of our entire board and professional staff, and hope to see a large percentage of our membership as well.

As Israel approaches 60, let me ask you to consider in your own minds the meaning of the state of Israel to you. Let me also say that as I approach retirement, I do so with the regret that we have not had the opportunity to travel together to Israel as a congregational family.

So, in honor of Israel's 60th, let me pose this to our members. Whether formally or informally, let's find a way for as many of us as possible to spend some time in Israel together. I suggest a time of year when the weather might not be the best, but when it may be possible to bring some of the children along. Let's celebrate Chanukah 2008/5769 in Israel.

I can think of no better way to symbolize the freedom of our people and the continuity of our Judaism any better than to stand as a congregation in Modi'in, the home of the Maccabees, and light Chanukah candles together. And then, on the next night, to light Chanukah candles in Jerusalem in commemoration of that first Chanukah in Jerusalem when Judah entered Jerusalem. Call or email me. Let's make this happen!

Wishing Israel a happy 60th, and all of us a joyous Yom HaAtzmaut.

– Rabbi Ned J. Soltz



Yom Ha'Atzmaut: Join the Party on Mother's Day to Honor Israel at 60

Step through the doors and find your senses assaulted by the tastes, aromas, and sounds of Israel. Listen and dance to Israeli, Classic, Yemenite, and Chassidic melodies sung by Sabra, Yoel Sharabi.

Sunday, May 11, 6:30 - 10:30 p.m. at Beth-El Congregation, \$25/person

Cocktails at 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m. Dietary laws observed. Cocktail attire.

Reservations must be made by May 5; babysitting by reservation only.

From the President

Last month I wrote to you about the board's undertakings the month of March and the dedication shown during this process. Two important components of our strategy took place: the closed board meeting March 23, and the board retreat, March 30. It is our purpose and mission to set the congregation on a solid foundation by developing an action plan based on pre-determined priorities.

To recap, briefly, each meeting and its function:

- March 23 - While initially undertaken to present facts and discuss the course of action for the Rabbi Search Committee, it quickly grew to represent much more as it morphed into a presentation and discussion of "what are we?"
- March 30 - Led by URJ facilitator **Marcia Grossfeld**, we delved into the subject of "who are we?" We will continue to utilize Marcia's talents and insights as we continue down this road.



The next part of this process is to plan for the future by laying out a strategy and direction. This process will be formalized by creating both a mission statement that will define who we are, and a vision statement that will express where we want to go and how we are going to get there.

Once finalized, these statements will become the vehicle by which we become the congregation we choose to be. They will be ingrained into our psyches, published on our web site and in the **HaShomer** each month.

A congregation is one of the few places in society in which we as individuals can come together, restore our wholeness, recover our sense of direction, receive inspiration to fulfill our life's calling, and be assured of the community with HaShem and each other that makes life worth living.

That is where we want to go....

Let me reprise some of where we have been since the Snow administration began in January, to give us insight into what is up ahead.

- Weekly updates are being sent by email to keep you informed of the myriad activities and goings on.
- A Caring Committee and a general Phone Committee have been assembled to keep us connected.
- Adult Education classes covering many diverse interests and skill sets serve to light the sparks that ignite interest in even further study. The regular cadre of students that participate each week is testimony to this. **Mark Schwartz** and his Adult Ed committee will undertake scheduling the fall semester of classes over the summer.
- Congregant-led services were well attended and served to reconnect people within our community.

My apologies to president **Martine Thomas** and **Sisterhood** for neglecting to thank them in last month's article for sponsoring the delicious oneg. Thank you.

- The first speaker in our Brotherhood Breakfast Speaker series began March 9. Also well attended, people were treated to a professional and polished presentation about Israel delivered by **Dr. Brent Sasley**, a fellow congregant and assistant professor of Mid-east Affairs at UTA. We are busy lining up our next speaker, for the fall.
- Our Purim celebration and dinner was fun, creative, with many diverse activities, and attended by 100 congregants!
- Movie night over three Saturday evenings showcased the acclaimed PBS series, *The Jewish Americans*. The lively discussions and personal stories that followed added another depth of connection to the fabric that binds us together. Thanks to Scott Sherwin and his programming committee.
- Our Havdalah dinner and service April 5, was conducted by **Sheri Allen**, who led us in song as well as offering insights into the meaning and spirituality of Havdallah. Each family was delighted to receive a beautiful Havdallah candle and spice box to use at home. Thank you, **Stephanie Posner and Rabbi Soltz** for creating and coordinating, and to the **Jewish Federation**, for the generous grant that made this possible.
- The Beth Shalom directory was updated and published after a one-year hiatus. Another successful vehicle to keep us connected. Many thanks and much appreciation is extended to **Joe and Rochelle Bekerman** for undertaking and delivering such a quality product.
- Our 1st annual golf tournament was held April 29. A good time was had by all, which served to benefit both our coffers and those of the Susan G. Komen Foundation. Many thanks are extended to chair **David Silverberg** and his committee for all of their efforts, as well as to our congregants who played, volunteered, solicited, or became sponsors. Next up: our Annual Gala this November.
- The website is being continually updated and made more user-friendly. There is now a link to the Gift Shop so you can view its offerings. Merchandise is being continually upgraded and is displayed in a visually appealing manner.
- Administration and membership chairs Richard Franklin and Leslie Smith are overseeing the updating of our member handbook, which will also serve as one component of the new member baskets that are being assembled to present when welcoming a new congregant family into our community.

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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.

Sisterhood

Thank all of you who contributed to the onegs for the Sisterhood/Brotherhood service and the Congregant Led service. Special thanks to **Sheryl Robertson**, who so ably organized both. Also, thank you to **Laura Fleischer** for providing her world-famous challah for both occasions.

We had to cancel the Hamantashen baking demonstration due to a scheduling conflict. Our next cooking program will be on making cheesecake, May 20, at 7:00 p.m. Our next regular meeting is May 20. Everyone is welcome to attend. Before the meeting we will meet for dinner at TGI Fridays on Collins at Copeland.

For those of you missing the wine tasting, keep June 7, open - it's scheduled for that date. We will also have our Installation of Officers at that time. Our June 17, meeting will be a joint meeting of the outgoing and incoming boards. Don't forget the upcoming watercolor painting class taught by our own **Julie Eisenfeld**.

We had a wonderful turnout for the Membership Celebration on March 30. Thank you to **Miriam Ward**, **Julie Eisenfeld**, and **Rochelle Bekerman** for the delicious treats. Thank you also to all the ladies who so ably served this past year, and congratulations to the incoming board members.

Our new officers for 2008-2009 are:

Miriam Ward, president; **Jennifer Daley**, vp membership; **Fran Kreindler**, vp fundraising; **Sue Brezinsky**, vp events; **Leslie Schulman**, recording secretary; **Julie Eisenfeld**, corresponding secretary; **Heidi Rothschild**, treasurer.

The following ladies have agreed to serve in the designated areas. However, there are always committees that need chairs, or helpers. Please consider volunteering. **Sharon Greene** and **Jennifer Daley**, gift wrap; **Melanie Garver** and **Valerie Carlone**, gift shop; **Jennifer Daley** and **Fran Kreindler**, Rosh HaShanah cards; **Karen West**, anniversary cards; **Stephanie Posner**, simcha tots; **Jennifer Daley**, Havdalah and movie night; **Phyllis Richmond**, cultural; **Julie Eisenfeld** and **Miriam Ward**, book reviews; **Danielle Snailer**, district liason; **Sandy Reiser**, historian and publicity liason; **Martine Thomas**, parliamentarian; **Christine Posnock**, tzedakah; **Laura Fleischer**, Arlington Life Shelter/ARFTY lunches. Trustees are: **Rochelle Bekerman**, **Klila Caplan**, **Marian Fled**, **Debbie Goldsmith**, **Stephanie Posner**, and **Mary Soltz**.

If you plan to meet us for dinner on May 20, (whether you make the meeting or not) please contact me so that we know to expect you. And remember, without you we are one member short.

– **Martine Thomas**, President
thomas68@sbcglobal.net

Sisterhood Tai Chi Class Begins in May
Wednesday evenings, May 7, 14, 21
From 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the CBS Social Hall
Cost: \$25 for the 3 classes
Everyone welcome. Dress comfortably.
Taught by Phyllis Richmond
RSVP to pgrichmond@scotese.com

Watercolor Class

Note Date and Fee Change

The watercolor class, originally scheduled for May 19, has been rescheduled to **Sunday, July 13, at 1:30 p.m.** at the home of Julie Eisenfeld. The fee will be \$5.00 per person.

The class is aimed toward people with little or no experience, as well as those with intermediate experience. We will paint for approximately one to two hours.

If you feel you can't "draw a straight line" or have no talent, that's perfect. We will start with a drawing exercise which will create and energize your ability to produce something exciting. Students should remember that the "journey" of creating something is very personal and stimulating for the soul.

Annual Wine Tasting

Saturday, June 7, 7:00 p.m. in the
Beth Shalom Social Hall

Installation of officers will be followed by a casual Italian dinner and blind wine tasting. \$10/person. Checks must be received by Marty Goldsmith, 1331 Village Green Dr., Southlake, TX 76092 no later than Wednesday, May 28.

From the President

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- We have added profiles of members and religious school teachers to **HaShomer** each month as an other vehicle to learn more about each other and ourselves. We have also engaged the services of **Dr. Jim Kravetz**, **Sherwin Rubin**, and **Dr. Brent Sasley** to write semi-regular and regular columns about Jewish music, literature, religion, life experiences, and politics. Look for their columns in this **HaShomer**.

Even with all of this activity in just over four months, we think of all of the possibilities if we are successful in convincing the congregation to take ownership of our vision. This is vital if we are to succeed. We will continue to communicate every step of the way with you, for communication is the cement that binds. Our common connection is the glue that binds, while faith and belief (emunah) in our cause and our G-d is the foundation upon which it is built.

– **Stuart Snow**, President
Congregation Beth Shalom

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.

Eye on Middle-Eastern Affairs

Prospects for Peace are Dim

For all the talk of positive new initiatives aimed at finally ending the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, we cannot be too optimistic. Indeed, there is much to be pessimistic about.

First, both Israelis and Palestinians have weak leaders. On the Israeli side, while most politicians are committed to a final peace deal with the Palestinians, none of them have the vision, personal courage, and political strength to overcome coalition politics and right-wing opposition. On the Palestinian side, there is no current leader, or anyone on the horizon, with the credibility, political support, and, again, personal courage to push hard for peace – and more importantly, to unequivocally renounce the use of violence as a policy instrument.

Second, neither side seems willing to compromise on some of the final status issues. Israelis are reluctant to compromise on the division of Jerusalem, while Palestinians – especially the general population – refuse to compromise on the right of return. Whatever we may think of the merits of either argument, both positions are non-starters for the other party. Without concessions on these issues, there will never be a final peace agreement.

Third, both sides have significant and vocal minorities that can sabotage, and already have several times, any serious peace process. The Israelis have the settlers and their political patrons, and the Palestinians have the militants and terrorist groups. Both minorities are opposed to a real peace process, and until they are brought under the control of the respective governments, they will continue to undermine negotiations.

Fourth, general regional developments undercut the peace process – in particular, the rise of radical rejectionism. Hamas, Hezbollah, and Iran are determined to stop any Arab-Israeli peace process; they seek the annihilation of Israel (though Iran may be less committed to this than is generally assumed); and they all want to establish a fundamentalist Islamist state in their respective countries (which Iran has already accomplished). Hezbollah and Iran have also given indications they would like to see an Islamist framework established around the Middle East as well. The power of this bloc is on the rise, and it is an open question at this point whether it can be stopped or reversed.

That said, there are some positive developments that we can point to. Saudi Arabia has become more involved in regional peacemaking. Alarmed at the growth of Iranian influence, Saudi Arabia has put its considerable weight behind the peace process. In Lebanon, the anti-Syrian majority has for the first time there stood firm against a Hezbollah-led pro-Syrian faction. Finally, Syrian participation in the 2007 Annapolis Conference is an important event, because it indicates that Syria is not committed to an alliance with Iran and spoiling the peace process, and that it might play a productive role here.

It is unclear at this point which trend – the negative or the positive – will prevail. Given this, too much optimism is unwarranted.

– *Brent E. Sasley, Ph.D.*



Once a Year Jews

There was a comic published in our local papers showing parents dressing their young son and taking him to Easter services. When services were over, the child asked his parents what happened at church on other Sundays since they only attended once a year. The same would apply to Jews and Yom Kippur. Many of us are "once a year Jews".

The deadline for this comment is April 15, which is four days before the first seder, a celebration of our redemption of the Jewish people from slavery in Egypt. Many believe that the celebration of Passover is the most popular ritual practised by Jewish people in the US.

When you read this, I will have celebrated seder with my children and grandchildren from far away who traveled to Fort Worth for Passover. This year, we gathered around the table to remember "the going forth from Egypt" and also we remembered the many seders we each have celebrated since we were kids.

I guess I am lucky. My three kids have raised their kids in the Jewish religion. When I read about the loss of Jewish souls to assimilation, I have to thank my ex-wife for raising our children with a love of Judaism and for their commitment to teach our tradition to our grandchildren.

Today, so many parents complain when their children ignore Judaism in their choice of mates and fail to raise their children as Jews. This is one reason that congregations are struggling to keep their doors open. My grandparents must have said it in 1900 when they came to Texas: "It's hard to be a Jew." That is true today.

Judaism is the oldest Western religion. Other religions borrowed Jewish beliefs and customs. For 2000 years, our ancestors tried to make sure that we would be Jewish. It is up to us to pass the religion on to our children. This can be done with a good education program at our congregation, but most important, it can be taught in the home with just a few regular family customs.

Passover is one tradition that shows your children how much you value Judaism. In addition to this once-a-year thing, you could spend less than 15 minutes a week in your home to light Shabbos candles and say a blessing over wine and bread. It might just be what is needed to guarantee you Jewish grandchildren.

– *Sherwin Rubin*

Yiddishkeit

Retaining a sense of Jewishness

Think contemporary Jewish music and you probably think Debbi Friedman, or Sam Glasser, you know, Jewish camp music. Or maybe your idea of modern Jewish music is the revival of Klezmer.

Quick! Think of Jewish rock music – not schlock rock or Two Live Jews, not Rock of Ages – but good music in the style of Pearl Jam, Dave Matthews, U2, only with a Jewish feel. There is a lot of great Jewish music available for those who are interested. You know Michael Stipe, Sting, Springstine, but do you know Yehuda, David and Yosef, Moshav Band?

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Religious School

Well, another fabulous year of Jewish education and learning is coming to an end. We enjoyed having your children this year, and thank you for the opportunity to spend time with them and impart our knowledge of Jewish customs and holidays with your family.

We began the year with a delightful celebration of first-grade consecration students, continued with a terrific Sukkot dinner in Beth Shalom's own Sukkah, decorated with pictures from our students. The Chanukah Workshop was a well-attended event that the children are still talking about, especially about Wendel, the balloon guy who made a second appearance at Purim.

Tu Bishvat Seder was awesome as we held our own Tu Bishvat Beth Shalom Iron Chef, and Purim was a great success with the bounce house, balloon guy, and the delicious BBQ dinner and ice cream bar. Passover model seder was an interactive event this year, and thanks to home-made charoset and hardboiled eggs, the kids had plenty to eat to celebrate their exodus.

All of these wonderful celebrations could not have taken place without the fantastic staff of dedicated teachers and volunteers we have here at Beth Shalom.

I keep reiterating that our teachers do not get paid for being here every Sunday to teach our kids, and for that we owe them many, many thanks. Our kitchen crew - better known as the "snack ladies" - seems to read my mind and know exactly what I need and when and how I need it. For their indispensable help, I am eternally grateful.

Some of our teachers will not be able to return next year, and that puts us at a shortage. I will be calling upon many of you to fill those shoes next year, and hope that you heed my call. Without our children there is no future to Judaism. Please give serious consideration to teaching in Sunday School; we will provide you with any and every support you can think of.

Finally, I invite you all to join us at the religious school picnic on Sunday, May 18, from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on the synagogue grounds. Brotherhood will be grilling hot dogs, and providing chips and drinks. All you need to bring are desserts and salads or side dishes.

Have a safe and happy summer, and be on the lookout for registration forms for next religious school year in August.

- *Danielle Snailer, Religious School Director*
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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.

Sylvia Gray Chaverim

Invite you to join them

**Sunday, May 18, 12:30 p.m. to Hear
Jim and Cathy Frisinger Discuss
*The Media Conspiracy - Not!***

Critics who see a vast conspiracy in the news are wrong. The idea that newspaper people are working to further an agenda is outrageous. Jim and Cathy will talk about the hectic process of putting a paper together, journalistic ethics, some of the celebrities they've interviewed, and the future of newspapers (not good).

Jim Frisinger has been the business editor at the *Dallas Times Herald*, the letters editor and member of the editorial board at the *Dallas Morning News*; he is currently the night business editor at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*.

Cathy Frisinger was a suburban editor at the *Dallas Times Herald* and assistant features editor at the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. She currently freelances feature stories, movie and book reviews for the *Star-Telegram*, and feature stories for *TCU Magazine*, *D Magazine*, and *SMU Magazine*.

**Lunch will be catered by Jason's Deli
\$5/person. For information and to place your lunch
order, call Rosalie Cagan, 817-684-7197 or
Sandy Silverman, 817-745-0766 by May 14.**

*Sylvia Gray Chaverim made possible through a grant from
the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.
You need not be a member of Congregation Beth Shalom
to participate in the Sylvia Gray Chaverim.*

Daytimers:

Tour the Japanese Gardens

**Wednesday, May 21, 12:00 noon
Meet at Beth-El Congregation, Carpool to the
Gardens Following Lunch
Lunch, catered by Jason's Deli, and Tour, \$10
Tour only, \$4.00 per person**

Enter a world of mystery and enchantment in the Japanese Garden. Serpentine paths entice you to surrender your senses and discover a new treasure at every turn. Feed exotic Imperial Carp (Koi) that beseech your attention; some will accept a gentle caress in exchange for a few pellets of food. Stone, earth, leaf, and water become one in this 7-acre land of wonder.

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

Beth Shalom Profiles

Ken Licker

This month's spotlight is on our controller, **Ken Licker**. The Lickers, Ken and Linda, have been members of Congregation Beth Shalom for over 25 years, helping with many events. Ken has served on the board of directors, helped with the Art Auctions, Brotherhood, a CBS Hawaiian Luau, a German Beerfest, and New Year's Eve parties. Linda has been behind the scenes at many of our events, providing the delicious food.



A native of Newark, New Jersey, Ken went to college at Montclair State. He started as a music major, then changed tracks when he was a senior, deciding to go into medicine. Ken met his future wife, Linda, while they were juniors in college.

Linda came to New Jersey during spring break to visit a friend, who introduced her to Ken. Ken then went to the University of Connecticut for science courses, and while there, married Linda. The two moved to Geneva Switzerland in 1967, where they lived for three years while Ken attended Geneva Medical School.

Ken finished medical school at New York Medical College, then did two years of surgical residency at Montefiore Hospital in the Bronx, and four years of urology residence at NYU in Manhattan.

He served as a Major in the Army as a medical officer at Fort Polk, Louisiana. In 1980 Ken resigned his commission and moved to Dallas with his growing family, then purchased a home in Duncanville.

Ken and Linda are the parents of four children: David (married to daughter-in-law Heather), Carolyn, Robin, and Eric. They have two grandchildren: Madeleine, 5, and Preston, 2.

Ken is still practising medicine and plans to do so for some time to come.

– *Phil Kabakoff*

Birthdays

May 1

Richard Cook
Jerry Paul
Hannah Walcek

May 2

Julie Sondecker

May 3

Paige Levine

May 4

Jay Feinberg
Howie Pock
Chris Scotese
Jeffrey Smith

May 7

Fran Weiger

May 8

Linda Dunn

May 9

Kristin Robertson

May 10

Mark Mowry
Sandy Rieser

May 11

Ben Sherwin

May 12

Julie Eisenfeld
Elad Ninio
Rachel Walkup

May 13

Ellen Schubach

May 15

Shira Feinberg
Jason Weiner

May 16

Jason Kabakoff

May 17

Rafe Chaimson

May 18

Evelyn Fleischer
Donna Gold
Michele Rothschild

May 23

Jeanne Franklin
Pauline Pelletier

May 24

Marian Feld

May 25

Benjamin Berman
Steve Levine
Jerry Lindell
Brian Moses

May 26

Steven Dickman
Hannah Jeffreys
Mark Schwartz

May 27

Nevin Levy

May 29

Lena Pack

May 31

Lauren Fratina

Anniversaries

May 1

Cricket & Richard Cook

May 15

Barbara & Dick Chiarello

May 24

Rena & Howard Frost (5)

May 25

Laura & Larry Fleischer
Dina & Jerry Lindell
Carolyn & Paul Solomon

May 29

Phil Pelletier & Aimee
Israel-Pelletier

May 30

Valerie & Roger Carlone
Shelley & Scott Jessup

May 31

Laurie & Scott Sherwin



Yiddishkeit

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"Return again, return again, return to the land of your soul. Return to who you are, return to what you are, return to where you are, born and reborn again." (Return Again)

"We're all just visitors not everlasting. We walk on soil for an instant of time so casually done. The master lives way above us, how thick is your faith? What is your wisdom brother." (Exteriors)

"I put my faith in the Only One,
I put my faith in the things I've done.
I put my faith in my living ones.
I put my faith in love." (Don't Give Up)

For over 10 years and seven albums, Moshav Band has been the pioneer of Jewish rock music. Born in Israel to American parents, these three brothers grew up on the Moshav Meor Modi'im, a musical village in Israel.

Their music is intelligent, soulful, spiritual, and secular. Some of their music reflects personal places and experi-

ences, such as *Don't Give Up*, *Return Again*, and *Stop*. Others take traditional Jewish songs *Shabbos Kodesh*, or lyrics, *Bereshit*, and put a modern interpretation on them. Their opening song, *Higher and Higher*, was played often by Shlomo Carlebach, but Shlomo didn't use an organ, electric guitar, and bass guitar to interpret this Jewish spiritual sound.

Looking for something new to energize your Yiddishkeit? Give Moshav Band a try. www.moshavband.com. Enjoy.

– *Dr. K*

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Thumb, & Central Market .**

Donations

(Received prior to April 22)

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

In honor of Joe and Rochelle Bekerman's 35th anniversary, Andy and Miriam Cohen's 25th anniversary, Steve and Shelley Sternblitz's 40th anniversary, Larry and Martine Thomas's 40th anniversary; in honor of Mark and Danielle Snailer's grandson, Cameron; in honor of the birth of Lili and Frank Weiner's granddaughter; in memory of Rose Weinberger

from Alice and Steve Ginsburgh

In memory of Beverly Chovis Rothschild from Michele and Jeff Rothschild

In honor of Rosalie and Carl Cagan's 50th anniversary; in honor of the birth of Cameron Snailer; in memory of Timothy Plaistow; wishing Jeffrey Zucker a speedy recovery from Melanie Garver

In honor of Steve and Shelley Sternblitz's 40th anniversary

from Susan and Jack Cooper

In honor of the bar mitzvah of Andrew Fleischer

from Shelley and Steve Sternblitz

In memory of Timothy Plaistow from Debbie and Marty Goldsmith

In honor of Harold Mandel's 82nd birthday from Toni and Norm Epstein

from Alice and Steve Ginsburgh

In memory of Sidney Soltz

from Rabbi and Mary Soltz

In memory of Ruth Goldsmith

from Dolores and Barry Goldfarb

from Rochelle and Joe Bekerman

In memory of Harry Springer

from Dolores and Barry Schneider

In loving memory of Sylvia Gray; in honor of Etta Schmerler's birthday; in honor of the anniversaries of: Rabbi Ned and Mary Soltz, Jim and Miriam Ward; In appreciation of their support to the Sylvia Gray Chaverim to Rosalie and Carl Cagan, Sandy and Alan Silverman, and Janet Aaronson from Randall Gray

CAMP IMPACT FUND

In memory of Beverly Chovis Rothschild from Michele and Jeff Rothschild

In appreciation of Camp Impact from Michele and Jeff Rothschild and family

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

from Fanny and Israel Hartman

from Wanda and Larry Brunell

from Michele and Jeff Rothschild

from Aggie and David Mishkin

BUILDING FUND

In memory of Michelle Zucker from Melanie Garver

In memory of Ruth Goldsmith from Seena and Barry Stevens

In memory of Arthur Schatten, Arlene Thompson, and Phyllis Stuart, mother of Sorai Stuart

from Hy Siegel

IRA UDES MEMORIAL BIMAH FUND

In honor of Harold Mandel's birthday; in memory of Sue Clearfield's mother

from Shelley and Steve Sternblitz

ONEG/KIDDUSH FUND FUND

In honor of Barbara Price's birthday from Barbara and Ken Price

In memory of Melvin Gottlieb from Melanie and Mark Gottlieb

In memory of Sidney Soltz

from Mary and Rabbi Soltz

In honor of their 24th anniversary

from Trish Holland and Bryon Adinoff

In honor of Marc Gratch's birthday

from Fran and Steven Gratch

In memory of Alfred Carlson

from Rachel and Ken Carlson

RICHARD WENOKUR MEMORIAL FUND

In honor of the birthdays of: Julie Sadler, Doug Sadler, and Esther Ressler; wishing good health to Jane Kellman

from Sharon and Lee Wenokur

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Timothy Plaistow from Siemen's Reading & Coding Dept.

RABBI'S SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In memory of Lillian Bushlow from Nora and Todd Bushlow

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In honor of Seena Stevens being named Mansfield ISD Teacher of the Year from Barry Stevens

CHEVRA KADDISHA FUND

In memory of Marion Goodman, Rebecca Voet, and Andries Voet

from Loesje and Elliott Blumberg

MAINTENANCE FUND

In memory of Harold Grossman from Andrea and Stuart Snow

Yahrzeits

May 2-3

Samuel Abramovitz

Louis Franklin

Esther Rosenthal*

Faye Shaw*

Phyllis Betcher*

Michael Egyes

Moshe Furman*

Jonas Barenholtz

Florence Dupree

Michelle Zucker

Seena Greenberg

Jacob Petrofsky

May 9-10

Resa Babin*

Louis Edward Miller*

Isidore Friedman*

Sidney Bushner*

Elwood Green*

Rosalind Pier Solomon*

Esther Loveman

Abe Jolkovsky

May 16-17

Joseph Wiener

Aghdas Rafi Mayeri

Rubin Udes*

Ida Bella Kaplan

Sidney Soltz

Sylvia Gray*

Stanley Kasten

Jerome Snow

May 23-24

Art A. Saling*

Jack Kamen*

Syde Kirshbaum*

Joseph Kleir

Dorothy Price*

Rhea Levine

May 30-31

John A. Stern*

Fay Caplan*

Arthur Schatten

Harry Springer

Louis Binder*

Rose Friedman*

Sussie Katz*

Daniel Clearfield*

Howard Coleman

William Forrest Franklin*

Dorothy Greenfield

* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

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.



Mitzvah Day Wrapup

Members of our congregation participated in the community-wide Mitzvah Day activities in Fort Worth and Arlington on April 6. It was a beautiful day to volunteer and help other social organizations and people in need of support and services.

Our congregants participated in several activities in Arlington. Eleven individuals, including five of our congregants, donated pet food to Meals on Wheels (MOW) and delivered pet food to MOW clients in Arlington. Six of our congregants sorted and hung clothing at Mission Arlington.

Phil Kabakoff, Cathy Frisinger, and Carol Pock also volunteered in Mitzvah Day activities in Fort Worth. Thanks to all our congregants who participated in this social action event.

– Ben Weiger



Volunteers delivering pet food to Meals on Wheels clients in Arlington. (l-r) Tyler and Ronna Kirkland, Sandy Rieser, Susan, Gabriel, and Danielle Alanise, Lynelle Bond (MOW coordinator), Heidi Rothschild, and (not shown, photographer) Ben Weiger.



Volunteers at Mission Arlington. (l-r) Ben, Fran, and Sam Weiger; and Lisa, Rachel and David Rein.

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.

Mortgage Free in Three

Campaign Goal:

\$360,000

Total to Date: 143,223

from 86 Families

(and five non-members)

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 Sholom, 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 Sholom**

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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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