

# HaShomer

JULY/AUGUST 2008

Congregation Beth Shalom SIVAN/TAMMUZ/AV 5768

## Schedule of Services

July/August 2008  
Tammuz/Av 5768

Friday, July 11, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, July 12  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Balak

Friday, July 18, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, July 19  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Pinchas

Friday, July 25, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, July 26  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Matot

Friday, August 1, 6:30 pm  
Saturday, August 2  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
**Rosh Chodesh Av**  
Simcha Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Masei

Friday, August 8, 8:00 pm  
Saturday, August 9  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Devarim

**Ben Jessup Bar Mitzvah**  
Friday, August 15 7:30 pm  
Saturday, August 16  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Nachamu

**Rachel Rein Bat Mitzvah**  
Friday, August 22, 8:00 pm  
Saturday, August 23  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Eikev

Friday, August 29, 8:00 pm  
Saturday, August 30  
Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat Service 10:00 am  
Torah: Re'eh

**Felicia Freeman Bat Mitzvah**  
Sunday, August 31  
**Rosh Chodesh Elul**

*Rabbi Soltz is studying in Israel. His column will return next issue.*

## Proud to be a Jew

Our sister congregation, Ahavath Sholom, had a program on June 1, that made me proud to be a Jew. They brought eight children from a new Israeli town called Kiryat Bialik who made beautiful music with violins and a piano, and presented a program.

I had tickets to the concert, but hadn't paid too much attention until I heard Rabbi Zelicovich selling the program on a Dallas radio show with an ex-Fort Worth personality, Jody Dean. After the concert, I mentioned to the Rabbi that Jews teach their children music, while the Arabs were teaching their kids how to blow themselves up. I was proud to be a Jew.

My parents had told me that I should be proud to be a Jew, but I never knew what they meant. I did my job when I married a Jewish girl and raised Jewish children. Still, the phrase "proud to be a Jew" was a puzzle to me. It was much later, and after many adult Jewish education classes, that the real meaning of the phrase started to mean something.

Like much else in my life, computers had a lot to do with the lessons. Jewish scholars were using the new science to analyze the Torah and to prove the wisdom of our ancient scholars when they predicted the movement of the sun and the Earth with great accuracy to project our holidays for thousands of years in the future.

When the first Kibbutzim started to farm in Israel, they marveled at the way the Hebrew calendar matched their planting and harvesting schedule. It was only later that secular Israel joined the rest of the world to use the Georgian calendar.

Jewish lay people may never notice, but Rosh HaShana must *never* fall on Sundays, Wednesdays, or Fridays. This is necessary to keep Yom Kippur from falling on Friday or Sunday. Our Jewish calendar must include this rule along with all the rules of the universe that must account for the strange pattern of the Earth's revolutions on it's axis, the trip around the sun, and the orbit of the moon around the Earth. None of these things match a 24-hour day and a 365-day year.

In temple times, observers testified to the appearance of a new moon to start a new month. Later, a calendar was developed to include leap years of 385 days or 384 days. Even this was not enough to take into account the small difference in the movement of the Earth, so astronomers included their observations in predicting the calendar for thousands of years in the future.

In our modern world, we use the atomic clock to predict changes in the Earth's rotation, but Maimonides set the current tradition in 1178 C.E. when he wrote the Mishnah Torah. When modern scholars got their computers, they checked out Maimonides and found his calculations *good for at least another 6,000 years.*

I'm proud to be a Jew.

– Sherwin Rubin

## Beth Shalom Family Movie Night

Saturday, July 26

Meet at Jason's Deli on Road to Six Flags for dinner at 5:30 p.m. Meet at CBS at 7:00 p.m. for Havdallah.

The movie *Happy Feet* will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Attendees will be entered into a drawing to win this DVD at the end of the evening.

## From the President

When I wrote my column for the June issue of **HaShomer**, the board was scheduled to resolve the Rabbi recommendation options and thereby give direction to the Search Committee at our June 1st board meeting. Due to circumstances beyond our control, we were unable to fulfill this mission, and rescheduled a meeting for Wednesday, June 25.

Accordingly, the open letter that I promised to send out to the congregation in mid-to-late June will be pushed back to mid-July. A congregational meeting will be called in August to keep you informed as to how the board arrived at its recommendation.



On another matter, as I have spoken of and written about many times: one of the guiding principles of Judaism is *Ahavos Israel* - love of your fellow Jew. We are bound to each other as a community in the study of Torah, service to G-D, and acts of loving kindness.

Part of that obligation is to support the members of our community that have suffered the loss of a loved one and wish to fulfill the mitzvah of saying Kaddish to honor that loss. This is even more potent during the first anniversary of their loved one's passing. Imagine their dismay when grieving members of our community are unable to fulfill their obligation due to a lack of a minyan at services.

While summertime is here and the "livin' is easy" (as the song goes), I hope that each of us will do our part to confirm that we are the loving, caring, and supportive community that I know we are. By doing so, not only will you create the opportunity for a fellow Jew to express their grief, you will also allow them the opportunity to reaffirm life. In this way, you will be weaving the spiritual fabric that binds us all ever tighter. See you in shul....

B'shalom.

– *Stuart Snow, CBS President*

### CBS Mission Statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom is a Reform Jewish community; warm and caring, welcoming of all, rich in tradition, committed to G-d and Israel, devoted to life-long learning, Jewish programs and spiritual growth.

### CBS Vision Statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom strives to be the center for strong Jewish spiritual growth in the Mid-Cities community, where our members engage in the study of Torah, the warmth and friendship that evolves through our Jewish way of life, and our commitment to Tikkun Olam.

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## Eye on Middle-Eastern Affairs

### Is Time Running Out for the Two-State Solution?

The 1993 Oslo Accords embedded in the discourse about the Israeli-Palestinian conflict the notion that the only way to resolve the conflict was to create two states: Israel and Palestine. Since then, this idea has been the framework for all subsequent negotiations between the parties.

This was not always the preferred political structure, either by Jews or Palestinians. Zionists have long been engaged in virulent debate about the disposition of the West Bank. Some wanted Israel to retain complete sovereignty and control over all of Mandatory Palestine, while others, such as the marginal Brit Shalom movement, advocated a bi-national state in which Jews and Arabs would share power.

Among Palestinians there has historically been far more agreement on the preferred political structure: a single Arab state in which Jews would be a tiny minority.

In recent months, however, there have been growing calls for a return to a single state in all of Mandatory Palestine. Those who put forward this demand believe that Israelis and Palestinians will never be able to agree on how to divide Jerusalem, on what to do with Jewish settlements in the West Bank, and on the borders of a Palestinian state.

Moreover, many of them argue that both sides have legitimate claims to the land, and that by dividing it into two separate states, both will lose. A single state with a one-person, one-vote system is, they argue, fair to everyone.

The problem with this solution, of course, is that it will eventually lead to a single Palestinian state. First, a state of Jews and Arabs could not have a Jewish/Zionist flag of national anthem; such symbols and what they represent would have to appeal to both Jews and Arabs.

Second, though there is some disagreement over numbers, it is clear that the population of Arabs between the Mediterranean and the Jordan is growing at a faster rate than the population of Jews. At some point in the intermediate future, Jews will be outnumbered by Arabs. In a one-person, one-vote system, there is every reason to suspect that the laws and norms of the state would shift in favor of the dominant majority – in this case, the Arabs.

The idea that a single state is the best solution is alarming to Jews and Zionists around the world. Even Prime Minister Ehud Olmert has made reference to these fears, and President Mahmoud Abbas has alluded to it in peace talks. But are such proposals worth paying attention to?

At this point in time, probably not. Polling data show that as a result of their frustration at the lack of real results from the peace process, Palestinians are increasingly skeptical about reaching an agreement on two states. This is a concern, but it will be alleviated once real progress is made in peace negotiations. Palestinian public opinion, like Israeli public opinion, is responsive to the ups and downs of the conflict itself.

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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](mailto:mrein@gmail.com) at least one week before the meeting so he can place you on the agenda.

# Sisterhood

Our first general meeting of the CBS Sisterhood's 2008-2009 calendar year was held on June 17. I was really pleased by the wonderful energy and dynamic give-and-take among those present. And those present included women from age two years, to about 70-something years!

At this first meeting, I asked the other women present to tell us what the personal impact of Sisterhood had been in their own lives. Not surprisingly, Sisterhood has touched us all in quite similar ways.

Many echoed the need to belong to our extended Jewish family while we live lives dispersed throughout the Mid-Cities area. All of us enjoy being an active part of the life of CBS, connecting with other Jewish women, and making a real difference to our congregation. Sisterhood gives back to us as we go about its work of sustaining our communal Jewish life.

This month, Valerie Carlone and Melanie Garver, managers of the CBS Judaica shop, announced that they have just donated a check for \$1,000 from Sisterhood to be applied to the Mortgage Reduction Fund. The Judaica Shop will re-open on September 7, the first day of religious school. Plan to come and see the beautiful Jewish arts and crafts and gifts collected by our managers.

Our upcoming scheduled events include:

1. Watercolor class at the art studio of Julie Eisenfeld on Sunday, July 13, at 2:00 p.m.
2. Family Havdallah and Movie Night at CBS on Saturday, July 26, at 7:00 p.m.
3. Our next general Sisterhood meeting is on Tuesday, July 15, at 7:00 p.m.

We'll meet for a light supper together before the meeting at Birraporetti's in Lincoln Square.

All congregants are invited to attend Sisterhood functions. Guys, that includes you, too!

– *Miriam Ward*  
*Sisterhood President*

**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](mailto:janetaa@bethshalom.org).**

## Eye on Middle-Eastern Affairs

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Perhaps more importantly, those who call for a single state are a very small minority; and they come from either the extreme left wing or from Palestinian intellectuals. Neither group is likely to be listened to by anyone else. But they have been very vocal lately, which makes their demands more serious.

For this reason, they do need to be addressed, but not politically. Efforts should be made to achieve real progress in peace talks, while Israel needs a strong public relations campaign explaining why two states is the best solution. If not, these proposals could soon take hold in the mainstream.

– *Brent E. Sasley, Ph.D.*



*Sisterhood/Brotherhood wine tasting, June 7.  
This is the prize-winning table for superb decoration,  
created by Rochelle Bekerman.*

## Life Line Screening

Life Line Screening provides non-invasive diagnostic tests to locate any abnormalities before they become a life-threatening problem. My primary care physician recommends this testing, and finds the information provided by these screenings useful.

They have provided painless, non-invasive ultrasound testing for over four-million people who wanted to learn more about their vascular health. Tests are performed by highly trained health professionals using the latest in ultra-sound technology. The results are evaluated by board-certified physicians, licensed in Texas, before being returned to you.

Screenings include carotid artery/stroke, abdominal aortic aneurysm, osteoporosis, and peripheral arterial disease. Life Line is scheduled for all-day screening at Beth Shalom on **Monday, August 18, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.**

I highly recommend participating in these tests at the special pricing offered to Beth Shalom members. After all, an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.

Contact the Beth Shalom office for more information.

– *Dolores Schneider*

## Has your email address changed?

Please be sure to notify the CBS office if you are not receiving your News Blasts! Thanks!  
[janetaa@bethshalom.org](mailto:janetaa@bethshalom.org)

## 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](http://www.bethshalom.org))*

**Closed for the Summer.**

**If you need to make a purchase while we are not here, please contact: Valerie Carlone, Melanie Garver, or Janet Aaronson in the Beth Shalom office: 817-860-5448.**

# Marketing Judaism

When you read this, summer will be with us and the air-conditioning will be running. Last night, I was snuggled up to a cat to get me through a cold night because I had packed away my electric blanket and set my system to "cool". As humans, we have more complex needs than just getting through the night, but we all have needs. For most of the thousands of years there has been a Jewish religion or Jewish people, the synagogue filled a major part of those needs.

In May, a small group of Fort Worth and Arlington Jews gathered at the B'nai B'rith Person of the Year dinner, and heard Brandon Chicotsky, a 23-year-old student from the University of Texas, tell us about problems Jewish students are facing in Austin.

Brandon was a fantastic speaker and he told of his passion for Israel and his work in organizing groups on many campuses to counter the Arab propaganda that makes just being Jewish uncomfortable for our young people. He told us of his meetings with young Jews from Europe who were constantly facing anti-Semitism from well-organized Muslims who were being taught to hate Jews as part of their pre-school training.

In a question-and-answer session, one of our rabbis asked why we didn't see any young people bringing his brand of Judaism back to Fort Worth. The rabbi was thinking that he hadn't seen many young Jews in services lately. He was remembering times from his youth when the synagogue was a center of Jewish life, and you could get friendship, emotional support, and spirituality in one place.

Brandon answered that young people didn't have to get dressed up to have a community today. They could have all their needs met while sitting in their underwear in front of their computers. He told us that he had carried on four-year internet relationships with people he had met face-to-face only once.

What we have is a failure to communicate. The rabbi wanted to fill seats in his services, and Brandon wanted to teach Jewish students what they needed in their lives to protect Israel. Both felt a strong need to assure the survival of the Jewish people. If you are reading this, you feel the need to keep the faith. Our congregation is now facing serious problems in keeping the doors open; times have changed since the synagogue was a major factor in the lives of Jews wherever they lived.

There is still a strong need for a Jewish congregation in our community. The alternatives to religious involvement are tearing the fabric of our lives. A hundred years ago, they didn't worry about divorce, drugs, violent crime, and loneliness. The strength of the Jewish people has always been that they maintained an extended family throughout the Diaspora.

Today, you can find support anywhere in the world by just walking into a synagogue where people share your interest and are willing to help another Jew. We have to guarantee the continuation of our congregation.

Some Christian congregations are now bringing in 15,000 people a week to their services with professional orchestras and sermons that entertain. Joel Osteen, a pastor in such a congregation, told his flock that they needed to eat healthy kosher food to improve their diets.

That was really topical entertainment. In a time when 60% of Americans are fat, he found a moral in the bible that

could affect most of his congregation. This was a brand of spirituality that people are willing to spend their money on. We can't afford a full orchestra, but we can do things to build our membership.

It is only a matter of marketing. If we need to get more members, we need to fill the needs of more people. The competition is well funded and sugar coated. We are bombarded with advertising and materialism. These things are free: Friendship, education, and spirituality. We only need to see how we can offer these things to more local people.

– *Sherwin Rubin*

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## Yiddishkeit

### Retaining a sense of Jewishness

There is this place you can explore on your computer, it's called "the internets: (GWB-POTUS), it is a series of "interconnecting tubes" (Sen. Stevens - Alaska) which connects your computer to a place called [www](http://www.nextbook.org).

One of my favorite places to visit is the site [www.nextbook.org](http://www.nextbook.org). "*Nextbook*: a Jewish cultural organization that produces an online magazine, publishes a book series, and presents events around the country." Let's peruse just a little of one recent issue.

There is an article by Rebecca Spence on children of interfaith marriages choosing their identities. Peter Bebergal discusses creationism and fundamentalism. Danit Brown has a nine-page short story about bringing an Israeli soldier home for the holidays. David Benioff has a podcast discussion of his new book *City of Thieves*.

Other podcasts include Aleksadar Hemon discussing his book *Lazerus Project*, Daniel Estrin discusses how Hebrew is being transformed into a modern language, and Richard Zoglin discusses how stand-up comedy in the 70s changed America. You want music, there is an interview with Yasmin Levy discussing her Ladino songs, also a podcast of a South Florida synagogue and church combining Gregorian chants with traditional Judeo-Iraqi music.

There is a copy of a *Vanity Fair* interview in which Dustin Hoffman discusses his role in *The Graduate*, an article from Ha'aretz in which one of the founders of Google discusses his refusenik parents. *Nextbook* has a team of bright, young columnists who add insight into Jewish culture. This includes Steve Almond, Shalom Auslander, Sara Ivry, and Etkar Keret.

I have barely touched on all that *Nextbook* has to offer. There is music, science, poetry, film, food, and much more.

*Nextbook* is updated weekly and has archived all their material. Be warned, if you start going to *Nextbook*, you will be hooked.

Do you have any favorite Jewish-related web sites? If so, email them to me and I will list them in a future Yiddishkeit.

– *Dr. K*  
[oygevalt@sbcglobal.net](mailto:oygevalt@sbcglobal.net)

# B'nai Mitzvah

## Benjamin Jessup

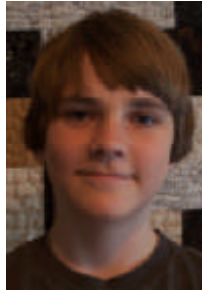
Scott and Shelley Jessup are proud to announce that their son, Benjamin, will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, August 9, at 10:00 a.m. We welcome the congregation to join our family and friends as we celebrate this joyous occasion.

Ben is an honor student at Central Junior High School in Euless, where he is an accomplished percussionist in the Symphonic Band. He also completed his first year in the pilot program of Mandarin Chinese classes at CJH, which he will continue in 8th grade.

Outside of school, Ben is also a member of the band Second Story Feedback (with brother Josh and Paul Demer) which performs frequently around the DFW area. He sings back-up vocals and plays bass guitar in the band. In fact, his mitzvah project involves SSF playing benefit concerts for "To Write Love on Her Arms" this summer. TWLOHA is an organization which helps raise awareness of teen suicide, addiction, depression and self-harming.

Ben has studied Tae Kwon Do at the Excel Academy in Bedford for the past 3-1/2 years, and recently advanced to the level of Poom Belt, which is just below Black Belt. He also enjoys reading, writing, photography, all forms of video games, computers, and spending time with his nieces, who live nearby.

Ben has been a part of CBS religious school since preschool, and that has added so much to our family observance of Judaism. We want to thank all of Ben's teachers, especially his tutor, Danielle Snailer, for her true gift of teaching and for sharing her love of Judaism. Special thanks, also, to Rabbi Soltz for his kind help with Ben's Bar Mitzvah preparations.



## Rachel Rein

Michael and Lisa Rein invite the congregation to share their joy as their daughter, Rachel, becomes a Bat Mitzvah on August 16, at 10:00 a.m. A kiddush luncheon will follow Shabbat services. Also, please join us on Friday, August 15, at 8:00 p.m. when Rachel will lead the service.

Rachel is excited about becoming a Bat Mitzvah. (We think she might be looking forward to when it's finally over, too.) She is studying diligently under the guidance of her tutor, Batya Brand, who brings out the best in Rachel. For her mitzvah project, she is planning to work at summer school for mentally challenged children.

An A+ student and member of the National Junior Honor Society at Boles Jr. High School, Rachel enjoys her classes, singing in the choir, and playing violin. She expresses her creative side by writing, acting, and drawing. Her favorite sport is skiing. In her free time, she loves to "IM" her friends, and read.

We are very proud of Rachel's accomplishments in all of her endeavors, and for becoming such a great Bat Mitzvah. It takes a village to raise a child, and, so we deeply appreciate and give thanks to everyone at Beth Shalom who has helped Rachel through the years, including her Hebrew and Sunday school teachers, Batya Brand, Rabbi Soltz, Danielle Snailer, her classmates and their parents.

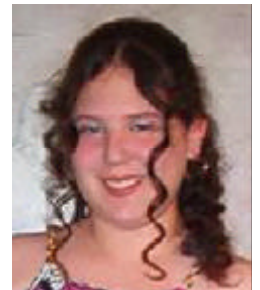


## Felicia Freeman

Felicia Freeman and family would like to invite you all to join us on Saturday, August 30, as Felicia is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah.

A bright student, Felicia is always anxious to learn new things. For her Bat Mitzvah project, she chose to do the All American Bake Sale to help hungry kids. Felicia has taken many cake decorating classes and enjoys cooking. Felicia has been in a bowling league since she was three years old and has many trophies.

We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.



## Religious School

- Look for religious school registration forms in the mail in the early part of August.
- The first day of religious school will be Sunday, September 7.
- Keep collecting box tops and Campbells labels for our school. We have received more than \$300 this year from box tops, and are saving Campbells labels to get a TV cart.

Have a safe and happy summer.

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

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

# Birthdays

## July

**July 1**  
Darlene Dickman

**July 2**  
Todd Bushlow  
Richard Posner

**July 3**  
John Derewitz  
Rachel Townsend  
Cheryl Visosky

**July 4**  
Ari Frost  
Sarah Rothschild

**July 6**  
Felice Silverberg

**July 7**  
Gabriel Brand  
Adam Brunell  
Richard Franklin  
Francine Levy  
Rachel Rothschild  
Hy Siegel

**July 8**  
Matthew Lobel  
Zakkai Perez  
Jossef Perl

**July 9**  
Scott Ariens  
Jessica Lecoq  
Sheryl Robertson  
Boris Shtreyzman

**July 11**  
Shari Virtheim

**July 14**  
Brian Jetty

**July 15**  
Andy Cohen

**July 16**  
Wendy Udes

**July 17**  
Melanie Gottlieb  
Thressa Lobel

**July 18**  
Ron Elsenbaumer  
Judi Lecoq  
Daniel Townsend

**July 19**  
David Mishkin

**July 20**  
Zachary Friedensohn  
Lee Schulman

**July 22**  
Debra Lewis

**July 23**  
Lewis Pincus  
Faina Sandler

**July 28**  
Harold Jacobs  
Alex Pincus  
Howard Weiss

**July 29**  
Sherryl Clark

**July 30**  
Rachel Carlson

**July 31**  
Joyce Derewitz

## August

**August 2**  
Joshua Goldfarb

**August 5**  
Benjamin Jessup

**August 6**  
Rebecca Barr  
Eli Franklin

**August 7**  
Rachel Rein

**August 8**  
Sherwin Rubin

**August 10**  
Laurie Rubin

**August 11**  
Chad Friedensohn

**August 12**  
Rebecca Brunell  
Tyler Kirkland

**August 14**  
Elan Cabrero  
Lynne Jacobs  
Ellen Pincus

**August 15**  
Barbara Bushner  
Alex Weiss

**August 16**  
Shelley Sternblitz

**August 18**  
Janice Kasten

**August 19**  
David Tashbook

**August 20**  
Pat Rubins

**August 21**  
Michael Lowenthal  
Noah Tashbook

**August 22**  
Karen Blair  
Rena Frost

**August 23**  
Landry Levine

**August 26**  
Sidney Gottlieb

**August 27**  
Jennifer Daley

**August 29**  
Phil Landsberg  
Rachel Smith

**August 30**  
Vince Brezinsky

**August 31**  
Steven Gratch  
Brett Jeffreys  
Stacey Silverman

# Anniversaries

## July

**July 4**  
Pam & Johnny Sudbury

**July 6**  
Andrea & Stuart Snow

**July 8**  
Barbara & Ken Price (35)

**July 12**  
Ken Pyles & Sharon Greene

**July 13**  
Sandy & Allan Wallace

**July 21**  
Feli & Joe Spindler

**July 23**  
Jamie & John Mowry

**July 24**  
Suzi & Michael Kapin (25)

**July 26**  
Jan & Howard Weiss

## August

**August 4**  
Julie & Nevin Levy

**August 11**  
Shari & Yoram Virtheim

**August 12**  
Alex Weiss & Juli Hobby

**August 15**  
Fran & Ben Weiger (15)

**August 16**  
Wanda & Larry Brunell  
Shirley & Elias Sassoon  
Chris Scotese &  
Phyllis Richmond (10)

**August 18**  
Amy & Charles Tashbook

**August 20**  
Melanie & Mark Gottlieb (20)  
Lynne & Harold Jacobs

**August 24**  
Cynthia & David Barr

**August 25**  
Frances & Steven Gratch  
Lisa & Michael Rein

**August 26**  
Samantha & Aaron Perez

**August 28**  
Kim & Frank Greenberg

**August 30**  
Naomi & Max Brand



# Camp Impact

Camp Impact 2008 just celebrated its B'nai Mitzvah - it's 13 years old! And this year was no different from the other years - an overwhelming success spiced with laughter and joy, bewilderment and excitement.

The counselors this year were some of the most dedicated and caring kids I have ever witnessed. Their commitment to the campers was never at a lull - always 100% and never showing signs of fatigue. Our kids make this adventure such a wonderful environment for the campers; because of their enthusiasm, the daily activities were experienced to their fullest by the campers.

The camp runs so well because we have some very dedicated volunteers from CBS: returning college and post-college young adults, and other friends. Because of everyone involved, camp operated smoothly; whether it was helping with activities, driving a van, running errands, working in the kitchen, or filling in at the last minute.

We had the largest group of campers this year from the various shelters and schools, with 115 campers registered. That didn't keep us from doing such fun things as swimming, sports, wood-working, making mosaics, hip-hop dancing, cooking, and much more.

We also had a ventriloquist who presented a wonderful show that taught about making good

choices in school and life, and an animal awareness group that teaches about strange and exotic animals and their habitats. This always brings oohs and ahhs from the kids and volunteers when a 20-foot boa constrictor is literally a few feet away from wrapping around them . . .



good thing they feed her *before* the show!

A local musician used her original music to expose creative aspirations. A new activity this year was inspired and run by our own **Chloe Pelletier**. From her love of theatre, she had the kids working on a week-long project making backdrops, costumes, props, and putting on a skit by the individual groups on the last day of camp. It was fabulous (that's theatre talk), and the camp-

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## Camp Impact

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ers and counselors loved doing it.

Our teen camp directors this year were **Michael Fratina**, **Zach Friedensohn**, and **Elina Shtreyzman**. They did a lot of pre-camp planning and preparation, using their combined years as experienced counselors to assist our counselors with their large groups.

As I've said before, nothing excites me more than to see our CBS ARFTY kids blossom into caring, hardworking young adults. They meet the challenges year-after-year, and it thrills me to no end knowing that camp's original purpose to instill leadership, commitment, and follow-through to the community are lessons that they will continue to engage in throughout adulthood.

Our two-fold mission of Camp Impact is to provide an experience to the children in our community who otherwise lack the hope to be the kids they really are, and possibly see the opportunities that are out there and work hard to break the unfair cycle they have been allotted in their young lives. The second part is for our counselors to learn the values of giving; giving through the usual ways with time and/or money, but for our kids it's more - they give a piece of their hearts as well. It's a unique gift given to children in desperate need of attention.

At night, when we gather to discuss the daily activities, we allow each counselor to speak about their day and what they felt about the time they spent with the campers. The joy and sense of accomplishment is a common theme most nights. Comments about how they've learned that life isn't so bad for them, and how great it feels to know they're making a difference by being a positive influence in the lives of others literally is an "impact" they will forever own as a part of their foundation for adulthood.

Every CBS member should be proud of the accomplishments that ARFTY children have made over the past 13 years, and you should continue to be supportive of the project so aptly named Camp Impact. Our children truly know the meaning of "tikkun olam" and the Jewish beliefs that help mold them into responsible, intelligent, nurturing and mature adults. They are a unique bunch of kids who *have* made a difference in our community and I would be remiss if I didn't add that they have made a difference in my life, as well.

So, another year notched in the belt and hoping we conduct many more in the future. Thanks again to everybody for their support to ARFTY and Camp Impact!

— Al Fratina



### Save the Dates!

**Important Congregation  
Beth Shalom Meeting**  
Sunday, August 17, at 7:00 p.m.

**Brotherhood Breakfast**  
**Speaker Series Continues**  
Sunday, September 14, 9:00 a.m.  
with Dr. Richard Allen

## Yahrzeits



### August 1-2

Frances Kramer  
Max Silverman  
Leonard Wacholder  
Isadore Diamond  
Dean Reynolds  
John Lewis Zeital\*  
Seymour Sternstein  
Barbara Mason  
Alon Amrani  
Oren Amrani  
Tali Amrani  
Doris Feldstein\*  
Ralph Kalisky  
Shmuel Perl

### August 8-9

Audrey Bender  
Martha Blake  
David Kessler\*  
Milton Rosenstein\*  
Minnie Lefer\*  
Stuart Flack\*  
Rose Konigsberg  
Alice Coleman  
Stanley Jolkovsky\*  
Merle Mitchell\*  
Ira Udes\*  
Joseph Hanfling  
Emil Polaner\*  
Anna Salzman\*  
Henry Salzman\*

### August 15-16

Raymond Abel  
June Fernand  
Genevieve House  
Sylvia Green\*  
Leo Grossman\*  
Israel Goldberg\*  
Leon M. Halbert  
Russell David Krieger\*  
Ellie Stricklin\*  
Reuben Blumberg

### August 22-23

Fredda Rothlein\*  
Leonard Schulman  
Jesse Sternblitz\*  
Zelda C. Schnee\*  
Gloria Schwartz\*  
Sadye Lackman\*  
Norman Davidson  
Ralph Jackson  
Abraham Kamien\*  
Bertram Levy\*  
Bernard Levy\*

### August 29-30

Al Carlson  
David Mandel\*  
Miriam Rothschild  
Hyman Rosen  
Samuel Kaplan  
Maxine Coblentz  
Fannie Lazovick\*  
Ethel Lenhoff  
Max Ponter\*

\* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

### July 4-5

Ellen Jane Milord\*  
Arthur Leon Rubin\*  
Bernard Adinoff  
Lisa Lynn Gershkoff  
Alvin Goldberg\*  
Joe Goodman  
Frances Weiner\*  
Helen Brunell  
Sam Wiener\*  
Bruce Geller

### July 11-12

Thomas Buckel  
Erica Hochster\*  
Abraham Preisler\*  
Myer Shaw\*  
Goldie Kligman Binder\*  
Bernard Craden  
Bailey Gardner\*  
Harry Wichter\*  
Joseph Zamichow  
Fanny Kreisberg  
Harold Morgan  
Eleanor Posnock\*  
Aziza Abraham\*  
Carl Bergman\*  
Yaacov Guetta  
Raphael Mazer

### July 18-19

Norman J. Wagner  
Steven A. Stern\*  
Lucille Mires  
William Rieser\*  
Norris Dean Hellwig\*  
Marilyn Robinson Waldman\*

### July 25-26

Edith Cohen  
Robert C. Carey\*  
Jean Ciocci\*  
Theodore Finkelstein\*  
Arlo Lindner  
Rosemary Shively Eckhardt  
Martin Kapin\*  
Abraham Needleman  
Philip Rosentraub\*  
Monty Banks  
Harry Levy  
Carol Coller  
Dora Meckler\*

### *The Congregation records with sorrow, the passing of:*

Eugene Egyes, father of Bea Stein  
Charles Aaronson, beloved father and father-in-law  
of Jerry and Janet Aaronson

# Save the Date!

**Saturday, November 8**  
**Congregation Beth Shalom**  
**Annual Gala**

## URJ Hadracha Seminar

On a beautiful spring morning in May, with the sun shimmering on the water and the swans drifting gracefully across the lake, 36 students and five rabbis and cantors gathered for Shabbat morning services.

This was just one of many moving and life-inspiring moments I experienced at the URJ Hadracha Seminar at Kutz Camp in Warwick, NY. For eight days, members of the URJ from across the U.S. and Canada gathered to live as Jews and learn more about Judaism.

As I don't have room here to talk about all the incredible things I learned, I will instead share with you one aspect that will change forever how I relate to the Shema.

Every single service at the seminar was different and unique, but one part of the service, the Shema, was presented to us, not in its traditional form, but as the life-empowering utterance I believe it truly is. The rabbis explained that the Shema has a very powerful essence when sung or pronounced slowly, and as I would understand it, with "vibration". So, in the morning, or at night, and with someone else, try one of these two techniques.

1. Try saying the Shema extending each syllable: shhhhh.....mmmmmm....ahhhhhh.... If you are familiar with yoga's "om", it is similar to that. If this is said with others, it creates a powerful vibration connecting each person. Say each word like this and you'll experience the words like never before. Try it with your kids; they'll love the way it tickles their insides.

2. The other technique works well with a group, especially if some of the people have the ability to carry a note. Sing the Shema slowly and let the last note linger. Feeling the vibrations of the voices as the tune rolls around the group is very moving and inspiring.

## Donations

(Received prior to July 1)

### MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

In memory of Sheldon Konigsberg, Della Nass, Dorothy Greenfield, and Shula Konigsberg

from Seena and Barry Stevens

In honor of the birthdays of: Richard Cook, Julie Eisenfeld, Marian Feld, Mark Schwartz, Lena Pack, Scott Sherwin, Michael Kapin, Janet Aaronson, Toni Epstein, Cookie Kabakoff, Arlene Schwartz, Sharon Wenoker, and Larry Brunell; in honor of the anniversaries of: Cricket and Richard Cook, Barbara and Dick Chiarella, Carolyn and Paul Solomon, Laurie and Scott Sherwin, Klila and Brian Caplan, Terri and Jim Kravetz, Ellen and Lew Pincus, Lee and Phil Landsberg from Harold Mandel and Sharon Self

In memory of Syde Kirshbaum, Jack Kirshbaum, Rose Friedman, Isidore Friedman, and Jeanette Schonfeld

from Ruth and Burt Friedman

In memory of Lisa Blatt

from Wanda and Larry Brunell

from Andrea and Stuart Snow

from Melanie Garver

from Dolores and Barry Schneider

In honor of the birthdays of: Laurakai Cagan, Janet Aaronson, Arlene Schwartz, Sharon Wenokur, Nora Bushlow; in honor of Phil and Lee Landsberg's anniversary; in memory of Bennett Dorfman; in loving memory of Sylvia Gray

from Randall Gray

In memory of Gertrude Malkovsky from Heidi Rothschild

In memory of Richard Easton; in honor of Andrew Fleischer's Bar Mitzvah; in honor of the birth of Sue and Vince Brezinski's grandchild

from Melanie Garver

In appreciation of Congregation Beth Shalom from the Mah Jongg Group

In honor of Scott Sherwin's birthday;

in memory of Harry Springer

from Dolores and Barry Schneider

### CAMP IMPACT FUND

In memory of Cecil Gardner

from Toni and Norm Epstein

In memory of Louis Binder, Tim Binder, Resa Babin, Irvis Thomas, Isabel Thomas, and Naomi Binder; in honor of Sarah Rothschild becoming a Bat Mitzvah

from Martine and Larry Thomas

In honor of Lena Pack's 80th birthday

from Lillian and Sidney Leibowitz

from Trish and Randy San Antonio

### BUILDING FUND

In memory of Paula Mishkin from Rachel and Ken Carlson

In memory of Ralph Glickman from Karen and John Blair

In appreciation of Congregation Beth Shalom from Claudia and Arnold Alcocer

In memory of Bailey Gardner from Toni and Norm Epstein

A Leaf of the Tree of Life in honor of Janet Aaronson's 60th birthday from her sisters

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from Mike Kornitsky

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In honor of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs.

Randall Gray; in memory of Sylvia Gray

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Wishing good health to Debbie Lowey and Susan Cooper; in honor of Doctors Heather Licker and Robin Licker

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### MAINTENANCE FUND

In memory of Anne Lewis and Sydney Rubins

from Pat and Roy Rubins

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

from Christine and Gene Posnock

(inadvertently omitted from June issue)

The last thing I'd like to share here is the beautiful song by Rabbi Cooper, "Sheveti Adonai". The lyrics of the song mean "I put Adonai before me always". It is this that I feel sums up all that I learned that week. If you are interested in learning more about this program or the classes I took, please contact me.

– Naomi Brand

### 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