

HaShomer

DECEMBER 2008

Congregation Beth Shalom

KISLEV/TEVET 5769

Schedule of Services

December 2008

Cheshvan/Kislev 5769

Friday, December 5, 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 6

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Vayetzei

Friday, December 12

Dinner 7:00 pm; Shabbat Service and Board Installation 8:00 pm

Saturday, December 13

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Vayishlach

Friday, December 19

Tot Shabbat 6:00 pm

Shabbat Service and

College Reunion Night 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 20

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Vayeshev

Friday, December 26

Shabbat and Family

Chanukah Service 7:30 pm

Saturday, December 27

Torah Study 9:00 am

Shabbat Service 10:00 am

Torah: Miketz

Sunday, December 28, 9:00 am

Rosh Chodesh Tevet

From the Rabbi

It's Kislev, and again we prepare to celebrate Chanukah! Menorah's are cleaned from last year's accumulation of wax; all of the partial boxes of Chanukah candles come off the shelves (you need 44 for all eight nights, by the way); families and friends divide over whether applesauce or sour cream is the appropriate accompaniment to latkes.

Yet, at times we need to remember that our understanding of Chanukah is almost as far removed from the events surrounding the Maccabean revolution as potatoes were from the ancient middle-east of Judah's time. Yes, I hate to break the news to you, but contrary to the generations-old song, Mrs. Maccabeus did not fry latkes.

The real questions of Jewish identity raised about 2273 years ago, though, are many of our own questions today. Judaism confronted a very appealing culture – that of the Hellenistic world. It brought culture, philosophy, athletics, an openness to ideas.

It brought tall tales of the gods on Olympus, by that time relegated to cultic celebrations and rites associated with a specific deity. It saw a deterioration of the traditional Jewish structure. The High Priest, Yehoshua, preferred to be called by his Greek name, Jason. The people divided along Hellenist and non-Hellenist lines.

A tenuous equilibrium seemed to hold until a new Seleucid Syrian king, Antiochus IV, proclaimed himself god, and added the title Epiphanes to his name (roughly translated in modern jargon as "god in the flesh"). At that point, the population exploded in reaction to a line which Jews could not truly cross. It might be one thing to attend a Dionysian wine fest; it would be quite another to worship a physical king.

Judea exploded in revolution. Ironically, the successors to Judah Maccabee and rulers of Judea for the next century, the Hasmonean dynasty, seemed as outwardly Greek as those against whom they revolted, while ideologically they were so determined to stamp out idolatry that they even forcibly converted the Idumeans and destroyed what is today Bet Shean.

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2008 Gala-The Spirit of Congregation Beth Shalom

About a month ago, your Gala committee made a decision. With a constant barrage of negativity on the economy, high gas prices, doom in the housing market, and the sudden disappearance of gas lease windfalls, many would have understood, expected (and suggested), us to fold our tent, call it a day, and move on.

However, despite these obstacles, your Gala committee members made the decision last month not to participate in the recession. So, with the leadership and passion of our former congregant of the year, Jeff Rothschild, we marched

forward with the "if you build it, they will come" steadfastness. We not only decided to continue our plans for the Gala, we made the (meshuganna) decision to add to it. . . to make it bigger, more fun, and create a Gala that anyone would enjoy.

For those of you who joined us (and you know who you are), for this incredible event, you told us you experienced a night to remember. Many of you, in the record-setting crowd, raved about the outstanding hors d'oeuvres provided by our Sisterhood, the delectable food and decadent (wow) desserts

created by our own master chef, Chef Philippe Lecoq.

Some of you told us, that the live Jazz band put you in the mood to smile and sway. While others could not get over the choice of gaming tables, the fun dealers, and the prizes for your efforts. Still, there were the tried and true, silent and live auction hunters, who laughed while we "pressured" them publically to bid more (the gin and tonics didn't hurt either).

Fellow congregants, just like the Gala committee members, you did not

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From the President

While attending our 11th Annual Gala on Saturday, November 8, I was overcome with emotion and optimism. Why, you ask?

If you remember, during my address given from the bimah during the High Holy Days, I challenged each of you that I wanted to count hearts, and I was hopeful that I could count yours. Many of you have spoken to me since and expressed a resounding "yes".

Judaism is nothing if not a practical religion, whereby deed is more important than creed. I saw this first hand throughout the entire Gala process. With just a few weeks remaining until our biggest fundraiser of the year, co-chairs Jeff Rothschild and Scott Sherwin were faced with a multitude of obstacles that seemed to indicate a failure in the making. Only a handful of auction items had been received, sponsors were in short supply, and quick action had to be taken to save this event.

Jeff, Scott, and the Gala committee refused to capitulate, and redefined what the evening would become. The event would be transformed from solely a silent and live auction to a full evening of entertainment that included the auction supplemented with gaming and live jazz music. Instead of a sit-down dinner, appetizers and heavy hors d' oeuvres would be served.

There were naysayers who were vocal in expressing their opinion that this event would not be successful, and predicted its demise, but the Gala committee went about their work, believing in their convictions.

I must tell you that to watch this committed and dedicated group of volunteers work to make this event the success that it was, was truly inspirational. Equally inspirational, however, was the turnout of so many of our congregants who also brought many non-members with them to share in our joy and our cause.

By virtue of your actions, you have told us unequivocally that you do want your heart to be counted. And that message, my friends, is both comforting and motivating to us as we plot our future course.

Additional opportunities to come together as a community include our ongoing adult education opportunities, the New Board Member Installation/New Member Service Shabbat on Friday, December 12, our annual College Service, Friday, the 19th, and our 7:30 p.m. Chanukah Service on Friday, December 26.

Enthusiasm is contagious. Get on the train....
B'Shalom,

– *Stuart Snow, President*
Congregation Beth Shalom



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Eye on Middle-Eastern Affairs Is Obama Good or Bad for Israel?

This question is much debated among Jewish communities, not only in the United States and Israel, but around the world as well. Aside from Republicans, those who assert that he may not be, point to his personal friendships and professional associations. They argue that by interacting with people known to be ambivalent, unfriendly, or outright hostile to Israel, these feelings either are automatically representative of Obama's own ideas, or will rub off on him. (We will for now put aside the fact that Obama's circle of advisors includes people considered to be very pro-Israel.)

Obama could very well turn out to be the most antagonist US president Israel has ever faced. But it's almost impossible that this will be so. Although we cannot predict the future with complete certainty, we can draw on a number of historical and contemporary developments to construct a probable scenario in which President Obama is prompted to do what all US presidents since Kennedy have done: maintain a close relationship with Israel.

First, US presidents are simply unable to translate their personal preferences into policy: they are constrained by the system itself. The system encompasses many things, but one of the more important is Congress. Although the president plays the dominant role in foreign policy, on some issues Congress is able to exert influence in the policymaking process, mostly by constraining or pushing presidents. On Israel, Congress is overwhelmingly positive, and so even if a president held negative ideas on Israel, he would be unable to fully put them into practice.

Second, there are a number of commonalities that link Israel and the US together that are more important when seen from the view of the Oval Office. These include a longstanding strategic relationship (e.g., on intelligence), shared interests (e.g., liberal democracy), and shared threats (e.g., terrorism). All of these bind the two countries together and highlight the importance of the relationship.

Third, it would be both inaccurate and morally problematic to blame US presidents for problems in the relationship with Israel. The number one priority of an American president is to promote American interests. Sometimes we supporters of Israel forget that. In this context, Israel (or more specifically Israeli leaders) shares the blame whenever there is a downturn in the relationship. When George Bush (se-

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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.

Sisterhood

What does Sisterhood do?

Everyone here at CBS knows that Sisterhood undertakes tzedakah projects for our whole community and offers numerous programs, ranging from the educational to just plain fun. But Sisterhood also provides a place where women can form life-long bonds of friendship and learn personal skills that can nourish the wider Jewish community.

Our national organization, the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ), offers workshops at the district and national level. These empower women of all ages through practical Jewish knowledge and skill enhancement, and through connecting with other Jewish women all over the country.

On January 23-25, WRJ is holding a national leadership conference in New Orleans. This conference, usually held on the East Coast, allows CBS women to be part of a special group of strong, dedicated, and concerned Jewish women.

Jennifer Daley will be our official representative, but we also invite all CBS Sisterhood members to attend this conference. To take advantage of this unique opportunity, call me at 817-416-1408.

– Miriam Ward
Sisterhood President

Upcoming Sisterhood Events

December 7, 3:30 p.m. - Chanukah card-making workshop at the home of Sue Brezinsky. RSVP to 817-320-2072.

December 9, 6:30 p.m. - Latke making for the religious school Chanukah Workshop in the CBS kitchen.

December 19, 21, 22, 24 - Gift-wrap fundraiser at North East Mall. Call Sharon Greene at 817-283-6071 to schedule a shift and be part of bringing outside money into CBS.

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

Race for the Cure

You can participate in the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure. If you are unable to race or walk, or prefer not to walk on Saturday because of Shabbat, there are Komen-approved alternatives. If you are interested in supporting this wonderful organization to fight breast cancer, please contact Dolores Schneider:
schneider_dolores@yahoo.com

Congratulations and Mazel Tov
to



Joe and Rochelle Bekerman
on being named 2008 Beth Shalom
Congregants of the Year!

Eye on Middle-Eastern Affairs

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nior) cut off billions of dollars in loan guarantees to Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir because of his unhappiness at Israeli settlement policy, even many Israelis blamed Shamir. Bush genuinely believed that diverting American economic aid to the settlements was bad policy, with negative repercussions for the US. We can't blame him for that.

Finally, Obama himself has not given any indication that he personally dislikes Israel or will do anything to dramatically change the American-Israeli relationship. (Putting pressure on Israel to stop building settlements doesn't count – many Israeli themselves believe this is necessary, and anyway, no real peace can be achieved without major concessions on settlements.) The only criticism one can really say on this point is that he's done what every political candidate with little experience in foreign affairs has done: tried to seem neutral and good for everyone without having a deep understanding of the issues at stake.

Adding these considerations together bring us to the conclusion that there's little to fear for Israel with Obama as president. Argument beyond this are at worst, fear-mongering, at best, sheer guesses.

– Brent E. Sasley, Ph.D.

College Night Shabbat Service

**Take Advantage of the Winter Recess
and Reconnect with Friends!**

On Friday, December 19, Congregation Beth Shalom will celebrate Shabbat with our third annual College Night Service, a "Homecoming" tradition. Shabbat service will begin at 7:30 p.m.

After service, please join us for a special oneg sponsored by parents and congregants where you can renew friendships, exchange stories, and reconnect with your Beth Shalom family.

Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood Gift Shop

Chanukah will soon be here!!

Be sure to see our wonderful gifts for your family, friends, and especially, your children.
10% Discount on all Chanukah Items.
15% Discount on Purchases of \$150 or More!
Remember, we support the works of Israeli artists.
Support CBS through the Sisterhood Gift Shop.

A Political Perspective

Congregation Beth Shalom is not a political organization, but since the presidential election is over, perhaps one political comment would be acceptable. Our tradition tells us the Second Temple in Jerusalem was destroyed by *sinat chinam*, baseless hatred of one Jew against another.

Based on recent negative campaign attacks and the political climate in our country, we should remember how much causeless hatred we saw passed out by so many of our neighbors, and even our friends. We should take a lesson from Jewish tradition, and *cool it!*

No matter what political party we associate with, we all need to remember, for the good of the country, we should refrain from unsupported accusations and name-calling.

Another sin prohibited in the Torah is "Lashon Hara", literally "evil tongue", which is gossip. It can be either true or false - it is a sin in either case.

I am reminded of a story about a rabbi who scolded a member of his congregation who spread gossip. When the member asked for forgiveness, the rabbi took a pillow and cut it open to let the feathers spread in the wind. The rabbi then told the man that when he had recovered every feather, he would be pardoned. When the man complained that the wind had spread the feathers over the countryside and that they could not be recovered, the rabbi said that gossip is the same - once it is spread, the damage can not be repaired.

– *Sherwin Rubin*

From the Rabbi

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And what does it have to do with Chanukah today? The early Rabbinic tradition rejected the militaristic element, fearing more revolts against the Romans. We spiritualized Chanukah, turning it into the miracle of survival, our gratitude to God, our dependence upon God and our commitment to Jewish life.

The pressures of assimilation do indeed pose those identical threats today as in the time of Judah. But what we say now is that Chanukah represents the spiritual resistance to "crossing the line" once again and making humanity and human achievement our object of worship. More than that, we convey the message in celebration and in light—the symbol of dispelling ignorance and fear.

So, enjoy Chanukah! Know its origins and its relationship to us today. I prefer applesauce but issue no theological invectives against the sour cream crowd.

And don't forget to join our entire congregation in our joyous tradition of bringing our Chanukah Menorahs to synagogue on the Erev Shabbat of the intermediate days of Chanukah to light together, to stand together, to sing, celebrate, and enjoy. See you all Friday, December 26, at 7:30 p.m.!

To all.. a Chag Chanukah Sameach.

– *Rabbi Ned J. Soltz*

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.

Yiddishkeit

Retaining a sense of Jewishness

A few years ago, my wife and I were in La Jolla, CA, and went into a quaint little art store. All around the studio were copies of contemporary artists, but sitting on a pedestal in the middle of the shop was a book. I picked it up, opened it, and saw that it was some type of Jewish manuscript with Hebrew script and magnificent illustrations.

The owner of the shop came over and asked if I knew what I was holding. I was pretty sure it wasn't an illustrated Tanach. She said it was a copy of the Sarajevo Haggadah, an illuminated manuscript probably created in the mid-1350s in Spain. She spent the next 20 minutes telling us the story of how the Haggadah went with a family out of Spain after the expulsion of the Jews during the Spanish inquisition in 1492.

Eventually, the Haggadah ended up in Sarajevo, Yugoslavia. When Hitler came to power, he tried desperately to get this Haggadah to hang in his trophy case.

I wish I could remember all the fascinating details of this true story as related by the art dealer. Fortunately, there is Geraldine Brooks. Ms. Brooks has written a fictional account of the life and times of the Sarajevo Haggadah. Fiction, in that the dialogue is made up, but the story and basic facts are true.

So, if you want to learn more about this 650-year-old Haggadah, I suggest going to La Jolla to visit a knowledgeable art dealer, or by reading *People of the Book*, by Geraldine Brooks. By the way, if you are wondering why this art dealer had this book in the middle of her shop, it is because she had come to America after the Bosnian-Yugoslavian conflict, and this book reminded her of her country's most famous work of art.

– *Dr. K*

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Daytimers Presents:

A Chanukah Party Featuring Music by Armen & Ariana Cherkasov

Wednesday, December 17, 12:00 noon
 Israeli Buffet Luncheon, catered by Ricki Epstein, \$8.00
 plus a gift for the Tarrant Area Food Bank
 Program only, \$3.00 per person
 plus a gift for the Tarrant Area Food Bank

Please share your blessings by bringing canned and packaged goods for the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

The holidays may be bleak for many needy families without your help.

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.

Religious School

In last month's column, I urged parents to understand that there is a lot more going on in the religious school than the standard "nothing" answer a child might give when asked what they learned today. One of my friends, a teacher in the public schools, echoed my sentiments, but added that to prevent this answer, parents should change the question: not, what did you learn today, but "what made you laugh today at school? What was the most interesting thing you learned today? What did you learn today that you didn't know before? Who is your favorite teacher, and why?"

If you have a cynical child (like I do), he or she would come up with a smart-alec answer to those probing questions, too, and you'll think you are back to square one. Not so! This is the time to foster a relationship with your child's teacher, and find out from her/him how you can reinforce what is being taught in class, how you can add to your child's education, and not isolate it as a two-and-a-half-hour session per week that is not related to anything they do in "real life".

Although this is the religious school column, I can honestly say, from my 18 years of experience, that parental involvement in all areas of the synagogue and Jewish life is crucial to giving your children the understanding that Judaism matters.

It matters, not just for the short time they attend religious school during the week, or during the year they celebrate their Bar/Bat Mitzvah, but it also matters when the family attends Movie Night, or the Chanukah service, or the Annual Meeting, or Dr. Rogers' parenting class, or gift-wrapping at Northeast Mall with Sisterhood. All these activities drive home the point that Judaism is something you *ARE*, not just something you do on Sundays and Wednesdays.

This month, as we celebrate Chanukah, let us remember that what the Maccabees fought for was not only religious freedom, but the fear of assimilation to the point of extinction. Don't be the weakest link! Become actively involved in your child's Jewish education today, because if you won't do it, why should anyone else?

Join us for the Chanukah service on Friday, December 26, and don't forget to bring your Chanukiyah (menorah) and candles. See you there.

– Danielle Snailer
Religious School Director
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Think Spring!!
Think Passover!!
Bartons is Coming!!

Watch for Our
Passover Candy Sale
Coming in January
Help Support our Religious School

Adult Education

Congregation Beth Shalom is offering a stimulating assortment of adult education classes for second semester. Classes begin in January, the same day as religious school. Watch your mailbox for a flyer with more information.

The following classes are being offered:

Conversational Hebrew. (Continuing)

Taught by Dr. Jossef Perl.
Sundays, 9:30 - 11:00 a.m.

New! (begins in February)

An Introduction to Middle East Politics. A look at some of the key issues dominating the Middle East today, beginning with an historical exploration, then focusing on contemporary issues. Taught by Dr. Brent E. Sasley, Department of Political Science, UT Arlington
Sundays, 10:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Jewish Thought. (Continuing)

The teachings of Rabbi Heschel in his book: *God in Search of Man*. Taught by Rabbi Soltz.
Sundays, 11:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Jewish History. Taught by Sherwin Rubin.

Wednesdays, 5:30 p.m., through December 17.
Text: *Jews, God and History* by Max Dimont.

Shari Virtheim will teach her "Hebrew in a Day" class if there is sufficient interest. Classes are free to Beth Shalom members; \$18/course for non-members.

Sylvia Gray Chaverim

Invite you to join them
Sunday, December 21, 12:30 p.m.
For Lunch, Catered by Sweet Tomatoe,
and BINGO, with Great Prizes

Admission is \$5/person, plus a gift for the Women's Shelter. For information or to RSVP, Rosalie Cagan, rccagen@sbcglobal.net, or call 817-684-7197 by December 17.

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 Chavarim.

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

2008 Gala

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make this event about yourself. Each of you participated for the right reasons, to be with your Beth Shalom family and friends, to support our home in times of need, and to give back to the disadvantaged youth of our community by way of Camp Impact. On behalf of the Gala committee and the board of directors, thank you.

Lastly, with pride, respect, and gratitude, I want to recognize everyone who contributed to our remarkable event. Don't forget to express your gratitude when you see them.

Thank you to all our major sponsors:

Methodist Mansfield Medical Center, Christine and Gene Posnock, Al Sankary, Arlene and Mark Schwartz, and Pam and Alan Weiner.

Thank you to all our individual sponsors:

Janet and Jerry Aaronson, Trish Holland and Bryon Adinoff, Billye and Steve Burke, Barbara and Larry Bushner, the Congregation Beth Shalom Board, Debbie and Marty Goldsmith, Suzi and Michael Kapin, Michael Kornitzky, Terri and Jim Kravetz, Tamara and Stephen Lenhoff, Howard Rosenstein, Jeff and Michele Rothschild, Sherwin Rubin, Shirley and Elias Sassoon, Dolores and Barry Schneider, Laurie and Scott Sherwin, Rabbi and Mary Soltz, and Miriam and Jim Ward.

Special thanks to:

Pogos Wine and Spirits, and Rena and Howard Frost for wine and liquor donations.

Thank you to all our Gala Committee members:

Jeff Rothschild, Scott Sherwin, Sheryl Robertson, Laura and Larry Fleischer, Aaron Perez, Adam Weiss, Mary Soltz, Janet Aaronson, Dolores Schneider, Larry Brunell, Al Fratina and ARFTY, Mort House, Andrea Snow, Lew Pincus, Michele Rothschild, Mick Lowenthal, Matt Burke, Rob Berg, Don Powers, David and Felice Silverberg, Sandy Wallace, Sandy Rieser, Lisa Rein, Sara Bloch Anderson, Mark and Danielle Snailer, David Markson, Thressa and Andrew Lobel, and Dawni Plaistow.

Congratulations to: Zach Markham for selling the most raffle tickets and to **Howard** and **Jan Weiss** for winning the raffle!

Thank you to all who contributed their time, energy, and auction items to make the 11th Annual Gala a success. The hearts of our community are alive and well.

– *Scott Sherwin, Program Chair
and Part-Time Obnoxious Auction MC*

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Birthdays

December 1

Karilynne Cohen
Shirley Sassoon

December 2

Devon Pyles

December 3

Ethan Perez
Elina Shtreyzman

December 5

Rochelle Bekerman
Norm Epstein
Samuel Posnock

December 7

Pam Sudbury

December 9

Holland Adinoff
Brian Caplan
Jason Snailer

December 11

Kim Greenberg

December 12

Miriam Cohen
Nicholas Markson
Billy Udes

December 13

Heather Cohen
Jacob Daley
Molly Frisinger

December 14

Shaun Levy
Barry Stevens
Jan Wagner

December 16

Benjamin Cope
Barry Goldfarb
Dina Lindell

December 17

Daniel Epstein

December 18

Stephen Lenhoff
Aubrey Markson

December 19

Linda Licker
Elias Sassoon
Max Spindler

December 21

Elliott Blumberg
Shera Carlson
Marsha Wilson

December 22

Julie Levy
Brent Sasley

December 23

Brandon Snailer
Mark Snailer

December 24

Debbie Goldsmith

December 25

Joseph Bekerman
Lili Weiner

Anniversaries

December 15

Tamara & Stephen Lenhoff

December 18

Janice & Henry Kasten
Linda & Adam Weiss (15)

December 20

Arlene & Mark Schwartz

December 24

Jan Wagner & Jeff Adkinson
(10)

December 26

Gayle & Chuck Sondecker

December 31

Barbara & Larry Bushner
Jennifer & Ken Daley



Life Shelter Needs Help

Due to the current economy, the Life Shelter is experiencing huge numbers. We are going to, once again, provide Christmas Eve dinner on Wednesday, December 24.

This year we are asking only for food donations. Because the Shelter's kitchen is so small, we will be using only 12 volunteers for the night. However, we are asking for all food donations to be dropped off either with Carol Pock, Phil Kabakoff, or the Shelter at 4:00 p.m. on December 24.

Choose either a salad, main dish, vegetable side dish, or cash donation. Please call Carol, 817-296-5953, or Phil, 817-572-4928, to let us know what you can contribute.

Thanks for your help and generosity in making this our 15th year to perform this mitzvah.

– *Carol Pock
– Phil Kabakoff*

Donations

(Received prior to November 20)

MORTGAGE REDUCTION FUND

In honor of the birthdays of: Billye Burke, Christine Posnock, Phil Kabakoff, Loesje Blumberg, Richard Chiarello, Mary Soltz, Barry Schneider, Dolores Schneider, Martine Thomas, Lee Landsberg, Steve Sternblitz, Klila Caplan, Howard Rosenstein, Danielle Snailer; in honor of the anniversaries of: Linda and Ron Elsenbaumer, Toni and Norm Epstein, Danielle and Mark Snailer, Linda and Ken Licker

from Harold Mandel and Sharon Self

In memory of Nancy Spindler

from Shelley and Steve Sternblitz

In memory of Rae Doskatz

from Steve Weiss

In loving memory of David Poster

from Sheila Poster

In honor of the birthdays of: Michael Kornitzky, Karen West, Gene Posnock, Jerry Aaronson, Christien Posnock, Mary Soltz, Frank Weiner, Helen Wilson, Miriam Ward, Olivia Zelling, Edward Posnock, Danielle Snailer, Sarah Tashbook; in honor of the anniversaries of: Elliott and Loesje Blumberg, Jerry and Janet Aaronson, Todd and Nora Bushlow, Mark and Danielle Snailer, Martin Zelling and Stacey Silverberg; in honor of the birth of Ethan Charles Aaronson; in memory of Sidney Dorfman and Fannie Dorfman, and in loving memory of Sylvia Gray

from Randall Gray

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In memory of Jane Kellman

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In memory of Nancy Spindler
from Carol Levy

CHEVRA KADDISHA FUND

In memory of Jerry Eisenfeld
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In honor of the engagement of Melissa Rubenstein

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In memory of Jerry Eisenfeld

from Julie Eisenfeld

In memory of Shelagh Lenhoff

from Tamara and Stephen Lenhoff

In memory of Alex Cabrero

from Sarita and Stephen Cabrero



Yahrzeits



December 5-6

Amelia bat Yitzhak
Leon Brody*
Ben Rafi Mayeri*
William Betcher*
Rose Grodin
Edna Betty Schwartz*
Nachman Wenokur*
Emanuel Bloch*
Marie Snailer
Rose Stern*
Anna Vasquez
Margaret Cavany
Steve Cohen
Bill L'Amie
A.J. Abraham*
Gerald Stearn
Nellie van Coevorden-London

December 12-13

Mickey Kohn*
Shirley Landsberg
Selma Schneider*
Chai Sassoon
Maurice Blonsky*
William Rubin*

December 19-20

Nejatollah Zahirpour*
Henrietta Voet
Milton Ressler
James R. Smock
Florence Lucas*
Abraham Rubin
Rubin Wallace
Sarah Washor

December 26-27

Adolph N. Solomon*
Harriet Mintz Flack*
Charles Copin*
Sylvia Hanfling
Samuel B. Richmond

* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

The Congregation records with sorrow, the passing of:

Vera Sherwin, beloved grandmother of Scott Sherwin
Jane Kellman, beloved sister of Lee Wenokur

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

Janet Aaronson
Stuart Snow
Jeffrey Rothschild

October 22, 2008

Dear Janet, Stuart and Jeff,

I was sitting in the sanctuary over the High Holidays and thought how nice it felt to be home and not to be traveling. Recently, on separate occasions, I have run into each one of you and have been so moved by your continued passion, commitment and endurance.

I have an obvious private connection to the sanctuary, however it lives and breathes only through your efforts. Throughout my travels, I had the opportunity to sit in many synagogues all over the world, however, there is only one that feels like home. I think every creative person leaves a small part of themselves in their work. I wanted this donation to Beth Shalom to be in each of your honor as a way to thank you for protecting that small part of me that is in our sanctuary.

With the utmost respect and gratitude,

David Barr