

HaShomer

JUNE/JULY 2011 Congregation Beth Shalom IYAR/SIVAN/TAMMUZ 5771

My Two Shekels

What a difference a year makes. And what a year we've had. As I finish up my second year at Beth Shalom, I'd like to review what were, in my opinion, the highlights (in no particular order):

1. We paid off the mortgage. Now we can concentrate on envisioning an exciting future for our congregation. And thanks to the fearless **Sharon Wenokur**, we will have a new president when **Barry Goldfarb's** term ends.

2. We've seen an increase in synagogue attendance at services, especially on Saturday mornings. Although it's been touch and go a few times, for the most part, we've made a minyan, for which I am grateful. This is due in large part to the dedicated efforts of **Stuart Snow** - who made it his priority to make sure honors were filled when he graciously led services in my absence - as well as to those of you who prepared delicious lunches and onegs!

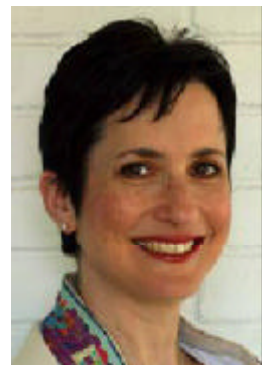
3. The Gala. **Lynda Friedensohn** and her committee did a spectacular job putting together a truly impressive, well-attended event.

4. The *Purim Spiel*. Our congregants flexed their creative chops and delivered a musical megillah that went far beyond anyone's expectations! And we had a record-breaking celebration.

5. F i v e truly wonderful B'nai Mitzvah. It was truly a collaborative effort between parents, students, myself, and **Danielle Snailer**, the student's caring and committed tutor. It was a privilege working with and getting to know all of them.

6. Our family services and dinners. From the dedicated Sisterhood chefs, to the *Parashah Plays*, to our energetic human "jumping beans" that added a kick to the Veshamru, we are creating memories of joyful Shabbat for our children.

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Schedule of Services

June 2011
Iyar/Sivan 5771

Friday, June 3, 7:30 pm
Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**
Saturday, June 4
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**
Ean Robertson Bar Mitzvah
Torah: Nasso
Thursday, June 9, 9:00 am
2nd Day Shavuot Service and Yizkor
Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**
Friday, June 10, 7:30 pm
at Camp Impact in Dallas
(map & directions attached)
Led by **Barry Goldberg**
Saturday, June 11
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Led by **Stuart Snow**
Torah: Beha'alotcha
Friday, June 17
Dinner 6:30 pm
Family Shabbat 7:30 pm
Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**
Saturday, June 18
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Led by **Stuart Snow**
Torah: Sh'lach
Friday, June 24, 7:30 pm
Saturday, June 25

Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**
Torah: Korach

July 2011
Sivan/Tammuz 5771

Friday, July 1, 7:30 pm
Saturday, July 2
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Led by **Stuart Snow**
Rosh Chodesh Tammuz
Torah: Chukat
Friday, July 8, 7:30 pm
Saturday, July 9
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Torah: Balak
Friday, July 15, 7:30 pm
Saturday, July 16
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Torah: Pinchas
Friday, July 22, 7:30 pm
Saturday, July 23
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Torah: Matot
Friday, July 29, 7:30 pm
Saturday, July 30
Torah Study 9:00 am
Shabbat Service 10:00 am
Torah: Masei

A Special Celebration

Please join us for Services at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, June 25, Parashat Korach, when members of our Service Leaders/Trope class will lead us in prayer and chant from the Torah.

This will be a milestone experience for our dedicated, fearless students: **Dina Lindell**, **Randy San Antonio** and **Stuart Snow**, so please be there to show them your support! Dina, Randy and Stuart will be hosting a Kiddush Luncheon following services.

Torah Study

I have shared my thoughts on liberal Jewish topics with an e-mail pen pal in California for the past five years. He is Rabbi John Sherwood, who is retired. My **HaShomer** editorial board, which consists of Sheri Allen, our spiritual leader, past CBS presidents, and my very religious daughters, who found the first draft of my May **Hashomer** article too hot to publish.

With their advice, I wrote what you read last month, but I sent the original to Rabbi Sherwood for his thoughts. He was kind with his comments and he sent me something he had written that was very interesting.

His article was titled, "Is Eden Real?" It gave me a new view of Torah study. We have been told that Torah is an Etz Chaiim, which we think means tree of life. Rabbi Sherwood says that this might be interpreted as a living tree that "...provides us with not merely intellectual stimulation, but spiritual nourishment to meet the demands of our faith and our times." This is a Reform Jewish view since the Orthodox claim they follow "Torah Mi Sinai" which is unchanged since Moses brought down the law from Mount Sinai.

An example of the Rabbi's view of Torah is the Eden Story. The Garden of Eden was a place where Adam and Eve had everything provided. This seems like just a myth, but if you change "place" to "time," you get a much different picture of the lesson to be learned.

We have all been in Eden. When we are infants, we are provided food, shelter and warmth. An infant has no shame of being naked. Then comes adolescence. In the Torah, Eve gains the knowledge first like girls who mature before boys. This is "...a time of self discovery, when every one of us goes through great insecurity, and uses various devices to hide from others who we really are."

Then comes the serpent, the apple and sex. Adam and Eve are cast out of Eden just as we all are required to become adults and raise children of our own. In the Torah, an angel guards the gate and we can never go back to Eden. Some of us try, but that is senility or Alzheimer's.

The rabbi says that Torah study should use creative interpretations which honor the memories of those who "...carried the Torah from land to land and from age to age." In doing this we will pass a way of life to future generations that will bring the Messianic age. "...Tikkun Olam, the perfection of the world, will no longer be a goal, but an accomplishment, thus truly making us partners with the Eternal in B'reisheet, the work of creation."

I have permission from the Rabbi to publish this article. He has offered to send the complete text of the original article to anyone who requests a copy by e-mail at rabjms@earthlink.net. Thank you Rabbi Sherwood.

– *Sherwin Rubin*
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Ritual Committee

Say yes! Cantor Allen, Stuart Snow, and I, along with other ritual committee members will call you sometime to invite you to services for a simcha or yahrzeit, and I'd like you to answer the call and come join us at the synagogue.

For those of you who attend regularly, saying yes will be easy, because you appreciate how nice it is to be with others you know and care about, and you're as familiar and comfortable with the service as you are with the people.

If you attend once in a while, or only on High Holy Days, then I can appreciate how your first reaction might be to decline the invitation, or maybe not even answer the phone. Please consider responding instead of reacting by keeping an open mind, asking a question, assuming nothing, being open to anything, doing something different, and most importantly, deciding to show up and enjoy yourself at services.

With that attitude, you will be happy and you will have added a new and important dimension to your life. If that isn't reason enough to come, at least you'll avoid feeling guilty every year during the High Holy days!

– *Lisa Rein, Ritual Committee Chair*

Soles4Souls

Soles4Souls is a non-profit organization that truly changes the lives of people around the world and in our local community by providing them with shoes. Shoes are a pathway to an education, a healthier life, higher self esteem and opportunity to break the cycle of poverty.

All you have to do is go through your closets and donate shoes while attending services during the month of June, generally, and June 24 and 25, specifically. Collection boxes will be available for your convenience. Can you think of another mitzvah so powerful in its effect but so easy to undertake? Shoes of almost any condition will be accepted. Please join me in this most significant event that truly embraces the Ramban's definition of the highest level of tzedakah! Thank you.

– *Stuart Snow, Immediate Past President*

My Two Shekels

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7. Our adult Service Leaders/Trope class. Three dedicated students, **Dina Lindell, Stuart Snow, and Randy San Antonio**, stuck it out and studied with me on Wednesday nights all year in order to develop the leadership and technical skills needed to lead our services in my absence, and take on the daunting task of chanting Torah. You'll be able to witness the fruit of their efforts on June 25th.

8. Our adult education classes. **Shirley Sassoon** worked hard to put together a series of truly informative, interesting learning opportunities that were enjoyed by all who attended.

9. The work of our amazing education director, **Stephanie Posner**, who is one of the most caring, dedicated, compassionate people I know. There is nothing she wouldn't do for our kids.

10. Getting to know you. After leading this congregation for two years, I feel like I am beginning to forge a personal connection with those of you with whom I have had the privilege of working. I have been truly grateful for the support you've given me, for the confidence you have in me, and for the opportunity to continue our journey together for another year.

– *Cantor Sheri Allen*

Yiddishkeit

Retaining a sense of Jewishness

As a civil rights attorney, Harvey A. Schwartz is used to representing people with whom he disagrees. He is one of those "Jew Lawyers" who will sit next to a skinhead or neo-Nazi making sure his civil rights are protected and that justice is truly blind.

Most recently he was down in Guantanamo Bay representing two Saudi men. While there he was acutely aware of the current mood of many Americans toward Muslims in general, and many Americans' willingness to give up many of their basic civil rights in order to win the war on terror.

But to him the rights given in the Constitution trump fighting terror. How would we feel if the fear wasn't of Arabs, but instead was fear of Jews? In his book *The Reluctant Terrorist: A Novel of the American Holocaust*, Schwartz has taken this idea to the extreme.

The story begins with Israel's biggest fear coming true; an atomic bomb explodes in Tel Aviv, killing 1 million Israeli's. No one knows who set it off.

Israel blindly responds by dropping a bomb on Syria, but it doesn't take long for the Arab neighbors to attack and reclaim the land as Palestine. Jews in Israel are rounded up and put in detention centers. The state of Israel ceases to exist overnight.

Two ships full of Jews escape and soon enter Boston Harbor. The Arabs threaten an oil embargo if the Jews are allowed to land. Immigrant groups who have had their people deported protest against allowing these refugees safe harbor, as do other anti-immigrant groups.

When two Coast Guard vessels blocking the ships are blown up and thousands of refugees jump from the ships to awaiting small rescue boats, the Jews of Boston rally to help their fellow Jews. But soon, not only are the refugees rounded up and arrested, but so are all the Jews who helped them and all are being held for conspiracy and murder.

Themes which were so prominent during the Holocaust: the rejection of the St. Louis by the US; neighbor turning in neighbor as in Germany; restrictions and eliminations of civil rights for select members of society - all play out in this thought-provoking book.

Throw in a luxury schooner carrying a member of the Israeli government, a sailor, and a nuclear warhead heading to the US and you have a book which will keep you up nights wondering where the line between fact and fiction lies.

- Dr. K
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Jewish Geneology

Were your ancestors part of the wave of German Jews who came to America in the mid 1800s? Did your great-grandparents immigrate as part of the wave of Russian Jews who sought relief from poverty and pogroms in the early 1900s? Did your ancestors have roots for hundreds of years in Iran? And what's up with all those "colors" in Jewish names.

Tips and tidbits on Jewish roots and researching your Jewish ancestry at 12:30 on Sunday, July 10, in the social hall at Beth Shalom. We'll have a light lunch, then get down to our topic. Bring your laptop, if you like.

R.S.V.P. to Cathy Frisinger, 817-516-0694 by July 3.

B'nai Mitzvah

Ean Thomas Robertson

The Robertson family invites the congregation to celebrate Eon's upcoming Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, June 4, at 10:00 a.m.

Ean is an accomplished musician, playing the Euphonium (Baritone) in the Keller Middle School Symphonic Band. He has held the honor of being first chair in the Euphonium group all year, performed a solo at the Winter Concert, achieved a "1" rating in his recent UIL Solo Competition, and received the Band Performance Award at his recent school-wide awards ceremony.

Ean has maintained an A average in his school studies and is in all AP classes next year. He has followed his brother's footsteps by joining the Keller Middle School Swim Team.

Ean is known for many talents, including his cooking skills which he displays on occasion for his Hebrew class. He helps with barbequing, especially with fresh fish on the grill. Ean's other interests include computer games, aggressive skating, and hanging out with all of his friends.

His hobbies include playing soccer on the Spartan FC (football club) where he plays sweeper, both indoors and outdoors. This past season he was elected to serve as team captain by his fellow teammates. Ean has fine tuned his leadership skills while climbing the ranks of the Boy Scout Program. He is Patrol Leader for the Flaming Stickman Patrol and serves as a Quarter Master, responsible for cooking for his patrol on all troop outings.

The countless volunteer opportunities in scouting have helped with Ean's Mitzvah Project, including the most recent food drive over the holidays for the Knights of Columbus and the needy families of the DFW area. He has sold lollipops, and collected bathing suits and clothing for the children attending Camp Impact.

He looks forward to the many challenges in the future and to using his leadership and camping skills as a volunteer for Camp Impact. We hope you can join us in celebration as Ean is called to the Torah.



Congregation Beth Shalom Sisterhood Gift Shop

Officially, the Gift Shop does not have regular hours when religious school is not in session. If you have questions, please contact Linda Seward in the CBS office (817-860-5448) or call Melanie Garver (817-465-1194). Special appointments can be arranged. We appreciate your business.

Have a great summer.

- Melanie, Valerie, and Sharon

Daytimers Presents:**Mark Kreditor*****Jews of the American Songbook***
Wednesday, June 15, 12 noon
at Beth-El Congregation

Put some fun in your life with song and shtick from *Cabaret* to *Bye Bye Birdie*.

"...pack the house! I can't wait to see all my Fort Worth friends again." – **Mark Kreditor**

Mark Kreditor donates all the proceeds from his programs to the Levine Academy (a Solomon Schechter school). Be generous. Bring your cash and your checks made out to Levine Academy. Last time we raised well over \$400 for the school.

Lunch, catered by Jimmy John's, \$9.00
Program only, \$4.00 per person

For information/reservations contact: Barbara Rubin, 817-927-2736, or Irv Robinson, 817-731-7447.
The Sylvia Wolens Jewish Daytimers is a program of Beth-El Congregation with support from the Jewish Federation.

Daytimers Annual Movie
and Ice Cream Social
Featuring the Woody Allen Film
Vicky Cristina Barcelona

Wednesday, July 20, 11:00 p.m.
at Beth-El Congregation

Two girlfriends on a summer holiday in Spain become enamored with the same painter, unaware that his ex-wife, with whom he has a tempestuous relationship, is about to re-enter the picture.

Plus the Israeli Short Film
Second Watch

An Israeli and Jordanian on opposite sides of a remote border share a comic exercise.

Ice cream, popcorn and great films -
\$5.00 per person

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

Birthdays**June 1**

Phoebe San Antonio

June 3

Scott Sherwin

June 4

Sue Brezinsky
Shelley Jessup

June 5

Michael Kapin
Ean Robertson
Randy San Antonio

June 6

Laurakai Cagan

June 7

Janet Aaronson
Toni Epstein

June 8

Ryan Dickman

June 10

Alana Wallace

June 11

Kyle Greenberg

June 12

Alexander Solomon

June 14

Alan Weiner

June 19

Cookie Kabakoff
Arlene Schwartz

June 20

Sharon Wenokur

June 25

Jonathan Mikulencak
Christopher Thomas

June 26

Larry Brunell
Amelia Walcek

June 27

Leah Kreindler

June 28

Sarita Cabrero

July 1

Darlene Dickman
Susan Eisenfeld

July 2

Richard Posner

July 3

Fran Levy
Rachel Townsend
Cheryl Visosky

July 4

Sarah Rothschild

July 6

Joseph Mendez
Felice Silverberg
Sharon Wichter

July 7

Adam Brunell
Rachel Rothschild
Hy Siegel

July 8

Josh Pincus

July 9

Jessica Lecoq
Sheryl Robertson
Boris Shtreyzman

July 13

Mical Self

July 14

Brian Jetty

July 16

Wendy Udes

July 17

Jeff Aaronson

July 18

Christy Fleischmann
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 24

Cindy Mendez

July 25

Janelle Lenhoff

July 27

Eric Licker

July 28

Alex Pincus
Howard Weiss

July 29

Lee Kravetz

New Member
Applications
If you, or anyone
you know, is
interested in
joining the
Congregation
Beth Shalom
family, please
call the
CBS office,
817-860-5448

Ken and Linda Licker
have a new grand-
son! Brodie Francis
Beard was born on
May 15, to Ryan and
Carolyn Beard.

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

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

Donations

(Received prior to May 20)

ONEG/KIDDUSH FUND

In honor of the birthdays of: Harold Mandel and Linda Seward; in honor of the anniversary of Lynda and Jeffrey Friedensohn from Brian and Klila Caplan
In memory of his beloved father, Jerome Snow from Stuart Snow

MAINTENANCE FUND

In memory of Elaine Rueske, Zohar Rosenblith, and Jay Berkson; in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Paige Levine, and the Bar Mitzvah of Ean Robertson from Melanie Garver
In memory of Harvey Milton Millstone from Sharon and Marty Wichter
In memory of Jay Berkson and Herbert Posner; for Cantor Sheri Allen in appreciation of her participation in Mark Mowrey's Bar Mitzvah from Janet and Jerry Aaronson

RUBEN UDES MEMORIAL PRAYER BOOK FUND

In memory of David Howard Snow from Henry Kanner

DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of her beloved husband, Saul Israel from Pauline Israel

EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Lee Landsberg from Scott and Shelley Jessup
In memory of Norman Wagner and Dean Reynolds from Hy Siegel
In memory of Ralph Glickman from Karen and John Blair

IRA UDES MEMORIAL BIMAH FUND

In honor of the birthday of Julie Eisenfeld from Leslie Udes

The Congregation records with sorrow the passing of:

Jay Berkson
uncle of Cantor Sheri Allen
Frieda Lambert
mother of Judy Clark, and grandmother of Renee Clark
Eli Utterback
cousin of Barry Goldberg
Elaine Rueske Bruce
Aunt of Debi Lewis
Zohar Rosenblith
Cousin of Mark Lewis

Anniversaries

June 1

Klila & Bryan Caplan
Lynda & Jeffrey Friedensohn
Fran & Eric Kreindler (20)

June 4

Terri & Jim Kravetz

June 16

Ellen & Lew Pincus

June 24

Karen & John Blair

June 26

Seena & Barry Stevens

June 27

Linda & Spence Barasch
Pam & Alan Weiner

June 30

Sheri & Richard Allen
Faina Sandler & Boris Shtreyzman

July 4

Pam & Johnny Sudbury

July 6

Andrea & Stuart Snow (25)

July 12

Sharon Greene & Ken Pyles

July 13

Sandy & Allan Wallace

July 24

Suzi & Michael Kapin

July 26

Jan & Howard Weiss (25)



Yahrzeits

June 3-4

William Forrest Franklin*
Dorothy Greenfield
Dorothy Gould*
Anne Lewis*
Della Nass
Evelyn Burger*
Kathy Solomon
Sydney Rubins*
Rozsi Fleischmann
Ralph Glickman
Steven Solomon
Richard Wenokur*
Mary Kulakoff*
Daniel Lucas*
Gertrude Oxman*
Irving J. Shapiro*

June 10-11

Samuel Price*
Lea Guetta
Jan Stanton*
Rona Horton
Obbie Lewis*

June 17-18

Bennett Dorfman*
Harry Cohen
Roy Binder
Cecil Gardner*
Eugene Egyes
Theodore Fernand
Lee Kornitzky*
Harvey Milton Millstone*
Isadore "Tim" Binder*
Samuel Kramer*

June 24-25

Evelyn Theodora Dube*
Norman Bailin
Norman Al Sonenthal*
Ruth Weiss*
P.D. Johnson*
Ruth Weiger
Sheldon Konigsberg
Shula Konigsberg
John San Antonio*
Bert Coller
Dan H. Ratner
Fred Schubach

July 1-2

Mildred Aaronson*
Eleanor Schwartz*
Samuel Needleman
Shirley Wichter*
Ellen Jane Milord*
Arthur Leon Rubin*
Lisa Lynn Gershkoff*
Alvin Goldberg*
Joe Goodman
Charles Aaronson*
Frances Weiner*
Helen Brunell
Sam Wiener*

July 8-9

Erica Hochster*
Abraham Preisler*
Myer Shaw*
Goldie Kligman Binder*
Bernard Craden
Bailey Gardner*

Harry Wichter*

Fanny Kreisberg
Eleanor Posnock*
Aziza Abraham*
Carl Bergman*
Yaacov Guetta
Raphael Mazer

July 15-16

Norman J. Wagner
Steven A. Stern*
Norris Dean Hellwig*
Lee Hendrick
William Rieser*
Marilyn Robinson
Waldman*

July 22-23

Edith Cohen
Robert C. Carey*
Jean Ciocci*
Theodore Finkelstein*
Arlo Lindner
Meyer Efron
Jean Katz Hans
Martin Kapin*
Abraham Needleman
Philip Rosentraub*
Monty Banks
Harry Levy

July 29-30

Carol Coller
Dora Meckler*
Frances Kramer
Isadore Diamond
Dean Reynolds
John Lewis Zeital*
Seymour Sternstein

* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

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