



BETH-EL CONGREGATION

NOVEMBER 2017

Divrei Torah

Rabbi Brian Zimmerman



Thank you

As we approach the holiday of Thanksgiving, our annual multi-day celebration of football, shopping and overeating, I want to take this opportunity to pause and give thanks. Thank you to our office staff, Suzie and Sareth, who make everything look so easy but work so hard. Many

thanks to Ilana Knust who gives her heart and soul to our children. Thanks to the amazing teachers and teacher aides who get up early every Sunday to ensure that our youth has a transformative Jewish experience. Thanks to an amazing group of custodians under the guidance of our head custodian, Jaime Rivera, who work day and night to make sure our building and all its events run smoothly. Thanks to a great group of volunteer lay leaders, beginning with our president, Jeff Kaitcer, and the Temple Board, along with so many committee chairs and volunteers, including those who regularly sit at our front desk answering phones and who give hours of their time to make Beth-El Congregation a special place.

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Addison & Chloe Feld

Granddaughters of Eddie & Debbie Feld
B'not Mitzvah, Saturday, November 4, 2017



Madison Matejka

Daughter of Amy Matejka and
Kenneth D. Matejka, M.D.
Granddaughter of Gerald and Ilene Zenick
Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, November 11, 2017

Worship Calendar

Friday, November 3 _____ 7:30 PM

Shabbat Worship

The Beth-El Choir will lead the music.

Saturday, November 4 _____ 10:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service

B'not Mitzvah of Chloe and Addison Feld

Friday, November 10 ____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service

Tot Shabbat at 5:30 PM

Wine, Cheese, and Shabbat Candles at 5:45 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service at 6:15 PM

Veterans Appreciation Shabbat

Angie Friedman will lead the music.

Saturday, November 11 _____ 10:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service

Bat Mitzvah of Madison Matejka

Friday, November 17 _____ 7:30 PM

Shabbat Worship

Torah Service: *Toldot*

The Beth-El Choir will lead the music.

Friday, November 24 ____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service

Wine, Cheese, and Shabbat Candles at 5:45 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service at 6:15 PM

Service of Thanksgiving

Scott Slotter will lead the music.

Friday, December 1 _____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service

Wine, Cheese, and Shabbat Candles at 5:45 PM

Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service at 6:15 PM

The Beth-El Choir will lead the music.

Saturday, December 2 _____ 10:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Max Simanek

President's Message

Jeff Kaitcer, President

ה (He) This is the fifth letter of our Hebrew alphabet, and there are so many words, concepts, and feelings that are evoked in connection with the letter ה that I would not know even where to start. However, I have to start somewhere, otherwise this column would just go on and on. So, to me, possibly the most significant Hebrew phrase containing the letter ה is *Hinei Ma Tov* הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב. It is one of our liturgical songs taken from Psalm 133 which reads "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity." Never was this Psalm more fully evidenced than in our High Holy Day observances. From our innovative rabbi to our inspiring choral director and the break-the-fast at the close of Yom Kippur services, the services were wonderful. Special thanks must go to our Worship Committee chaired by Board Vice President Cynthia Alkon, for providing guidance to enhance the quality of our services. Our only real concern is what will Rabbi Zimmerman have to come up with next year for an encore to top this year's High Holy Day services? I am sure it is something he will be working on. No pressure, Rabbi!

In the meantime, the activities of our Temple and its members continue apace in the spirit of הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already observed Sukkot, chaired by Board stalwart Ruth Roper, under the stars in the Sukkah (which was built by Men of Reform Judaism) as well as dinner catered by our indefatigable MRJ. Simchat Torah will have been observed and our fabulous Religious School will continue to offer top notch Jewish education to our children.

Once again, the old adage is never more true than at the Temple—you get out of it what you put into it. We have

so many opportunities offered by the Temple to connect with one another, spiritually, socially, and educationally.

It is up to each of us to take advantage of those opportunities so that we become more than just once a year High Holy Day Jews, even if you cannot

be a steady participant in our Shabbat services. (And who does not love coming every Friday night to the Temple more than I? Don't answer that!) In the coming months as we madly careen toward the *michigass* season that is Thanksgiving, Chanukah, Christmas, New Year, etc., there will be numerous other opportunities to practice הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב, dwelling together in unity. As we move forward into the Jewish New Year, perhaps that is a resolution that we all could make—to take the opportunity to enjoy being together at our Temple. הִנֵּה מָה טוֹב!



Thursday Morning Study

There is still time to join Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman for an Introduction to the Kabbalah. He will teach a lunchtime course exploring the Zohar and the secret texts of Jewish mysticism at 11:30 AM every other Thursday. This month, he will teach on November 2, 16, and 30. Please buy and bring your own copy of *The Essential Kabbalah*, by Daniel Matt.

Movie and Discussion Coming in December

Sunday, December 3, at 6:00 PM

Stay tuned in December for a special screening and panel discussion of *Norman: The Moderate Rise and Tragic Fall of a New York Fixer*, an American Jewish political fantasy.

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Study Opportunities

Sunday Morning Conversations

Sunday Morning Conversations continue on selective Sundays in the Board Room at 9:00 AM.

Sundays, November 5 and 12

The Four Masks of God with Rabbi Seymour Rossell

The Bible intimates that our ancestors were in direct contact with God. How did they hear God speaking to them? Does the Bible explain this mystery? We will examine four ways God speaks through four “masks” (though there may be more). Surprisingly, some of the ancient ways of “hearing” God are as valid for us today as they were for our ancestors. With the Bible’s clues in hand (and, perhaps, in heart) you can personally encounter God’s words in a new and striking way.



Rabbi Seymour Rossell

An Evening with an Author

Wednesday, November 15, 7:00 PM at the Temple



Rabbi Dayle Friedman

Finding Grit and Grace Beyond Midlife: Wisdom from Jewish Tradition with Rabbi Dayle Friedman

Beth-El Congregation is excited to host an evening with Rabbi Dayle Friedman. Rabbi Friedman has devoted her rabbinate to issues of pastoral care and aging. She runs Hiddur: The Center for Aging and Judaism in Philadelphia, has written many books on caregiving and aging, and was an instructor at the Reconstructionist Rabbinical College for over 20 years in the area of Rabbinic Pastoral

Care. She has a special website dedicated to graceful aging at www.growingolder.net. This lecture is made possible by the Louis and Frieda Cristol Endowment for Academic Programming in Jewish Studies at Brite Divinity School.

Kornbleet Scholar Series

Monday, November 6, 7:30 PM at the Temple

The Kornbleet Scholar this year is Maggie Anton, author of the *Rashi's Daughters* series. Ms. Anton was raised in a secular home and did not connect to her Judaism until adulthood. In 1992 Anton joined a women’s Talmud class taught by Rachel Adler, now a professor at Hebrew Union College in Los Angeles. To her surprise, she fell in love with Talmud, a passion that has continued unabated for twenty years. She will be speaking about how her Talmud studies and historical research have informed her novels.

This program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, with financial support from the Dan Danciger/Fort Worth Hebrew Day School Supporting Foundation.



Maggie Anton

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Thanks to the amazing John Sauvey, my partner-in-crime, who has worked so hard to make sure that our worship is joyous, meaningful, and participatory. Thanks to the choir and the many singers and soloists who bring the gift of voice to help create Shabbat services that elevate the soul. Thanks to the many teachers who bring their best ideas to inspire our adult learning program. Thanks to my family who sees all the nervous energy, the hours, and work behind seemingly smooth classes, services, or sermons I prepare. Thank you to Rabbi Mecklenburger for his support and friendship. May next year be a healthy one for him and for Ann.

Ideally, every day should be a moment to give thanks for the gifts we receive. But, in reality, we lose track and take our blessings for granted. And so, in this season that should be devoted as much to moments of gratitude as to acts of overindulgence, I offer my deepest appreciation. All of our worship experiences in November will be opportunities to acknowledge the gifts of others that are so precious to us; from the sacrifices of our veterans to the lessons we teach our children and moments for true thanksgiving.

I hope you will find time amidst the indulgences of the holiday to seek moments of true *Hoda'ah*, Thanksgiving.

Enjoy the football, go easy on the stuffing. Have a great holiday!

Beth-Elements

Daytimers

Professor James Riddlesperger

Date: Wednesday, November 15, 2017
 Location: Beth-El Congregation
 Time: 12:00 PM
 Price: \$11 per person for lunch and program

November, here in the United States, is noted for the elections that set the pattern for the political scene for the year to come. We have asked Professor James Riddlesperger, a leading political science professor at TCU, to join us and bring us up to date on what to expect from our government in the coming year.

His lively and fascinating insights are likely to be especially noteworthy considering the current political scene we see unfolding around us day by day.

Lunch for this gathering will take you “out to the ballpark.” We will have jumbo all-beef hot dogs and all the fixings: sauerkraut, mustard, ketchup, potato salad, cole slaw, cookies, snacks, coffee, and tea. Call Larry Steckler (817-927-2736) to make reservations. You may also call Beth-El Congregation at 817-332-7141, or make your reservations online at www.bethelfw.org. The Sylvia Wolens Daytimers is a program of Beth-El Congregation, with support from the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Also in November:

Tuesday, November 28, 2017, 1:30 PM. Daytimers Bridge. To make reservations, call Bill Margolis at 817-292-0798.

Coming Events:

Wednesday, December 20, 2017, 12:00 PM. Luncheon.

Learning to Leyn: Introductory Torah Trope

You can still join Student Cantor Monica Braverman for a 10-week adult class on Torah Trope. Trope is the melodic punctuation system that teaches us how to chant sacred Jewish text from Torah. This class will focus on understanding the names and melodies of the *t'amim* (trope signs). Together we'll learn the melodies for reading Torah on Shabbat, and you won't believe how much easier it makes reading Hebrew and pronouncing it correctly! If you can read Hebrew even a little, you can do this! Guaranteed to be fun and interactive! It is NOT singing, so don't say, “Oh, I can't sing.” It is chant! Try it out Thursday nights at 7:30 PM. Check the Temple calendar for exact dates.

People of the Book

On Tuesday, November 7, at 9:30 AM, Lora and Izakil Goldin will lead our discussion on *The Nazi Officer's Wife: How One Jewish Woman Survived the Holocaust*, by Edith Beer. This is a fascinating true story of a woman who married a member of the Nazi Party and kept her identity a secret during the war. All are welcome at our discussions. For more information or to be added to our group email list, contact Marla Parvey 817-886-2677 or marvey318@aol.com.

The Shabbat Project

What is The Shabbat Project?

- A chance to re-engage with family and friends.
- A chance to pause and give thanks.
- A chance to rediscover our most precious Jewish gifts.

Join Tarrant Country Jewish Congregations this fall and winter as we rediscover Shabbat at home.

Four Easy Steps:

1. Contact Rabbi Zimmerman by the end of November to let him know you are inviting friends and hosting a Shabbat dinner.
2. Reserve your at home Shabbat kit or traveling Shabbat candlesticks. Your choice!
3. Come to one of the Rabbi's Fun Ways to Celebrate Shabbat Dinner Q-and-A classes or pick up a packet of do-it-yourself Shabbat material when you pick up your Shabbat kit.
4. Invite, light, sip, celebrate, eat, enjoy.

The Tarrant County Shabbat Project is made possible in part by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.



Introduction to Judaism Class

Selected Tuesdays, 7:30 - 9:00 PM
beginning November 7

Come explore the customs and culture, festivals and philosophy of Judaism. The class is open to all those interested in conversion, those who are Jewish and want to keep up with their children in religious school and those who might just want a grown-up refresher course. No prior knowledge of Judaism or Hebrew is required.

This year, the course will be taught in three five-week sessions linked to seasons in which the holidays and related concepts take place. The first five-week class will focus on themes related to Chanukah, Jewish History and Shabbat and begin on Tuesday, November 7th

A complete schedule will be handed out at the beginning of the first session. Please contact Rabbi Zimmerman with any questions about this ongoing class.

Men of Reform Judaism

Howard Bellet, President

I begin this month's news with a special thanks to all of those Beth-El MRJ members who have helped with our recent catering jobs, High Holy Day ushering, building and disassembling the sukkah, organizing and supporting the 11th Annual Matzo Ball Classic Golf Tournament, and everything else we have done over the past few months.

We had a great turnout for our recent MRJ After Hours event at On The Border on October 2. Those who attended were treated to beverages and hors d'oeuvres by Les Rosenthal. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to visit and catch up with one another.

We held the 11th Annual Matzo Ball Classic Golf Tournament, our biggest event and fundraiser of the year on October 15 at Fort Worth's Rockwood Golf Course. Those who played enjoyed a great afternoon of golf, ending with dinner cooked by MRJ members. Tournament Chair Mike Kalpin and his committee members, Jeff Kaitcer and Rob Sandler, did a great job ensuring another successful tournament. Thank you to all of those who participated or supported the event

through sponsorships.

Below are upcoming dates and events for which you can come out to and play on our team. Let me know if you have any questions about Beth-El MRJ membership or events. Suggestions or ideas as to how we may be an even better organization are always welcome too. Contact me at hbmjprez@gmail.com. Until next issue...



Howard Bellet, MRJ President

Don't miss our upcoming events:

Friday, November 3, 1:00 PM—Catering, preparation for Addison and Chloe Feld B'not Mitvah luncheon in the Temple Kitchen

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 AM—Catering and serving at the Feld B'not Mitzvah luncheon

Sunday, November 12, 10:30 AM—Monthly MRJ Meeting at the Temple

Sunday, December 3, 9:00 AM—Latke cook-in in the Temple Kitchen



Beth-El MRJ members enjoyed one another's company during October's MRJ After Hours at On The Border.



Beth-El MRJ members erected a newly acquired metal-framed, pre-fabricated sukkah for everyone's enjoyment during Sukkot.

Social Action

Jane Nober, Chair

Beth-El Congregation members support charities in Fort Worth and beyond. They contribute their time, their funds and their skills to efforts that heal and improve our world. The Social Action Committee seeks to broaden and deepen our congregation's involvements. We aim to engage Temple members of all ages and be a force for good in our community.

We are currently working to develop programs that will give members the chance to volunteer on a one-time

or regular basis with a variety of organizations, such as the Food Bank, community centers and homeless shelters. We hope to have events on the calendar in December and January, including participation in the Martin Luther King Day of Service. Look for announcements of upcoming events in Rabbi Zimmerman's Shabbat e-blast and in future Bulletins. If you'd like to be on a mailing list and learn about volunteer opportunities, please let me know at jane.nober@gmail.com.

Beth-El Youth Programs



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Beth-El Junior Youth

Nancy Schwartz & Marc Sloter, Co-Advisors

BEJY's Annual Food Drive is Under Way

As we enter the Fall season, BEJY invites you to participate in our annual food drive. For years we have been encouraging Beth-El families and Religious School students to help us collect non-perishable foods for donation to local food banks. There are many families in the Tarrant County area who are unsure of when or where they will find their next meal. By holding this food drive and having educational events for our kids, we are able to help them understand the challenges our neighbors face and the importance of giving. Please look for boxes around the Religious School wing and Gathering Area to place your non-perishable items. Any gift is helpful. The food drive will continue through the middle of November. Thank you in advance for your gifts.

During September, our 6th, 7th and 8th graders were led by our friends in FWFTY as they raced around downtown Fort Worth in an Amazing Race. The FWFTY board created the program and led the groups on the scavenger hunt for locations. Thank you, FWFTY! Our October ice cream sandwich social was held in the *sukkah*. Prior to eating our homemade goodies, we learned about the *mitzvah* of spending time in the *sukkah*...in this case, eating with friends! We also began with a lesson about hunger as we decorated our food donation boxes.

Keep an eye out for our November and December events. Please contact BEJY co-advisors Nancy Schwartz at 732-856-0163 or Marc Sloter at bejy@bethelfw.org with any questions.



At any Moment in Time, Members of our Congregation may be in Need—Not of Charity—but in Need of Acts of Loving Kindness! In order for the Caring Congregation Committee to do its best job, we need to know who needs a welcome visit, who is ill, and who needs a meal. Please contact the Temple office, and a member of our committee will be in touch. **We want to know, for the Caring Congregation cares!** —Carol Minker, chair

Religious School

Ilana Knust, Educator

**Beth-El students fulfilling the Mitzvot (commandments) of Sukkot:
Sitting in the Sukkah • Eating in the Sukkah • Blessing and shaking
the Lulav and Etrog.**



Family Day Rescheduled!
Family Day has been rescheduled for January 21.

Contributions

Rosenthal-Siegel Education Fund

In Honor of

Evelyn Siegel, on receiving the Golden Anniversary Award 60 and Better Rachel, David & Reuben Cristol
 Roz Rosenthal, on receiving the Golden Anniversary Award 60 and Better Judith Cohen
 Roz Rosenthal, on her birthday The Cristols and the Zweigs
 Leslie and Bill Siembieda
 Pamela Wolens Neimand

Rosenthal-Siegel Education Fund

In Memory of

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 Sheldon Anisman
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In Memory of

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 Louise and Leo Freeman Jane Oderberg
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Library Fund

In Honor of

the birth of Ariana Astrid Rose Roach Judith Cohen
 a speedy Recovery for Rachel Cristol
 Mimi Zimmerman on obtaining her honorary doctorate of Jewish Non-Profit Management
 John Sauvey, on his conversion and for leading the beautiful music during High Holy Day services

Library Fund

In Memory of

Jerry Berkowitz Judie B. and Bob Greenman
 Judith Cohen
 Carol Gold Judie B. and Bob Greenman
 Willy Fred Kuehn
 Dorothy Abrams
 Jeanne Brown Laurie S. and Howard Kelfer
 Judie B. and Bob Greenman

Daytimers Fund

In Honor of

Larry Steckler, on his birthday Bruce and Etta Miller

Daytimers Fund

In Memory of

Wallace Harrison Bruce and Etta Miller

Rabbi Mecklenburger's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of

Rabbi Mecklenburger MunSun Lyons

Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

In Honor of

John Sauvey, on his conversion Edie and Richard Yentis

Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

In Memory of

Jerry Berkowitz the Stenzler family

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In Honor of

Jeff Kaitcer MunSun Lyons

Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of

Rabbi Zimmerman MunSun Lyons

Religious School Fund

In Honor of

John Sauvey and the Temple's Choir for High Holy Day Music Len and Rose-Marie Schweitzer
 Beth-El Religious School Dr. Robert Gerson
 6th grade Religious School books in honor of The Rosenkranz Family
 Corrine Jacobson's 90th Birthday and Michael and Diane Schneider and Family
 being a devoted member of the Beth-El Mark and Elise Krug and Family
 Congregation for 80 years Steve and Cindy Bond
 Grant and Janine Jacobson and family

Religious School Fund

In Memory of

Carol Gold Jack and Annette Rau
 Paul Schneiweiss Harriet Schneiweiss

Temple Fund

In Honor of

Rosanne & Bill Margolis, on their 60th anniversary Paul & Elaine Weisblatt
 Henry Simon, on his birthday Marilyn and Jack Rubin
 Carol and Ronnie Goldman
 Elaine and Michael Griver
 Tamas and Jutka Ungar
 our kind friends who sent us Mazel Tov via Uniongrams
 on our 45th wedding anniversary
 John Sauvey, on his conversion to Judaism Rose- Marie & Len Schweitzer
 Laurie S. and Howard Kelfer
 MunSun Lyons
 Beth-El Congregation Mr. Marcus and Ms. Neumann
 Holly and Bill Schur
 Michele and Fred Reynolds
 Her loving Family
 a speedy recovery for Dr. Julian Haber
 the baby naming of Elizabeth Sturman
 the 90th birthday of Corrine Jacobson and in observance of her
 80th year as a member of Beth-El Congregation

Temple Fund

In Memory of

Burton Cohen Cynthia & Burton Gilbert
 Carol Gold Sheri Allen
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 Arnold & Harriette Gachman
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 Bob and Susan Lewis
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 Herbert and Patricia Schwarz
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 Faina Feldman
 Susan and Guy LaMere
 Jeanie and Ken Huffman
 Ruth and Doug Roper
 Arnold & Harriette Gachman
 Barry and Gwen Rubin
 Jack and Marilyn Rubin
 Carol and Ronnie Goldman
 Jacob & Dana Rosenstein
 Tamas and Jutka Ungar
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 Clara Zack
 Jim Zack
 Daniel Gachman
 David Lesky
 Dorothy Abrams
 Dr. Edwin G. Schwarz
 Elaine Gressman Samson
 Genia Altshuler
 George LaMere
 Jeanne Brown
 Jerry Berkowitz
 Mary Andrews
 Rose Ungar
 Willy Fred Kuehn

Wish List

Purchase of

Challah Platter Anonymouse

The Temple Family

Mazel Tov

- to Jane and Marc Cohen, on the birth of their grandson, Cooper, born September 25 to Dara and Scott Frankel in Houston.

Yahrzeits

November 3

Barnett Bernstein
Milton Bernstein
Nate Blitzer
Michael Boxer
Miriam Voliansky
Braverman
Fay B. Cohen
Rose Davis
Marion Freyer
Ben Friedman
Bertha Fuerst
Irwin Fuerst
Abe B. Gardner
Joseph Goldgraber
Sylvia Goldman
Nathan Imber
Elliot Jacobson
Henry W. Landman
Samuel Lefkowitz
Lazarus Loeb
Stephen Herman Mehl
Kathleen Mitchell

Jack Orlow
Harry E. Ritchey
Norman Rosenblum
Margaret Littman
Rosenthal
Jeanette Baker Ross
Flora Weltman Schiff
Belle Schultz
Larry Schultz
Ann Schuster
Edwin Schwarz, Jr.
Dr. Joseph Selman
Martin Louis Shiffman
Audrey Slotter
Bill Steinman
Jean Strassman
Beatrice Weinschenker
Muriel (Mimi) Weisser
Ben H. Wile
Joseph Zentner

November 10

Lynn Altman

Sheldon Anisman
Harold Baum
Henry Bodzy
Robert Carp
Roger Cohen
Bert Coopersmith
Anna Echt
Robert Eisman
Samuel A. Frankrich
David Ginsburg
Edith Granek
Sonja Glazer Gressman
Ethel Haltzman
Jerome Lamensdorf
Frances S. Landman
William LeMaire
Maureece Levin/Becker
Sheridan Libby
Ricky Luebbert
Henry Luskey
Dora Neumegen Marks
Hattie Minker
Betty Mintz
Samuel G. Miron
Lena Nass

Ruth Rosenblum Propper
Louis P. Rosenwasser
Henry Schiff
Harry Schweitzer
Beatrice Frankrich Slatkin
Homer Tomlinson
Marion Werner

November 17

Stanley Edward Ackin
Delsie Gans Altman
Dave Altshuler
Michael Archenhold
Mollie Barnett
Leah Bomash
Ignace Charles Capper
Meredith R. Carb, Jr.
Sophia Clein Ellman
Martine Ginsburg
Louis Goldman
Barbara Hahn
Frieda Heilborn
Beatrice Hersch
I. E. Horwitz
Ralph Jacobson

Shelagh Lenhoff
Vivian Marceron
Mary Jane Miller
W. H. Myer
Gerald Pollack
Henry Potishman
Shaol Pozez
Susan M. Rosenthal
Martha Rousch
Joel Schechter
R. Neil Schneiderman
Ronald Slotter
Isaac Suder
Homer R. Vann

November 24

Ethel Appleman
Arthur G. Bassist
Donald Blank
Patti Blank
Bessie Bobkoff
Solomon Brachman
Bernard M. Brooks
Nelda Smith Cozby
Louis Samuel Cristol

Ruth Englander
Sarah Gernsbacher
Alan Gold
Rae Goldstein
Joe Herman
Harris Jacobs
Isaac L. Jacobs
Pauline Joseph
Morris Kelfer
Mollie Kessel
Laszlo Kiss
Robert Koslow
Alvin Kramer
Anna Lesnick
Julia Shanblum Lesser
Harriet Ann Lopin
Albert Minker
Louis Morris
G. Alan Neufeld
Louis Phillipowski
Lillian Raimey
Ben H. Rosenthal
Louis F. Shanblum
Hans Joachim Thoma
Beatrice Wolf

The Judaica Shop

It is time to look forward to Chanukah. The Judaica Shop will have everything you will need to have a wonderful holiday, including *The Mensch on the Bench*. We have a nice selection of men's neckties and new jewelry, including watches and clocks using Hebrew numbers. Of course we have a beautiful selection of menorahs and candles as well as chocolate gelt, decorations, and toys. A new service that we offer is ordering customized *kippahs* for your special occasions. If you have a Bar or Bat Mitzvah or a wedding coming up, we are ready to help you with whatever you need. Don't forget a Groom's Glass for the wedding, and a beautiful *mezuzah* to hold the shards of glass.

Please come in and take a look around. Feel free to browse. If there is an item you are looking for and cannot find, please feel free to ask. We are more than happy to order it for you if we can. Also, if you need something from the shop at a time we are not open, please call Reggie Rog for a special appointment.

We still hope to get some new volunteers to help in the shop. If you have any spare time and would like to help, please contact Reggie Rog at 817-989-1862.

Shop Hours

Wednesdays: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Sundays: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Special Appointments:

Call Reggie at 817-989-1862

Beth-El Wish List

At times the Temple is in need of items that must be replaced or replenished in order to keep our building both beautiful and functional so we can continue the variety and quality of programs and events offered. Will you consider a gift to the Temple? The donation can be a generous but practical way to honor a life-cycle event such as a birth, baby naming, *brit milah*, consecration, bar or bat mitzvah, confirmation, engagement, or wedding or just a way to honor a loved one or a special *simcha*.

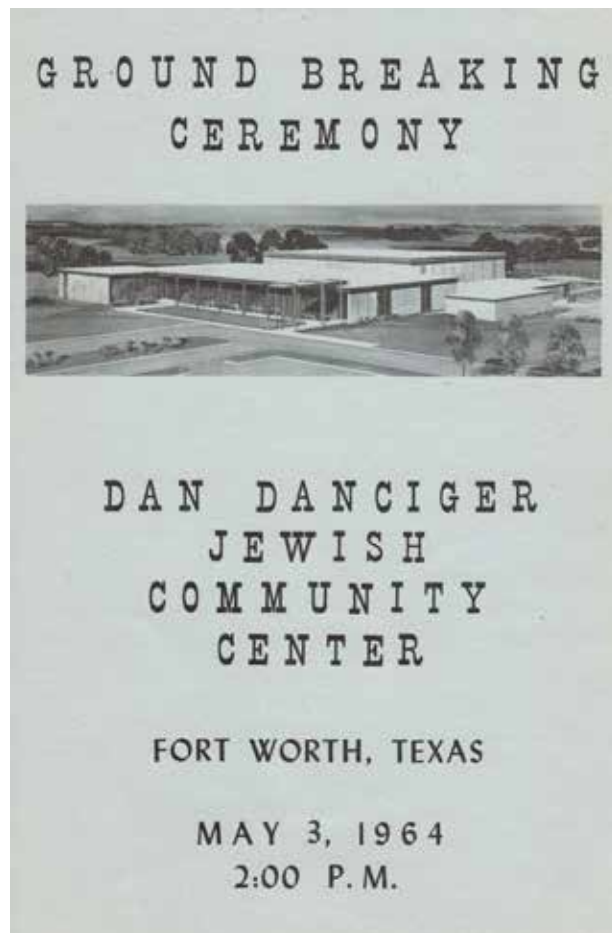
To make a donation, please go to www.bethelfw.org/donations/wish-list to view the Wish List, or contact Suzie Koonsman at 817-332-7141. Upon making a donation, your name will be acknowledged in the Temple Bulletin, and for room contributions, your name will be noted on the appropriate plaque. Thank you for supporting Beth-El!

The following is a list (by no means exclusive) for your consideration:

- **Room Contributions**
 - \$25,000 for the 7th grade classroom
 - \$25,000 for the 8th grade classroom
 - \$60,000 for the Senior Rabbi's Office
- **Landscape: Seasonal flower beds (\$250)**
- **Replacement microphone for the Great Hall (\$375)**
- **Beth-El Computer Network upgrade (\$200)**

From the Archives

Hollace Weiner, Archivist



Echoes from the Past. The Fort Worth Jewish Archives recently finished cataloging files and photos that tell the history of the Dan Danciger Jewish Community Center. The center, once located at 6801 Dan Danciger Road, opened in 1964 and was put up for sale in 1995. Pictured at the 1964 groundbreaking are Sara Horwitz with little Michael Altman and his sister, Leslie Altman (Magee). To look through the DDJCC Archival Collection, contact Hollace Weiner at hollaceava@gmail.com.

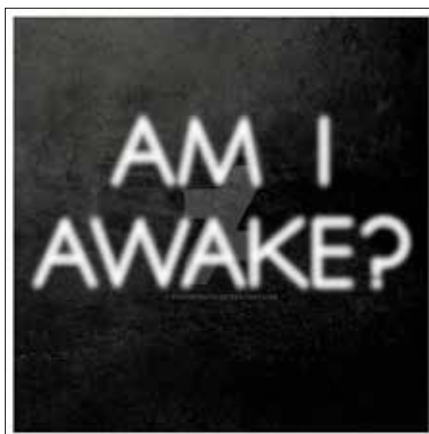
Did You Know?

Presented by the Worship Committee

Did You Know that we strive to keep Friday night services fresh and inspiring?

Have you noticed that we have added a new tune? Noah Aronson also likes creating fresh and inspiring tunes.

Noah is a rising composer and performer. While attending Berklee College of Music, he worked part-time as a music teacher at Temple Beth Elohim in Wellesley, Massachusetts, where he became Composer-in-Residence. As a religious music teacher, he is always looking for songs to inspire himself and others. One well-known song he wrote and released in 2011 is "Am I Awake?" Many synagogues now sing this



song, and here at Beth-El, we like to sing it too.

*Am I awake?
Am I prepared?
Are you listening to my prayer?
Can you hear my voice?
Can you understand?
Am I awake?
Am I prepared?*

This is a beautiful song to lead us into *T'Fillah*.

Is there anything you would like to know about our worship services and rituals? Email your questions to BethElQuestions@gmail.com.

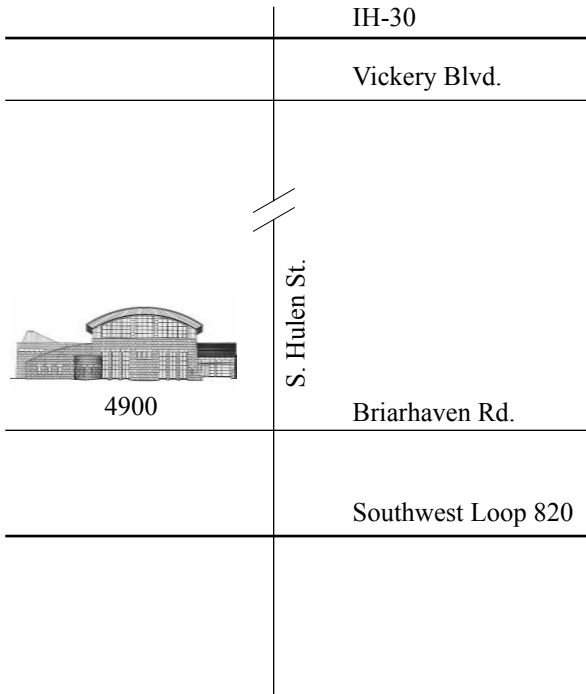
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