

# BETH-EL CONGREGATION

SEPTEMBER 2017

## Divrei Torah

Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

Sometimes it takes more than words.

As we prepare for the Jewish New year that begins in just a few weeks, I am excited to share the news that our own John Sauvey will be joining us in an expanded capacity for the coming year. Many of you have known John for close to

two decades. He has sung in this choir for almost as long as we have been in our current Temple building. You may know that he brings a beautiful voice, a deep understanding of music and a genuine commitment to meaningful worship.

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## Worship Calendar

Friday, September 1 \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 PM  
Shabbat Service. Text Study: *Avinu Malkeinu*  
*The Beth-El Choir will lead the music.*

Friday, September 8 \_\_\_\_\_ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service  
**Please note the new time for early services**  
Tot Shabbat at 5:30 PM  
Wine, Cheese, and Shabbat candles at 5:45 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 PM  
Elul Stories of reflection and preparation  
*John Sauvey will lead the music.*

### Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday, September 20 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM  
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, September 21 \_\_\_\_\_ Rosh Hashanah  
Children's Service at 9:30 AM  
Morning Service at 10:30 AM

Friday, September 22 \_\_\_\_\_ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service  
Wine, Cheese, and Shabbat candles at 5:45 PM  
Kabbalat Shabbat at 6:15 PM  
Shabbat Shuvah: Stories and Music of the Holidays  
*Angie Friedman will lead the music.*

### Selichot Scholar Weekend

Friday, September 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 PM  
Shabbat Service  
Selichot Scholar Dr. Mark Washofsky will speak on  
"Strange Bedfellows: Reform Judaism and Jewish Law."  
*The Beth-El Choir will lead the music.*

Saturday, September 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:00 AM  
Dr. Washofsky will speak on "Rambam's *Hilchot T'shuvah*: What Jewish Law Can Teach Us About the Path to Repentance" at Congregation Beth Shalom in Arlington  
\_\_\_\_\_ 7:30 PM  
Dr. Washofsky will speak on "Would You Kill the Fat Man? The Trolley Problem in Jewish Law and Ethics: Making Tough Moral Choices in the New Year" at Congregation Beth Israel in Colleyville, followed by Selichot worship and Havdallah reception.

**See page 3 for more information on our Selichot Scholar weekend.**

### Yom Kippur

Friday, September 29 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM  
Yom Kippur: Kol Nidre

Saturday, September 30 \_\_\_\_\_ Yom Kippur  
Children's Service at 9:30 AM  
Morning Service at 10:30 AM  
Music and Study Options at 12:45 PM  
*Musical program with Daniela Liebman in the Chapel*  
*Text Study with Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman in the Board Room: "Yom Kippur: The Happiest Day of the Year."*  
*(See details on page 3)*  
Afternoon Service at 2:00 PM  
Yizkor, Neilah, and Break-the-Fast at 4:00 PM



# President's Message

Jeff Kaitcer, President

Gimel is the third letter in the Hebrew alphabet. Gimel is a letter that frequently appears in our liturgy. For example, it is the first letter in the word *gadol*—גדול. *Gadol* is generally understood to mean “great or big” and might be the word that my wife used to describe the column I wrote last month which was overly long, (overly-*gadol*?) as it was approximately Russian-novel in length. I promised her I would make this month’s column shorter since she fell asleep reading the scintillating prose that was my last column. So, maybe I should stay away from the word “*gadol*” as this month’s ג theme and, instead, I will talk about the portion of our Shabbat prayer service which begins with the letter, ג known as the *gevurot*—גבר יידי. You might be asking yourself, what does that have to do with the president’s column this month? I might be asking the same question of myself. The *gevurot* refers to God’s “Mighty Deeds” and is a declaration that God has the power to accomplish that for which we pray. The *gevurot* speaks of Adonai being the source of mighty deeds in healing the sick, freeing the captive, and keeping faith with those who sleep in the dust. But as we know, given the concept of free will and our call to *Tikkun Olam*, God inspires us to act in conformity with His powers.

What does all of this have to do with this month’s column, other than to demonstrate that I have the “power” to look up pieces of seemingly random information on the Internet? I am glad you asked me that question. (Well, maybe I just asked myself that question.) This newsletter will

reach you just before the High Holidays. When you come to our Temple, (and I know you will—it’s the High Holidays, after all) you will no doubt see that the sanctuary has been refurbished in a major way. New carpet has been installed, and the seating has been reupholstered with new padding and

seat covers. The lead gift for our sanctuary was generously made by Judy Cohen, keeping faith in memory of her late husband, dedicated Temple member Donald Cohen. As we sit in our sanctuary participating in our communal prayers, listening to the inspiring words of our rabbi, and joining our choir in song, we should all be inspired by our new surroundings to contemplate how we will work with *Adonai* to accomplish “Mighty Deeds” both big and small. *Kayn Y’hi Ratzon*—“May it be God’s will.”



## Rosh Hashanah Oneg Foods Needed

Rosh Hashanah is nearly here, and we would love to serve your best culinary creations for the Rosh Hashanah Oneg! Although we all want a sweet New Year, savory selections are always a huge hit. If you haven’t yet signed up to donate to the oneg and wish to contribute your dazzling delectables,



please let one of us know by September 15.

Your items will not need to be plated, but we will need them labeled for Rosh Hashanah Oneg (gluten-free, sugar-free, etc.) and brought to the Beth-El kitchen before 9:30 AM on September 20. If you have any questions, please contact Liz Manion at [eliz\\_manion@att.net](mailto:eliz_manion@att.net) or Ruth Roper at [ruthroper714@gmail.com](mailto:ruthroper714@gmail.com).

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## Selichot Scholar

### Dr. Mark Washofsky will be our Speaker on Friday and Saturday, September 15 & 16

Rabbi Mark Washofsky, Ph.D., is the Solomon B. Freehof Professor of Jewish Law and Practice at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati. He guided the Reform Movement's Responsa Committee for over two decades, has written extensively on Jewish law and the process of ancient and modern Jewish decision-making. He has been teaching and mentoring rabbinic students for over three decades as they confront the challenges of Jewish leadership in the twenty-first century.



He has written dozens of essays and articles on topics as diverse as medieval halakhic literature, the application of legal theory to the study of Jewish law, Jewish bioethics, outreach and conversion.

We are honored to have Dr. Washofsky with us as our Tarrant County Reform Jewish community joins together for our annual Selichot scholar weekend. Locations are listed below. Save these dates in your calendar for an exceptional weekend of learning opportunities.

**Friday, September 15, at 7:30 PM**

Beth-El Congregation

*Strange Bedfellows: Reform Judaism and Jewish Law*

**Saturday, September 16, at 10:00 AM**

Congregation Beth Shalom

1212 Thannisch Drive, Arlington

*Rambam's Hilchot T'shuvah: What Jewish Law Can Teach Us About the Path to Repentance*

**Saturday evening, September 16, at 7:30 PM**

Congregation Beth Israel

6100 Pleasant Run Road, Colleyville

*Would You Kill the Fat Man? The Trolley Problem in Jewish Law and Ethics: Making Tough Moral Choices in the New Year.*

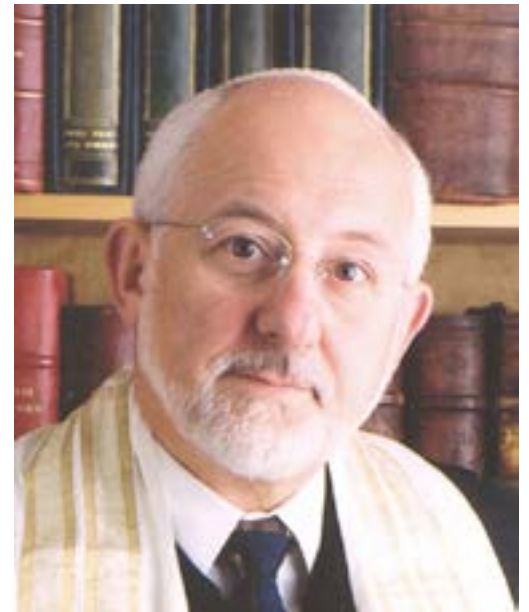
*This program is made possible by a partnership between Beth-El Congregation, Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Shalom, and The Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.*

## Special Yom Kippur Speaker

### Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman will speak at the Afternoon Study Session

We are excited to announce that Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman will be teaching during our Yom Kippur Afternoon Study Session. His topic will be "Yom Kippur, the Happiest Day of the Year." In addition, twice a month beginning in October, Rabbi Zimmerman will be teaching a lunchtime course on Thursdays exploring the Zohar and the secret texts of Jewish mysticism.

In addition to being Rabbi Brian Zimmerman's father who made such a wonderful impression during his installation weekend, Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman has served as Senior Rabbi at The Jewish Center of the Hamptons, Temple Emanu-El of Dallas, TX, Central Synagogue of New York City and as President of Hebrew Union College - Jewish Institute of Religion, the seminary for training Reform Rabbis, Cantors, Educators and Communal Service Professionals. Beth-El is excited to count Rabbi Sheldon Zimmerman as one of our teachers for the 2017-2018 year.





# Beth-Elements

## People of the Book

People of the Book will be meeting Tuesday, September 12, at 10:00 AM.



Rebecca Cristol will lead a discussion on the book *Barbie and Ruth: The Story of the World's Most Famous Doll and the Woman Who Created Her*, by Robin Gerber.

This is an account of

the entrepreneurial ups and downs of Ruth Handler, the tenth born child of Polish-Jewish immigrants, who became co-founder of the Mattel company. All are welcome at our book discussions. If you would like to be added to the group's email reminder list, contact Marla Parvey at [marvey318@aol.com](mailto:marvey318@aol.com).

## Art Salon: Wednesday, September 13, at 7:00 PM

An Art Salon featuring caricaturist, engraver, and multi-media artist Richard Baratz will take place in the Board Room on Wednesday, September 13, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM.

For more than 40 years, Baratz has served as the acclaimed caricaturist for Sardi's Restaurant in New York City. The artist will discuss techniques and details of his works on display and also answer questions. Light refreshments will be served.



## New Items in Hall of Remembrance Exhibit

The WWI exhibit in the Hall of Remembrance is filled with fresh new items—among them vintage toy soldiers; a wartime news article about a “soldiers choir” at Beth-El; recruitment posters in Yiddish; and a book

about Camp Bowie, the army training base that gave Camp Bowie Boulevard its name. Take

a look when you take a break during High Holiday services.



## Lecture at Fort Worth Public Library

The Fort Worth Public Library will present a lecture by Hollace Weiner on Sunday, September 17, titled “Monuments and Memory.”



Exposed to wind, rain, and sun, scores of World War I monuments have crumbled and deteriorated over the past century. Why have these memorials, erected with pride and fanfare, faded from public consciousness? Hear the history of the Fort Worth Jewish community's marble monument to “OUR

BOYS,” which lists 81 soldiers who served in the Great War. Hollace will discuss “Monuments and Memory” with an illustrated lecture at 1:15 PM, on Sunday, September 17, in the Tandy Lecture Hall of the Fort Worth Library's Central Branch, 500 W. 3rd Street. Her speech is in conjunction with the exhibit “From Cowboy to Doughboy: North Texas in WWI.”

Since 1980, the Jewish honor roll, consisting of four marble tablets, has been on display near the entrance to Congregation Ahavath Sholom. It was the impetus for the WWI exhibit in Beth-El's Hall of Remembrance. Later this month, the marble honor roll, which was restored during the past year and lit up at night, will receive a Preservation Achievement Award from Historic Fort Worth, Inc.

## WRJ High Holiday Bake-In

Please join WRJ members on Sunday, September 17, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM. First-timers are welcome!

Please help us bake, plate, and ring in the New Year a little early by preparing foods for the High Holidays! No previous baking or cooking experience needed. We'll have coffee and goodies to snack on too.



# Men of Reform Judaism

Howard Bellet, President

After a short “summer break,” Beth-El Men of Reform Judaism has kicked off the start of what will surely be another busy year. Members are looking forward to a multitude of events and activities that allow us to provide service to the congregation, its members and the Jewish community. Our August membership meeting was well attended, and those there got a sneak preview of what the year has in store for us to this point.

Our next monthly meeting is Sunday morning, September 10. We will be manning a table and passing out information to prospective members that day as well, since it’s the opening day of Religious School. Look for an email with more details about the meeting time and place (or check the Temple calendar online).

Speaking of membership, a flyer about 2017-2018 membership will be sent out in the near future (if not already done). Remember, that you can also pay your annual \$45 MRJ dues with your credit card on the Temple’s website, at [www.bethelfw.org/community/mrj](http://www.bethelfw.org/community/mrj).

During the upcoming High Holy Days, Beth-El MRJ members will serve as ushers for all Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur services. Sign up is well underway, so feel free to let me know which services you are able to assist with (or expect a call from me with your assignment, if you don’t).

Sukkot will follow in October and, as usual, Beth-El MRJ will be constructing the sukkah for all to enjoy. As this month’s newsletter went to print, we are still working out what date(s) we will put the sukkah up. I will be communicating with all the MRJ member construction helpers as

soon as details are finalized.

On Sunday, October 15, Beth-El Men of Reform Judaism will hold the 11th Annual Matzo Ball Classic Golf Tournament. This event is one of our major fundraisers and helps provide us the means to support things such as the MRJ Scholarship and Greene Family Camp camperships. Under the direction of tournament chairman Mike Kalpin and committee members Rob Sandler and Ryan Johnson (plus help from Temple President Jeff Kaitcer), we are preparing for another great day of golf, fellowship and fun.

This year’s tournament will be at the historic and recently renovated Rockwood Golf Course in Fort Worth. Tournament participants will face a challenging round of golf, receive a fun-filled goody bag, and during the awards presentation, be served a great meal cooked on Beth-El MRJ’s custom-made smoker (and prepared by our non-golfing, cooking members) Look for a flyer and information in the immediate future. In the meantime, feel free to contact Mike Kalpin or me if you would like more information about participating or sponsorship opportunities.

Please let me know if you have any questions about Beth-El MRJ membership or activities. Your comments and suggestions on how we can become a better organization are always welcome as well. Contact me at [hbmjrjprez@gmail.com](mailto:hbmjrjprez@gmail.com).



Howard Bellet, MRJ President

# From the Music Director

John Sauvey

Shalom! As Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are fast approaching, I feel compelled to write a greeting and extend invitations to my new family. New family? As many of you know, I began serving the congregation in April 2001 as the baritone soloist. The reception I received was unlike any I had ever received. It was like finding family. Since then we have shared many wonderful moments together, celebrations, weddings, bar/bat mitzvahs, and holidays. You were with me when I married my dear husband, John, and through the adoption of our beautiful sons, Hayden and Johnny. In 2015, I was asked to fill the position of Music Director upon the retirement of our beloved Brad Volk. During this time of transition to a new rabbi and music director, I was able to spend more time in prayer and study and once again heard the call from God that more change was necessary. I knew it was time to complete

a journey I had started many years before, the journey home. My conversion was finalized on June 22. I take these new steps with you, once again, my family. I look forward to the many moments we will share together in the future.

I am honored to have been asked to lead the Congregation in prayer and song during this year’s High Holy Days. When I began sixteen years ago, I never would have dreamed to be able to serve this honor. I thank you for your trust and support. You will be seeing more of me during services beginning this summer. Please feel free to ask/tell me anything!

I would like to personally invite everyone to become a part of the volunteer musical ensembles here at Beth-El. Your voice matters. Your participation matters. You matter. Please feel free to email me ([john@bethelfw.org](mailto:john@bethelfw.org)) if you have any questions.

# Religious School

Ilana Knust, Educator

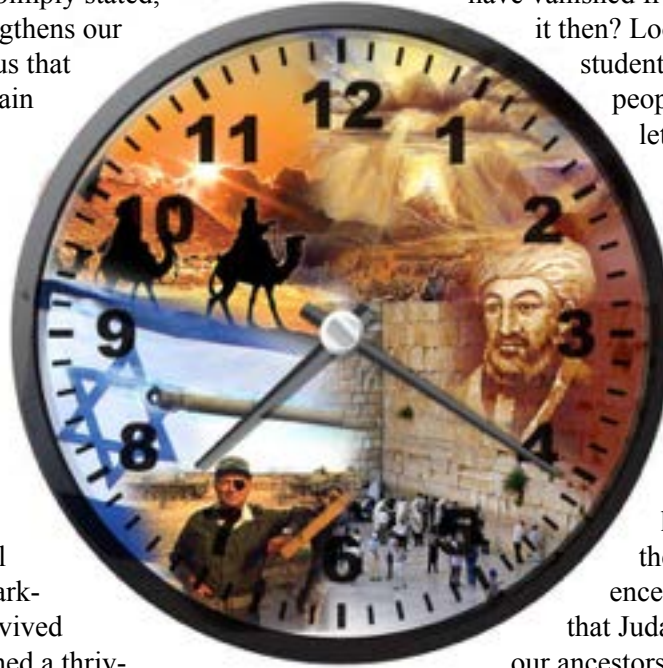
**Remember the days of old; understand the years of generation after generation. Ask your father and he will relate to you, your elders and they will tell you.**

**~Deuteronomy 32:7**

Why study Jewish history? Simply stated, the study of Jewish history strengthens our identity and pride, and reminds us that we are but a link on a mighty chain strengthened through countless centuries.

Over 300 years ago, King Louis XIV of France asked Blaise Pascal, the great Christian philosopher, to give him proof of God. Pascal answered, "Why? The Jews, your Majesty, the Jews!"

How? How, in the face of such adversity, has Judaism remained and thrived, making a mark on human history out of all proportion to its numbers? Remarkably, the Jewish people have survived disaster after disaster and remained a thriving and vibrant community all through history. Our survival is in no way depending upon our physical and numerical strength. Had it been so, we surely would



have vanished from the world long ago. What is it then? Looking into our past will help our students see the beauty of our faith and people who kept the spirit and didn't let the light go out.

By discussing, doing and understanding Jewish history we hope our children will catch the remarkable spirit of the Jewish people and gain respect for our ancestors who changed the world in good times and kept HOPE and FAITH in challenging times. Jewish history provides students with critical links to their past and gives them the context for their own experiences. Our Jewish history shows us that Judaism is a compass that guided our ancestors in the past and can guide us today to lead moral, good, and happy lives. We are all connected with shared past, values, and traditions; we must know and remember our past in order to build a future.

## Family Activities

### Back to School Pool Party Saturday, September 3, at 11:00 AM

*For families with children under age 7, please join us for a Back-to-School Pool party at the home of Ilana Knust!*



The fun starts at 11:00 AM.

Bring your towel and sunscreen and be ready to swim, play, enjoy dinner, and end the day with Havdallah!



*The address is 6325 Warwick Hills Drive, Fort Worth.*



# First Day of Religious School: Sunday, September 10

BETH-EL CONGREGATION

Religious School

*The first day of Religious School is “Open House.” All parents and guardians are invited to stay and meet the teachers, participate in projects, enjoy the pancake breakfast, meet other parents, and attend a special parents program!*



- 9:30 AM Registration, coffee, cake, and schmoozing with other parents
- 9:45 AM Meet the teachers and a family theme project in class.
- 10:30 AM Whole school assembly in the Great hall
- 10:45 AM School Kick-off Pancake Breakfast!
- 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM Special parents program: “Making Mensches”
- 12:15 PM Hebrew parents meeting in the Great Hall
- 12:30 PM First day of Hebrew School



## Sukkot is Coming Wednesday evening, October 4

Want to buy your own Lulav and Etrog! Imagine waking up each morning to say the blessings, shake the Lulav, smell the Etrog and give thanks for our blessings in the same manner as our ancestors did for thousands of years.

If you would like to order your own set, contact Rabbi Zimmerman by September 15. He will happily give Lulav shaking lessons for all who wish to have them.

## From the Archives

Hollace Weiner, Archivist

### Update on 138-year-old local Jewish landmark

Emanuel Hebrew Rest, Fort Worth's pioneer Jewish cemetery, last month received an extra layer of legal protection. The state and county registered this acre of land in the heart of the hospital district as a Historic Texas Cemetery. The HTC designation serves as a legal instrument, preventing the city or state from ever taking land within the graveyard to build a road, widen a sidewalk, or extend a curb. It is truly sacred ground.

Have you ever visited this little cemetery, hidden on a tree-covered lot, surrounded by a low, stone wall at 1414 South Main Street? Beth-El has been its caretaker since 1962. Every year, on the Sunday between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we hold a memorial service there, with this year's service scheduled for 11:30 AM, September 24.

Hebrew Rest is on land given to the "Israelites of the city" in February 1879 by civic leader John Peter Smith. The cemetery contains 435 documented graves, with many tombstones engraved with Hebrew inscriptions, Stars of David, and menorahs. Dozens of graves bear insignias of Masons, Knights of Pythias, Odd Fellows, and Woodmen of the World. Six Civil War veterans are buried there. The graves date from 1879 to 2016, with spaces still available. An alphabetical list of burials is on the Temple website; the tombstones are also documented online



at [www.findagrave.com](http://www.findagrave.com).

In 1981 Hebrew Rest received a bronze Texas Historical Marker inscribed with a brief history of the cemetery. However, in 1998 the state developed the HTC designation, requiring further documentation. To apply for HTC status, Beth-El's archives volunteers—Hollace Weiner, Eileen Pink, and Cara Jones—worked with the Texas Jewish Historical Society (TJHS) to document each burial, then photograph and describe the condition of the cemetery. Bob Greenman, Beth-El's longtime cemetery chairman, approved the documents before they were sent to the Texas Historical Commission and recorded with the Tarrant County Clerk. The state notified surrounding property owners.

The Texas Jewish Historical Society is researching more than a dozen cemeteries across the state, with the goal of protecting as many as possible. Its research includes historic Hebrew cemeteries in Corsicana, Gonzales, Gainesville, Hallettsville, Houston, LaGrange, Luling, Navasota, and Paris, TX. Although the TJHS offers to pay all research and application costs, Beth-El declined because our congregation has a special endowment that underwrites the care of this cemetery. We plan to order a bronze medallion that will verify the cemetery's HTC status and be affixed to the pole of the larger marker that tells the cemetery's story.

## Adopt-A-School

For over twenty consecutive years, Beth-El has collected school supplies for students at De Zavala Elementary, our Adopt-A-School partner. It was in 1994 that Corrine Jacobson and Francie Klotzman spearheaded this partnership with the elementary school at 1419 College Avenue, a few blocks west of the Temple's old location. In recent years, Faye Slater has invited the faculty to a luncheon at Beth-El. One afternoon per week, congregant Amy Stien still tutors youngsters in reading. If you have any spare time during the week, mentors and tutors are always needed to help read with the students, be a judge for special school projects, or volunteer during Career Day. The school can always use your help!

On Rosh Hashanah, teenagers in our FWFTY youth group will distribute plastic shopping bags and lists of items that the youngsters at De Zavala need. We request that on Yom Kippur, each of you either returns a bag filled



with Adopt-A-School school supplies or write a check made out to the school. Now is the time that stores have back-to-school supplies in stock on sale, so you can easily pick up a few extra items in your shopping cart—the children will be so thankful that you did!

The Fort Worth ISD supply list for elementary schools includes pencils, erasers, glue sticks, scissors, one-inch binders, folders (with brads), 9" x 12" manila construction paper, colored construction paper, composition notebooks, crayons, washable markers, spiral notebooks, wide-ruled paper, divider tabs, bottles of school glue, rulers, boxes of tissues, and hand sanitizer. We can always use gently-used school uniforms, blue or white-collared shirts, and skirts, shorts, or long pants in khaki or navy.

Thank you for anything that you can donate! They will be so grateful!



# Beth-El Youth Programs



North American Federation  
of Temple Youth

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## Youth Committee

Corey Mandel & Jenn Tencer, Co-Chairs

*"We need you. We need your youth, your strength, and your idealism to help us make right what is wrong."*—Ronald Reagan

Thirty kids from Beth-El Congregation spent part of the "hot season" at Greene Family Camp building and strengthening everlasting bonds. We had representatives from *Bonim* (1st and 2nd graders) all the way through *Avodah* (the counselor-in-training program). While they all had a blast, there is no denying the enthusiasm peaks at *Kibbutz* (9th graders). Those kids really know how to make the most of a summer. Sure, it's early, but think about joining us there in 2018.

As the young families start to shake off the rust and adjust to a new school year, doesn't some stability and familiarity seem like a great idea right about now? Well, that's where YuCo can help you. There is no denying that the Beth-El community is a tight-knit, down-home, hard-working, kind-hearted bunch, and the Youth Committee is trying to share all that good will. We work closely with the BEJY and FWFTY youth groups, but kids of all ages benefit from involvement of some kind, and we are the ones to get you there with year-round social programs. Building friendships outside the confines of the Religious School classroom (which is not the ideal place



for letting loose) can make Sunday mornings a little easier—(not) actually heard at YuCo event: "Mom, I didn't realize Irving was so cool... I can't wait to show him my new six pointed fidget spinner on Sunday!"

Let us dazzle you on September 10, (first day of Religious School), from 11:30 AM to 12:00 PM. Chat with the co-chairs and other members of the committee as well as Youth Group advisors and parents like you. If your child is staying later and you were planning to bring lunch, just come to meet us and don't worry about the food. That Sunday we will provide pizza, salad, and drinks for all kids staying for Hebrew school (technical difficulties have derailed the much-anticipated "2nd Sunday YuCo lunch" for now).

On September 17, from 12:30 to 3:30 PM, is the "Say goodbye to summer, say hello to YuCo" pool party at the Hulen Bend Estates Amenities Center. Open to all, we encourage you to bring a picnic/box lunch for you and your kids, and the drinks and desserts are on us. The party continues after Hebrew School so everyone gets to swim. In case of foul weather, Plan B is to meet at Main Event near Bryant Irvin Road at 4801 Citiview Blvd. E.

## BEJY

### Beth-El Junior Youth

Nancy Schwartz & Marc Slotter, Co-Advisors

## BEJY Welcomes You to the 2017-2018 Year

We are excited to be a part of the 2017-2018 year with our 6th, 7th and 8th graders. We look forward to scheduling some exciting events (sports, lock-ins, movies, etc.) including activities that you may recommend. We are always looking for ideas! Don't be shy about telling us what you enjoy doing.

We will have an opportunity to say hello to our returning kids and meet our incoming 6th graders on Sunday, September 10th, which is also the first day of Religious School. We will have a table with information about BEJY.

We hope that parents and students will stop by.

Save the date for our September event which is scheduled for Saturday, September 23. This will be a joint event with FWFTY, and we will provide more details to you soon. Information will also be posted on our bulletin board located across the hall from the Confirmation photos in the education wing.

If you have questions, please contact Nancy at 732-856-0163 or you can email us at [bejy@bethelfw.org](mailto:bejy@bethelfw.org). See you soon!

*Divrei Torah, continued from page 1*

What he also brings to the job that cannot be learned are his other strengths. He has a passion for religious music, an infectious spirit, a joy in all he does, and an inclusive approach that respects each of the musicians and singers who is a part of our Beth-El musical community. He also has a deep love for Judaism. And most importantly, John is the embodiment of the word *mensch*.

John will be working with me and others in the Temple to guide the big picture of our musical worship program, maintaining those tunes and traditions that are an essential part of our history while adding new music, new ideas and new approaches to make us more participatory and inclusive. You will see that passion for Jewish prayer, that love of music, that creative spirit and that warm and kind smile in our holiday service and in our worship throughout the year.

In addition, this Rosh Hashanah is special because it will be John's first new year as a Jew. This summer, John completed the next step in a journey he began almost two decades ago. On Rosh Hashanah morning, we will have the honor of calling him up for his first Aliyah to the Torah.

## Facility Rental

The Great Hall, catering kitchen, Board Room, and Gathering Area are available to the public to be rented for an occasion, reception, or group meeting.

For additional information regarding availability, to take a tour, or to schedule an event, please call the Temple at 817-332-7141 or send an email to [betheladmin@bethelfw.org](mailto:betheladmin@bethelfw.org).

John reintroduces himself in more depth elsewhere in this month's bulletin. I hope that you will join me in welcoming John, his partner, John, and their boys, Hayden and Johnny, as we welcome them and him into this new year and this new role in our congregation.



## College Outreach

*The Temple needs your college students' new addresses so that they can be a part of our Beth-El college outreach program.*

*This year will feature gift cards, some campus visits, and gatherings during winter break and more!*

*But we can't invite your son or daughter if we don't have their information!*

*Please fill out this form and return it to the Temple.*

*The sooner we get this information, the sooner we can keep them connected to Beth-El!*

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 College Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Email \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Birthday \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this information to the Temple even if you supplied the information last year.*

Parents, do you want to help out with our college program?

We are always looking for helpers ready to work.

Contact Michelle Hartman, College Committee chair at [hartman8729@sbcglobal.net](mailto:hartman8729@sbcglobal.net) or Rabbi Zimmerman at [rabbiz@bethelfw.org](mailto:rabbiz@bethelfw.org).



## Study Opportunities

**Sunday morning adult learning classes** begin October 1. The full schedule will be handed out at Rosh Hashanah services and at the first class on October 1, at 9:30 AM in the Board Room.

**Pirke Avot: Wisdom from Our Ancestors: Mishnah Study**



Wednesday September 6 and 13, at 11:00 AM, Rabbi Zimmerman and members of the Mishnah Class will continue to study this special book of the Talmud that explores moral, religious and ethical teachings essential to daily life. Even if you have not joined prior Mishnah classes or can only attend one class,

join us and prepare for the upcoming High Holy Day season with ancient reflections on lives meaningfully lived.

## The Temple Family

### Mazel Tov

- to grandparents Michael Urbach and Leslye Urbach, on the birth of their granddaughter, Annabel Rose Ennis. Proud parents are Lindsey and Tyler Ennis.

### Our Sincere Condolences

- to Louise and Gordon Appleman, sister and brother-in-law, and to Michael and Jen Appleman, nephew and niece, on the death of Willy Kuehn.
- to Joseph Klein, on the death of his wife, Hannah. Joe has moved back to California to be near his son, but remains a Temple member and welcomes all correspondence. His new address is 1 East Commonwealth, Apt. 114, Alhambra, CA 91801.

## The Judaica Shop

This summer has absolutely flown by, but we are ready for fall. I would like to wish everyone *L'Shanah Tovah*—a happy and healthy New Year and an easy fast. We will re-open on Sunday, September 10. After that, our regular hours will be Sundays, from 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM (when there is Religious School), and Wednesdays, from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Of course you can always make a special appointment if you need something at a different time. Just call me, and I will be happy to try to accommodate you. We will have many new and beautiful items for you, including beautiful apple and honey sets for Rosh Hashanah, as well as some gorgeous candlesticks. There is also a new selection of glassware and books for all ages. Don't forget to send out your New Year cards.



We have a very nice selection for you at \$1 per card. A new service we will be offering 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.

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**



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



# Contributions

## Rosenthal-Siegel Education Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 E. M. Manny Rosenthal Billy & Rozanne Rosenthal  
 David Krumholz  
 Madelyn Gross Walters  
 Jerry Wolens  
 Michael Brown Karen Anisman  
 Ted Krakover Carol and Jerry Courter

## Prayerbook Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Evelyn Siegel's 90th birthday Cynthia and Burton Gilbert

## Prayerbook Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bertha Shamble Cynthia and Burton Gilbert  
 Freda Gail Stern

## Library Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 a speedy recovery for Jerry Berkowitz David, Rachel, and Reuben Cristol

## Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Campbell Michael and Beverly Ross  
 Mitch Stenzler the Stenzler family  
 Ruth Sandler

## Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Rabbi Zimmerman MunSon Lyons

## Rabbi Mecklenburger's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 a speedy recovery for Rabbi Mecklenburger MunSon Lyons

## President's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Jeff Kaitcer MunSon Lyons

## Religious School Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Danielle Knust, on her graduation Eddie and Debbie Feld  
 the birth of Leah Sharon Knust Laurie S. and Howard Kelfer

## Religious School Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Irving I. Bock Jane and Arthur Pawgan  
 Miriam A. Schultz Leigh and Louis Schultz  
 Rose Hochberg Harriet Schneiweiss

## Temple Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 a speedy recovery for Rabbi Mecklenburger Dr. and Mrs. Lester Kuperman  
 Doug and Ruth Roper, on their 50th anniversary Diane and Jim Mayer  
 the Bris of Maximus Pine Dr. Al Faigin

## Temple Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Richard Weisberg Susan LaMere  
 Gabriel Cohen Bernice Etkoff  
 Reuben Blumberg Elliot and Loesje Blumberg  
 Esther Berman Singer Judy Cohen  
 Joseph Harold Singer Judy Cohen  
 Bill Campbell Red and Julie Goldstein  
 Marilyn Hochberger and Larry McGee  
 Kim and Abe Factor  
 Sandra and son, Joseph Polsky and John, Debbie, and Julian Tyler  
 Laurie S. and Howard Kelfer  
 Michael and Beverly Ross  
 Jean Whatley Sandra and son, Joseph Polsky and John, Debbie, and Julian Tyler  
 Julia Eckber

## Tree Fund

In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Bill Campbell Steven and Jeanne Ginsberg

## Daytimers Fund

In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_ From \_\_\_\_\_  
 Larry Steckler Sherwin Rubin

## Did You Know?

Presented by the Worship Committee

Did you know that the standard greeting for the New Year is *Shanah Tovah*?

*Shanah Tovah* means "Good Year." A very good greeting, indeed, but there are other greetings you may also want to try:

- *Ketiva V'Chatima Tova*—"A good inscription and sealing" (in the Book of Life). Use this greeting before Rosh Hashanah.



- *L'Shana Tova Tikateiv V'Tichateim*—"May you be written and sealed for a

good year." Starts after the Rosh Hashanah evening service.

- *Gemar Chatima Tovah*—"A good final sealing." This greeting starts at noon on Rosh Hashanah.

And how about a greeting in Yiddish:

- *A Gut Gebentsht Yohr*—"A good and blessed year"
- And starting at noon on Rosh Hashanah, "*A Guttin Kvittl*."

And from the Worship Committee family to your family, we wish everyone a good, sweet year with all our heart.

September 1	Nat E. Winston	Fannie Weinstein	Sol Lehrer	Herman Forman	Myer Zevin
Walter A. Bressert	Louise Woods	Stella Band Zodin	Sam Letwin	Jacob Frankel	
Samuel William Clark			Ellie A. Levy	Edith Zodin Gachman	September 29
Jim Corder	September 8	September 15	Dr. Jack Margolis	Julia Gernsbacher	Julie Bush
Isidore Davidson	Fredric Gans Altman	Harry Archenhold	Kenneth Marks	Sherle Haber	Paul Chasen
Ira Diamond	Jennifer Ann Berkman	Mayer Kasrils Barash	Bernice Gans Mayer	Bernie Hollander	Chandler Greines Cohen
Margaret Dinklage	Richard Burt	Claire Blackman	Yolanda Moore	Dorothy Kaplan	Irving J. Cohen
Sara Drabkin Ellman	Robert Carp, Jr.	Betty G. Blotcky	Annette Meyers Planick	Ethel Kaplan	Harry Cohn
Anna Evans	Raymond E. Cohn	Daisy Alten Borenstein	Jacob Ross	George LaMere	Louis Fels
Maizie Friedman	Alfred Davis	Carrie Endel Brin	Henry Schwartz	David Lesky	Rebecca Foreman
Murray N. Friedman	Essie Frank	David Carb	Margaret Sharpe	Rebecca Lubin	Andrew Friedberg
Lenora "Sweetie"	Daniel Friedman	Jack Cohen	Eugene Steinberger	Morris Mallin	Dorothy Friedman
Goldstone	Elias Friedmann	Joe Cohen	William Tann	Val Pikkell	Mollie Ginsburg
Sadie Kardosh	Albert Gerrick	Moses Cohen	Mollie Tobolowsky	Dorothy Daniels Polsky	Steve Grisham
Harry Jacob Kline	Marcus Ginsburg	Jack Dewees	Minette Urbach	Azziza Rashti	Celeste Haas
Irwin Krauss	Leslie Kaitcer	Joyce Drouillard	Toby Wolf	Fred Reischer	Ida Jacobs
Tillie Levine	Michael Kanzer	Jack L. Ellman	Ronald Wolfe	Louis Richker	Max Krauss
Freda Margolis	Frank Koptowsky	Nettyle Engler	Clara Zack	Frances Rothstein	Jerry Lamensdorf
Sydney Alten Rashti	Hildegard Lehmann	David A. Feld		Vera Saperstein	B. Max Mehl
Ferdinand Rivera, Jr.	Ethel Lenhoff	A. S. Friedberg	September 22	Lena Schiff	Fannie Potishman
Joel Rosen	Jack I. Nass	David Simon Friedman	Genia Altshuler	Jack Schuster	Betty Rice
Sallye Rosenblum	Dr. Bernard Ottenstein	Mollye Letwin Glast	Jennie Labovitz Baum	Paul Schwartz	Elaine Gressman Samson
Eleanor F. Rosenthal	Irving Rapfogel	Florence Gordon	Ben Bernstein	Merwin J. Sherline	Sarah Smulian
Madeline Sankary Samuels	Kate Cooles Rosenfield	Jacob Green	Libby Blumberg	Jack Sherman	Dr. Nathan Tobey
Simon Sandler	Marc "Manny" Sands	Albert V. Halpern	Ida Brown	Rose Marcus Tobey	Lila Letwin Tuchin
Joseph Strassman	Oscar Seligman	Sarah P. Horwitz	Lillie Lind Cohn	Rhea Waxman	Rose Ungar
Sam Taub	Robert E. Sepin	Minnie K. Kahn	Mordecai ben Dovid Lieb	Albert Weinbaum	Seymour Weisser
Nathan Uptegraft	Eugene Urbach	Isaac Kaplan			Hortense Weltman
Osna Walen	Abe Weil	Julius L. Kottler			

## 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](http://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)**
- **Challah Platter (\$275)**
- **Challah Cover (\$100)**
- **20 books for the 6th Grade Religious School students (\$10 each, \$200 total)**
- **5 Flat Screen Smart TVs for the Religious School Classrooms (\$500 each)**