

Beth-Elements

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April 2024



Brian Zimmerman, Rabbi

Divrei Torah

Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

Wednesday, April 17, is a special date. At 6 p.m. in our chapel, we will mark a year since we started our first weekday minyan service. This is no small feat for a Reform congregation in Fort Worth, Texas.

For several years, congregants inquired about the possibility of a daily minyan at Beth-El. I responded that I was happy and eager to start one with two small caveats.

First, those who requested the service needed to commit to attending at least once a week for a few months. The service needed a chance to take root in the daily life of our Temple. In addition, I thought it was important to get agreement that we would consider a community a number less than 10. If we got at least four or five people on any given night, that would constitute a supportive community and a chance to say Kaddish together.

After two families requested a daily minyan to remember their spouses, Temple members Max Pell and Semé Cooper volunteered to attend daily and lead the services. Thanks to others who come to the Temple on their way home from work, I'm happy to report, one year later, we have an active weekday minyan.

Some days we have a full 10. More often we have seven or eight, but each of us sings and reads and brings another voice of strength and support.

Most of our regulars are not observing a Yahrzeit — the anniversary of the death of a loved one. But they believe it is important to read the names of all Temple members who are observing a loss that specific weeknight.

Our minyan group has become a small community of support. We ask about family members, share movie recommendations, inquire about each other's health, and know that with our attendance we are providing a safe place for any congregant who may suddenly have the need.

There are many reasons people attend a daily minyan. For me, it is a chance to sit back at the end of a Temple weekday and be led in prayer by others. In that circle of voices, I remember my own, which is why I became a rabbi.

I want to thank Max and Semé, as well as our other Temple members — you know who you are — who showed up throughout the year to create a sacred and safe communal space. I am sure our regulars would tell you it is not always easy making time, but they would also tell you they feel a part of something significant and personally meaningful.

It's better to remember together than alone.

Bat Mitzvah



Elanor Blumenfeld
April 13

Daughter of
Ashli and Todd
Blumenfeld

Worship Services

Daily Minyan with the community

Monday-Thursday.....6 p.m.

Welcome Shabbat with wine, cheese, and friends at 5:30 p.m. Fridays, before the 6:15 p.m. services.

Friday, April 5

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin..... 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 6

Shabbat Morning Service of Song and Study at Rabbi Zimmerman's home with Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin..... 10:30 a.m.
All are welcome but please RSVP to the Temple office for more information and directions.

Friday, April 12

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, Hans Grim and the Beth-El Choir.....6:15 p.m.

Saturday, April 13

Shabbat morning service and Bat Mitzvah of Elanor Blumenfeld 10:30 a.m.

Friday, April 19

Kabbalat Shabbat Religious School service.. 6:15 p.m.

Tuesday, April 23

Second-Night Passover Seder5:30 p.m.
(Advance reservations required by April 12)

Friday, April 26

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, Hans Grim and the Beth-El Choir 6:15 p.m.

Monday, April 29

Passover seventh day morning service with Yizkor 10:30 a.m.

All services in person and streamed at youtube.com/BethElCongregation.



Robert Simon

President's Message

Temple President Robert Simon

Greetings to all. By the time you read this column, winter will be a memory and

Beth-El Congregation will be enjoying the warmth, bluebonnets, and baseball of Texas spring.

We enjoyed a very busy March at Beth-El. On March 3, MRJ and WRJ co-hosted a Sunday morning brunch featuring the Voice of the Dallas Cowboys, sportscaster Brad Sham. Mr. Sham grew up in a Jewish family in Chicago and moved to Dallas in 1970 after graduating with a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri. Sham worked his way up as a sportscaster to become the most widely regarded commentator for America's Team, the Dallas Cowboys. The brunch was well-attended and raised just over \$10,000 to support Jewish summer camp scholarships for Beth-El members. Thanks to the MRJ, the WRJ, and all the attendees and donors who made the event such a great success.

On March 1, Cindy and I hosted the Religious School sixth-graders and their families for an early Shabbat dinner in our home. I thank Rabbi Zimmerman, Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin, and Education Director Shoshana Abrams Kaikov for joining us. Cindy and I plan to host other Religious School classes for Shabbat dinner in the coming months.

Religious School was on Spring Break on March 10 and 17 and during that two-week period repairs were done to the school areas damaged by the fire



The sixth-grade Religious School class enjoyed Shabbat dinner at the Simons' house. From left: Mark Cooper; David and Erica Bekerman and family; Nicole Deutsch and family; Beth-El President Robert Simon; Blake and Aly Halpern and family; Teacher Seme Cooper; Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin; Rabbi Brian Zimmerman; Sarina and Dan Clearfield and family; Tatyana and Tripp Miller and family; Religious School Director Shoshana Abrams-Kaikov

sprinkler system leak in January 2024. We replaced the flooring in the education wing, ceiling tiles, and certain cabinetry that also suffered water damage. Beth-El received an insurance settlement for the loss, which appears to be sufficient to cover the repairs, minus our policy deductible. I appreciate all the hard work, cooperation, and sacrifice from our staff and Temple leaders that we needed to overcome the challenges created by the water damage.

We have an exciting calendar of spring events including the Annual Micky Goldman Dinner on April 7, our Second-Night Passover Seder on April 23, and our Annual Fundraiser, the Day of Giving and Appreciation, on May 5. Please join us for each of these joyous occasions. We look forward to seeing you. L'Shalom.

Cantor Samantha Chamberlin

There are only a couple weekends left to visit with our amazing Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin. Join us **April 6-7** for another wonderful Shabbat of song and prayer with Samantha.

Remember to check the May bulletin for her final weekend and a chance to say thank you for these past two years.



Samantha Chamberlin

Jewish Family Services Senior Program

10 a.m.-1 p.m.
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday

Are you an older adult looking for a new activity? Or, do you know an older adult new to the area?

Join us at the Jewish Family Services Senior Program. Meet new people, have some fun, and enjoy a nosh. Activities include bingo, blackjack, chair exercise, special programs, and more. We meet Monday through Wednesday, and Friday, 10 a.m.-1 p.m. at Beth-El.

Please call **Senior Program Director Hedy Collins, 817-296-3709**, for more information and to sign up.





Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Religious School

..... Education Director, Cantor Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

It's hard to believe it is already April! It has been an amazing school

year so far, and the fun continues on Sunday, April 7, from 9:30 a.m. to noon when we will have our annual Religious School Open House for prospective families.

Please spread the word to anyone you know who might be interested in learning a bit about our wonderful program and possibly sending their

children to Beth-El Religious School. On Friday, April 19, we will have our annual Religious School Shabbat. Our students have been working SO hard to prepare for this special Shabbat evening together.

A big thank you to MRJ for helping out with a lovely Shabbat dinner before services. This is always a special highlight of the school year. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend.

For more information, see details on both events on this page.

Beth-El Religious School Open House!

All prospective families are invited to join Cantor Shoshana Abrams Kaikov, Director of Education

Sunday, April 7, at 10 a.m.

for bagels, an info session, and a tour of our Religious School.

Please RSVP to shoshanakaikov@bethelw.org.

We can't wait to welcome you to the Beth-El Religious School.

Beth-El Religious School Shabbat

Friday, April 19

5:15 p.m. - Family Shabbat dinner

\$8 for adults, \$4 for kids 12 and under (free for kids 3 and under) with a family max of \$20

6:15 p.m. - Student-led Shabbat service

Join your amazing children as they lead us in a fun, festive, camp-style Shabbat evening service.

7:15 p.m. - Celebratory Oneg in honor of our Religious School students

Help make this evening extra special. Please sign up to bring your child's favorite dessert by contacting shoshanakaikov@bethfw.org.

We can't wait to celebrate Shabbat with all our Religious School families!

All students and their families are kindly asked to wear Shabbat attire.



Michelle Hartman

Women of Reform Judaism

..... WRJ President Michelle Hartman

Passover is almost here and we're getting ready for Beth-El's



Join WRJ

annual Second-Night Seder. WRJ will be having its first cook-in for the event **Sunday, April 7**. We have two sessions: 9:30-11:30 a.m. and noon-2 p.m. You should have already received a Punchbowl invite to sign up for whichever time slot works best for you. And don't worry if you're not a chef. We have all the recipes and will be

led by our fearless Culinary Co-Chairs Kim Factor, lawfactor@yahoo.com, and Marge Van Giesen, dancontoe@msn.com. Reach out to them with any questions.

We will also need help Sunday, **April 21**, during those same time slots for final preparations. Watch for a Punchbowl invite and, of course, please sign up to come to our **Second-Night Seder, Tuesday, April 23** at 5:30 p.m. . See page 11 of this bulletin for more information, or sign up at bethelfw.org.



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

..... MRJ President Eric Deutsch

First, I would like to thank everyone involved with the Morning

with Brad Sham event, which raised more than \$10,000 for Greene Family Camperships. What a great event!

MRJ has a very busy April coming up. On **Sunday, April 7, 6 p.m.**, we will be honoring **Jim Stein as the Mickey Goldman Person of The Year**. Please join us for wine and cheese, spaghetti dinner, and the opportunity to honor Jim, as well as a chance to congratulate the recipients of our MRJ collegiate scholarships, Stewart Slotter and Jonathan Feldman. Please register via the

Temple website.

We will also be providing the meal for the April 19 Religious School service, and MRJ members will be smoking turkeys for the Second-Night Seder. And, looking ahead, mark your calendars for **Friday May 10**, when will be hosting the next Cuisine of Our Heritage dinner featuring foods from Mexico. If you have any questions about the MRJ, contact me at eric.deutsch@haynesboone.com or 972-800-3578.



Jim Stein, Mickey Goldman Person of the Year

Save the Date



Cuisine of Our Heritage Dinner: Mexico

Friday, May 10

7 p.m. following the 6:15 p.m. service

MRJ will continue its ongoing cultural program featuring a region having Jewish connections and serving a meal associated with that area. For our May event the featured locale is Mexico.

Dinner is at 7 p.m. following the 6:15 p.m. Shabbat service.

Registration is now open at bethelfw.org.

A minimum donation of \$10 per adult is requested.

Children under 13 are complimentary guests.

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by e-mailing:
rabbiz@bethelfw.org

Caring Congregation Committee

..... Carol Minker, Chair



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 committee to do our best, we need to know who is ill, needs a welcome or virtual visit, or a meal. Please contact the Temple office, and a member of our committee will be in touch.

The Gift Shop is Open!
The WRJ Gift Shop at Beth-El is the easiest way to support Beth-El's Religious School.
Gift Shop Hours:
Sundays, 9:15 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
Wednesdays, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Contributions

Caring Congregation

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· Judith Cohen
· Ruth and Doug Roper

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In Honor of Anne Westermann
· Yuyo Westermann
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Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

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Year in Big Spring, Texas
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· Gail and Larry Berlin

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· Cynthia and Jeff Prostok
In Memory of Trudi Post
· Susan and Guy LaMere

Women of Reform Judaism

In Honor of Michelle Hartman
· Kim and Abe Factor
In Honor of the speedy recovery of
Scott Minker
· Susan and Guy LaMere
In Memory of Leonard Hochster
· Susan and Guy LaMere

Youth Fund

In Memory of June Britton
· Linda and Jeff Hochster

A Morning with Brad Sham

The MRJ/WRJ event, supporting camp scholarships, was a huge success. The brunch raised \$10,194 to send Beth-El Congregation youth to camp! Thank you, Brad Sham for being with us, and to all of our donors:

- Bob and Susan Archenhold
- Laurin and Cheryl Baum
- David and Erica Bekerman
- Howard and Roberta Bellett
- Larry and Joan Brotman
- Steve Brown
- Guy and Melody Bustillos
- Robert and Donna Chicotsky
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- Jerry and Robin Stein
- Van and Marilyn Stenzler
- Bruce and Hollace Weiner
- Rabbi Brian and Mimi Zimmerman

Primetimers

Michelle Hartman

**Thursday, April 11
Noon**

Happy spring, Primetimers! We will be having a wonderful program Thursday, April 11, at noon in the Great Hall. Our very own Suki John will be talking about her amazing *Sh'ma Project: A Story of Survival* and we will get to see some clips from her award-winning dance film that tells the story of Suki's mother as she journeys from school days to Jewish ghetto, deportation to concentration camp, refugee to American citizen. This is a can't-miss opportunity! The program will start around 12:30 p.m.

Lunch is at noon and catered by Central Market, or you can bring your own. For \$12 you get your choice of:

- Chicken salad sandwich
- Roast beef sandwich



The film *Sh'ma Project: A Story of Survival* by Suki John will be the topic of the next Primetimers lunch on April 11.

- Tomato mozzarella sandwich
- Spinach strawberry salad with orange vinaigrette (includes baguette)

Served with mixed berries and penne mozzarella (sandwiches only).

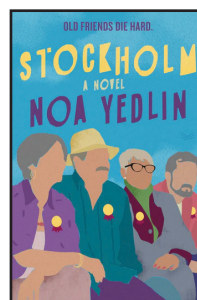
I am looking for some new and exciting spring dessert recipes to share with everyone. Please RSVP by Sunday, April 7, to hartman8729@sbcglobal.net or 817-706-3451.



Paint pouring art was the program at the Primetimers event last month; pictured clockwise from top: Jenny Solomon, Debbie Feld, Felice Anspacher, and Sharon Cooper.

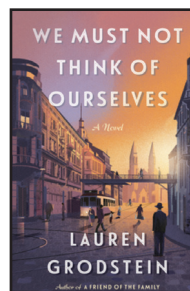
Library Reviews

Margie Zentner



Stockholm by Noa Yedlin

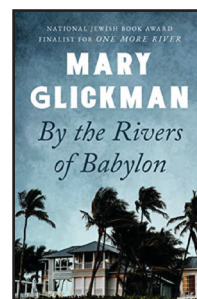
is an ingenious dark comedy about aging and friendship. It follows a tight-knit circle of seniors as they attempt to hide the death of one of their best friends so he can win the Nobel Prize for Economics. Each member of the quartet has their own motive in this scheme to claim the prize for their friend. The ceremony is only eight days away so what could go wrong? Surprise visitors, hidden motives, and deep-seated resentments test how far they'll go to help their friend die a winner.



We Must Not Think of Ourselves

by Lauren Grodstein

was inspired by the true story of an underground group that ensured the lives of Jews in the Warsaw Ghetto in World War II were not lost to history. Weeks after Adam Paskow becomes a prisoner, he is approached by a mysterious figure who asks him to join a secret group of archivists working to preserve the truth of what is happening inside the walls of the ghetto. When Adam agrees, this piercing story of love, determination and sacrifice begins.



By the Rivers of Babylon

by Mary Glickman

The Beckers, a Jewish couple from Boston, have inherited a house on sultry Sweetgrass Island in South Carolina's Low Country. Although they feel like fish out of water, they're excited to give the South a try. But when local womanizer Billy Euston becomes mesmerized by Abigail Becker's beauty and charm, Abigail's husband misjudges their playful flirtations, which leads to a tragic mistake.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6 pm Evening Minyan	2 12 pm Jewish Puzzle of Life 6 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Curious About Conversion	3 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	4 6 pm Evening Minyan	5 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	6 9 am Zoom Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service at Rabbi Zimmerman's home, call office to confirm
7 9:15 am-12:30 pm Gift shop open 9:30 am Religious School 9:30 am WRJ Seder Cook-in 9:30 am A God We Can Believe In 6 pm MRJ Mickey Goldman Dinner	8 6 pm Evening Minyan	9 6 pm Evening Minyan	10 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	11 12 pm Primetimers 6 pm Evening Minyan	12 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	13 9 am Zoom Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Elanor Blumenfeld
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For additional information and updates about events, please visit our website at www.bethelfw.org or see Rabbi's e-blasts.

Executive Director

.....Amy Robbins, Executive Director



Amy Robbins

On Tuesday, April 23, Beth-El Congregation will be the host site for the 2024 Second-Night Seder. This is a chance for

you to deepen your connection to the story of liberation and share in a festive meal. Participating in the Second-Night Seder is more than a ritual; it's a celebration of community and shared heritage. It is a time to come together, reinforcing bonds.

The Seder table, beautifully decorated and catered by the Women of Reform Judaism, is a place of connection, laughter, and the passing down of traditions from generation to generation. Everyone is welcome at the table. I look forward to this joyous and memorable occasion. Come and join the warmth of tradition, witness the power of unity and experience the beauty of coming together.

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See Page 11 to reserve your seat at the Second-Night Seder.

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Sign up for weekly e-blasts
by e-mailing: rabbiz@bethelfw.org**

A God We Can Believe In *Rethinking Reform Jewish Belief and Practice*



Sundays at 9:30 a.m., April 7 and 21

This book offers 28 essays of faith, worship, holidays, and lifecycle events challenge contemporary Jews to rethink beliefs and practices. Members of the congregation will prepare and present short essays from the book and invite others to reflect and react to the ideas. The goal is not to take votes, but to deepen our perspectives as Jews. Rabbi Mecklenburger and/or Rabbi Zimmerman will be present at each class as needed to assist in this mostly lay-led conversation. The book is available online or through the Temple office.

Finding Our Place in the Jewish Puzzle of Life: A Search for Personal Theology with Rabbi Zimmerman

Tuesday at noon, April 2

Have you ever been asked why you are Jewish and found yourself groping for an answer? Has your son or daughter asked you why he or she has to have a bar or bat mitzvah and you knew it mattered but found yourself speechless? This

twice monthly class led by Rabbi Zimmerman will study philosophers, occasionally bring in guest speakers, explore Jewish history and text, all with the goal of articulating a personal theology. If this appeals to you, please consider joining us.

Request a visit



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Do you know someone at home or in the hospital who could use a visit from the Rabbi or another Temple member? Do you have an ill family member or friend whose name you would like read aloud at our Shabbat service? You can

go directly to our MiShebeirach/Prayer and visit the request link on Shulcloud at **www.bethelfw.org/community** or call the Temple office.

Rabbi Zimmerman, Amy Robbins, and Pattie Wood will get the information from this site quickly. We can't visit or offer assistance if we don't know!

Thanks in advance for your help.

A dozen Beth-El youth group members took a whirlwind, wonder-filled trip to New York City over President's Day weekend with Rabbi Brian and Mimi Zimmerman.

They visited multiple synagogues, saw two plays, enjoyed a lot of food — including Rabbi's favorite cupcakes — and even got the chance to make a snowman in Central Park.

FWFTY serves the needs of our 8th-through 12th-graders.

On Friday, April 19, Temple Emanuel in Dallas will host a sleepover for DFW youth groups. Our FWFTY members will leave Beth-El immediately after the Religious School Shabbat service on Friday night.



Then and Now

Hollace Ava Weiner, Temple Archivist



Hollace Weiner

At an unprecedented graveside service last month at Emanuel Hebrew Rest, another stone was placed on the family plot

of Ezekiel Schwartz, a German-Jewish immigrant buried in 1890. The marker, a 400-pound block of cut rock, originally was a carriage stone bearing the name of Ezekiel's son, H. Schwartz.

The stone dates to the horse-and-buggy days, when Ezekiel's son, Henry Schwartz, operated the Dixie Wagon Manufacturing Co. at a workshop on Schwartz Avenue., two miles north of the Trinity River. The Dixie Wagon factory built carriages and buggies.

At the downtown house where he lived, Henry Schwartz placed a 14-inch-tall carriage stone at the curb so guests would not dirty their shoes or long skirts in the muddy unpaved street. When his business went bankrupt in 1891, the carriage stone remained in Henry Schwartz's front yard, where it weathered and eroded.

More than 20 years ago, when the neighborhood was gentrified and a row of condominiums constructed, workers moved the stone across the street. A preservationist who recently stumbled across the carriage step grew concerned the artifact with a link to the city's past might wind up crushed or discarded at the city dump.

Upon learning that Henry Schwartz and his father were buried on a family plot at the city's pioneer Jewish cemetery, the preservationist contacted me. After consulting with Beth-El's Cemetery Chair Red Goldstein and Temple Executive Director Amy Robbins, the preservationist received permission to deliver the hefty stone to Hebrew Rest and have it placed on



Temple Building Manager Jaime Rivera, right, positions the 400-pound carriage stone at the foot of the family plot where Ezekiel Schwartz was buried in 1890. According to cemetery records, Ezekiel's son Henry is also buried there but had no grave marker until now.

the Schwartz family plot. A solemn unveiling service would follow.

On March 7, when the stone was delivered, 11 people gathered to assist. Among them were Beth-El's custodians Jaime Rivera and Junior Rivera, who leveraged and lifted the heavy stone from the bed of a pickup onto the family plot. I delivered a eulogy about the Schwartz family — German immigrants who initially worked as auctioneers. Red, with a siddur in his hand and a cap on his head, led the gathering in the 23rd Psalm, the Kaddish, and the Sh'ma.

The carriage stone, which was treated as a piece of rubble for decades, now has a final resting place in a secluded graveyard that has a Texas Historic Cemetery medallion. The bronze medallion serves as a contract that protects the cemetery and its contents into the future.

Yahrzeits

April 5

Lynne Abrams
Bernard Appel
Mildred Belford
Helen Bodzy
Deborah Bressert
Bernie Carb Bronstein
Carrie Brown
David Cott
Beth Eisenman
Bennie Ellman
Bernice Etcoff
Anne Feinberg
Sarah Cohn Frankel
Buddy Freed
Ruby Friedman
Jack Gachman
Eleanor Gachman
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Martin Aaron Rodman
Sarah Rosenthal
Charles Sacks
Rebecca Schiff
Marilyn Selig
Martin Siegel
Tillie Silverman
Adolph Smulian
C.P. Snelgrove
Lily Switzman
Eileen Taylor

Joseph Walderman
Mary Weinberg
Sam Weiner

April 12

Bess Kuperman Baum
James Brown
Ida Fred Cohn
Sarah Eckber
Alan Charles Finkelstein
Sophie Gardner
Frank Gilden
Nellie Hall
Abraham Kreitman
Harry Maizlish
Estelle Max
Anna Micklin
Sophia Miller
Harriette Newman
Simon Oderberg
Ethel Paul
Leonard Polasky
Catherine Ritz
Raymond Roper
Beverly Rosenfield
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Bettye Schoenfeld Baccus
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Leo Schwarz
Libby Serber
Marcia Haas Sherman
Beatrice Sloane
Jack Steinharter
Lynn Taurog

April 19

Sylvia Abrams
Charles Bock
Berta Braun
Vera Braun
Selma Endel Brin
Charlie Ezekel Coopersmith
Rose Cott
Dorothy Dobrow

Jayne Eisen
Mayer Ellman
Sheila Feinknopf
Gus Flax
Isadore Fred
Karen Freedman
Saul Freundlich
Sarah Roddy Goldberg
Hyman Jacob Goldstein
Walter Isaac Hochberg
Fanny Katz
Gertrude Kreitman
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Ruby Richards
Harry Rubinson
Esther Selig
Jack Siegel
Jennie Silverman
Herman Solomon
Isaac "Izzy" David Stenzler
Andries Voet
Mervin Eugene Weil
Janette Zevin

April 26

Hannah Antweil
Cohen H. Baker
Myer Bronstein
Chester Catler
Duval Cocchi
Maurice Cohn
Burton Davis
Fannie Duchin
John Factor
Ike Friedman

Hubert Gibson
Nathan Ginsburg
Adele Goldhamer
Sylvia Gould
Guillermo Guzman
Jennie Haas
Dora Eckert Herman
Milton L. Korman
Elaine Leiken Francis
Sol K. Lesser
Livia Levine
Manfred Rothchild Levy
Lisa Micklin
Charles Miron
Florence Newman
Stanley Newman
Betty Gordon Rosen
Millie Rosenstein
Lillian H. Sankary
Stanley Schwartz
Pearl Schwartz
Marvin Cerf Shwarts
Max Starr
Laura Stein
Lynn Sussman
Annette Taylor
Sam Thal
Henry Weil
Louis Weltman
Douglas Whatley

May 3

Jack Berger
Ruth Berkowitz
David Bilsky
Mina Bloch
Sandra Tuchin Bloom
Bernard Bodner
Linda Rae Bomash
Shelly Bovin
Baby Brown
Sidney Bushner
Frances Carlisle
Adolph Cohen
Robert Cott

Nathan Frankel
Morris B. Freed
Sidney Freid
Lola Gestring
Charlotte Goldman
Dena Gressman
John Hannon
Mary Hendelman
Idella Herbert
Betty Herman
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Rose Eileen Letwin
Bennie Luskey
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Casimira Nieva
Edward Osser
Mildred Pearlman
Odessa Friedman Plost
Sam Rosenthal
Mimi Ross
Theodore Saferin
Lester Schneiweiss
William Schwartz
John Stein
Duncan Thomas Ware
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Sophia Williams
Victor S. Young
Maxine Zeldman
Jerold Zieselman

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Beth-EI/WRJ members attending

Adults (ages 13 and up): _____ x \$30 = \$ _____

Children (ages 3-12): _____ x \$12 = \$ _____

Non-members attending (additional \$3)

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Additional contribution
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***Total \$** _____

Enclosed is a check made out to
"WRJ" for the above **total**

Detach and return this form to: Beth-EI WRJ Second Night Seder, 4900 Briarhaven Road, Fort Worth, 76109
or **reserve online** at bethelfw.org

Please charge **total** to my

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No charge for children under 3, but high-chair must be reserved. **Number of high-chairs needed:** _____

Songs! Stories! Maror! Mark your calendar and make your reservation today!

Second Night Seder

Tuesday, April 23, 5:30 p.m.



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**After April 15, include an additional
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*"Let all who are hungry, come and eat.
Let all who are in need, come and share the Passover meal."
— Haggadah*

After many years of keeping the price the same, we now need to increase the price of attendance due to both food and labor costs. We want everyone to feel welcome. If you would like to attend, but price is a concern, please contact Rabbi Zimmerman.



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Other funds: **Tree \$20, Prayer Book \$30, Floral \$50, Tree of Life Leaf \$300**

Contribution Form

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