

Beth-Elements

The Bulletin of Beth-El Congregation - A Reform Synagogue Serving Tarrant County



May 2024



Brian Zimmerman, Rabbi

Divrei Torah

..... Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

In the Jewish calendar, May is a busy month as we count the days to Shavuot, the giving of Torah.

There is a rush of last-minute events, but then we know things will quiet down until the start of school and Rosh Hashanah.

Our American calendar is similar. May is filled with graduations, last-minute school projects, and deadlines at work, which all screech to a halt around Memorial Day when Fort Worth empties out for the summer.

This May is also a time of transitions and goodbyes for Beth-El, with bittersweet goodbyes to two people who touched our congregation and our lives.

As you may know, our wonderful Executive Director Amy Robbins received a job offer that allows her to move closer to family, and for work-related reasons, her departure was quick, without a chance for the congregation to arrange a proper sendoff.

For Amy, the role of Executive Director was more than a job. Whether she was overseeing emergency repairs in the building or assisting B'nai mitzvah families, she felt an obligation to make sure Beth-El was a special and sacred place. You could always find her greeting new members and visitors at the Shabbat

evening wine and welcome, Sunday morning Religious School drop-off, and weeknight Minyan. As Executive Director, Amy managed the finances of the building, the relationships of our members and staff, and the very soul of our congregation. I hope you had a chance to thank Amy for her tireless efforts on behalf of Beth El. If not, reach out to her in her new home to let her know how much she meant to us.

Our second May goodbye is to Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin.

When we first began searching for a student cantor two years ago, I knew our congregation would benefit from a new voice with a fresh perspective on Jewish music and life. What I didn't expect was someone who would so quickly become such an essential part of our congregational family.

There is no question in my mind that Samantha taught us as much or more than we taught her.

Samantha was my partner in creating a Saturday morning song and study service. When the text would come from Cantor Shoshana at 6 a.m. on a Sunday morning that a teacher was sick, Samantha was always ready to fill in. On Friday nights, she brought new tunes to each service but also respected our past traditions. As a clergy member, she

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Bat Mitzvah



Lucy Schwartz
May 4

Daughter of Rachel Theriault and Sylvan Schwartz

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, May 3

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

Saturday, May 4

Shabbat morning service and Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Schwartz..... 10:30 a.m.

Friday, May 10

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman..... 6:15 p.m.

Friday, May 17

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin, John Sauvey and the Beth-El Choir..... 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, May 18

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, May 24

WRJ Kabbalat Shabbat..... 6:15 p.m.

Friday, May 31

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Angie Friedman.....6:15 p.m.

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



Robert Simon

President's Message

..... Temple President Robert Simon

Greetings. As the first year of my term as your President nears its end, I reflect back

on what we have accomplished and the challenges we face. As for accomplishments, membership has grown. Religious School enrollment has increased, and attendance at Shabbat services has improved notably. The Religious School is going well, and the building is a beehive of activity on Sunday mornings. By the time you read this, we will have celebrated another successful Congregational Second-Night Seder, provided by our Women of Reform Judaism

Our youth groups are more active. In particular, the Beth-El Junior Youth Group (BEJY) enjoyed several successful events, including a scavenger hunt in downtown Fort Worth, a trip to see the movie *Wonka*, jumping at a trampoline park, and an evening of miniature golf, go-carting, and dinner at Kincaid's. If you have children in fifth through seventh grade, please have them join us. The Beth-El Junior Maccabees, ages toddler through first grade, have also enjoyed a couple of successful playdates together.

On March 3, 2024, Brad Sham spoke at a terrific event sponsored by MRJ and WRJ that raised more than \$10,000

for Jewish camp scholarships for our congregants. I am proud of all that we have done together to create a vibrant, welcoming, inclusive synagogue.

Now for the challenges.

On March 31, our highly talented and energetic Executive Director Amy Robbins resigned, effective April 19, 2024. The Personnel Committee and I searched on an expedited basis for an Interim Administrator to replace Amy. Based upon the results of that search, the Board of Directors approved the hiring of Renee Woods as the Interim Administrator. Renee comes to us after a 28-year career at Citibank. Please welcome Renee to the Beth-El Community.

Our second challenge is financial. We face a significant cash shortfall this spring that we will have to make up with fundraising.

Our Annual Fundraiser is scheduled for May 5, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Our goal is \$100,000. Please give generously so we may continue to provide the programming and worship experience that we have come to expect. You may donate online through the website, mail a check to the Beth-El Office, and donate in person on May 5. Regardless of when or how much you give, please join us for lunch and fellowship in the Beth-El gathering area on Sunday, May 5. L'Shalom

Divrei Torah

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always offered a listening ear, a caring presence, a warm smile, and her gentle soul.

The weekend of May 17 is Samantha's final visit with us. Her parents, Janice and Frank, and her husband, Jon, will be with us to celebrate her time in Fort Worth and her birthday. I hope you will come to Shabbat services Friday

night and Saturday morning to say goodbye. On Friday, she will join with our choir for a special final service.

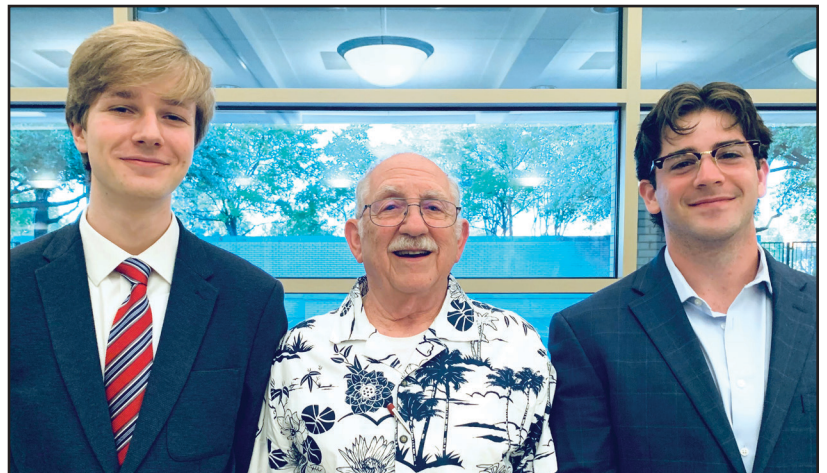


Samantha Chamberlin

If Saturday is more your style, we will have our monthly Shabbat morning service at my house, where we will sing and study and thank her for her many gifts.

Our congregation has been so blessed. This May is filled with bittersweet goodbyes, but I am grateful for the blessings Amy and Samantha have shared with our community.

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Congratulations to Jim Stein, left, the Mickey Goldman Person of the Year, and to Jonathan Feldman and Stewart Sloter, this year's MRJ collegiate scholarship recipients.

Member Profile



Meet Daniela and Max Pell and their children, Constanza (Conti) and Mark
Joined Beth-El: early 2023

What brought you to Fort Worth?

Max moved here in 2014 to pursue his career as a speech-language pathologist in Fort Worth ISD

Why Beth-El? Max and Daniela were eager to participate in communal life at Beth-El and provide a vibrant Jewish atmosphere for their children. Max teaches seventh grade in the Religious School and helps lead the Daily Minyan. Conti is a fifth-grader and an active member of BEJY. Daniela and Mark are often seen in the Gathering Area on Sundays.

Where are you from originally? Max grew up in Jacksonville, Texas. He was a member of Congregation Beth-El in Tyler, where his family was active in the East Texas Jewish community. Daniela grew up in San Ramón de la Nueva Orán, Salta, Argentina, before moving to the U.S.

What's your favorite thing to do as a family? We enjoy spending time at the Clear Fork Farmer's Market, the soccer fields, swimming, visiting museums, watching movies, watching sports on TV or in person (Dallas Wings), and grilling outside with our friends and neighbors.

Do you have any pets? We have an 11-year-old dog named Frankie B.

Fun facts: We often play games after dinner, including UNO, UNO Flip, Chess, or Fortnite.

Say hello next time you see the Pells.



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Religious School: *Todah Rabbah*

Education Director, Cantor Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

It's hard to believe we are about to complete another amazing school

year! This is always a bittersweet time for me. I'm sad to bid farewell to another school year but grateful for the chance to share another beautiful journey with our Religious School families. A journey filled with Jewish learning, friendship and community building, mitzvahs, growing, and reaching for the stars. As I look through photos from the 5784 school year, I am overwhelmed and want to take this opportunity to say *TODAH RABBAH!*

To our teachers: Your dedication to our youth — the future of our Jewish community — is truly inspirational. You come to Beth-El on Sunday mornings with energy and excitement. You welcome our children with love and give them the ultimate Jewish learning experience. Thank you for teaching and inspiring them to carry on our traditions *L'dor Va-Dor*, from one generation to the next. I appreciate you more than you know.

To our madrichim: These days, being in high school is A LOT, and yet, you take time from your busy schedules to help support Beth-El each Sunday. You work closely with our teachers and offer support during lessons, gather supplies, and bond with our students. As high school juniors and seniors, you serve as beautiful *Dugmaot*, role models, for our younger students. They look up to you more than you realize. It is my hope you have also gained real-life work experience and skills that will serve you well in college and out in the world.

Mazel tov to our graduating seniors! I am so proud of you!

To our Religious School parents and grandparents: I know your lives are incredibly busy, juggling work, school, sports and all kinds of other extracurriculars. Religious School is a big commitment, and we thank you for making your child's Jewish education a priority and for being our partners.

To our volunteers: Thank you for giving so selflessly and showing up to support our school whenever we have a big holiday program, service, or event. A big thank you to our Education Committee Chair Erica Bekerman and all those who serve on our committee. We could not do it without you.

To our staff: Thanks also to our incredible team of professionals at Beth-El. Rabbi Zimmerman, Amy Robbins, Pattie Wood, Galit Lerman, and our fabulous custodial staff.

It truly takes a village, and we have an AMAZING village!

I look forward to seeing all of our wonderful families at our closing celebration Sunday, May 19. Details will be sent in my weekly parent emails. As we look toward the summer, I want to wish everyone a wonderful break. I will be in touch with details about the coming school year. We can't wait to see everyone back in September!



The BEJY crew enjoyed dinner at Kincaid's on April 6.



Michelle Hartman

Women of Reform Judaism

..... WRJ President Michelle Hartman

I hope you all were able to join us for our fabulous

Second-Night Seder. This is a labor of love that couldn't have been completed without the countless hours of work from our amazing volunteers and our fearless Culinary Co-VPs Kim Campbell Factor and Marge Van Giesen. Thank you to all the wonderful

women who helped during our cook-ins to get everything prepared.

We are planning a **Happy Hour** for **Thursday, May 16**. Keep an eye out for a Punchbowl invitation the first week of May. We are also having our annual **WRJ Shabbat Service on Friday, May 24**. Please plan to attend and take a small part. Everyone is welcome. Details and sign-ups will be coming soon.



Join WRJ

Primetimers

..... Michelle Hartman

Thursday, May 9 at noon

Shalom, Primetimers! We are planning our last event before summer break. On Thursday, May 9, we will have a wonderful program, Introduction to Mindfulness Meditation. Join us for a 45-minute, lighthearted mindfulness meditation class with Lauren Wessinger. No experience or knowledge of meditation is necessary. Everyone is welcome! Participants, who will meditate while seated in chairs, will leave feeling calm and refreshed.



Lauren Wessinger of the Mindful Project

Lunch at noon is catered by Jason's Deli (or you can bring your own). For \$11 you get chips (except Veggie Sandwich), a pickle, a brownie, and your choice of sandwiches:

- Roasted turkey
- Roast beef
- Tuna salad
- Veggie with guacamole, roasted red pepper hummus, tomatoes, red onions, cucumbers and spinach, served with fruit instead of chips. Dessert will be provided.

Please RSVP by Sunday, May 5, to Michelle Hartman at hartman8729@sbcglobal.net or 817-706-3451. Even if you bring your own lunch, let me know you're coming so I have enough chairs set up. Thank you!



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

..... MRJ President Eric Deutsch

First, I would like to thank everyone involved with the Mickey Goldman

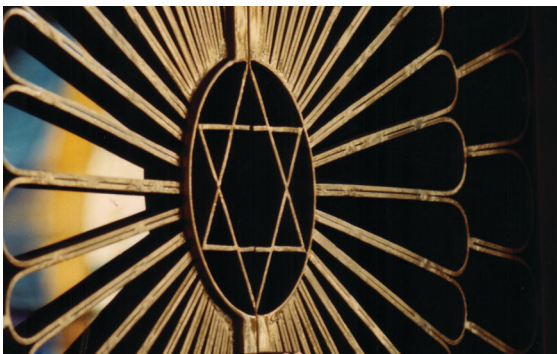
Spaghetti Dinner on April 7. Congratulations to Jim Stein, our Person of the Year, and to Stewart Slotter and Jonathan Feldman, our collegiate scholarship recipients. In April, we also provided catering services for the Religious School dinner and the Second-Night Seder.

On May 5, we will have the MRJ smoker in operation again to cater lunch during the Temple Fundraiser.

Finally, we will wrap up May activities with a double-header on Sunday May 19: The Religious School end-of-year picnic in the morning, and wine and cheese for the Annual Congregational Meeting in the afternoon.

If you have any questions about the MRJ, contact me at eric.deutsch@haynesboone.com or 972-800-3578.

Postponed: MRJ's Cuisine of Our Heritage: Mexico event has been postponed. Stay tuned to Rabbi's weekly emails for updates.



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.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	2 6 pm Evening Minyan	3 5:30 pm Tot Shabbat 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	4 9 am Zoom Torah Study 10:30 am Shabbat Morning Service and Bat Mitzvah of Lucy Schwartz
5 9:15 am-12:30 pm Gift shop open 9:30 am Religious School 9:30 am A God We Can Believe In 10:30 am MRJ Meeting 11 am -3 pm Beth-El Fundraiser-a-Thon	6 11:30 am Chair Yoga in the small sanctuary 6 pm Evening Minyan	7 12 pm Jewish Puzzle of Life 6 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Curous About Conversion	8 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	9 12 pm Primetimers 6 pm Evening Minyan	10 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	11 9 am Zoom Torah Study
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19 9:15 am-12:30 pm Gift shop open 9:30 am Last Day of Religious School 9:30 am A God We Can Believe In 4 pm Beth-El Annual Meeting	20 11:30 am Chair Yoga in the small sanctuary 6 pm Evening Minyan	21 12 pm Jewish Puzzle of Life People of the Book 6 pm Evening Minyan 7:30 pm Curous About Conversion	22 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	23 6 pm Evening Minyan	24 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm WRJ Kabbalat Shabbat	25 9 am Zoom Torah Study 7 pm WRJ Book Club
26	27 TEMPLE OFFICES CLOSED Memorial Day	28 6 pm Evening Minyan	29 9:30 Archives Meeting 11 am-2 pm Gift shop open 6 pm Evening Minyan	30 6 pm Evening Minyan	31 5:30 pm Shabbat welcome 6:15 pm Kabbalat Shabbat	1 9 am Zoom Torah Study

For additional information and updates about events, please visit our website at www.bethelw.org or see Rabbi's e-blasts.

Contributions

Caring Congregation

- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Rhoda and Howard Bernstein
- In Memory of Lola Gestring
- Martha Brown
- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Danielle Siembieda
- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Sixty & Better
- In Honor of Scott Minker's speedy recovery
- Jeanne and Steve Ginsberg

Floral Fund

- In Memory of Harold Kaplan
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- Jane Oderberg and Family
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- Marilyn and Van Stenzler

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Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

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Men of Reform Judaism

- In Honor of Jim Stein, the Mickey Goldman Person of the Year
- Michael and Beverly Ross
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- Tina Schreier

Music Fund

- In Memory of Trudi Post
- Jenny Solomon
- In Honor of Edythe Cohen's birthday
- Jane Oderberg

Operating Endowment

- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Sheldon and Phyllis Levy
- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Cindy and Robert Simon

Prayerbook Fund

- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Jeanne and Steve Ginsberg

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- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
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- In Memory of Rosalyn G. Rosenthal
- Jenny Solomon
- In Honor of Bob Lewis, Man of the Year In Big Spring TX
- Susan Lewis

Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

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- Carole Rogers
- In Honor of Jim Stein, on Mickey Goldman Person of the Year
- Carole Rogers

- In Honor of Elanor Blumenfeld's Bat Mitzvah
- Carole Rogers
- In Honor of Article In D Magazine on Rosenthal Family
- Carole Rogers

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- Loesje Blumberg
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- Carol and Vern Spurlock
- Eddie Lesok
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- Ruth and Doug Roper
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Library Reviews

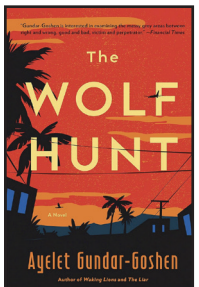
Margie Zentner



The Measure by Nikki Erlick

On a seeming ordinary day, you wake up, have coffee and get ready to head out, but when you open the front door, a small wooden box is on your doorstep. The

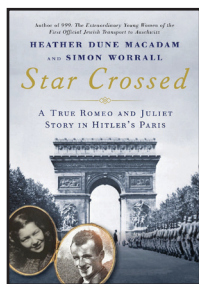
box contains the exact number of years you will live; every single person on the planet receives this box. In an instant, the world is thrust into a state of frenzy as we see what people will do with the information.



Wolf Hunt by Ayelet Gundar-Goshen

is a timely and suspenseful exploration of the fracture of a community, a school, and a family. Israeli immigrants, now longtime residents of Silicon Valley, seem to have it all until

a brutal attack on a local synagogue shakes their sense of safety. Their son, Adam, enrolls in a self-defense class taught by a former Israeli military officer and for the first time, finds a sense of confidence. When a young man dies at a house party, rumors circulate that make Adam's mom question everything she thought she knew about her son.



Star Crossed by Heather Dune Macadam and Simon Worrall

is a true love story that takes place in Hitler's Paris. Part historical portrait of life during the Occupation, part valentine to The City of Light and

the resilience of its people, this story follows the romance between a Catholic Resistance fighter and a Holocaust victim. This intimate story of undying devotion offers the reader precious insight into the Holocaust and the lives French people bravely led under the Hitler regime.



Request a visit

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 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.

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

Tuesdays at noon, May 7 and 21

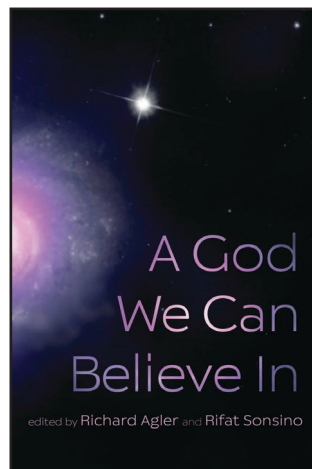
Have you ever been asked why you are Jewish and found yourself groping for an answer? Has your son or daughter asked you why he or she has to have a bar or bat mitzvah and you knew it mattered but found yourself speechless? This twice monthly class led by Rabbi Zimmerman will study philosophers, occasionally 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.

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

Sundays at 9:30 a.m., May 5 and 19
(Final classes of the school year)

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.



Yahrzeits

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 Fried
Lola Gestring
Charlotte Goldman
Dena Gressman
John Hannon
Lucy Hayes
Mary Hendelman
Idella Herbert
Betty Herman
Hannah Klein
Rose Eileen Litwin
Bennie Luskey
Lester M. Maskell
Estelle Avery Mirkin
Gershon Miron
Casimira Nieva
Edward Osser
Mildred Pearlman
Odessa Friedman Plost
Sam Rosenthal
Mimi Ross
Theodore Saferin
Lester Schneiweiss
William Schwartz
John Stein
Duncan Thomas Ware
James Weltman
Bettye Weltman
Sophia Williams

Victor S. Young
Maxine Zeldman
Jerold Zieselman

May 10

Julia Myer Benkoff
S. J. Bloom
Naomi Carb Bronstein
Nathan Buchstab
Hubert Chase
Belle Silverman Cohen
Sylvia Cohen
Lillian Echt Cowan
Lena Factor
Johanne Fels
Sylvia Fenton
Adolph Y. Ferstenfeld
Bill Goldberg
Kenneth Klein
Martin Klein
Miriam "Mimi" Klotz
Emmanuel Kramer
Mary Kuperman
Dr. Clarence A. Lehwald
Hilda Lesnick
Goldie Letwin
Milanka Maka
Helen Newman Meyers
Seth Mitchell
R. D. Moses
Blanche Pikkell
Alvin Polsky
Goldie Roberts
Alvin Rosenblum
Jimmy Rosenthal
Ben Sandler
Eugenia Seligman
Bayla Simon
Beverly G. Skugrud
Rosabelle Letwin Tann
Reuben Taylor
Patricia Uttrup
Barry Vann
Vukosava Vered
Freda Wender
Jack Wolf

May 17

Ron Arnold
Lillian Berger
Estelle R. Blotner
John Brothers
Charles Meyer Carb
Sara Lee Carr
Sarah Carr
Mae Cohen
Sara E. Fleck
Cira Friedman
Leroy Gilbert
Louis Glasser
David William Gross
Irwin Hertzman
Gloria Hoffman
Sondra Flax Hollander
Frank Levin
Sarah Levine
Mort Levitan
Deborah Ferstenfeld Mark
Raymond J. Mayer
Nettje Endel Myer
Rosalyn Pawgan
Max Pell
Newman Roberts
Annette Rosenthal
Jerry Sackett
Seymour Schloss
Florence Schwartz
Esther Simon
Nan Sonderer
Sadie Weintraub
Mort Werner
Charles Winkler
Gertrude Simon Wittenberg

May 24

Adele Arensberg
Felix P. Bath
David Berkowitz
Roslyn Ettinger
Sol Flamholz
Rosalie K. Freed
Minnie Cohen Friedman
Michael W. Goldman

Robert K. Houston
Beulah J. Kahn
Fanny Kaplan
Pauline Landman
Doris Levy
Don D. Mabry
Jon Sanford Meyerson
Harris Nober
Hannah Pawgan
Isadore Rosenblatt
Louis Jack Rubin
Elizabeth Rubin
Henry Weltman Simon
Elaine Stanton
Meyer Jack Starr
Roselle Stein
Katherine Stone
Evelyn Weltman

May 31

Billie Louis Aronoff
Alice Asch
J. D. Buddy Baccus
Roberta Barr
Louis Bassist
David Berger
Alvin Blumberg
Kenneth Burke
Edwin Couleur
Doris Diamond
Fay Kalish Fairman

Bea Field
Libby Freed
Abe Friedman
Roy Gernsbacher
Isadore H. Ginsburg
Dora Goldberg
Nessa Griver
John N. Gurney
Minnie Cohen Jackson
David Kessinger
Louis Klar
Leah Krauss
Fay Kurtz
Florence Lederman
Harry Lehrer
Norma Levitan
Joan Mecklenburger
Abe Pozez
Esther B. Rauch
Samuel Rosen
Tamara Rousch
Hyman Herman Samson
Henry Sandberger
Richard Sloan
Sam Sturman
Bernice Tarshis
Sophie Welsch
Flora Wolffson
Paula Mack Zieselman
Ruth Zimmerman Napoleon

Beth-El Annual Meeting Sunday, May 19

4 p.m. wine & cheese reception

4:30 p.m. meeting begins

- Annual reports will be presented.
- Nominations for board vacancies
- Revised by-laws introduced for approval.

To view the by-laws, visit: bethelfw.org



2024 Beth-El Annual Fundraiser Sunday, May 5

This year's Annual Fundraiser, called the **Great Day of Appreciation and Giving 2024**, is a special day when we come together in gratitude, in love, and in support of the Congregation. Help Beth-El maintain its presence in the Fort Worth community!

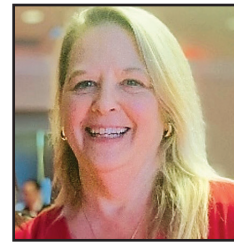
- Founder's Circle, \$20,000**
- Visionary Patron, \$10,000**
- Benefactor, \$5,000**
- Guardian of Tradition, \$2,500**
- Pillar of the Community, \$1,250**
- Friend, \$500**
- Supporter, \$250**
- Seed of Kindness, \$150**

Make your gift online today at bethelfw.org, send a check to Beth-El Congregation, or give in person as we gather for **lunch and fellowship in the Beth-El Gathering Area on Sunday, May 5, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

A full list of contributors to the Beth-El Fundraiser will be in the next issue of the bulletin.

Executive Director

.....Amy Robbins, Executive Director



Amy Robbins

"So long, farewell, auf Wiedersehen, goodbye.

I leave and heave a sigh and say goodbye."

It has been a privilege, an honor, and a joy to be an integral part of the Beth-El Congregation family. I have so enjoyed contributing my time, energy, and passion to various initiatives and activities within this community. I am so encouraged by your welcoming and inclusive environment that has shaped the tapestry of Beth-El.

As I embark on this new chapter of my life, I extend my heartfelt wishes to all of you for continued success, fulfillment, and happiness in all endeavors. While we may be physically distant, Beth-El's spirit will always remain with me, inspiring and guiding me. For that I say, thanks.

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.

Mazel Tov!

Congratulations to **Nancy and Bob Ginsberg** on the birth of their grandchild **Louis Mayer Ginsburg** on Jan. 19, 2024



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Contributions

- Make your contribution online at: **bethelfw.org** or fill out the form below and mail it with your check to Beth-El Congregation
- **Undesignated donations** will be placed in the Temple Fund.

\$10-minimum contribution: Temple Fund, Religious School Fund, Youth Fund, Library Fund, Music Fund, Mitch Stenzler Scholarship Fund, Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund, Rabbi Mecklenburger's Discretionary Fund, President's Discretionary Fund, Religious School Director's Discretionary Fund, Temple Archives, Caring Congregation

\$50-minimum contribution: Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund, Operating Endowment Fund, Endowment #2

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

Contribution Form

Enclosed please find the amount of \$ _____

Designated Fund: _____

In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____

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additional forms.

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