



BETH-EL CONGREGATION

APRIL 2010

Worship Calendar

Friday, April 2 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Chol Ha'moed Pesach
Cantorial Soloist Genie Long will sing

Monday, April 5 _____ 8:15 AM
Last Day of Pesach, Yizkor/Memorial Service

Friday, April 9 _____ 7:30 PM
Shabbat Family Service
Honoring Religious School Faculty
Student Cantor Leslie Niren will sing

Saturday, April 10 _____ 10:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Mallory Kleinman
Student Cantor Leslie Niren will sing

Sunday, April 11 _____ 7:00 PM
Community Yom HaShoah Holocaust Memorial
observance at Ahavath Shalom

Friday, April 16 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service
honoring participants in the
2010 "Leadership Beth-El" Group
The Beth-El Choir will sing

Sunday, April 18 _____ 7:00 PM
Community Yom Hazikaron
(Israel's Memorial Day) observance at Ahavath Shalom

Wednesday, April 21 _____ 6:00 PM
Community Yom Ha'atzma'ut Israel Independence Day
observance at Beth-El

Friday, April 23 _____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service
Service will be preceded by a reception in honor of
Lauren Gilbert and her fiancé Houdi Epstein—all are
invited by Cynthia and Burton Gilbert and
Ricki and Moshe Epstein.
Candles, Kiddush, and Reception at 5:30 PM
Service at 6:00 PM
Beth-El's Volunteer Choir will sing

Saturday, April 24 _____ 10:30 AM
Tot Shabbat

Friday, April 30 _____ 8:00 PM
Confirmation Service
The Beth-El Choir will sing

Musings _____ Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



We Jews have a lot of holidays! If you observe each major holiday on the Jewish calendar each year and think about the meaning of the special prayers and symbols (shofar, matzah, sukkah, etc.) as they come up, without taking a formal course you will have reviewed basic Jewish beliefs annually. As a 19th-century rabbi put it, we Jews have a calendar, not a catechism



Mallory Kleinman _____
Daughter of Diane and Sam Kleinman
Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, April 10, 2010

(the latter being the list of basic beliefs that Roman Catholics learn).

Which holidays are "major" and which ones "minor"? All would agree that Shabbat is in a class by itself. Also indisputably "major" are Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, as well as the biblical pilgrimage festivals during which our ancestors brought sacrifices to the Temple: Pesach, Shavuot, and Sukkot. Our tradition calls Chanukah and Purim "minor festivals"—

President's Message

Dr. Barry Bzostek, President

"April is the cruelest month..." according to T.S. Eliot, and a perusal of history lends credence to that statement, at least as far as the Jews are concerned. A very abridged list: April 1, 1933: Nazi boycott of Jewish merchants starts; April 2, 1550: Jews of Genoa expelled; April 5, 1464: Anti-Jewish riots in Seville; April 8, 1801: 128 Jews massacred by soldiers in Bucharest; April 11, 1302: Decree ordering Jews in Barcelona to kneel when meeting a priest with the sacraments; April 18, 1389: 3,000 Jews in Prague massacred; April 20, 1889: Adolf Hitler born; April 23, 1891: Jews expelled from Moscow; April 24, 1615: Louis XIII forbids, under penalty of death, French Christians from conversing with Jews; April 30, 1800: Jews in Russia prohibited from importing any books. But leafing through the hypothetical Jewish Almanac of Woe, it is apparent that April is not the cruelest month; it's about average.

Jews in America are, as a group, better off than at any other place or any other time in history. The litany of horrors may seem to us like ancient history in far-off lands, but we all know that this is far from the case. There are many who wish us ill, or worse. But we are a resilient people. The resurgence of destroyed Jewish communities, especially in central and eastern Europe is astounding. T. S. Eliot continues: "...breeding Lilacs out of the dead land, mixing Memory and desire, stirring Dull roots with spring rain." Those of us in more fortunate circumstance, where the greatest risk to our Judaism might lie in our successful merging into mainstream society (how ironic a victory would that be for the anti-Semites) have an opportunity, even a responsibility, to help the rebuilding of those Jewish communities that have been destroyed by hate and war, so that the April of their reawakening is not cruel but hopeful.

The World Union for Progressive Judaism (WUPJ) is the international organization that serves, among many other things, to build and connect Reform, Liberal, and Progressive (the difference is strictly geographic) Jewish communities throughout the world. One component of this activity is the twinning of congregations in North America and England with nascent congregations in the former Soviet Union. Under the auspices of the WUPJ, congregations establish relationships with each other. There is some financial obligation, but it is time-limited and not huge, and their need is great. And it is not without benefit for the west-

ern congregations. The spiritual and intellectual enrichment for both adults and children is considerable; the new relationships developed by written and video communication, visits, and even shared simchas far exceed the value of the financial component. It is a give-and-take relationship, but a mutual one, not one where we give and they take. The Board is extremely enthusiastic about this new venture and your participation is essential for its success. A group is forming to work with the WUPJ and the yet-to-be selected congregation, which will most likely be in Russia, Belarus, or the Ukraine. Let me know of your interest.

Meanwhile, back on the home front, on May 2, MRJ will sponsor the first Iron Chef Beth-El Cookoff and Matzoh Ball Eating Contest. Details are elsewhere in the Bulletin. Yes, it's the day after the fundraiser. Yes, it's right after Religious School (MRJ will provide a hot-dog lunch.) Yes, it's during Mayfest. Yes, it's during what is historically the stormiest weekend of the year (so is Mayfest.) But it will be lots of fun and you will have the opportunity to sample some of the finest Jewish cuisine anywhere, and you will also have the chance to win fame and glory. And a trophy. The weekend will be great. See you there.



Lifetime Learning News

Louis D. Schultz, Chairman

There are many exciting programs planned for this year. Mark your calendars for the following:

Judaism 103

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

April 4: The Genius of Theodore Herzl

April 11: The 614th Commandment (for Yom HaShoah)

April 18: What is a Rabbi—Historically and Today?

April 25: Guest speaker Rev. John Stanley will present "Did the Church Make a Mistake in the First Century by Leaving Judaism?"

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Yom HaShoah

Community Yom HaShoah Service
Sunday, April 11, 2010, at 7:00 PM
Congregation Ahavath Sholom

On Sunday, April 11, 2010, at 7:00 PM at Congregation Ahavath Sholom, the Tarrant County community will commemorate the Holocaust with its annual service and program. The featured speaker is Dr. Jack Brauns, a general surgeon and the author of *Recollections and Reflections: How I Turned Despair into an Appreciation of Life (Library of Holocaust Testimonies)*, which tells the story of his journey from Lithuania through the Kovno Ghetto, concentration camps, and medical school in Italy to a home in America. His story is the triumph of spirit and focuses on his philosophy of life and how it got him through the Holocaust. His book is different from other accounts of the Holocaust in that rather than dwelling upon the atrocities, it describes how his philosophy of life got him through. It is inspirational to all, especially young people, to whom it is a clarion call to emulate the best instinct of humanity. Dr. Brauns has retired from medicine and spends his time writing, lecturing, and educating

audiences on the lessons of the Holocaust.

This program is sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, with financial support from the Dan Danciger/Fort Worth Hebrew Day School Supporting Foundation, Brite Divinity School, and TCU Jewish Studies Program, Martin Hochster Memorial Post #755-Jewish War Veterans, Multicultural Alliance, TCU Hillel/TCU University Ministries, Congregation Ahavath Sholom, Beth-El Congregation, Congregation Beth Shalom, and Congregation Beth Israel. For more information, please call the Federation office at 817-569-0892.



Yom Hazikaron

Community Yom Hazikaron Service
Sunday, April 18, 2010, at 7:00 PM
Congregation Ahavath Sholom

The Yom Hazikaron Service, the community service commemorating Israel's fallen soldiers, is a time for all Jews to come together to remember the Israeli soldiers who have continued to give their lives defending our homeland. We remember all of the soldiers, those who died in the years preceding the creation of the state of Is-

rael and those who died yesterday to ensure its continued existence. Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, with financial support from the Dan Danciger/Fort Worth Hebrew Day School Supporting Foundation. For more information, please call the Federation office at 817-569-0892.

Yom Ha'atzma'ut

Community Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration
Wednesday, April 21, 2010, at 6:00 PM
Beth-El Congregation

The Yom Ha'atzma'ut Celebration, the community program celebrating Israel Independence Day, is a wonderful opportunity for everyone to learn more about Israel. The Bein Hametarim musical group, from our Partner region, the Western Galilee, will entertain us with Israeli songs and dances to celebrate Israel's independence. The group is made up of five twenty-somethings and is directed by a teacher from the ORT Akko High School. All of the singers have "day jobs" such as being soldiers and students, and they are participating in this "mission" to connect our community to theirs. The performance will

be followed by an Israeli dinner. The cost is \$5 for adults and children over 12 and \$3 for children 3-12 if paid before April 7. After April 7, the cost is \$6 for adults and children over 12 and \$4 for children 3-12. All children under 3 are free. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to the Federation office at 817-569-0892 by April 7, 2010.

Sponsored by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, with financial support from the Dan Danciger/Fort Worth Hebrew Day School Supporting Foundation and Hartman, Leito, and Bolt, LLP.

Mitzvah Day

Sunday, April 25, 2010, 9:00 AM, in the Great Hall

It's time for **Mitzvah Day**, and included in this month's bulletin is the Mitzvah Day registration form. Please take a few minutes to review the list of activities, decide which would be most meaningful to you and your family, and return it to the Temple office by Friday, April 16. While everyone is welcome, it certainly helps our activity captains and our committee if you pre-register in advance! Also, if you plan to participate in an outdoor activity (Hebrew Rest Cemetery, Habitat for Humanity, Friends of the River), bring a good pair of work gloves and, for Hebrew Rest, we can use rakes, hoes, pruning shears, and loppers.

In addition, we request that everyone bring non-perishable foods (canned or dry, boxed items) to donate to the Tarrant Area Food Bank.

As a tradition, the Men's Club of Ahavath Sholom will

provide a complimentary breakfast beginning at 9:00 AM and the Brotherhood of Beth-El will have lunch available around 12:30 PM. Of course, the staff of Carter Blood-Care will be at Beth-El for those of you who would like to donate blood. The WRJ gift shop (Judaica shop) will also be open.

What a great opportunity to work together as a Jewish community—with Congregations Ahavath Sholom and Beth Israel—in the pursuit of *tikum olam*—repairing the world—so please join us for a meaningful and fulfilling day of *mitzvot*.

If you have any questions, please call the Temple office at 817-332-7141 or Dan Halpern at 817-426-3239. We look forward to seeing you at Mitzvah Day, April 25, 2010, beginning at 9:00 AM in the Great Hall.

Annual FUNdraiser

It's Time to Celebrate 10 Years!

The entire congregation is invited to a celebration in honor of ten fabulous years in our current building. The party is set for Saturday, May 1, at 7:00 PM. Invitations are in the mail. We will enjoy a delicious Tex-Mex dinner and margaritas. Back by popular demand, the BluPrint Band will provide great dancing music and tunes. And lastly, attire is casual—no need to dress up!

Our synagogue has a long and fascinating past. The history surrounding Beth-El's three successive homes is full of inspiring stories of community, faith, and exceptional individuals.

Our first Temple, on Taylor Street, was built in 1908. The initial monies raised for that house of worship came from a "Temple sinking fund" into which each woman in the congregation contributed 25 cents per month.

In 1920, the congregation moved into a larger synagogue on Broadway Avenue. Beth-El flourished and grew



for eighty years at this location. In 1946, the Temple survived a three-alarm blaze. It was rebuilt, and the con-

gregation strengthened from the ordeal. That red-brick building at Broadway and Galveston had many beautiful limestone features and enhancements, some of which were carefully incorporated into our current building.



The second Temple, on Broadway Avenue



The first Temple, on Taylor Street

Our present home on Briarhaven is beautiful and inspiring. The Building Committee, headed by the incomparable Irwin Krauss, worked long and hard to communicate to the architect exactly what we wanted. It is truly a pleasure to walk into this building and an even greater privilege to be able to call it home.

Please join us on Saturday, May 1. Your participation is greatly needed, particularly at a time when endowment income is low and maintenance expenses are on the rise. If you have any questions, please contact Julie Diamond at 817-975-0705 or at julie@diamondinternet.net.

Iron Chef Beth-El

Brought to you by the MRI

Sunday, May 2, 2010, 12:30 - 2:30 PM, in the Great Hall

Do your friends and family love your chopped liver? Are you frequently asked for your brisket recipe? Do you consistently run out of matzo balls each Passover because yours are the best? If you answered "YES" to any of these questions, you could be the next Iron-Chef-Beth-El Champion. There are ten categories for our cooks to choose from, and it's a peoples' choice voting, but only one can become the Iron Chef. We will take the first five entries from

each category and the first fifteen entries for the Matzo Ball Eating Contest. The event promises to be fun and **tasty**. So come to compete, or come to eat—but be sure to mark your calendar today. Check out the column by Temple President Dr. Barry Bzostek for more details, and send your category, name, and phone number to adamsiegel@sbcglobal.net or 817-368-2722 to hold your place in cooking history!



Iron Chef Beth-El: People's Choice

Each score card is are \$1 and gets you a taste of each entry—for a donation, a hot dog lunch will be available.



RULES:

- Maximum of five entries for each food category—first come, first served.
- Voters will pick their favorite for each category on the score cards.
- Trophies will be awarded in each category.
- Each contestant must prepare enough for 100 tastes—as indicated by the portion size below.
- All foods should be prepared at home and brought to the Temple, labeled with your name.
- Bring hot plates or crock pots to serve—your food can be kept warm or cold in the kitchen.
- Set-up is from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. The contest starts at 12:30 PM.
- We will provide tasting plates/bowls/cups, utensils, and napkins.

TO ENTER, CALL OR EMAIL ADAM SIEGEL 817-368-2722 ADAMSIEGEL@SBCGLOBAL.NET

CATEGORIES

1. Matzoh Ball Soup—Dixie cup with broth and piece of matzoh ball
2. Chopped Liver—teaspoon or cracker full
3. Blintzes (any topping)—½
4. Brisket (any style)—2 bites
5. Chicken (any style)—2 bites
6. Challah (any topping)—½ slice
7. Holishkes (stuffed cabbage)—½
8. Kugel (any style)—2 bites
9. Latkes (any topping)—2 bites
10. Hamentaschen (any flavor)—½

Matzoh Ball Eating Contest \$5 (first 15 entries)

GRAND FINALE

First Annual Matzoh Ball Eating Contest—Entry Fee is \$5
Who can eat the most matzoh balls in 5 minutes?
Winner takes the trophy and the glory!

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Baby Boomers Group

If you were born between 1946 and 1964—Congratulations! You are a Beth-El Baby Boomer. You are in your mid-40s to mid-60s, but don't worry—we won't card you. If you have kids, they have probably had their Bar or Bat Mitzvahs, may have finished school, moved out of the house, and perhaps are even off the payroll.

So now it's time to share some good times, participate in fun activities, and make or renew friendships. If you're interested in participating in or organizing this new Beth-El group, you're invited to a planning meeting at Elaine and Jim

Stanton's house on Sunday, April 18, at 12:30 PM.

When we get together, we'll toss around some ideas for social activities—perhaps form a steering committee—and make plans to get things going. Whether you want to help organize the group or just be a participant in a series of events, we need your help. So please spread the word and come share your ideas.

RSVP to elaineandjim@gmail.com or call 817 927-2555. See you at 4204 Hildring Drive East, Fort Worth 76109.

Leadership Beth-El

Bruce Weiner, Leadership Committee Chair

“Let all who work with the congregation do so for the sake of heaven; The merit of their ancestors will sustain them and as a result, their righteousness will remain forever.” ~Pirkei Avot 2:2

Beth-El has been blessed with strong leadership from its members. For more than one hundred years, men and women have generously donated their time and their talent to help insure the continuity of our Jewish community and to help us maintain our spiritual home.

Several years ago, I was asked to form a committee to help identify and train potential future leaders. With the assistance of several past presidents and Rabbi, Leadership Beth-El was established and the program was developed. In the past decade, graduates of our two previous programs have assumed a number of different leadership positions in the congregation.

Participants in Leadership Beth-El have been asked to attend seven monthly meetings that began last September and will conclude in April. The program's agenda includes the History of Reform Judaism, History of Beth-El and the Fort Worth Jewish Community, URJ and Beth-El Organiza-

tions, Beth-El's Financial Management, Temple Youth and Religious School, and Leadership/Team Building. Guest lecturers include URJ's Regional Director Rabbi Brian Zimmerman, Beth-El's archivist and historian Hollace Weiner, Rabbi Mecklenburger, Beth-El's educator Ilana Knust, several Temple presidents (past and present), board members, officers, and committee chairs.

A special Shabbat service is planned for Friday, April 16, to honor Beth-El's leaders. Past presidents of Beth-El will be recognized along with past presidents of Brotherhood (MRJ) and Sisterhood (WRJ). Those who have successfully completed Beth-El's third Leadership Development Program will be recognized on that evening. These participants include David Clay, Steve Geer, Red Goldstein, Linda Hochster, Karen Telschow Johnson, Josh Oderberg, Marcy Paul, Louis Schultz, and Jim Stanton.

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but don't tell children that Chanukah is minor, and Purim, at the very least, is the most fun of Jewish festivals. That is the largely-agreed-upon list, the agreement stemming from centuries of their having been widely observed.

There are other days to which we sometimes pay attention and sometimes do not. Much though some regret it, Tisha B'av (a fast day recalling the destruction of the Jerusalem Temples) not only has the misfortune of coming in August, when so many are vacationing, but with Israel reborn, most of us are not so mournful when we think of Jerusalem, and hardly any of us would want to reinstate the sacrifices! There are other neglected days—Tu B'Shvat comes to mind; the point is that they come in a distant third behind Shabbat and the “major” holidays above.

It takes generations for a holiday to take root. There is no reason in principle why we should ritually recall only ancient events. When Pesach and Chanukah started, they commemorated recent events! Our Reform prayer books have special services for Yom HaShoah, recalling the Holocaust, and Yom Ha'atzma'ut, Israel's Independence Day. This Jewish commu-

nity, and most others, plans events and prayers for these days. It is no overstatement to say that modern Jewish identity cannot be understood without taking into account the Holocaust and the birth of the state of Israel. When I was young, Yom HaShoah and Yom Ha'atzma'ut were recent innovations. They seem more firmly rooted by now, though more Jews ignore them than observe them (but you could say the same for Shavuot and Purim).

What will our great grandchildren observe? If “the catchism of the Jew is his calendar,” you, in a sense, are invited to vote with your feet about what you want to remain a basic part of Jewish consciousness in generations to come. That which is important enough only for someone else to remember annually is not going to make it. There are fewer and fewer Holocaust survivors to attend Yom HaShoah each year, and Israel seems less and less miraculous for generations whose parents, even, never knew a world without a Jewish state. We have a living, evolving tradition. Note the dates and times on the calendar on the front of this bulletin, and then remember that as you attend or not, you are voting.

Family Activities

An Adults-Only Event...A Night Out at Uno Chicago Grill in Sundance Square and Four Day Weekend Improvisational Comedy Club

Date: Saturday, April 17, 2010
 Dinner: Meet at Pizzeria Uno at 5:00 PM
 300 Houston Street, Fort Worth, 76102
 Show: Meet at Four Day Weekend at 7:00 PM
 312 Houston Street, Fort Worth, 76102
 Cost: Everyone pays for his or her own dinner, and the show is \$20 per ticket
 RSVP to: Sherry Simon at 817-703-9068 or
 ssimonokc@sbcglobal.net by April 15 with dinner and show reservations.

FOUR DAY WEEKEND IMPROVISATIONAL COMEDY



Beth-Elements

Daytimers

TCU Professor Jim Riddlesperger will speak on "Texas Elections 2010: Republican Dominance or Democratic Resurgence?"

Date: Wednesday, April 14, 2010
 Time: 12:00 PM
 Price: \$9 per person, lunch and program
 \$4 per person, program only

Primary run-offs are on Tuesday, April 13. James W. Riddlesperger, Jr., who is a frequent consultant to the news media on politics and elections, will clue us in to what is really happening in Texas politics. He says that his commentary has filled what would otherwise be dead time on television, has engaged literally dozens of people on radio, and has provided newsprint that would help line the finest of birdcages.



He has taught many students in many government courses, though he hangs out mostly in the arena of American politics, focusing on the presidency and Texas politics. His book, *The Austin-Boston Connection: Five Decades of House Democratic Leadership, 1937-1989*, analyzes the importance of the friendships (especially mentor-protégé relationships) and enmities within congressional delegations, regional affinities, and the

lynchpin practice of appointing the Democratic Whip.

The book is available at Barnes and Nobel or Amazon.com, and he would love to sign copies if you bring them. We will not be selling books this month.

Lunch, which will be catered by Chopstick Express,

includes an eggroll, rice, a fortune cookie, coffee or tea, and one of the following: chicken moo goo pan, beef pepper steak, or tofu beancurd homestyle. For reservations, call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Sylvia Wexler (817-294-1129). **Please include your address, zip code, and security code with your credit card number.** You may also mail checks to Beth-El Congregation, 4900 Briarhaven Road, Fort Worth, TX 76109. The Sylvia Wolens Daytimers is a program of Beth-El Congregation, with support from the Jewish Federation.

Also in April

Tuesday, April 27, 2010, 1:30 PM. Daytimers Bridge at Beth-El. To make reservations, call Al Wexler at 817-294-1129.

Upcoming Daytimers Events

Wednesday, May 12, 2010. Historian Bruce Cohen returns to present "European Jews in the Middle Ages."

Wednesday, June 9, 2010. Kids Who Care will present a new show, "District XI."

Wednesday, July 14, 2010. Annual Movie and Ice Cream Social.

Daughters of Abraham

On March 16, the Jewish group from Daughters of Abraham sponsored a mini-seder at its meeting at Beth-El. After a Passover meal, individual symbol plates were presented as the program and prayers were read for the various items on the plates and the meaning of Passover was explained.

The last two meetings before the summer break will be held on Tuesday, April 20, at the mosque, and Tuesday, May 18, at Holy Family Catholic Church. Please join us. For more information, contact Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844.

The Judaica Shop

April Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays: 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
 Sundays: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM

We have expanded our inventory to include selections made by Jewish artists, but not necessarily Judaica. For example, we now carry marvelous magnets, dichroic glass earrings in glowing colors, and beautiful small plates suitable for display or serving cookies. Stop in and let us know what you think. We think that it gives you more choices while also supporting Jewish artists.

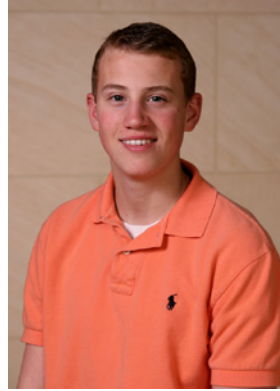
Confirmation 2010



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Bessie Bronstein



Chase Koger



Jennie Brow



Drew Goldstein



Emily Englander



Jenna Lee



Chace Miller



Meyer Wallace



Stella Bronstein



Ted Dayton



Parker Miller



Rory Ginsburg



Joseph Clark

Women of Reform Judaism Loretta Causey, President

It is thrilling to observe the many opportunities available for ladies in our community. Through WRJ, we are able to participate in a variety of activities and to share our time, talent, and tithes. Truly, there is a place for everyone—from the trivia fun at Bunko to organizing big events for pleasure and fundraising. What makes these events so

special is to realize that it is to foster the joy in being Jewish. Our lives are unique and never in our history have we had such a freedom to experience the range of such expressions. We continue to be most grateful to the women who volunteer to provide the framework for the many events in our community.

April and May Sisterhood/WRJ Events

- ◀ **Sunday, April 4, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**—Member Appreciation and Annual Business Meeting with Election of Officers and State of the Union. Guest speaker is Dian Brewer, owner of Blooms Forever (which provides our bimah florals). We will meet in the Great Hall, where Passover nosh will be served and all attendees will receive floral gifts.
- ◀ **Thursday, April 8, 9:30 AM**—Culinary class with Marcia Kurtz. She is teaching a specialty—her famous strudel, in the Beth-El kitchen. To make reservations, call Lisa Kuperman at 817-454-2553.
- ◀ **Friday, April 16, 8:00 PM**—Shabbat service honoring graduates of Beth-El's Leadership class and all MRJ and WRJ past presidents.
- ◀ **Thursday, April 22, 7:30 PM**—Mah Jongg night in the Great Hall. To make reservations, call Linda Hochster at 817-294-7738.
- ◀ **Thursday, May 13, 7:30 PM**—Bunko night in the Great Hall. To make reservations, call Linda Hochster at 817-294-7738. We need a minimum of twelve participants.
- ◀ **Friday, May 28, 8:00 PM**—Shabbat Service with WRJ installation of officers.

Jewish Culinary Class

Please join WRJ and Marcia Kurtz for a Jewish cooking class. Marcia will teach us how to make her famous strudel in the Temple kitchen on Thursday, April 8, at 9:30 AM. Please bring a friend and a rolling pin. We want to have enough goodies for everyone, so please make your reservations to Lisa Kuperman at 817-454-2553.



Mah Jongg

This is not a tournament—just a nice social evening of playing Mah Jongg while laughing with old friends and meeting new people. Players of all levels, come join the fun on Thursday, April 22, 2010, 7:30 - 9:30 PM in the Great Hall. For more information, contact Linda Hochster at 817-294-7738. **CANCELLED**



The Temple Family

Welcome New Members

- Carol St. Onge, 3904 Orchard Hill Dr., Arlington, 76016, 817-478-3662, c.stonge@sbcglobal.net

Mazel Tov

- to Sheri Allen, whom you are used to hearing referred to as a cantorial intern, on completing the Cantorial Intern of the Cantors' Assembly program and passing extensive examinations. She is now officially a credentialed cantor and a member of the national Conservative movement's Cantors' Assembly. We're proud of having helped in small ways with her education!
- to Anna and Jeff Caplan, parents, and Julie and Peter Lazarus, grandparents, on the birth of Maya Olivia Caplan.

- Even though some of us don't know what "BQing" means, we understood enough of this to be impressed! Good luck, Bill, in the Boston Marathon! "Bill Berenson, a Fort Worth injury attorney, just accomplished his record-setting goal of running ten marathons in ten different states fast enough to qualify for the 2010 Boston Marathon. Berenson ran the final Gasparilla Marathon in Tampa, Florida, on February 28 and finished second in his age group with a time of 3:32:02. He BQ'd at the Phoenix Rock 'n' Roll Marathon six weeks ago, and at the Las Vegas Rock 'n' Roll Marathon just six weeks before that."

Our Sincere Condolences

- to Jonathan Suder, son, and grandchildren Ryan, Morgan, and Jason Suder, on the death of Frances Suder.

FWFTY

Zach Beldon, Corresponding VP

During the month of March, FWFTY hosted Metroplex Lock-in, and each person left the event with a smile on his or her face and new friends. Favorite parts of the event included our awesome programs and our rollerblading social. In March, we had a Naughty Passover Seder in which we did everything we should not do during a Seder. The student cantor explained to us why we don't eat these foods and what we do on Passover, all while hopping from house to house in a progressive-dinner type of meal.

Coming up in April, FWFTY members will attend the final NFTY-TOR event of the 2009-2010 school year—Spring Kallah. This event is the most important one for NFTY-TOR because it is when the youth groups elect the new NFTY-TOR board. Our own Danielle Knust is running for regional programming vice-president—we wish her good luck. Also in April, FWFTY will hold its annual elections to elect the FWFTY executive board for the 2010-2011 school year.

FWFTY's Metroplex Lock-In taught attendees about poverty, the homeless, and a little about life in shelters. We also led an amazing Shabbat service and volunteered our morning at a Habitat for Humanity home.



NFTYites from FWFTY, NETTY, and NOTTY complete their work on the Habitat House by laying sod, planting a flowers, and painting the house.



Jacob Fuld and Hope Gibbs make their way through the meal line at the FWFTY Soup Kitchen simulation.



Hope Gibbs and Danielle Knust take time out during the rollerskating social for a photo opportunity.



(Left to right) Dylan Shelby, Aaron Rousch, Matt Beldon, Joseph Clark, and another NFTY-ite prepare the front yard of the Habitat House for new sod.



(Left to right) Hope Gibbs, Jake Oderberg, Adam Knust, and JD Brow build a home from cardboard boxes.

NFTYites from FWFTY, NETTY, and NOTTY at the skating rink.



Religious School News

Ilana Knust, Director of Education

"Get yourself a teacher, find someone to study with, and judge everyone favorably." ~Pirkei Avot

Please join us on Friday night, April 9, at 7:30 PM, as we honor teachers, both religious and secular.

A tale from the Talmud: The wealthy Rabbi Tarfon once asked Rabbi Akiva to help him invest his money. Rabbi Akiva took the money and used it instead to allow poor students to continue their Jewish education. Several days later, when Rabbi Tarfon asked to see his investments, Rabbi Akiva took him to the school and showed him the students as they recited their lessons from the Bible. When they arrived at the verse "He gives freely to the poor; his righteousness endures forever," Rabbi Akiva pointed to the students and said, "This is the investment I made for you!"

There is no greater investment than in supporting places of Jewish learning. If there is to be a Jewish community tomorrow, it will be as a result of the hardworking Jewish educators—rabbis, cantors, teachers, principals, and others—who provide a sense of Jewish identity, piety, and



Upcoming Religious School Events

- * **Saturday, April 3**—Confirmation Mitzvah project.
- * **Friday, April 9**—Shabbat Service honoring teachers.
- * **Sunday, April 11**—K-7th grades will have a Holocaust memorial service. 8th-10th grades will have a special speaker on the topic of "Hate Online."
- * **Sunday, April 18**—K-7th grades will have an Israel Independence Day celebration. 8th-10th grades will have a special speaker on the topic of "The Israeli-Arab Conflict."
- * **Sunday, April 25**—Mitzvah Day (school is in session).
- * **Friday, April 30**—Join us for the Confirmation Service.

involvement for both children and adults. Without Jewish education, we cannot survive.

As Jewish teachers, we kindle one small light at a time. We know that the light will not kindle itself—we must provide the spark. It takes all of our diligence, all of our care, all of our wisdom, and all of our love. But this is a sacred light. If we keep rekindling it, it will prevail against the darkness and grow and sustain us all.

I urge all of you in our community—rich, poor, old, and young—to come and recognize our hard-working teachers, both religious and secular, on Friday, April 9, at 7:30 PM.

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- to everyone who sent us the beautiful Union-gram for our 45th anniversary. ~Al and Sandy Polsky

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April 9

Bernie Carb Bronstein
 Carrie Brown
 James Brown
 Charlotte Davis
 Beatrice Durst
 Beth Eisenman
 Ruby Friedman

Sophie Gardner
 Frank Gilden
 Stanley Goodside
 Nellie Hall
 Abraham Kreitman
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 Beverly Rosenfield
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 Leo Schwarz
 Libby Serber
 Marcia Haas Sherman
 Harry Shlachter
 Jack Steinharter
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 Charles Bock
 Berta Braun
 Vera Braun

Charlie Ezekel
 Coopersmith
 Rose Cott
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 Sheila Feinknopf
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