



# BETH-EL CONGREGATION

DECEMBER 2011

## Musings \_\_\_\_\_ Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



Unlike the Maccabees, we American Jews are rarely if ever, called upon to literally fight to keep our faith alive. From time to time we need to demand that our constitutional rights are not trampled by those who insist against all evidence that the American founders wanted this to be a Christian country, rather than a nation where all are free to worship as

we please and to apply our values in the public square. But that is not the same. Ask the embattled citizens of Israel, who still need to defend their freedoms with arms.

In 1962—nearly half a century ago—American Jewish poet Charles Reznikoff published a book of poems entitled *By the Waters of Manhattan* (a play on words based on Psalm 137's beginning: "By the waters of Babylon..."). Many of the poems deal with Jewish themes, including a meditation on Chanukah that includes this stanza:

*The miracle, of course, was not that the oil  
for the sacred light—  
in a little cruse—lasted as long as they say;  
but that the courage of the Maccabees lasted to this day:  
let that nourish my flickering spirit.*

Since that time, Israel, despite its enemies, has grown and prospered. In great numbers, the Jews of the former Soviet Union have escaped to freedom in Israel, America, and elsewhere. Other Jews have left behind Ethiopia, South Africa, and Argentina. Given the difficulties with which many must still cope, Reznikoff's message is timely. Light your lights, and do not let your spirits flicker. The miracle of Jewish existence continues.

Happy Chanukah!

**Chanukah begins** at sundown on Tuesday, December 20, and ends at sundown on Wednesday, December 28. The eighth night of Chanukah is on Tuesday, December 27.



**Noah Siegel** \_\_\_\_\_  
Son of Carol and Adam Siegel  
Bar Mitzvah, Friday, December 2, 2011

## Worship Calendar \_\_\_\_\_

Friday, December 2 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM  
Bar Mitzvah of Noah Siegel  
*The Beth-El Choir will sing*

Friday, December 9 \_\_\_\_\_ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service  
Candles, Kiddush, and Snack at 5:45 PM  
Service at 6:00 PM  
*Cantorial Soloist Angie Kitzman will sing*

Friday, December 16 \_\_\_\_\_ Chanukah Observance  
Brief Shabbat Service at 6:00 PM  
*Our Volunteer choir, Shir Hallelujah, will sing*  
Dinner at 6:30 PM

Latkes and more will be prepared by Brotherhood. There will be dreidles and other fun for children! No charge, but please call to make reservations (817-332-7141). After dinner, there will be a Musical Program featuring the Crowley Honors Choir.

After the program, there will be a reception sponsored by Ashli and Todd Blumenfeld, parents, Billy and Rozanne Rosenthal, grandparents, and Sharon and Steven Blumenfeld, grandparents, in honor of the baby naming of Elanor Rose Blumenfeld.

Tuesday, December 20 \_\_\_\_\_ First Night of Chanukah  
Home observances

Friday, December 23 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM  
Shabbat Service  
*Cantorial Soloist Genie Long will sing*

Friday, December 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM  
Shabbat Service  
*Cantorial Soloist Monica Braverman will sing*

# President's Message

Marty Englander, President



Over the last few years, my company has gone through a number of changes, including adding locations in Dallas and Northwest Arkansas. With these additions come new opportunities and new challenges. One of the challenges is the blending of corporate cultures. In a lot of ways, blending corporate cultures is like starting a mixed marriage at which newlyweds have to determine everything: "Where are we going to live?" "Do you really think that that recliner is going to make the move with you?" "Are we going to go to church or Temple?" Determining where to work and what furniture to keep weren't issues for me, but surprisingly, the religion part was more of a struggle.

Last week, in the middle of a tough day, my assistant walked into my office and asked me if I had a moment. Was there a problem with the sales reporting? Was there an emergency situation that needed attention? Did she have a personal issue that she needed to discuss? I was wrong on all fronts! She said that a number of employees from the new company were ques-

tioning what I would allow them to do for Christmas. I almost fell out of my chair. As I attempted to gather my thoughts, I quickly said that whatever they wanted to do was fine and rushed her out of my office. As I sat there and pondered what had just happened, I started thinking about why we even had that discussion. Did my employees think that I was Scrooge "stein"? I couldn't imagine where the question came from, but as I reflected back on discussions with our team in Arkansas after the acquisition, I realized that many non-Jews are clueless about what Jews believe. And in a blending of cultures—as in a mixed marriage—a true understanding of what the other believes is needed if a compromise is to be reached.

When Marilyn and I got married, my brother, who was dating a non-Jewish woman at the time, joked that my marriage would be more mixed than his. Marilyn was raised in a Orthodox Shul, and I attended a classical Reform congregation. She kept kosher, while I couldn't even spell "kosher." We used to give each other a hard time about each other's traditions, until we both took the time to learn about what we did and why. This dialogue led us to compromise, and by the time our kids were born into a kosher home and a naming at our Reform Temple, we had taken our first steps toward a successful blending of cultures.

As usual, in these columns, I have driven to Dallas to get to Fort Worth, but it took recalling how I dealt with the differences in Marilyn's and my Jewish backgrounds to deal with the differences at work. Instead of judging or reacting, education and compromise will lead us to what works best for all. I plan on taking advantage of the season to share my traditions with my employees, and I look forward to creating a holiday environment at work that we can all enjoy. As we enter the holiday season, no matter how you choose to celebrate, I wish each of you and your families a Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year.

SAVE THE DATE!

BETH-EL CONGREGATION WELCOMES

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BEATLES

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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 25TH, 2012  
7:00 P.M.

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# Twinning Program Update

The Beth-El Twinning Program sent youths to camp in the former Soviet Union!

Through the generous donations of Beth-El congregants, we raised \$5,000 and were able to send some young people from our twinned congregation in Odessa, Ukraine, to Netzer camp (like our Greene Family Camp) for the first time last summer. We received grateful letters from some of the young people, as well as photos of the campers!

What a nice feeling—to have actually made a difference in their young lives! Our planning committee continues its fun and important work this year.

Are you interested in getting involved? If so, please contact Jackie Bzostek at [jbzostek@yahoo.com](mailto:jbzostek@yahoo.com).



*Below are two letters from young women who attended Camp Netzer. They are accurately re-created here.*

**My name is Sasha,** I'm from Odessa, Ukraine. Now I'm in the student camp in Moscow, Russia. I'm 18 and this is my first camp as a student.

Here are a lot of people from different countries and cities. They all are Jewish. The programme is interesting and modern. I've never seen programme like this. On my opinion, the main theme of a camp is "How to be a Jew, Way to Return to our Holy Land."

There are a lot of questions discussed which are very hard and important in our time. The work of the madrichim is amazing because the way of giving information to us is modern and wasn't ever used.

My favorite event became "Color Shabbat" with different specific information.

Thank you for this wonderful camp! I would like to come here once more!

-Sasha



**Hello dear Jackie and Beth-El!** My name is Jenia and I am 14 years old. This is my first Camp Netzer, and I am very happy that I am here. I am born in Odessa, and now also live there.

This was amazing week in Jewish style of life, with friends, and amazing atmosphere of love, happiness, friendship, and fun. We learned a lot of things about Reform Judaism, about Israel, and our modern Jewish life.

The most important thing that I understand in this

camp is that there are a lot of different Jews in the world and diaspora. We live in different countries, we are all Jews, we have common history, tradition, and culture. We are keeping our tradition for many years and forwarding it for next generations.

This camp helped me to understand more about me, and my Judaism, taught me to be a proud Jew and to observe traditions. Thank you very much for your support! This is very important to us! Thank you!

# Beth-Elements

## Daytimers

*Daytimers presents a musical trip—  
“A Sentimental Journey,”*

*featuring Genie Long and Brad Volk*

Date: Wednesday, December 14, 2011

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Beth-El Congregation

Price: \$9 per person, including lunch  
\$4 per person, for program only



Take a sentimental journey through several decades of musical favorites with Beth-El's mezzo-soprano Genie Long and organist Brad Volk. They will share several old standards that you love, capping

off the afternoon with the all-time favorite “To Life,” from *Fiddler on the Roof*.

Lunch, which will be catered by Pak-A-Pocket, includes chips, a cookie, coffee or tea, and one of the following pita sandwiches: turkey pastrami, chicken schwarma, or babaganouj (eggplant). For reservations, go online to [www.bethelfw.org/](http://www.bethelfw.org/) donations or call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Irv Robinson (817-731-7447). **Please include your billing 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 December:*

**Tuesday, December 27, 2011, 1:30 PM.** Daytimers Bridge. To make reservations, call Bill Margolis at 817-292-0798.

### *Coming Up:*

**Wednesday, January 11, 2012.** Jerry Russell of Stage West will present “New Jerusalem: The Interrogation of Baruch de Spinoza at Talmud Torah Congregation in Amsterdam, July 27, 1656.”

**Wednesday, February 8, 2012.** Dr. James Riddlesbarger of T.C.U. will speak on the Presidential Primary prospects.

**Wednesday, March 14, 2012.** Chandler Smith will have a presentation on swing dancing.

**Wednesday, April 18, 2012.** We will take a trip on the TRE to the Sixth Floor Museum

**Wednesday, May 16, 2012.** Our guest speaker will be sculptor Rebecca Low.

## Please Donate for Oneg

It is Beth-El's time to shine and to show our hospitality to the youth of our region. As you may be aware, our congregation's youth group, FWFTY, will host the NFTY-Texas Oklahoma Region's Winter Conclave in January. One of the most memorable experiences of this event will be a beautiful creative Friday night service to which the congregation is invited. We all know that there is only one way to complete a Friday night service, and that is to have an even more lovely Oneg Shabbat!

So that means that we need each congregant's help. With an additional two hundred guests, many tasty goodies will be needed. Our goal is to have each family of the congregation provide some sort of Oneg-appropriate treat (cakes, cookies, relish tray, cheese tray, crackers, dips, chips, etc.) by either baking or purchasing treats or by providing a monetary donation. Your assistance is vital in making this Oneg a success. We know that we can count on your support! Please contact one of the Conclave Oneg co-chairs (Julie Goldstein—[juliergold23@yahoo.com](mailto:juliergold23@yahoo.com), Jackie Brow—[jx3znuf@yahoo.com](mailto:jx3znuf@yahoo.com), or Sherry Simon—[ssimonokc@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ssimonokc@sbcglobal.net)) by January 1, 2012, with your commitment. Thank you.

## Blood Drive—Sunday, December 11, 2011

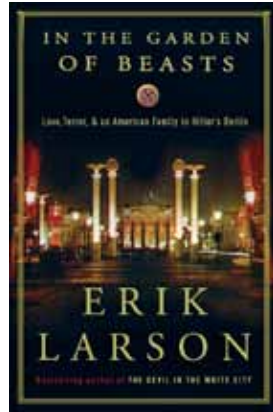
It's time for our Jewish community Winter Blood Drive! As you may know, blood-supply levels are very low at this time of year, yet the need is great. Please plan to participate in our Winter Blood Drive, sponsored by the Beth-El Social Action Committee, along with Carter BloodCare, on Sunday, December 11, 2011, from 9:00 AM until 12:00 PM, in the Beth-El library. Drop the kids off for Sunday School and stop in to donate blood while you wait. If you attend Adult Education or Adult Hebrew classes, then before you head home, go to the library and participate in this worthwhile event. The need is great and the event is worthy. As usual, it's fine to drop in, but a reservation is always preferred. To reserve a specific time slot, please call Dan Halpern at 817-426-3239. We look forward to seeing you at the Blood drive on December 11, 2011, 9:00 AM to 12:00 PM, in the Beth-El Library.

## Daughters of Abraham

Our November meeting was interesting. We each brought family recipes to start a Daughters of Abraham cookbook. We also collected canned goods for the Tarrant Area Food Bank. The December meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 20, at 7:00 PM, at the Catholic Renewal Center, on 4503 Bridge Street. This will be our annual Peace Celebration. We will each read a prayer or article about peace. The gift exchange is a small religious object such as gelt, magnets, bells, etc., pertaining to our own religion, which will help to spread understanding of our faiths. Please try to attend this fun holiday program and get acquainted with lovely women of these three faiths. If you need more information, or for carpooling, contact Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844.

## People of the Book

The new book-discussion group, “The People of the Book,” will meet on Tuesday, December 20, at 10:00 AM. All are welcome. The book we will discuss this time is the nonfiction work, *In the Garden of Beasts: Love, Terror, and an American Family in Hitler’s Berlin*, by Erik Larson. The book chronicles William E. Dodd’s arrival in Berlin, where he became America’s first ambassador to Hitler’s Germany in 1933, a year that proved to be a turning point in history. As that year unfolded, Dodd and his family experienced days full of excitement, intrigue, romance—and, ultimately, horror, when a climactic spasm of violence and murder revealed Hitler’s true character and ruthless ambition.



## Beth-El Boomers

The Beth-El Boomers had two very successful October events—dinner at a new Thai restaurant and a glass-blowing demonstration followed by dinner at an Italian restaurant.

This winter, the Boomers are roaring back with a schedule of more activities.

The Boomers will keep the longstanding Jewish tradition of eating Chinese food on Christmas Eve. At 6:00 PM, the group will gather at Szechuan, 4750 Bryant Irvin, in the City View/Tom Thumb shopping center. We chose this location because it is near a movie theater (another great Christmas Eve tradition). We’ll have the upstairs room of the restaurant to ourselves, so we need to know ahead of time if you are coming. If you will be joining the group on Christmas Eve, please email [elaineandjim@gmail.com](mailto:elaineandjim@gmail.com) or call 817 927-2555 and let us know.

For our first 2012 event, circle Saturday, January 28, on your calendar. We’ll have dinner at Stage West’s Ol’ Vic Café and then watch the production of “New Jerusalem.” This fictionalized drama revolves around events in 1656 that lead an Amsterdam synagogue to excommunicate Spinoza, a brilliant young member with radical beliefs. Reviews of productions in other cities say that it is entertaining and thought provoking. After the play ends, we’ll stay for a short discussion. More information will appear in next month’s bulletin and in a late December email to everyone who is on our Boomer email list.

Beth-El Boomer events are open to all congregants who qualify as Baby Boomers (those born between about 1946 and 1964). But don’t worry, we don’t check IDs.

To learn more about the Boomers, or if you’d like to suggest an event, please contact Jim or Elaine Stanton.

## Letter from De Zavala

We received the following letter from the counselor at De Zavala Elementary School, our partner school in the Adopt-A-School program.

*Dearest Members of Beth-El,*

*I am overwhelmed by the generosity of your congregation. As servants of the community, we are taught to help those who are in need. De Zavala Elementary is definitely a school in need. Your support of our families and students has been an answer to prayers. Our needs are great and our budget is small. Times are hard right now. This year, we have had more families at De Zavala than any year in the past that were not able to provide supplies for their kids. Without support of giving people like you, we would not be able to meet the needs of our students. The money that you donate allows us to run our Awards program through the year and also fill unbudgeted needs as they arise.*

*I value the relationship that we have with Beth-El. Each time that I speak to someone from your congregation, I am treated with kindness. The spirit that you show as a congregation is an example that many can learn from. We are thankful for your donations and are grateful that you care for our school.*

*Sincerely, Angie Dockery, Counselor*

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# Women of Reform Judaism Kristen Oderberg, President

## Winter Conclave Shabbat Dinner

We are looking for numerous volunteers who are able to donate a couple of hours of their time to help make this event a success. Please send me an email at [kristenoderberg@hotmail.com](mailto:kristenoderberg@hotmail.com) to let me know your interests. We need volunteers for the following:

- WRJ Cook-In: we will prepare the meal in advance, so that we only have to “reheat” on Friday evening.
- Decorations: there will be a country-western theme, and we plan to keep the decorations simple.
- Shabbat Dinner: we need someone to coordinate dinner, food replenishment, etc.
- Clean Up.

## Annual Donor Brunch

The WRJ Annual Donor Brunch will be on Sunday, February 12, 2012, at 9:30 AM, in the Great Hall. This year’s theme is “Opening Our Hearts.” We will feature an inspirational speaker and wonderful ideas about how you and your family can create meaningful volunteer experiences that will extend the Jewish values of *gemilut chasadim* and *tzedakah*.

As always, we will have an auction of fabulous items, delicious food, and a fantastic raffle! The annual Donor Brunch is the main fundraiser that supports the Beth-El Religious School and other WRJ projects.

If you’re looking for a Bar or Bat Mitzvah project for your child, or if you want to learn more about opportunities in our community, the Donor Brunch will open your eyes and your heart!



## Fitness Class—Thank You

If you missed the Zumba event, everyone had a BLAST! It was an excellent way to exercise and still have fun with friends. Thanks so much to Trudie Oshman and all of the ladies who participated and helped make this event a success.

## Future Board Positions

It is never too early to start looking for future ladies to serve on the WRJ Board. Next year, we will look to fill the president-elect position. The lady in this position will attend WRJ board meetings beginning in June 2012 and observe the responsibilities of the president. After one year, this person will become the WRJ president and serve a two-year term. Please email me with any questions. Sometime this fall, a list of names will be compiled and presented to the nominating committee.

### Upcoming Sisterhood/WRJ Events

- ◆ **Thursday, January 19, 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM**—Cook-In for the Winter Conclave in the Kitchen.
- ◆ **Friday, January 20, morning**—Set-up in the Great Hall for the NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave. **6:30 PM**—Shabbat Dinner for the NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave in the Great Hall.
- ◆ **Friday, February 3, 8:00 PM**—WRJ Interfaith Shabbat.
- ◆ **Saturday, February 11**—Set-up for the Annual Donor Brunch in the Great Hall.
- ◆ **Sunday, February 12, 9:30 AM**—Annual Donor Brunch in the Great Hall.

*At any Moment in Time, Our  
Congregational Members may be in  
Need—Not of Charity—but in Need of  
Acts of Loving Kindness!*

*In order for the Caring Congregation  
Committee to do its best job, we need to know who  
needs a ride to services, who welcomes a visit,  
who is ill, and who needs a meal. Please contact  
the Temple office, and a member of our committee  
will be in touch. **We want to know, for***

*the Caring Congregation cares!*

~Carol Minker, chair



## The Judaica Shop

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4  
IS TAX-FREE DAY**

Just in time for Chanukah shopping, on Sunday, December 4, you pay **no sales tax** on ANY purchase. Take out your layaway and pay no tax. Shop for gifts for any occasion. Notice the special hours for this day: 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

### Shop Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays:  
11:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
Sunday, December 4: 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Sunday, December 11: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
(Closed on Sundays, December 18 and 25)

## From the Archives

Hollace Weiner, Archivist

“Forgotten Gateway: Coming to America through Galveston,” a blockbuster exhibit, opens at the Fort Worth Museum of Science and History on Sunday, December 18, and continues through Sunday, April 1, when it will be dismantled.

The exhibit originated in 2009 at the Bob Bullock Texas State History Museum. Its most recent venue was New York’s Ellis Island Immigration Museum. The exhibit chronicles Galveston’s role as one of the nation’s top ten ports of entry, beginning with the slave trade in 1845 and continuing through 1924.

The exhibit also has a large Jewish component. From 1907 until the outbreak of World War I, some 10,000 Jewish immigrants entered the U.S. via the Texas Gulf Coast port. They were part of the Galveston Plan, a movement funded by New York philanthropist Jacob Schiff and administered through hometown committees across Texas and the Midwest. In Fort Worth, an estimated eight immigrants per month re-settled in the city. They found work in bakeries, scrap-metal businesses, and meatpacking plants or as cobblers, tailors, and peddlers.

Among their descendants are families active in today’s Jewish community. Those who trace their roots to Galves-



ton immigrants include Jerry and Michael Berkowitz, Arnold Gachman, Elliot Garsek, Morty Herman, Richard Karotkin, Hannah Freeman Klein, Sherwin Rubin, Jack and Barry Rubin, and the entire Luskey family. The late Shirley Anton was descended from Galveston immigrants, as were Seymour Drescher, who originated the White Front western-wear store on the North Side, and Sam Joseph, proprietor

of Joseph’s Café, a popular pre-Prohibition restaurant.

On March 31, the final Saturday of the “Forgotten Gateway” exhibit, the Texas Jewish Historical Society will meet in Fort Worth. A special tour of the exhibit, led by its original curator, Austin anthropologist Dr. Suzanne Seriff, is planned. Following the morning tour, the Museum and the TJHS will host a panel that will assess the impact of the exhibit and introduce descendants of Galveston immigrants.

The Fort Worth Museum of Science and History is open Monday through Saturday, 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM and Sunday, 12:00 to 5:00 PM. For individual and group rates, call 817-255-9300. To participate in the Texas Jewish Historical Society’s meeting, contact Jack Gerrick at [texbed@charter.net](mailto:texbed@charter.net).

## FWFTY

Scott Sloter, Advisor

### NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave is January 20-22, 2012

Happy December, y’all! It’s hard to imagine that 2011 is almost out the door.

A group of the FWFTY kids have been brainstorming on all sorts of ideas for NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave. We have also had meetings with parents and others to plan the weekend. We have committees for all of the meals, the social, the programming, and the worship. It’s going to be an amazing weekend. Do you want to help with anything? Just let me know and I’ll assign you to a committee.

Participant registration for the event opens on Thursday, December 1. We need to make sure that each program participant has a place to sleep. Have you sent in your housing form? We still need more places for the teens to stay. Please sign up today! You can download the form from [http://www.bethelfw.org/userfiles/pages/46/FWFTY\\_housing.pdf](http://www.bethelfw.org/userfiles/pages/46/FWFTY_housing.pdf) or call housing chairs Diane Kleinman (817-346-8980) or Rebecca Cristol (817-926-0108), and they will take your information.

### Jewish Music Galore

This school year, we have had the opportunity to experience two Jewish concerts. The Federation brought Amy and Andra of *Visions* to Fort Worth, where they performed at Ahavath Sholom with a few of the Beth-El kids. Then, a few weeks later, Doug Cotler performed for Beth-El while he was on his way through town. And we aren’t finished yet. In January, as part of the NFTY-TOR Winter Conclave weekend, Noam Katz (<http://noamkatz.com>) and his band will perform on Saturday evening. More details will be announced next month.



Noam Katz

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## December 9

Meyer Ander  
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Seymour Drescher  
Edward Glass

Bertha Haas  
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Jack Roberts  
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Alex Rosenthal  
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## December 16

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## December 23

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### Members on the Move

- Rina and Ron Arnold, 7121 Herman Jared Rd., North Richland Hills, 76182

### Mazel Tov

- to Susan and Alan Luskey, new—and first-time—grandparents of Edward Walker Luskey. Proud parents are Meredith and Stephen Luskey of Dallas.
- AND to Susan and Alan Luskey, on the engagement of their daughter, Taylor, to Thomas Lacy of Fort Worth.
- to Cynthia and Burton Gilbert, also new and first-time grandparents. The child is Alexandra Paige Gilbert, and her proud parents are Michael and Natalia of New York.
- to Henry and Jeanie Luskey, on the birth of granddaughter Charlotte Paige Eberstein. Proud parents are Valerie and Michael Eberstein.

### Our Sincere Condolences

- to Jonathan Suder, and all the family, on the death of his father, Isaac Suder.

## Thank you

- Thank you for your recognition of my award from Senior Citizen's Services. I deeply appreciate all of the cards and letters that I received. Thank you. ~*Evelyn Siegel*
- Thank you to all of our friends for the lovely Uniongram that you sent to us in honor of our 55th wedding anniversary. ~*Harriet and Leon Lurie*