



BETH-EL CONGREGATION

FEBRUARY 2011

Musings

Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



As Ann and I flew to Hong Kong to visit our daughter, son-in-law, and grandchildren, I could not help remembering the first time that I rode on an airplane—a two-engine plane from Chicago’s Midway Airport to Hartford, Connecticut. I must have been 8 or 10 years old. The “stewardess” handed out little packages of Chiclets gum as we taxied out to the

runway—the chewing the gum was supposed to help keep ears from clogging in what was clearly not a very well-pressurized cabin. It was a genuinely big trip—several hours.

Now, we fly fifteen hours over the pole and, with or without chewing gum, arrive comfortably on the other side of the world! For the first time, moreover, keeping my mind stimulated on a long trip did not mean packing heavy books. I just downloaded a few to my Kindle and read one, and I enjoyed a movie, too, in each direction.

What, then, of Ecclesiastes’ observation in the Bible that “there is nothing new under the sun”? (1:9) Technologies and ideas changed in biblical times, too, of course, but far more slowly. The Bronze Age gave way to the Iron Age, though that was probably a dim memory by the time that

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Worship Calendar

Friday, February 4 _____ 8:00 PM
FWFTY Service

Saturday, February 5 _____ 10:30 AM
Tot Shabbat

Friday, February 11 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service
Guest Speaker: Dr. Rachel Bzostek
Topic: “The Politics and Ethics of Preemptive Strikes”
The Beth-El Choir will sing

Saturday, February 12 _____ 9:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Breakfast and Learning
Dr. Bzoskek’s topic: “Terrorism: Are They Crazy?”

Friday, February 18 _____ 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service
Shir Halleluyah, our volunteer choir, will sing

Saturday, February 19 _____ 10:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Carter Haber
Cantor Sheri Allen will sing

Friday, February 25 _____ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service
Candles, Kiddush, and Snack at 5:45 PM
Service at 6:00 PM
Adult service will be in the sanctuary; children’s service will be in the chapel.
Cantorial Soloist Monica Braverman will sing

Saturday, February 26 _____ 10:30 AM
Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Molly Englander
Cantor Sheri Allen will sing

Molly Englander

Daughter of Marilyn and Marty Englander
Bat Mitzvah, Saturday, February 26, 2011



Carter Haber

Son of Tricia Carter-Haber and Howard Haber
Bar Mitzvah, Saturday, February 19, 2011



President's Message

Dr. Barry Bzostek, President

While there are no Jewish holidays on tap until Purim, February presents opportunities for the typical American practices of political bloviation (Presidents' Day) and commercialization and excessive spending (Valentine's Day). It is also the month in which Chinese New Year is celebrated. None of these, of course, has the slightest association with anything Jewish, but Chinese New Year is, at least, culturally fascinating and a fundamental part of a civilization that, like, Judaism, is thousands of years old. This year will be 4708 in the Chinese calendar. Remembering that this is the Jewish year 5771, the obvious (and often asked) question is, "How did the Jews survive for 1063 years without Chinese food?" So—there's the Jewish connection, however tenuous. Let us proceed.

The concept of eating in public was new to immigrants from Eastern Europe, where the few dining establishments that existed were not available to poor Jews, who were further restrained by the laws of kashrut. Once they reached America, the urge to assimilate and their increased willingness to loosen the tight restrictions of the traditions they grew up with made them eager participants in the burgeoning world of eating out. In fact, the very term "oysessen," literally "eating out," was coined by the *Jewish Daily Forward* in 1903. The paper praised the concept, which, the Editors said, "is spreading every day, especially in New York," and its immigrant customers, who were educating themselves, integrating themselves, and capitalizing on America's material offerings.

But why Chinese? There are many explanations, probably best explained in an article whose name expresses one of the most basic: "Safe Treyf." The authors, Gaye Tuchman and Harry Levine, note that, while they were willing to violate the laws of kashrut, the act of eating actual pigs or shrimp was somewhat off-putting for the maybe not quite so adventurous new Americans. But if the stuff was diced, sautéed, or otherwise

disguised, it wasn't so bad. "What was in that egg roll? It must have been chicken or something." The typical Cantonese cuisine was tasty, rather bland, not threatening, and in many ways familiar. Early Chinese menus described wontons as Chinese kreplach (filled with chicken, of course). And there was no dairy involved. Pork chow mein is one thing, but picturing it under layers of melted cheese induces instant queasiness. Of course, the typical (then, but—alas—no longer) Chinese restaurant dessert of ice cream (with the obligatory chunks of ice in it) was fine.

The shared history of discrimination and persecution of people who were new to America but who belonged to ancient and glorious civilizations added to the comfort that Jews felt frequenting Chinese restaurants. And there was nothing Christian about the Chinese eating experience. Going into an Italian restaurant exposed you to pictures and statues of saints, crucifixes, and other reminders of the bad old days that the immigrants had recently fled. The food might be wonderful, but the environment could be a potent appetite suppressant.

And so with great food, slightly treyf but nevertheless delicious and cheap, comparable immigrant experiences, and geographical proximity (Chinatown is right next to the Lower East Side), a shiddach between the Eastern European Jews and Eastern Asian Chinese cuisine was inevitable. Chinese restaurants flourished among the Jews, spreading from Essex Street and Pitkin Avenue to the periphery of New York City, across the Hudson, across the Mississippi, and onward, even unto Fort Worth. Shanah Tovah to our Chinese friends.



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

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Beth-El Film Festival 2011

The Festival concludes on Sunday, February 20, with *The Deal*

Dinner is at 6:30 PM, Showtime is at 7:30 PM



The Deal (rated R) is a comedy about a down-and-out film producer who agrees to make his nephew's film about 19th-century English statesman Benjamin Disraeli but can get financing only if he casts a well-known action star. Production is halted, however, when the lead actor is kidnapped, so the producer hatches a scheme with a struggling creative executive to save the star and the movie.

The option dinner will be catered by Pulido's. The menu will be enchiladas, rice and beans, a taco, guacamole, iced tea, and a praline. The price is \$12. You must RSVP to the Temple at 817-332-7141.

The Beth-El Film Festival is made possible by allocations from our Endowment #2 and the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Synaplex

Friday, March 4, 2011

A smorgasborg of options to bring Shabbat alive!

- 6:00 PM:** Optional free dinner prepared by the great Men of Reform Judaism (**RSVP**).
6:45 PM: Candle Blessings and Kiddush in the Gathering Area.
7:00 PM: Then the Shabbat programs begin! Choose from one of the following fabulous programs:

- ✧ **“Literature of the Holocaust”**—Presented by Deborah Armintor, associate professor of English at the University of North Texas.
- ✧ **Shabbat Service**—With an emphasis on healing. Rabbi Mecklenburger will lead this caring service.
- ✧ **Jewish Trivia**—Monica Braverman will lead us in our quest for Jewish knowledge. Amaze your friends and family with your answers.
- ✧ **Jewish Creative Art Program**—Make your own Elijah cup for Passover.
- ✧ **Passover Re-enactment**—For children of all ages, led by Ilana. We will act out the Passover story with songs and dances.

After the programs, complete the evening with a big Temple Family Oneg.

Dinner is **FREE!** (Donations to the MRJ are always welcome.)

Please RSVP for the dinner by calling the Temple office at 817-332-7141.

(If you don't want dinner, you can, of course, come at 7:30.)



Deborah Armintor

92nd Street Y

Join us on Wednesday, February 2, for the 92nd Street Y program “The Epic Struggle to Save Soviet Jewry: Pivotal Figures from a Heroic Era.” Nobel Laureate Elie Wiesel, political advisor Richard Perle, and author Gal Beckerman will discuss the dramatic Cold War period when American Jewry first became politicized as Jews and Jews behind Russia's Iron Curtain took grave risks in order to win their freedom and emigrate to Israel or the United States.

After the televised panel, Alex and Sophia Nason, who will celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of their arrival in America just a few days before, will give us a local angle on the arrival of Jews in our community from the former Soviet Union. The Beth-El committee that is working on our “twinning” with a congregation in Odessa, Ukraine, calls your special attention to this program. Once, all that we could do was to help Jews get out. Now, we can help with the revival of Judaism in the former Soviet Union!

Beth-Elements

Daytimers

Daytimers presents

Dr. Carole Rogers of Jewish Family Services

Date: Wednesday, February 9, 2011

Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Beth-El Congregation

Price: \$9 for program and lunch
\$4 for program only



It's not your grandmother's Jewish family anymore. Looking at our children and grandchildren, we wonder what happened to Jewish organizations, Mah Jongg, and our favorite kugel recipes. The family landscape is changing. What does this mean for the future of

Jewish traditions and values? Dr. Rogers has dealt with these issues in depth, and she will share many of her insights into the changes in our family life and our community.

Lunch, which will be catered by Quiznos, includes chips, cookies, coffee or tea, and one of the following: pesto turkey on a toasty bullet (slim baguette ciabatta bread), cantina chicken sammy (chicken with mushrooms and onions on flatbread), or tuna melt on a toasty bullet (ciabatta baguette, cheddar cheese, and tuna salad). For reservations, call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Irv Robinson (817-731-7447). **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 February

Tuesday, February 22, 2011, 1:30 PM. Daytimers Bridge in the Beth-El Library. To make reservations, call Bill Margolis at 817-292-0798.

Upcoming Daytimers Event

Wednesday, March 9, 2011. Ben Feldman, author and blogger from New York, will speak on "From Billy Graham to the Baal Shem Tov: A Jewish boy's flight from the South in the time of Sputnik."

Wednesday, April 13, 2011. Docent-guided tour of the art collection at Acme Bricks, 3024 Acme Brick Plaza, Fort Worth, 76109.

Wednesday, May 11, 2011. The Texas Boys Choir presents "Town Choir."

Major Gift to Our Congregation

We are delighted to report that Barbara Rakover, in honor of her husband, Burton, has made a significant gift to Beth-El. Many of you will recall that when the new building was built, there were "naming opportunities" for major gifts. Some are still available. Thanks to the generosity of the Rakovers, not only will the Chapel now be known as the Rakover Chapel, but the funds will go into our Operating Endowment, and the earnings will support the life of Beth-El in perpetuity. We are very grateful to long-time congregants Barbie and Burt. Their names, of course, will be added to the plaque just outside the Sanctuary and Chapel.

As costs inexorably rise, Beth-El and other non-profits have more and more need for endowment income, in order to maintain the level of services that we provide for all. Whether or not you were a member when we built the new Beth-El a decade ago, please be aware that if you would like to make an endowment-level contribution, we still have several naming opportunities available, and there are programs as well as spaces in the building that can be named. To learn more, simply call the Temple president or Rabbi. As the Rakovers have shown us all, it is a mitzvah to support a synagogue and to help secure its future!

Jewish Education Agency Announces 2011 Bubbe & Zayde Honorees

The Jewish Education Agency is proud to announce this year's Bubbe and Zayde Honorees. Naomi and Mark Rosenfield will be recognized on Saturday, April 30, 2011, for their extraordinary dedication and service to Jewish education over the past thirty years.

"Naomi and Mark were instrumental in planting the seeds that flourished into our beloved school and camp," says Shoshana Thoma-Isgur, president of the Jewish Education Agency Board. The Rosenfields and their family are a living example of L'Dor v'Dor. Mark and Naomi truly deserve this tribute!"

The Rosenfields will be honored with a cocktail party and Havdallah at Congregation Ahavath Sholom. As in past years, a tribute book, reflecting our community's gratitude for their service, will be assembled.

As an added bonus, the JEA will draw a raffle ticket for "An Evening Atop Fort Worth," featuring dinner at Reata Restaurant in Sundance Square and accommodations at the Fort Worth Club. Tickets will be sold for \$10 each, or 12 for \$100. All proceeds from the tribute book and raffle will help the JEA's top priorities, including tuition for Jewish students and the summer campership program. For additional information on purchasing space in the tribute book, raffle tickets, or tickets to the event, please contact the Lil Goldman Early Learning Center at 817-737-9898.

Daughters of Abraham

Our January meeting was held at the mosque, where we

Rachel Bzostek, Guest Scholar February 11-12

In a world of nuclear weapons and terrorists, when are pre-emptive strikes legitimate? Is there anything we can do to deal with the radical militants who launch terror attacks, or are they just crazies with whom there is no point in talking? These are the sorts of questions in which Political Scientist Dr. Rachel Bzostek has specialized. She will speak on pre-emption during services on Friday, February 11, at 8:00 PM, and on terrorists and terrorism at what we are calling a “Shabbat Morning Breakfast and Learning” session on Saturday, February 12, at 9:30 AM. The Saturday session will not include a worship service, but in Judaism, study is another form of worship. Come and learn from a bright young scholar!

Dr. Bzostek (the name has a familiar ring, right?) teaches at the University of Texas in Tyler. She is a graduate of Tulane, and she has a masters degree from the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and a doctorate from LSU. Her first book, *Why Not Preempt? Security, Law, Norms, and Anticipatory Military Activities*, was published in 2008, and she is the author of numerous published articles.

We are especially delighted to welcome back to town a young woman who grew up at Beth-El! Jackie and Barry Bzostek are, of course, Rachel’s parents (it remains unclear who is “the other Dr. Bzostek,” as her brother and sister also have PhDs!).

Religious School News

Ilana Knust, Director of Education

“When you come into the land of Israel, you shall plant all kinds of trees.” ~Leviticus 19:23

In Israel, school is canceled on Tu Bishvat so that students can go out and participate in planting trees.

Israel holds at its core an obligation to embrace and strengthen the Tu Bishvat festival as an opportunity to reforest the land. The land that once flowed with milk and honey was replaced by a desert wasteland during a time in which the land was occupied by non-Israelites. Israelis embrace this holiday in order to promote the worthy goal of making the “desert bloom” once again.

Why does it take decades for something to be built, but it can be destroyed in one night?



A tree in Israel is much more than just a tree. It signifies the redemption of the land. So when a fire occurs in Israel, it not only burns the forestation—it also burns our very souls. On December 2, 2010, the worst forest fire in Israel’s history happened on Mt. Carmel. It burned five million trees. The fire had a tremendous impact on the land and the people. Both were devastated, since the trees are a symbol of our connection to the land. Israel cannot afford to lose trees.

This year at Religious School, the celebration of Tu Bishvat focused on this tragedy. Students watched the land before, during, and after the fires, and then they discussed ways that they could help to replant the trees that were lost in Israel. They also decided to donate the Tzedaka money to plant trees in Israel.

Upcoming Religious School Events

- * **Sunday, February 13**—Midrasha leadership program, *Creating Magic*.
- * **Sunday, February 27**—Special speaker. The topic is “Learning to Respond Effectively to Anti-Israel Incidents.”

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discussed the various types of clothing that are associated with our religions. Particularly interesting was why some Muslim women cover themselves and others don’t. Melissa Morgan presented information about the Jewish tradition of the wearing of tallit and head coverings for women and men.

These meetings are informal gatherings at which we consistently include eight or nine Jewish women each month. We would love to have more! Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 15, at Holy Family Catholic Church. For carpooling and more information, contact Corrine

Jacobson at 817-294-7844. Even if you come just once, you’ll enjoy yourself and understand the purpose of Daughters of Abraham. The group has a chapter in Arlington, and there is now a Sons of Abraham group, as well.

JWI

JWI’s program for Wednesday, February 2, at 10:15 AM, will be held at Beth-El. The speaker will be Dave Lieber, the watchdog investigative columnist for the *Fort Worth Star-Telegram*. His topic will be “How to Avoid Scamming Seniors.”

FWFTY

Jennie Brow, Corresponding VP

Thanks to all FWFTY members and parents who helped take food to the All Church Home teen shelter on Christmas. It was a lot of fun, and the kids were thankful! On Friday, February 4, there will be a FWFTY service at the Temple at 8:00 PM. The Talent Show for the children of Beth-El will be held on Friday, April 1, so start honing your talent—we want as many people as we can get in the show! Also, on February 18-22, some FWFTY members will attend the NFTY Convention in Dallas!

FWFTY's traditional December 25th activities began with a breakfast at IHOP.



Zach Beldon, Matt Davis, Emily Englander, and Jenna Lee.



Emily Shelby, Bessie Bronstein, Pauline Bronstein, Matt Beldon, and parents Scott & Erika Shelby (those not seen include parents Howard and Roberta Bellet, Rob Beldon, Joe Gorsd, and advisor Scott Sloter).



Caitlin Bellet, Mallory Kleinman, Seth Gorsd, William Nober, and Jacob Fuld.



After breakfast, attendees participated in a few games and a white-elfant gift exchange. Left to right are Seth Gorsd, Emily Shelby, Emily Englander, Matt Davis, and Matt Beldon.



The FWFTY Board began planning the 2011 spring semester

and had a lock-in at Scott's house. In front is Hailie Hartman; the middle row, left to right, is Jenna Lee, Jennie Brow, Zach Beldon, and Jake Oderberg. In the back is Matt Beldon with (It's so) Fluffy, the new FWFTY mascot.

FWFTY delivered a Christmas lunch to the teens at the All Church Home teen shelter. Left to right are J. D. Brow, Jacob Fuld, Caitlin Bellet, Scott Shelby, Erika Shelby, Rob Beldon, Mallory Kleinman, William Nober, Seth Gorsd, Matt Davis, Jenna Lee, Bessie Bronstein, Scott Sloter, Pauline Bronstein, Matt Beldon, Emily Englander, Zach Beldon, Jessie Brow, Emily Shelby, Jennie Brow (and her little brother), and Joe Gorsd.



Women of Reform Judaism Loretta Causey, President

Putting Jewish Cooking on a Diet

We all have our favorite recipes, but EEEK! The fats, sugars, and salt just aren't cool anymore. Most of us are concerned about HDL, LDL, systolic, diastolic, and so on. But we don't want to give up our family favorites, especially those handed down from past generations.



Our very own Sherry Simon, an experienced dietician, will tell us how to retain flavor and taste while cutting those very devilish fats, sugars, and salt.

Join us on Thursday, February 17, at 7:00 PM, in the Beth-El kitchen. Bring your own favorite recipes. Refreshments will be served, and there will be a \$2 charge at the door. To reserve your place, email Carol St. Onge at c.stonge@sbcglobal.net.

Here's a Sneak Peek...

Listed below is just a sample of the items available to you at WRJ's annual Donor Brunch and Silent Auction. Remember that all proceeds go to support Beth-El's Religious School and to provide camperships to help Beth-El children attend Greene Family Camp. Don't miss the opportunity to participate in this fun event and HELP WRJ HELP OUR KIDS! We hope to see you on Sunday, February 13, from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM.

Here are a few of the goodies—Pilates classes, Dior makeup class with lunch at Neiman Marcus, Nothing Bundt Cakes, lunch or dinner for four at Panera's Cafe, Laura Mercier "Girls Night Out," DQ Blizzards for fifty, Waterford pieces, handblown glass art, lots of gift certificates, and much more. See you there!

Brotherhood Update Adam Siegel, President

Men of Reform Judaism is pleased to announce that Edythe Cohen has been selected as this year's Mickey Goldman Award Winner. Edythe has a long history with Beth-El, including running the gift shop for many years. Please join us in recognizing Edythe at the dinner on Sunday, February 27, at 6:00 PM. We will serve the traditional spaghetti dinner, with salad and garlic bread, as well as

wine and cheese to kick off the evening of celebration.

We are also thrilled to announce that Matthew Beldon has been selected as the recipient of the First Annual MRJ College Scholarship, and he will be formally presented the award at the Goldman Dinner. The Scholarship Committee thanks all of the applicants for participating.

Please join us in recognizing these outstanding people.

The Judaica Shop

Glass on Sale

A selection of things made from glass are on sale. You'll find jewelry, kiddush cups, mezuzahs—anything made from glass. If you liked it at the regular price, you'll love it at the sale price.

Shop Hours

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

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the birth of Andrew Ostroff
Lisa and Dave Ostroff
a speedy recovery for Morty Herman Michael Nadler
Teresa Ellis, on being awarded her PhD from Brite Divinity Gilda Tann Cohen
the birth of Zeke Siff

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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- Thanks to all of our friends for the lovely Uniongram in honor of our 40th anniversary. ~Susan and Guy LaMere

Yahrzeits

February 4

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Hyman Berman
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Charles Christie
Mildred Cohen
David Cott
Sol Englander
Jack A. Frankrich
Phil Freedman
Dore Goldstein
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Florence Sherman
Melissa Sherman
Harriet Stein
Margaret K. Steinberger
Art Stubbs
Stephen Richard Walters
Marion Weil
Morris Weinberg
Sidney E. Weltman

February 11

Charles Anton
Helen Ginsburg
Archenhold

Sam Yale Bell
Madaline Broude
Milton Charrow
Scott Cook
Benjamin Coopersmith
Mark D. Feinknopf
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Benjamin Rice
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Faye Sarfatti
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Alex Wolf

February 18

Max Birenbaum
Ellen Silver Bowsher
Irene Brother
Mary Chanosky
Frieda Cristol
Marcus Durst
Wendy Fine
Harold Freed
Leo Leopold Gernsbacher
Danny Glazer
Joseph S. Glenn
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Emily Wile

February 25

Corinne Stein Baum
Lillian Bellows
Ruth Brody
Samuel Bzostek
Marie Meisel Cedars
Ida Gilden Glazer
Ida Goldgraber
David Greenberg
Roslyn Gentler Gross
Tillie Jacobson
Minnie Leve
Celyne Lehman Levy
Joseph Levy
Linnie Sue Monzingo
Dorothy Nass
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William Pratt
Mark Rakooover
Abe B. Sandler
Harold Schiff
Lillian Sperling
Edith Schwarz Strauss
Victor Tewele
Allen Tilkin
Sadie Schiff Wile
Aaron B. Wolfson

The Temple Family

Welcome New Members

- Robin and Jerry Stein, 8101 Rain Dance Tr., Fort Worth, 76123, 817-292-6963, jstein5415@aol.com (his), rlastein12@aol.com (hers)
- Elizabeth Manion and Rick Press, 1114 Buck Ave., Fort Worth 76110, 817-807-8069, rpress@star-telegram.com

Members on the Move

- Phyllis and Bob Fenton, 223 La Jolla Cove, Fort Worth, 76114

Mazel Tov

- to Jackie Bzostek, who was honoree at the Annual Luncheon of Planned Parenthood of North Texas.
- to Judy and Marty Tobey, on the birth of their grandson, Nathan Lewis Tobey. Proud parents are Jude and Danny Tobey in Dallas.

Our Sincere Condolences

- to Karen Simon, and all the extended Simon family, on the death of her father, Cary Isenberg.
- to Trudie Oshman, and all the family, on the death of her mother, Frances Plotsky.
- to Marcia Kurtz and Jerry Pozez, and all the family, on the death of their sister-in-law, Evelyn Whitebook Pozez.

Beth-El Boomers

On Saturday, February 5, the Boomers will head to the NYTEX Sports Centre in North Richland Hills for a Fort Worth Brahmas hockey game. A block of excellent sixth-row and seventh-row seats (at the discount price of \$14) have been reserved for the 7:30 PM game. If you've never been to a professional hockey game, don't worry. All Boomers will receive a free program that explains the basics of the game, plus a line-up card, poster, and other goodies. To reserve your ticket for this fun evening of ice-hockey action, call Chad Siewert at the Brahmas office at 817-520-3327 and tell him that you are with the Beth-El Boomers.

If you'd like to join the group for dinner before the game, at BJ's Restaurant (www.bjsrestaurants.com) next to Northeast Mall, email elaineandjim@gmail.com or call Jim or Elaine Stanton at 817-927-2555. We will meet there at 5:45 PM.

If you haven't come to one of our events, they are a great way to meet other Boomers. Our group is open to all Beth-El members born between about 1946-1964.

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Ecclesiastes was written in the Hellenistic world of the third century BCE. Hellenism itself—Greek thinking—caused a revolution in the way that most Jews experienced their world. Change there was.

Still, it is too soon to declare Ecclesiastes refuted. As a grandson, and now as a grandfather, I note that the biggest trips revolve around *mishpacha*—family. That now I am the grandfather only confirms Ecclesiastes' view of the

cycles of life going on eternally: "One generation goes, and another comes, but the earth remains the same forever." (1:4) It would be naive to say that the technologies do not matter. Life expectancy has grown considerably in the short span of my lifetime and has more than doubled since biblical times. The human condition, though, remains pretty much the same. God is still God; we are still mortal; and *mishpachah* remains one of our chief blessings.