



# BETH-EL CONGREGATION

JUNE/JULY 2010

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



Marcy Paul, our Religious School chairperson—and mother of Greene Family Camp regular Isaac Narrett—had a great suggestion recently. We have reached the point at which we send forty to fifty Beth-El members to Greene Family Camp each summer. Why not wish them well and honor them and their families at a Shabbat service? This will also be for

Beth-El staff members and volunteers (dietitians, physicians, and Camp Committee members—Beth-El has a major investment of talent in camping!) As an old camper and a father of campers, I like that! And while the largest number will go to GFC, the Union for Reform Judaism camp near here, I know that we always send some students to other Jewish camps, as well. I think that camping is a wonderful experience for kids, and the opportunity for those growing up as part of a small minority in the “Bible Belt” to be in a predominantly Jewish environment for a while makes it even better.

So we are going to have a Greene Family Camp and other Jewish camps Shabbat (Kutz, Young Judea—let me know which camps and we’ll acknowledge them all!) on the first Friday night in June. The young people can all do the aliyah, and we’ll sing some camp-style songs and perhaps send them off with a gift, too.

Marcy and I went to URJ camps when growing up. In the Chicago area, we went to Oconomowoc, Wisconsin, and in college and graduate school, I worked there first, and then at our camp in Cleveland, Georgia (“red clay country,” near Atlanta). I’ll bet a lot of others out there, whether alumni

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

Friday, June 4 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service

Wishing a great summer to all who are going to Greene Family Camp and other Jewish camps!

Saturday, June 5 \_\_\_\_\_ 10:30 AM

Shabbat Morning Service

Bar Mitzvah of Lukas Wasserman

*The Beth-El Choir will sing*

Friday, June 11 \_\_\_\_\_ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service

Candles, Kiddush, and Challah at 5:45 PM

Service at 6:00 PM

Friday, June 18 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service honoring new members

*The Beth-El Choir will sing*

Friday, June 25 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service

Friday, July 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service

Candles, Kiddush, and Challah at 5:45 PM

Service at 6:00 PM

Friday, July 9 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service

*Our Volunteer Choir will sing*

Friday, July 16 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service

Friday, July 23 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service

Friday, July 30 \_\_\_\_\_ 8:00 PM

Shabbat Summer Service



### Lukas Wasserman

Son of Ana and Aaron Wasserman  
Bar Mitzvah, Saturday, June 5, 2010

# President's Message

Dr. Barry Bzostek, President

Our new building is ten years old. Cars or loaves of bread that are ten years old are hardly considered new, but buildings age on a different scale (with some geographic differences—compare Texas Stadium with the Coliseum in Rome, for example). Even after ten years, I am surprised each time I enter the building at how beautiful it is, and how successfully it combines functionality with its physical beauty. Even more gratifying is the continued pride that our congregants feel about the building. From the very beginning, the dedication and participation of our congregants—over 75% contributed to the building fund—has been a source of joy for us and envy for other congregations.

Our recent fundraiser affirmed the continuing appreciation of our physical facility. A wonderful dinner-dance, arranged, once again this year, by Julie Diamond and her committee, commemorated the building's 10th anniversary by honoring the Building Committee, which was chaired by Irwin Krauss, and the many congregants and professionals who played vital roles in the design, construction, and financing of the new building. Over 170 people attended, and the celebration netted over \$25,000. Thanks again to Julie and the Fundraising Committee.

Our new building is ten years old. Refrigerators, air conditioners, computers, and sofas that are ten years old are hardly considered new, and this has begun to become an issue. Over the past year, expenses for maintenance and repair of the building and equipment have increased significantly. The dismal economy has caused a drop in donations and investment income. Our congregation continues to grow and the Temple is being used more than ever for congregational activities.

## *Musings, continued from page 1*

of Greene or of other Jewish camps, have fond memories of them. The first Union for Reform Judaism (then Union of American Hebrew Congregations) camp started in 1952, and by now the list includes thirteen camps, from California to Massachusetts.

Even more notable, Jewish sociologists for a recent study identified 3,000 young Jews in their 20s and 30s playing leadership roles in Jewish communities and did a survey of them. They found that two-thirds of them had gone to Jewish camps when growing up! Is this, I ask, because the camps are so

This is exactly what we want to happen, but it means that the facility is less available for outside rentals and our staffing needs are increasing. We are growing and thriving and, especially in comparison with Reform congregations around the country, in pretty good fiscal condition. However, the initial budget, for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2010, showed a deficit of over \$20,000.

The Board, together with Rabbi Mecklenburger and Suzie Koonsman, eliminated the budget deficit by decreasing projected spending and increasing projected income. You know where this is going. A major component of the increased income will come from a dues increase, the first one in three years. As of July 1, standard dues will increase by \$100 annually. In addition, members of the Sanctuary Circles will be encouraged to increase their contributions, members in the Affiliate status will be encouraged to become full members, and congregants who benefit from partial dues abatement will be encouraged to increase their contributions as much as possible. Nobody enjoys the prospect of raising dues, but fiscal responsibility is essential. It took the Board quite a while to decide on a dues increase, but in the end, it was felt unanimously that an increase was necessary in order for Beth-El to continue to function at the level of excellence we all enjoy currently.



good, or because the families who support such experiences communicate Jewish enthusiasm and loyalty to their children? I doubt that a survey could settle that question, but I suggest that the answer is, "Both."

The Jewish identity kit includes several important tools—Religious School, Israel trips, creating Jewish memories in the family, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, and more. You can gain a positive Jewish identity without camp. But it is harder! Come celebrate Jewish camping with us for our first "summer service" on June 4th!

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**Staff:** Ralph D. Mecklenburger, *Rabbi*; Ilana Knust, *Education Director*; Suzie Koonsman, *Administrator*; Debbie Bowden, *Congregational Secretary*; Jaime Rivera, *Custodian*

# Beth-Elements

## Leadership Beth-El



*Leadership Beth-El's graduates at the Leadership Recognition Shabbat Service, which was held on April 16. Front row, left to right: Marcy Paul, Karen Telschow Johnson, and Linda Hochster. Back row, left to right: David Clay, Josh Oderberg, Bruce Weiner (Committee Chair), Louis Schultz, Steve Geer, and Jim Stanton. Not pictured: Red Goldstein.*

## Hang Loose—Beth-El Boomers Set Inaugural Event

Relax. Take it easy and join us for an unforgettable and fun late afternoon of wine, light snacks, and an opportunity to meet new friends. The Beth-El Boomers are hosting a wine-tasting event at Times Ten Cellars, a new Fort Worth winery located in the charming Foch Street District. Festivities are from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, June 27. Enjoy eight flights of red and white wine and a little wine making history for only \$15! Space is limited, so if you are as jazzed as we are, then let us know no later than June 18 by emailing Elaine and Jim Stanton at [elaineandjim@gmail.com](mailto:elaineandjim@gmail.com) or by calling them at 817-927-2555. A fab time is guaranteed for all!

By the way...what's a Beth-El Boomer? When thirty enthusiastic Beth-El members, born between 1946 and 1964, recently got together, they discussed ways to continue building community within Beth-El. Why not plan social events specifically for Beth-El Boomers so that we can get to know each other better, possibly do things that we would not do by ourselves, or just enjoy an evening out? Future activities are currently being planned. If you are a Baby Boomer and would like to be added to the email list to receive notifications about upcoming events, email [elaineandjim@gmail.com](mailto:elaineandjim@gmail.com).

*P.S. If you had to look up on the Internet the meaning of "hang loose," "jazzed," and "fab time," then you are probably not a boomer!*

## Senior Program

The Jewish Family Services Senior Program meets daily at the Temple. Activities change daily. They include Bingo, Black Jack, chair exercise, Mah Jongg, massage, etc. There is no cost for the program. The hours are from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM. Lunch is served at noon (nominal donation requested).

## Federation Annual Meeting

Please join us for our 74th Annual Meeting on Thursday, June 3, at 7:30 PM, at Beth-El Congregation.

Our featured speaker will be Jacob Dallal, director of PR and Marketing for the Jewish Agency for Israel in North America. Jacob holds the rank of Major in the Israel Defense Forces and was a career officer in the Spokesperson's Unit. He has appeared on CNN, Fox, and the BBC. He will explain the wonderful work of JAFI and update us on the current situation in Israel.

We will also vote on new directors and new officers for our board.

### 2010-2011 Board Nominees

#### *Directors*

Jeff Hochster  
Linda Hoffman (2nd term)  
Karen Kaplan  
David Nudleman (2nd term)  
Jeff Rothschild (2nd term)  
Len Schweitzer (2nd term)  
Ron Sivernell

#### *Officers*

Barry Schneider – President (2nd term)  
Marilyn Englander – Vice President  
David Nudleman – Vice President  
Len Schweitzer – Vice President  
Jeff Hochster - Treasurer  
Linda Hoffman – Secretary

### *Continuing Elected Members of the Board of Directors*

Karen Anisman	Larry Brunell
Dr. Sam Kleinman	Alan Luskey
Roz Micklin	Rich Morris
Kenneth Baum	Patty Garsek
Rick Klotz	Shayne Moses
Melissa Morgan	

The Nominating Committee included Chair Eddie Feld, Arnie Gachman, Alan Luskey, Harvey Micklin, and Lon Werner.

## Mitzvah Brigade

Adele Arensberg will work one Friday a month to take over for Rita Berman, who moved to be with her family in Colorado. It is fun to work at the front desk and meet those who come to the Temple for various reasons and help with the phone and other office needs. During the summer, Ilana Knust may be seeking volunteers for the upcoming Religious School year. Please consider joining the Mitzvah Brigade, to help where you are needed.

# Beth-Elements

## Daughters of Abraham

Daughters of Abraham held its last meeting of the school year on May 18 at the mosque on Diaz Street. Several Jewish members did not attend because of the Shavout dinner and service at Beth-El. Corrine Jacobson discussed the importance of Shavout and how this holiday gave the world the Ten Commandments. The topic of the evening was ethics and etiquette of our religion. Shirley Spitzberg and Carol St. Onge discussed the ethics of Jewish funerals, addressing the public, addressing letters, and other topics. If you Google “Jewish

Ethics,” you can learn about these ideas of our faith.

The group will meet only once during the summer for a book discussion with the Arlington group. This has been a successful year—almost twenty-five women met monthly for the study of our various holidays, divorce, marriage, and personal matters. Political forces and ideas are not topics that we discuss. It is an understanding of our commonalities that brings us together. Our first meeting in the fall will be at Beth-El in September. If you have any questions, please contact Corrine Jacobson at 817-294-7844.

## Daytimers—June

### *Kids Who Care returns to Daytimers*

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



Kids Who Care has an all New Show, “District XI—Believe in Me.”

*If you have never seen a Kids Who Care original musical, this is where to start. KWC founder Deborah Jung knows how to put kids into shows that give*

*them musical-theater experience and still allow them to be themselves. There is nothing quite like seeing the stage flood with energetic kids. It will give you goose bumps, believe it.* —Cathy O’Neal, *Dallas Morning News*.

Lunch, which will be catered by Jason’s Deli, includes chips, a cookie, coffee or tea, and one of the following: turkey on whole wheat, chicken salad on whole wheat, or tuna salad on rye. For reservations, call with your credit card to Sylvia Wexler (817-294-1129) or Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736). **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.

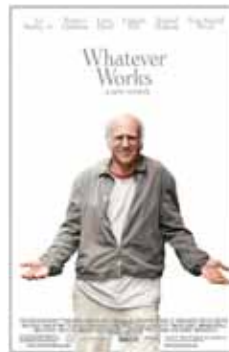
### *Also in June*

**Tuesday, June 22, 2010, 1:30 PM.** Daytimers Bridge in the Beth-El Library. To make reservations, call Al Wexler at 817-294-1129.

## Daytimers—July

### *Annual Movie and Ice Cream Social*

Date: Wednesday, July 14, 2010  
 Time: 1:00 PM  
 Price: \$5 per person



Join us for the annual Movie and Ice Cream Social, featuring the Woody Allen film *Whatever Works*. Woody Allen wrote and directed this “blackish comedy” about an eccentric, upper class New Yorker who discovers that life among the non-conformists isn’t quite as carefree as he’d envisioned it to be.

We will have ice cream and popcorn and enjoy a great film! For reservations, call with your credit

card to Sylvia Wexler (817-294-1129) or Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736). **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 July*

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

### *Upcoming Daytimers Event*

**Wednesday, August 18, 2010, 8:00 AM.** Trip to winstar Casino.

**Wednesday, September 15, 2010, 12:00 PM.** Bob Ray Sanders will present “Calvin Littlejohn,” a photo history of Fort Worth.



**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

# Women of Reform Judaism \_\_\_\_\_ Loretta Causey, President

## Membership Renewal Time

We were very pleased with this year's membership of 175 ladies. This was a banner year for fundraising and continual provision of events in our congregation. From contributing generously to our Religious Fund and camperships in the summertime and our Rosh Hashanah Reception in honor of our Rabbi and his wife, Ralph and Ann Mecklenburger, to the conclusion of the year with Second Night Seder and WRJ Shabbat in late May, we stayed very busy.

**Please respond to the WRJ Membership Renewal Form and survey**, which will be in your mailbox, during the second week in June. There is a range of activities every month, with many opportunities to give of your time, talent, and tithes. WRJ continues to be a force within our community, as well as our Temple. Traditionally, everyone enjoys the Uniongrams commemorating milestone anniversaries for our congregants. The floral arrangements on the bimah continue to be appreciated every Friday night. Our Interfaith Shabbat and our WRJ Shabbat include member volunteers writing services, as well as providing special Onegs for the congregation and guests. The many ladies who enjoy the fellowship in the kitchen provide hamentaschen for the Religious School and the community, and orchestrate a huge Second Night Seder during Pesach. Fun activities throughout the year include Bunko Night, Mah Jongg Night, and Knitzvah Knitters to knit for the community. We also provide culinary classes taught by

our talented members. Our most supportive event of the year is our annual Donor Brunch to raise funds for our Religious School and our youth camperships. It takes several volunteers to plan and provide a traditionally lovely event that inspires contributions. Another major source of fellowship and service is our Judaica Gift Shop, which is managed by Edythe Cohen, our ten-year veteran. It is not only a convenient shop to purchase needed and beautiful Judaica goods—but it is also a source of income for WRJ, which enables us to give generously to our Temple's youth organizations.

None of these wonderful events or generous contributions to the propagation of Jewish experiences or education can occur without our members volunteering a bit of their time.

## Why WRJ?

Many answers come to mind. Each person has a personal answer. Some ladies want to belong and identify with other Jewish women, while other ladies have a current sense of "giving back." Often there are seasons in the belonging. For many of us, there are years of needing the organization. Then there are times of needing to contribute back to the community through being a part of something greater than ourselves. For wherever we are as a Jewish woman, there is something to be gained by being a member of Women of Reform Judaism, our sisterhood at Beth-El. Please join us to create a unity of what we personally need and want.

# Mitzvah Day—Thank You! \_\_\_\_\_ Dan Halpern

Our Fifteenth Annual Mitzvah Day was held on Sunday, April 25, 2010. A very successful effort, we performed many mitzvot throughout Tarrant County. This event would not have been possible without the support of the many volunteers who participated in Mitzvah Day activities and the leadership of our Jewish community, and I want to recognize those who were responsible for its success.

Thanks to Jenny Solomon, my Mitzvah Day co-chair. This project is always a team effort.

Thanks to Rabbi Mecklenburger, Beth-El Education Director Ilana Knust, and Beth-El President Barry Bzostek for your consistent, unwavering support and encouragement. Thanks, also, to the staff of Beth-El—Suzie, Debbie, Alexa, Sandra, Jaime, and Rigo—for administrative and technical expertise that ensured that the event ran smoothly.

The Men's Club of Ahavath Sholom contributed the delicious breakfast of bagels, cream cheese, juice, and coffee; and Beth-El's Men of Reform Judaism, under the leadership of Adam Siegel, prepared a hearty lunch for all the volunteers. You can't perform mitzvot on an empty stomach! Thank you.

Thanks to Dr. Bruce Weiner for contributing toothbrushes and toothpaste for the Presbyterian Night Shelter.

Registrars Corinne Jacobson and Ellen Rubinson ensured that each activity was properly filled and balanced in terms of

personnel. Mileyna Razack made sure that t-shirts were available. Edythe Cohen enthusiastically staffed the Beth-El gift shop. Thank you very much, ladies!

Special thanks to the activity captains for your leadership, commitment, and dedication: Laurie Kelfer (Friends of the River), Joan Katz (Gladney Center for Adoption), Jerry Weiner (Hebrew Rest Cemetery), Terri Halpern (Hospice and Presbyterian Night Shelter), Jenny Solomon (Knitting), Lynell Bond (Coats for Pets), Howard, Roberta, and Caitlin Bellet and Faye Slater (Meals in Waiting), Linda Hoffman (Tarrant Area Food Bank), Ann Cobert (Women's Center), and Marty Rubinson (Habitat for Humanity). And thanks to the Religious School teachers and parents for assisting with cards for soldiers, blankets, and for making comfort bags for the homeless shelter.

Thanks very much to everyone who participated in a Mitzvah Day activity. It's because of YOU that Mitzvah Day is successful.

Finally, for those of you who enjoy statistics, while some things cannot be quantified—building a house, cleaning the cemetery or the Trinity River banks, sorting food for the Food Bank, or delivering meals to hospital waiting rooms, others can be. As a Jewish community, we did the following:

# FWFTY

Zach Beldon, Corresponding VP

During May, FWFTY went on a great camping trip, and we had our elections for the 2010-2011 FWFTY Board. We also attended a mud fight hosted by ARFTY. At the end of May, we had our annual New Members Pool Party and Lock-In. Everyone had a great time and can't wait for next year to begin! I hope that everyone has a great summer! Here is the new board for this coming year:

Matthew Beldon: President

Brandon Bito: Programming VP

Zachary Beldon: Social Action VP

Jacob Oderberg: Religious & Cultural VP

Caitlin Bellet: Membership VP

Jennie Brow: Corresponding VP



Hey everyone, I'm Jennie Brow, the new CVP for FWFTY. I'm very excited about this upcoming year and can't wait to meet everybody. This year, I'm hoping to make great bulletins and schmoozes and take lots of pictures. I'm a very creative person and I love photography. I look forward to a great new year with my new board and I hope that everyone has a good summer.



Hello. I'm Zachary Beldon, FWFTY's new Social Action VP. Next year, I will be a senior at Keller Fossil Ridge High School. I have spent the last two years on the FWFTY board as the CVP, and I look forward to becoming the Social Action VP. As SAVP, I will look to incorporate some sort of Social Action at almost every event. I hope to get FWFTY out into the community more. I am looking forward to next year and I

hope that everyone has a great summer vacation.

Hey everyone, I'm Brandon Bito, FWFTY's new Programming VP. I will be a senior at Paschal High School. I am captain of the wrestling team, I make straight "A"s, and I love FWFTY. Next year, in addition to those events that we have almost every year, I intend to add some more multi-youth group events and new, more exciting events that we have never had before. I also plan to have more fundraising events so that future programs are the best that they

can possibly be. Have a great summer, and join me next year in FWFTY!

Hey everyone, my name is Matthew Beldon, and I am FWFTY's new president (no acronym, lol!). I will be a senior at Keller Fossil Ridge High School, I am currently the president in my school's Criminal Justice club. Next year, I plan to have more events and more hands-on events that make you want to come back. I plan to have my best year in FWFTY this coming year, especially with my new board, and I hope that everyone has a great summer!



Hi! I'm Caitlin Bellet, the new FWFTY Membership VP. Next year, I will be a freshman at Birdville High School, where I will be a member of the "Pride of Haltom" marching band. I am so excited about being in FWFTY, and I have a lot of ideas on how to get members and non-members involved in our activities! I hope that everyone has a great summer, and I look forward to working—and playing—with everyone next year!

I'm Jake Oderberg, and I will be FWFTY's RCVP for the 2010-2011 year! Next year, I will be a freshman at Martin High School. This is my first year on the FWFTY board, and I'm really excited! I wasn't planning on running this year, but I was nominated by Matt Beldon. I've been told by family members and peers that I'm a good singer. Hopefully, that is true. As Choir president, I will be able to help with any vocal parts that are needed. Also, as RCVP, my job is to put the religious aspect into the FWFTY events and services. I believe that I'm capable of all this and much more. I hope that you think so, as well.



*Members of the old and new board got together to congratulate Danielle Knust (FWFTY PVP 2008-2010) on her election to the NFTY-TOR regional board as PVP for 2010-2011. Front row, left to right: Emily*

*Englander, Danielle Knust and Zach Beldon; back row, left to right: Matt Beldon and Brandon Bito.*

*FWFTY went camping at Fort Richardson State Park in Jacksboro. This wonderful event was planned by Danielle Knust as her final responsibility on the FWFTY board. She led the group in a Shabbat service and ran the elections and installations of the new officers. FWFTY members enjoyed a great camping experience thanks to our boy scouts, Gary and Drew Goldstein. Also helping were Kurt Knust, Howard Bellet, and FWFTY advisor Scott Slotter. On the reverse are pictures from this event.*



*Danielle Knust and Scott Sloter prepare for the Shabbat service during the campout.*



*Congratulations to the new FWFTY officers for 2010-2011. Left to right are Zach Beldon (SAVP), Matt Beldon (President), Caitlin Bellet (MVP), Brandon Bito (PVP), Jacob Oderberg (RCVP), and Jennie Brow (CVP).*



*Jennie Brow prepares Hobo Packs for dinner.*



*Hang-ing out around the camp fire are*



*(left to right) Madison Moses, Jennie Brow, Jessie Brow, Caitlin Bellet, and Meagan Moses.*



*Hailie Hartman finds that climbing a tree gives her a great view of the camp site.*

*Getting ready to go camping are (left to right) JD Brow, Adam Knust, and Jacob Oderberg.*



**You can't say that FWFTY-ites mind getting dirty. FWFTY joined ARFTY (Beth Shalom) and NETTY (Beth Israel) at the annual mud maccabiah in Arlington.**



*Picture above: The youth groups play tug-of-war in the mud to get the event started. Picture at right: Madison Moses, Meagan Moses, and Zach Beldon. Picture at left: A muddy pyramid showcasing some FWFTY members. Bottom row, on the right is Madison Moses; middle row, left to right is Meagan Moses, Brandon Bito, Zach Beldon. FWFTY members on the back row include Matt Beldon on the far left and J.D. Brow next to him.*



# Yahrzeits

## June 4

M. J. Amstater  
J. D. Buddy Baccus  
Irene Berger  
Fay Kalish Fairman  
Louis Feit  
Bea Field  
Abe Friedman  
Isadore H. Ginsburg  
Nessa Griver  
Minnie Cohen Jackson  
Allan Jacobi  
Nathan Marx Jacobs  
Herman Klar, Jr.  
Lena Friedlander Klotz  
Elizabeth Kuehn  
Barbara Kurtz  
Sam Label  
Sidney Landman  
Florence Lederman  
Helen Levenson  
Daniel Lucas  
William A. Nathan  
Bernice Osser  
Frank Pollack  
Abe Pozez  
Esther B. Rauch  
Jobe H. Richards  
Esther Robbins  
Ruth Roberts  
Jack Rotman  
Tamara Rousch  
Henry Sandberber  
Anne Sher  
Alvin Shwarts  
Frances Silby  
Uriah Simon  
Mildred Lefkowitz Spitz  
Hyman L. Stern  
Martin Stryer  
Sam Sturman  
Pauline Kurtz Weiner

## June 11

Ida Marcus Anisman  
Abraham Anolik  
R. C. Archenhold  
Leah Baum

Alexander Bellows  
Leon Benkoff  
Elias Brachman  
Isadore S. Brin  
Gertrude Chicotsky  
Bess Cohn  
Joseph Cristol  
Abe Davis  
Irvin J. Farb  
Lila Freidlin  
Grace Goodman  
Anne Goubina  
Saul Haber  
Abe Horowitz  
Rosalie Jacobs  
Frank Kahn  
Jacob Klar  
Jennie Kragen  
Sadie Lefkowitz  
Gary Luskey  
Jacob Nathan  
Edgar Parvey  
Bernice Rapfogel  
Eva Rosenberg  
Sam Schneider  
Jake Tobolowsky  
Arthur "Skip" Urbach

## June 18

Elieser Abimael  
Norman Bailin  
Rose Nulman Bilsky  
M. Gaston  
Ellie Louis Gilbert  
Rose Haas Gilbert  
Bluma Goldman  
Rebecca Lind Hurwitz  
Sam Kahn  
Ruby Kantor  
Louis Lesnick  
Julius Lurie  
Herman Nass  
Herman Parker  
Joseph Maurice Polsky  
David Rousch  
Jerome Selig  
John Stanton  
Ann Coles Tomlinson

Maryanne Townes  
Lillie Weiner  
Fannie Winterman Wolf

## June 25

Sharon Balick  
Elaine Bernstein  
Grover Bressert  
Julian Brown  
Dave Chicotsky  
Isadore Echt  
Charles M. Eckber  
Leonard Faden  
Simon Florsheim  
Nathan Freeman  
Brian David Fritzer  
Mayer Gabert  
Stella Mayer Goldsmith  
William Haas  
Erica Hochster  
Harry Hoffman  
Rosann Mundt  
Lamensdorf  
Sylvia Luskay  
Amy Merfeld  
Herman H. Miller  
Norman Richard  
Hazel Weltman  
Rubenstein  
Ida Rubin  
Walter C. Sanders  
Rose Schneider  
Stuart Mitchell Schwartz  
Sidney Stern  
Imre Ungar  
Leo Zeve

## July 2

Yetta Amstater  
Martin Bellet  
Rose Bernstein  
Francine Bobkoff  
Janice Bomash  
Milton R. Carr  
Gabriel Cohen  
Marcus Cristol  
Jay Fried  
Sophia Jay Fried  
Wolf Friedman  
David Gaines  
Sadie Gross

Frederick W. Hall  
Selma Kay  
Allen Klotzman  
Irving Klotzman  
Joseph Loveridge  
Esther Kreina Miron  
Albert Oberstein  
Ruth S. Rosen  
Anna Belle Rosenthal  
Herbert Rothstein  
Marian Rubinson  
Jacob H. Schloss  
Tillie Schloss  
Sara Tadmor  
Anne Oderberg Varvaro  
Milton Meyer Weil  
Frances Weiner  
Erna Zentner  
Ida Zeve

## July 9

Pnina ben Avraham  
Helen Bernstein  
Pauline Mellis  
Boardman  
Burney Bobkoff  
Larry Lewis Boyles  
Jake Chanosky  
Lillian Cohen  
Martin Fruhman  
Ruben Fuller  
Yale Glazer  
Dina Goldstone  
Morris Greenspun  
George Jacobs  
Irene Jacobs  
Minnie Joseph  
Erna Lesaius  
Miriam Keller Lipman  
Morris Lipshitz  
Thelma Miron Long  
Harriet E. Maskell  
Ethel Rosen Mehl  
Milton Meyer  
Abraham Micklin  
Jessie Miller  
Harry Pink  
Eleanor R. Posnock  
Sarah Rosenstein  
Esther Rosenthal  
Max Shapiro

Herbert Tuchin  
Stanley Weiner  
Edwin Wittenberg  
Mary Susner Yentis

## July 16

Abraham Antweil  
Helene Baginsky  
Lorraine K. Berenson  
Helen Bressert  
Serena Brumer  
Mathilda Rosenbaum Carb  
Nathan Eckert  
Elizabeth Finkel  
William Friedman  
David "Donk" Gordon  
Louis Gordon  
Bertha Harris  
Rudy Kemp  
Clifford Kern  
Lena Klar  
Marshall Kopman  
Patricia Korenvaes  
Ben Label  
Pearl Brown Linette  
Katie Merfeld  
Dona Miller  
Samuel Leve Narrett  
Moshe Ninio  
Yetta Parker  
Arthur Pritchard  
Rose Raphael  
Charles Lee Richards  
Samuel Rubinton  
Rochelle Sachs  
Frederick Schlinger  
Rolly Schur  
Marvin Schuster  
Mary Levine Shwarts  
Milton Sylvan Simon  
Rose Tiras  
Alice Van Natta  
William E. Weinschenker

## July 23

Stephen Allen  
William A. Belmont  
Florence Birenbaum  
Florence Cohn  
Mae Joseph Davidson  
Sara Feit

Lana Jeanne Fleischman  
Jerry Frank  
Yvette "DeeDee"  
Friedberg  
Jack Gilden  
Morris Hendelman  
David Krumholz  
Herman Lehmann  
Elaine Levy  
Pauline Kleier-Levy  
Sarah Nurenburg  
Bebe Schwartz  
Hazel Shapiro  
Gussie Weiner  
Hyman Wolf  
Anna N. Wolfson

## July 30

Reube Archenhold  
Minnie Schorr Bihari  
Pearl Bodner  
Meredith R. Carb, Sr.  
Isidore Cederbaum  
Mamie Cederbaum  
Adolph Chanosky  
Helen Markusfeld Cohen  
Robert G. Eckstein  
Charlotte Fleischmann  
Morris N. Freed  
Belle Goldblum  
Leah Landman Gold-  
stucker  
Arthur J. Greenspun  
Louis Haas  
Arthur Marvin Kay  
Sally Kestenberg  
Albert Kleiman  
Sandra Rubin Koslow  
Carrie K. Kruckman  
Julius Kunen  
Pauline Nimkoff  
Odile Patrick  
Esther Neumegen  
Polasky  
Nettie White Ritchey  
E. M. "Manny" Rosenthal  
Daniel Rubin  
Gerson Sepin  
Israel Taylor  
Louise Weltman

### Mitzvah Day Thank You, continued from page 5

- Donated twenty units of blood to Carter Blood Care.
  - Knitted ten baby hats.
  - Made thirty "comfort baskets" for Gladney Center for Adoption.
  - Made twenty-four "comfort bags" that went to Odyssey Hospice and Alpha Omega Hospice.
  - Collected twelve large bags of used clothing in good repair for Goodwill, Berry Good Buys (for SafeHaven of Tarrant County), and Presbyterian Night Shelter.
  - Made twenty pillows for the Women's Center.
  - Our Kindergarten and first grade Religious School students made sixty cards to be sent to U.S. soldiers overseas.
  - Our second and third graders made twenty coats and scarves for small dogs (these went to Meals on Wheels recipients who have pets).
  - Our fourth, fifth, and sixth graders made fifteen adult blankets and five children's blankets for the Presbyterian Night Shelter.
  - The seventh and eighth graders put together thirty-six packages of soaps, shampoos, disposable razors, toothbrushes and toothpaste, combs, hand sanitizer, etc. These all went to the Presbyterian Night Shelter, too, along with four dozen bagels.
- And so much more. Thank you, Beth-El Congregation.

# Religious School News

Ilana Knust, Director of Education

Last month, as we celebrated Lag B'omer, we gave thanks to a miracle that happened. The pictures below are from the Religious School's Lag B'omer celebration.

As the school year comes to an end, we give thanks to the many people who volunteered their time, effort, and money for the sake of our students, the Jewish future, and continuity. We are blessed to have them and would like to recognize them, but one page will not carry all the names of those who are a valuable and vital part of our school.

We can't do it without you. Next year, we will create a wall of fame for all of our volunteers. We want our



children to be proud of the community members who help them grow Jewishly and help them understand the power of a community and working together as one. Thank you.

As we look back at the past year, we think about what we did well and what we wish we had done differently. We will try to put mistakes behind us and set new goals for the future, with the dream of a fuller harvest yet to come. Year after year, we try to reflect and make changes to improve our school. How can we find the best way to reach our students? How can we make sure that they will be introduced to central Jewish beliefs and ideas that we hope will guide their lives and help them to become better Jews?

The devoted members of the Religious School Education Committee are working very hard to look into changing our Hebrew curriculum for Religious School and Hebrew School, in an effort to be more productive and to make the students not only get the most out of it, but also to enjoy and appreciate it.

We are also going to add a monthly Jewish music/dance program for each class, in addition to T'fillah and art.

Next year's Religious School theme will focus on "Israel Together." In all classes, we will discuss, debate, and try to understand the answers to certain questions. Why should we care about Israel? Why should Israel exist? Why did God choose Israel? Why support Israel? Does Israel belong to Jews? Why do

Israelis and Palestinians fight? Why does the U.S. support Israel? Why should we go to Israel? Do we need Israel? And many more.

Have a wonderful and safe summer.

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a speedy recovery for Roz Rosenthal

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Roz Rosenthal  
Posy McMillen

## Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Seth Mitchell, Jr.  
a speedy recovery for Al Polsky

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Roz Rosenthal

## Floral Fund

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Madlyn Barnett  
Roz Rosenthal

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Shirley Anton

## Floral Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Bernie Carb Bronstein  
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Dora and Bill Goldberg  
Rosabelle Letwin

Fanette Sonkin and Mimi and Harold Klotz

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Marilyn and Jack Rubin  
Hollace and Bruce Weiner  
her loving family

## Library Fund

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

a speedy recovery for Roz Rosenthal

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Karen Kaplan

## Library Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Bennett Abramson  
Belle Silverman Cohen

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Judy Bogomol  
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## Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Nathaniel Cleaver, on his Bar Mitzvah

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Edie and Richard Yentis

## Prayerbook Fund

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

the birth of our twin sons, Liam and Max

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Lisa and Jeffrey Kuperman

## Prayerbook Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Mimi Ross  
Newman Roberts  
Katherine Stone  
Rosabelle Letwin Tann

Judy and Martin Tobey  
Lisa and Jeffrey Kuperman  
Linda and Jeff Hochster  
her loving family

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Mallory Kleinman, on her Bat Mitzvah  
the birth of William Zain Imran

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Diane and Sam Kleinman  
Amy Stien  
Roz Rosenthal

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Martin Klein  
Bennie Luskey  
the grandmother of Dr. Carole Rogers

### From \_\_\_\_\_

the Joe Klein family  
Rosalie Schwartz

## Religious School Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Bennie Luskey  
Newman Roberts

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Elaine and Allen Schuster  
Pam and Lester Kuperman

## Temple Fund

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Sheri Allen, on becoming a cantor

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Mara and Bill Berenson  
Phyllis and Sheldon Levy  
Mara and Bill Berenson

the birth of Maya Caplan  
a speedy recovery for Roz Rosenthal  
Natalie Simon, on her birthday  
a speedy recovery for Ellen Mack

Ellen and Theodore Mack  
Amy Stien  
Cynthia and Burton Gilbert  
Hollace and Bruce Weiner

the birth of Sophia Oderberg  
the births of Liam and Max Kuperman  
Jim and Sonya Stein, on the birth of their grandson  
a speedy recovery for Jane Oderberg

Phyllis and Sheldon Levy  
Marilyn and Larry McGee  
Jacquie and Irvin Robinson  
Marilyn and Larry McGee

Dorothy and Harold Winston  
Joan Katz, on her breast cancer award

## Temple Fund (for the Daytimers)

### In Honor of \_\_\_\_\_

Jerry Wolens, on his birthday

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Esther and John Benjamin  
Barbara Rosenthal  
Amy Stien  
Roz Rosenthal  
Gabrielle Niemand

## Temple Fund (for the Daytimers)

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Sara Rosenthal  
Sam Rosenthal

### From \_\_\_\_\_

Barbara Rosenthal

## Temple Fund

### In Memory of \_\_\_\_\_

Lena Factor  
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Marsha Kravetz  
Elaine Klein and family  
Alla and Mikhail Barash  
Marilyn and Larry McGee  
Noreen and Bill Houston

Clara Levy  
Martin Klein  
Ichil Fainzilberg  
Seth Mitchell, Jr.  
R. K. Houston

**Tree Fund****In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**

Alan Rofsky, on his Bar Mitzvah  
the engagement of Houdi Epstein  
and Lauren Gilbert  
the birth of William Zain Imran  
Jim and Sonja Stein, on the birth of their grandson

Faye and Gary Slater  
Edie and Richard Yentis

**Tree Fund****In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**

Sheila Stocker  
Rosalie Weinberg  
Nancy Golden  
Ted Pillsbury  
Jack Friedman

Frances and Richard Marks

Edie and Richard Yentis

**Youth Fund****In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**

the births of Liam and Max Kuperman

Elaine and Jim Stanton

**Youth Fund****In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_ **From**

Seth Mitchell, Jr.

Elaine and Jim Stanton

## Thank you

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- Thanks to my friends and well-wishers, whose messages wishing me a speedy recovery following my recent surgery are very much appreciated. Love to you all! *~Roz Rosenthal*

## The Judaica Shop

### Closed for the Summer

We will have a Grand Re-Opening on the first day of Religious School in late August. Until then, we are gladly available for special appointments.

Please Phone

Edythe Cohen (817-923-2160)  
Jenny Solomon (817-921-4845)  
Robin Hahn (817-3619619)

# The Temple Family

## Members on the Move

- Cindy and Robert Simon, 5117 Laire Dr., Fort Worth, 76132

## Welcome New Members

- Helen B. Stearns, 6555 Dan Danciger Rd., #214, Fort Worth, 76133, 817-294-9171

## Mazel Tov

- to Meredith and Edwin Cohen, new grandparents of Jasper Phillip Selig. Proud parents are Kendel and Jos Selig of Providence, RI.
- to Danielle Knust, elected NFTY-TOR programming vice president (NFTY-TOR is the Texas- Oklahoma Region of the national Reform Jewish Youth movement).
- to Rabbi Ralph and Ann Mecklenburger, new grandparents of William Zain Imran. Proud parents are Elissa and Shafi Imran of New York.
- to Seyman Rubinson, on the birth of his grandson, Benjamin David Rubinson. Proud parents are Tori and Adam Rubinson of Fort Worth.
- to Judy and Martin Tobey, on the engagement of their daughter Rachel to Steve Walsh.
- to parents Lewis and Dee Dee Schwartz, and grandmother Rosalie Schwartz, on the marriage of Danny Schwartz to Lillian Eastman.
- to Merri and Gary Sadow, on the birth of their grandson Cameron Jake Sadow. Proud parents are Darin and Stephanie Sadow of Chicago.

*And to lots of graduates (there are probably more—let us know for the August bulletin!)— Mazel Tov to each graduate and to their proud families:*

- Chloe LaBeau, who graduated from Arlington Heights High School.
- Jay Factor, who graduated from Trinity Valley.
- Katie Siegel, who graduated from Fort Worth Country Day and will attend Colorado State University.
- Ashley Uptegraft, who graduated from Fort Worth Country Day School and will attend the University of South Carolina.
- Perry Ginsburg, who graduated from Fort Worth Country Day School.
- Anna Long, daughter-in-law of Genie Long, who graduated from UTA, and her husband Benjamin Long, who was just inducted into Phi Theta Kappa, an honorary society for people in two-year colleges.
- Jeremy Allen, who graduated Phi Beta Kappa from USC. He will move to New York, where he will begin an internship at *Interview Magazine*.
- Rebekah Allen, who graduated from Fort Worth Academy of Fine Arts and will attend Columbia College Chicago.
- William Kelfer, who graduated from the University of Oklahoma School of Business and will work at JP Morgan Chase in Dallas.
- Adam Hollander, who graduated from the Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and will begin residency in the fall, also in Houston.
- Michael Stenzler, who graduated from Texas Tech.
- Caren Siegel, who graduated from Fort Worth Country Day and will attend Linfield College in Oregon.

## Our Sincere Condolences

- to Tim Smith, and all the family, on the death of his father, Glenn Smith.
- to Sandy Hollander, and all the family, on the death of her father, Seth Mitchell, Jr..
- to Sandy Polsky, and all the family, on the death of her husband, Al Polsky.
- to Lon Werner, and all the family, on the death of his father, Mortimer Werner.