



BETH-EL CONGREGATION

NOVEMBER 2009

Musings

Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger



On Erev Rosh Hashanah, I spoke of the importance of community—not just a positive Jewish value, but necessary to our well-being! A classic story retold by my friend and colleague, Rabbi Ellen Dreyfus of Chicago, approaches the theme from another angle:

One of my favorite stories is the one about the hasid who complains to his

rebbe that he is depressed. There has been illness in the family and business setbacks, and he is afraid that God does not care about him. He and the rebbe are sitting in front of the fireplace, talking, and the fire is just about to go out. There are only scattered embers glowing. The rebbe takes the poker and stokes the embers into a heap. There is a burst of flame and new warmth from the fire. "You see?" said the rebbe to his student. "Do you see what happened when I gathered the embers closer? The fire came back to life. When the coals are separated from each other, there is little heat. But when they are close to each other, they get warmth from each other and the fire is renewed. It is the same with people. When we are alone and separated or disconnected from each other, our spirit is in danger of dying out. But when we huddle together, we get warmth and comfort from one another, and hope is renewed."

We can all deal better with our problems—and also enjoy our blessings more—when we can share them! Take a look through this bulletin, which is chock full of meaningful services, special events, and worthwhile programs of all sorts. And then please come and be part of the community—which will be all the warmer for your participation. If you come only occasionally, we will still be glad to see you. But the more you come, the more you will help create—as well as personally feel—the warmth.

(Speaking of sermons, you can find my Holy Day sermons online if you go to the opening page of our website and click on the link to them.)

Worship Calendar

Friday, November 6 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service honoring Jewish War Veterans
Student Cantor Leslie Niren will sing

Saturday, November 7 10:30 AM
Informal Shabbat Morning Service
Student Cantor Leslie Niren will sing

Friday, November 13 Kabbalat Shabbat Early Services
and parallel Children's Service
Candles, Kiddush, and Snack at 5:45 PM
Separate Adult and Children's Services at 6:00 PM
Our Rabbi and Genie Long will lead the Adult Service
Educator Ilana Knust and Angie Kitzman will lead the Children's service

Saturday, November 14 10:30 AM
B'nai Mitzvah of Dixon Bourne and Stanley Kurtz
The Beth-El Choir and guest Cantor Janice Mehring will sing

Friday, November 20 Synaplex Shabbat
Dinner (optional) at 6:30 PM
Special Dance program, Shabbat services, and
workshops (see page 3) at 7:30 PM
Rebecca Sigman will sing

Saturday, November 21 10:30 AM
Tot Shabbat
—for young ones and their parents and grandparents
Songs, prayers, story, snack, and arts project!

Friday, November 27 8:00 PM
Shabbat Service
The Beth-El Choir will sing



Stanley Kurtz & grandson Dixon Bourne

Son of Dr. Jeff and Tammy Bourne
B'nai Mitzvah, Saturday,
November 14, 2009

President's Message

Dr. Barry Bzostek, President

It's amazing—going on the internet is like taking the ultimate Dale Carnegie course. I am so interesting to so many people out there that the “Delete” key on my computer is almost worn out. Beware of deleting large numbers of items all at once, though. There are some people whose emails should never be deleted without reading them first. Several weeks ago, in addition to his weekly message about congregational and community activities, Rabbi Mecklenburger sent out an invitation to attend a screening of the Coen brothers' latest film, *A Serious Man*, at the Modern Art Museum. Over fifty of us showed up, and we saw an extraordinary movie by the creators of *Fargo*, *Barton Fink*, and *No Country For Old Men*, among others.

Like many of their other movies, this one is in places hysterically funny, in places depressingly dark, and in the end profoundly unsettling. Although inspired by the Book of Job, this version does not follow a parabolic track. We observe the passive *schlimazel* protagonist in his slide straight down the jagged razor blade of life. In the end, there is no redemption. We are left with the same questions that we have been struggling with for many centuries: When bad things happen, are they always punishment for earlier sins, even sins committed many years ago and thousands of miles away? Is God a practical joker? Or is it simply that, as Donald Rumsfeld has said, “Stuff happens”? We leave as perplexed as we were when we came in. The Coens offer no guidance. We also leave, or at least I did, with a need to see the movie again, to appreciate the details that were no doubt missed the first time around.

The setting is a Jewish community placed incongruously on a flat, dry landscape in the middle of the country, far from the concrete forests of New York or Los Angeles, and even further from the birch forests of the old country. Sounds familiar. Comparisons with Fort Worth are inevitable, but there are significant differences. The community in the movie is not really assimilated; it is a benign ghetto, functionally independent of the greater community (Minneapolis). Even the yellow school buses have Hebrew wording on the sides. The few non-Jews in the movie are there for specific elements of the story, not as central characters.

Sharing a plot of land with a large evangelical church would have been utterly inconceivable in that environment. Another important difference, for me, is the degree of rabbinic ineptitude depicted in the movie. This is not just the result of the Coens' jaundiced view of things, although if I were their childhood rabbi, I would be doing some serious introspection. Based on conversations that I have had with congregational leaders in other communities and in other parts of the country, the caricatures of the rabbis in the movie are not all that exaggerated. Of course, this applies to a distinct minority of rabbis, but they are out there. Thankfully, though, not here.

There are also similarities between our community and the one in the movie regarding the (obviously exaggerated) personalities, rituals, and relationships portrayed. Additionally—and to me a very significant similarity among Jewish communities, including ours and the Coens' fictional but semi-autobiographical one—is the realization that basic questions like the ones raised in the movie are unanswered. Some religious and philosophical groups think that they know the answers. Some don't. I'm wondering whether having the answers is really so important. What do you think? In any case, these issues still stimulate energetic discussions (we were eventually thrown out of the museum so that it could close).

Having shown that we can turn out a fairly large number of congregants on short notice for programs that are interesting or important, I think that we should look for other similar opportunities. Keep your eyes open and let us know. Remember—our annual film festival will take place in January and February, and after the movie, we can stay for as long as we wish. The schedule will be posted soon on the congregational website (on the Lifetime Learning page, which is under the Education tab).



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Synaplex

Friday, November 20, 2009

Join us for a scrumptious chicken dinner at **6:30 PM. (RSVP)**

Candle blessings and Kiddush in the Gathering Area at **7:15 PM.**

An Amazing Contemporary Dance Performance with Renana Raz will begin at **7:30 PM.**

Then, at 8:00 PM, the Shabbat programs begin!

- ✧ **Dance Workshop**—with Israeli guest Renene Rez
- ✧ **A Jewish Connection to Thanksgiving**—Cooking and recipes that help bring some Judaism into our American Thanksgiving holiday traditions.
- ✧ **Teens Online**
- ✧ **A Thanksgiving Movie**—Children of all ages can watch “Molly’s Pilgrim,” have a discussion about the movie, and cook traditional compote for the holiday.
- ✧ **Traditional Shabbat Service**—with Rabbi Mecklenburger and Rebecca Sigman



Renana Raz

And, of course, no Shabbat would be complete without a fabulous Temple family Oneg following the programs!

There is no charge for the dinner, which will be provided by the MRJ, but donations will be accepted. **Please RSVP for the dinner by Thursday, November 19, to the Temple office at 817-332-7141.** (And even if you can't join us for dinner, please come at 7:15 for a great Shabbat experience!)

Synaplex: A bountiful harvest of options to bring Shabbat alive for you!

Pakistan: The Human Dimension

Presented by:

TCU Center for Civic Literacy and Brite Divinity School



Ethan Casey

Drawing on their observations from the street, university classrooms and interviews with the people of Pakistan, Fawad Butt and Ethan Casey explore what life is like in a Muslim country on the frontline of the US-declared “war on terror.” Their understanding of the Pakistani experience is set within a context of recent and contemporary history.



Fawad Butt

November 17, 2009
7 PM Reception 7:30 PM Lecture
University Christian Church, Room 207
2720 S. University Drive

Event is free to the public but reservations are highly encouraged. To reserve your spot contact:

Center for Civic Literacy: Phone: 817-257-5004 or Email: k.anisman@tcu.edu



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Lifetime Learning News *Women of Reform Judaism*

Louis D. Schultz, Chairman

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

Loretta Causey, President

Judaism 103

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:30 AM

November 8

American Jews: Living With a Hyphenated Identity

November 15

The Rise of Conservative Judaism in America

November 22

Psalms, Part 2: Seeking Vengeance

Pakistan: The Human Dimension

Please note the information on page 3 about the free event, co-sponsored by Beth-El, at University Christian Church on Tuesday, November 17. This will surely be an interesting evening.

92nd Street Y

On Thursday, October 8, over sixty people watched 92nd Street Y as Alan Dershowitz and Dennis Prager debated "The Left, the Right, and Judaism in America." It was followed by a dessert reception. Be sure to mark your calendars for these upcoming 92nd Street Y programs:



Wednesday, November 4, 2009, 7:00 PM

Mitch Albom: "Have a Little Faith"

Monday, December 7, 2009, 7:15 PM

"The Coming Commercial Revolution in the Muslim World,"
with Vali Nasr

Be sure to check for current updates to Lifetime Learning at the Beth-El website (www.bethelfw.org) by clicking on "Lifetime Learning" under "Education."

An Awesome Visit at Rebecca Cristol's Home

What a warm reception at Rebecca Cristol's home on the Sunday afternoon of October 4! Linda Hochster and Mileyna Razack hosted a delicious and entertaining afternoon to welcome the current membership. The Sukkah was prepared, though the weather was not conducive for prayer. Rabbi Mecklenburger brought the lulav and etrog and blessed the occasion. We were invited to make our own fragrance hanger from lemons and cloves—a delightful experience. The afternoon was pleasant, filled with friends' conversations, and relaxing in a welcoming environment. Thanks to Linda, Mileyna, and Rebecca! Everyone please plan to attend next year's welcoming event!

Culinary Classes Begin!

Save the date of Thursday evening, November 12, at 7:00 PM, to come to the Temple for our first baking class. Lisa Kuperman is busy preparing a fantastic evening. Culinary teaching and recipes will be announced in the weekly e-newsletter soon—delicious Chanukah recipes will be included. Plan ahead and bring a friend. It is always fun to gather in the kitchen for great tips and treasures in cooking.

Save the Date for the Biggest Fundraiser of the Year!

WRJ's biggest fundraiser of the year—the Donor Brunch—is scheduled for Sunday, February 7. It is always wonderful and lots of fun. **We need your time and talent! We need two or three ladies to co-chair this event.** We have many ladies who can help with

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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

Beth-Elements

Daytimers

Speaker Bryan Rigg presents

“Hitler’s Jewish Soldiers:

Questions of Jewish Identity and Morality.”

Date: Wednesday, November 18, 2009

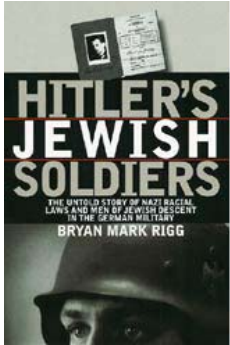
Time: 12:00 PM

Location: Beth-El Congregation

Price: \$9 per person, lunch and program

\$4 per person, program only

Bryan Rigg has turned up an unexplored and



confounding chapter in the history of the Holocaust. With the skill of a master detective, he uncovered the largely unknown story of German Jews who served in the Nazi military.

Raised as a Protestant in the Texas Bible Belt, Bryan Mark Rigg was surprised to learn of his own Jewish ancestry while researching his family tree in

Germany. This revelation, as well as a chance encounter with a Jewish veteran of the Wehrmacht at a Berlin screening of *Europa Europa*, roused him to embark on a decade of research while a student—first at Yale University, and later at Cambridge University. The result of his efforts is an amazing book, *Hitler’s Jewish Soldiers: The Untold Story of Nazi Racial Laws and Men of Jewish Descent in the German Military*.

All World War II veterans will be our honored guests (please call to make reservations for lunch). Lunch, which will be catered by Pak-a-Pocket, includes a pickle, chips, cookies, coffee or tea, and one of the following on pita bread: turkey pastrami, chicken shawarma, or baba ghanoush (eggplant). For reservations, call with your credit card to Barbara Rubin (817-927-2736) or Sylvia Wexler (817-294-1129). Please include your 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.

Upcoming Daytimers Events

Wednesday, December 16, 2009. Chanukah party benefitting the Tarrant Area Food Bank and featuring Darren K. Woods from the Fort Worth Opera.

Wednesday, January 13, 2010. Our speaker will be Star-Telegram consumer watchdog Dave Lieber.

Wednesday, February 17, 2010. We will enjoy a performance by the Texas Boys Choir.

Community Women’s Celebration

The Fort Worth chapter of Hadassah is thrilled to invite



women of all ages to attend an inspirational community-wide women’s celebration on Monday, November 2, at 7:00 PM, at Beth-El Congregation. The evening’s special guest speaker is renowned author and licensed clinical psychologist Dr. Maria Sirois. The master storyteller and author of *Every*

Day Counts will discuss how women are the foundation of a community and how they can collectively accomplish great change in the world.

For more than twenty years, Dr. Sirois has worked with families and children facing terminal illness. She has been invited to lecture at conferences nationwide for hospitals, hospices, religious institutions, wellness organizations, and philanthropic institutions. Addressing topics as diverse as “Sustaining Resilience in the Presence of Suffering” and “The Heart of Philanthropy,” she has been called both a “true teacher” and “an orator of great power and beauty.” Her lectures and workshops combine powerful and moving anecdotes with research in order to bring audience members to the place that they most want to be—moved to tears with exhilarating joy—and inspire them to positive actions in their lives.

Dr. Sirois was trained at the New England Deaconess Mind/Body Clinic and at the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute in Boston. She received her doctorate from the Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology in 1993.

You can learn more about Dr. Sirois and her work, plus listen to clips of her, at www.mariasirois.com. Event admission is \$10. For additional information, please contact Dolores Schneider at 817-294-7626.

De Zavala Report

Each year during the Holy Days, our Social Action Committee and FWFTY ask us to support education for Fort Worth’s De Zavala School. The school serves an economically disadvantaged area near Beth-El’s previous building. Faye Slater, our hard-working liaison to the school, reports filling her Jeep to the brim to take all the donated school supplies to the school. On top of that, we received and passed along to De Zavala cash contributions of over \$1,200. Thanks to everyone—this is truly a *mitzvah*.

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decorations and give guidance through the process. We do not want this to be the first year that we do not have the Donor Brunch. If the plans are divided, it will be fun for everyone. There are lots of ideas; we need YOU to lead us to a grand time. To volunteer your time, please call me at 817-276-5164—you will be supported.

FWFTY

Zach Beldon, Corresponding VP

Hey, Beth-El! In October, FWFTY literally pumped up for the holidays as we went to Pump It Up!

We then spent Sukkot together at a lock-in. During the lock-in, we went to Sundance Square for a picture scavenger hunt and then returned to the Temple to make preparations for the FWFTY-led Sunday School Sukkot Program. "I thought the event went well. It was so much fun teaching the little kids about Sukkot," said Jessie Brow. "It was

really fun—and messy!" said Hailie Hartman.

In October, we also attended NFTY-TOR's Fall Conclave in Houston—it was a blast! We ended the month by attending a haunted house—all the members had a great time.

This month, we will settle down a bit and have a Social Action project on Sunday, November 15. I hope to see all high schoolers at this event!

FWFTY members led the Rosh Hashanah Children's Service.



Front row, left to right: Brandon Bito, Matt Beldon, Hailie Hartman, and Jenna Lee. Back row: Zach Beldon, Emily Englander, Ben Cristol, Shelby Roberts, and Danielle Knust.



Hailie Hartman and Zach Beldon.



Shelby Roberts, Jenna Lee, and Emily Englander.

FWFTY held a scavenger hunt in downtown Sundance Square. Members searched the area using clues and had to take pictures of the items that they found. Then, they returned to Beth-El for a lock-in, where they prepared for the Sukkot program and sorted all of the school supplies that were so generously donated.

Left to right: Josh Cristol, Ty Webb, Brandon Bito, Megan Moses, and Madison Moses.



Left to right: Francesca Roberts, Shelby Roberts, Ben Cristol, Dylan Shelby, Stephanie Mintz, Zach Beldon, and Megan Moses.



Left to right: Idan Zoarets, Joseph Clark, Danny Amsellem, Francesca Roberts, and Dylan Shelby.



Left to right: Josh Cristol, Jennie Brow, Madison Moses, Ty Webb, Danny Amsellem, Joseph Clark, Matt Beldon, Hailie Hartman, and Idan Zoarets.

Religious School News

Ilana Knust, Director of Education

FWFTY Leads Sukkot Program for Beth-El Religious School

FWFTY is an integral part of a Jewish student's education. Our congregation often hears about FWFTY leading a Talent Show, collecting school supplies, or going to a NFTY event at Greene Family Camp. But FWFTY is so much more than just those things. This year, FWFTY ran an amazing educational program for the Beth-El religious school students in the K-6th grades to teach them about Sukkot. FWFTY's programming vice-president, Danielle Knust, wrote the program, and then she and Emily Englander taught the rest of the youth group everything that they needed to know in order to prepare for and teach the program. In the process, all of the high school kids learned more about Sukkot than they had learned in the past. The program involved six stations set up throughout the Great Hall and on the patio. At

the edible Sukkah station, the children learned how to put together a sukkah with food items, and they learned about the different parts of the sukkah. At the maze station, the children wandered as if they were spending forty years in the desert, not knowing exactly where they were going. At the sukkah, they recited the blessings and ate their edible sukkah. The other stations included a song session at which they learned about how sweet the harvest of the fruits was, a mayim station at which they learned about how important water was for the Israelites on their journey and how they danced and celebrated, and a station at which they learned about the lulav and etrog. The children had an amazing time during this program, and FWFTY did an amazing job of leading the program.



Upcoming Religious School Events

- * **Sunday, November 1**—No school.
- * **Sunday, November 8, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**—8th-10th grade interfaith program at University Christian Church (parents are invited).
- * **Sunday, November 15, 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM**—8th-10th grade interfaith program at the mosque (parents are invited).
- * **Sunday, November 22**—Family Education Day. Kindergarten - 7th grade: "One Hundred Blessings per Day;" 8th-10th grades: Civil Rights and Jewish Values.
- * **Sunday, November 29**—No school.

Brotherhood Update

Adam Siegel, President

We are in full swing with MRJ, so come join the fun. We meet in the Great Hall on the second Sunday of each month. There's usually something good to nosh on, and the meetings are very casual.

In October, we provided ushering services for the High Holidays, built the Sukkah, hosted the Third Annual Matzo Ball Classic Golf Tournament, and fed the Sunday School teachers breakfast. On a personal note, our son Nathan became a Bar Mitzvah, and Carol and I are very proud. October was busy, but things are going to heat up this winter.

Each weekend in November, we'll cook Latkes during Sunday School, so come join us in the Temple kitchen—we



Mike Kalpin, Adam Siegel, and Gary Goldstein. Not pictured is Nick Montroll, who supervised the construction of the sukkah.

need your help. This year, we'll prepare traditional latkes, as well as the very popular Southwest flavor, which combines cilantro, pepper, and onion for a wonderful twist on traditional latkes. The price is \$7 per dozen. Email orders can be sent to adamsiegel@sbcglobal.net. The latkes will be available for sale on two Sundays—December 6 and December 13.

Special thanks to Mike Kalpin and Jeff Kaitcer for organizing a successful golf tournament and to all the MRJ ushers who donated their time to ensure smooth and orderly holidays.



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Roz Rosenthal, on her birthday Sharon and Steven Blumenfeld
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 Stan Kurtz, on his second Bar Mitzvah Sandy and Ira Hollander
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Prayerbook Fund

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 a speedy recovery for Mary Frances Antweil's son
 Richard Simon, for a speedy recovery and Ellen and Theodore Mack
 in honor of his birthday
 a speedy recovery for Donald Cohen Roz and Harvey Micklin
 Amy and Bob Stien

Brigitte Altman, on her birthday
 Beth-El Congregation

a speedy recovery for Danny Cohen

a speedy recovery for Bob Stien
 a speedy recovery for Jerry Berkowitz

Roz Rosenthal, on her birthday
 the engagement of Michael Appleman and Jennifer Kethley
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 Pam Rubenstein
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In Honor of _____ **From**
 Jacob Oderberg, on his Bar Mitzvah Marilyn and Larry McGee

Correction:**Temple Fund**

In Honor of _____ **From**
 Marcia Kurtz, on her birthday Carol and Richard Minker

Yahrzeits **November 6**

Harold Baum
 Milton Bernstein
 Michael Boxer
 Rose Davis
 David Ginsburg
 Lazarus Loeb
 Hattie Minker
 Kathleen Mitchell
 Dr. G. Alan Neufeld
 Norman Rosenblum
 Ann Schuster
 Harry Schweitzer
 Martin Louis Shiffman
 Beatrice Frankrich Slatkin
 Bill Steinman
 Beatrice Weinschenker
 Marion Werner

November 13

Josh Abbott
 Lynn Altman
 Michael Archenhold
 Robert Carp
 Anna Echt
 Irwin Friedman
 Edith Granek
 Sonja Glazer Gressman
 Ethel Haltzman

Ralph Jacobson
 Jerome Lamensdorf
 Ricky Luebbert
 Vivian Marceron
 Mary Jane Miller
 Louis Plotsky
 Martha Rousch
 Jane Russakov
 Joel Schechter
 Roman Shloss
 Sarah Stryer
 Homer Tomlinson
 Homer R. Vann

November 20

Stanley Edward Ackin
 Delsie Gans Altman
 Dave Altshuler
 Ethel Appleman
 Mollie Barnett
 Donald Blank
 Leah Bomash
 Ignace Charles Capper
 Louis Goldman
 Barbara Hahn
 Beatrice Hersch
 Mollie Kessel
 Robert Koslow

Albert Minker
 Ruth C. Pollack
 Shaol Pozez
 Larry M. Rice
 R. Neil Schneiderman
 Hans Joachim Thoma

November 27

Stan Bihari
 Bessie Bobkoff
 Bernard M. Brooks
 Nelda Smith Cozby
 Louis Samuel Cristol
 Leonard Frank
 Morris Freidlin
 Dr. Albert Goggans
 Alan Gold
 Lester Kahn
 Morris Kelfer
 Laszlo Kiss
 Ruth Lehmann
 Anna Lesnick
 Sam Levine
 Harriet Lopin Lopin
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The Temple Family

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- Shana and Michael Gibbs, 3120 S. Meadow Dr., Fort Worth, 76133, 817-423-9242

Mazel Tov

- Nice news to share: Many of you will remember Samantha Natov, our visiting cantor last year during the Holy Days. She recently emailed to say that she gave birth to Max Solomon Natov just after Rosh Hashanah this year (no doubt an even greater thrill than singing for us!).
- to Frances and Richard Marks, grandparents once again. Proud parents of Zachary Lawrence Marks, Susan and Harris Marks, reside in Austin.
- to artist and Beth-El member Julie Lazarus, who has been commissioned by Fort Worth Public Art to do two pieces—a watercolor that will be made into a tile mosaic and an oil painting for the new Westside Water Treatment Plant. (See her menorahs in the office wing and the Religious School wing of Beth-El!)
- to Trudie and Daniel Oshman, new grandparents of Mila Elizabeth Oshman, daughter of Heather and Elliot Oshman of Austin.

Our Sincere Condolences

- to Sherry and Rick Simon, on the death of her nephew, Andrew Friedberg.
- to Harriet and Fred Schneiweiss, on the death of his brother, Paul Schneiweiss.

The Judaica Shop

Dreidles, gelt, menorahs, candles, and many other Chanukah goodies are in the shop, but remember—it doesn't have to say "Chanukah" to be a gift. Anything on our shelves will work!



Big news! We now have some *Woman of Valor* pieces that haven't been available for a long time and a good selection of unusual candles from Safed, Israel. Stop by and see if you can find just the right gift for the holiday.

November Hours

Tuesdays, Wednesdays, & Thursdays:
 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM (closed Thursday, November 26)
 Sundays: 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM
 (closed Sunday, November 1 & 29)