

# Beth-Elements

The Bulletin of Beth-El Congregation - A Reform Synagogue Serving Tarrant County

September 2022



## Erev Rosh Hashanah service

Sunday, Sept. 25 ..... 7:30 p.m.

## Rosh Hashanah, Monday, Sept. 26

Children's service ..... 9:15 a.m.

Morning service ..... 10:30 a.m.



## Worship Services

All services are in person unless otherwise stated. Services also stream at [youtube.com/BethElCongregation](https://youtube.com/BethElCongregation). Welcome Shabbat with wine, cheese, and friends at 5:30 p.m. every Friday.

### Friday, Sept. 2

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Angie Friedman ..... 6:15 p.m.

### Saturday, Sept. 3

Shabbat Morning Service and the Bar Mitzvah of Victor Dujan ..... 10:30 a.m.

### Friday, Sept. 9

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin ..... 6:15 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 16-17 - Tarrant County Reform Congregation Selichot Scholar Weekend:

Friday, Beth Israel, Colleyville ..... 7 p.m.  
 Saturday morning, Beth Shalom, Arlington .... 10 a.m.  
 Saturday night, Beth El Congregation ..... 7 p.m.  
 with Guest Scholar Rabbi Pamela Wax  
 Sounds of Selichot ..... 8:30 p.m.  
 with Cantors Shoshana Kaikov and Elisa Cohen  
 (More information, page 4)

### Friday, Sept. 23

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, and Hans Grim ..... 6:15 p.m.

### Friday, Sept. 30

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin ..... 6:15 p.m.

### Fridays, Candle Lighting via Zoom

Rabbi Zimmerman and friends ..... 5 p.m.

## Divrei Torah

..... Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

There are two approaches to brokenness. One is to ignore it, stay busy, rush to the next distracting task of life, and

forgiveness.

This year, as in past years, we share a scholar with the other Reform temples of Tarrant County. We worship together at each other's congregations throughout the weekend with the hope that, as we move from space to space and meet new people, it will help awaken our souls to spiritual movement.

The Selichot scholar this year is my friend and classmate Rabbi Pamela Wax, who spent 20 years as a pastoral hospice counselor in New York. She has taught Mussar and T'shuvah across the country and with the Institute for Jewish Spirituality. In the past three years, recovering from the tragic loss of her brother, she embraced the writing of poetry as the next step in her own healing



Brian Zimmerman, Rabbi

hope that we can outrun the ghosts of our past deeds.

Then there is the Jewish way, the way of Yamim Noraim, these days of awe. We pause. We dare to look around, not to dwell, but with the goal of growing forward by looking back. This is the work of T'shuvah, and Judaism tells us it is what makes life mean something. Growth is the key to living. The action of forgiveness is forgiving ourselves and then forgiving others. It is the true path to God.

But we spend so much time running away that often we do not know how to stop. That is where Selichot begins. Selichot are the penitential prayers said a few days before Rosh Hashanah that stretch the muscles of awareness and

process. Rabbi Wax has just completed a book of poetry born out of this trauma and healing that she will share with us. We will learn from her deep knowledge of healing, forgiveness, and the Jewish texts and creative writing that is the soul ..... *continued on page 8*

## Bar Mitzvah



**Victor Dujan**  
Sept. 3

Son of Rochelle and Alexis Dujan



Russ Schultz

## President's Message

..... Temple President Russ Schultz

L'Shana Tova. As we enter September, we also approach our High Holy Days. After the last two years of reduced attendance due to local COVID-19 conditions, it is my hope these High Holy Days bring us back together as a large congregational family. We will again have our special Oneg after our evening Rosh Hashanah service (thank you, WRJ!) and a wonderfully planned Break Fast after the Yom Kippur concluding service. You should have already received your tickets, and we ask that you be prepared to show them to MRJ ushers as you enter. (Thank you to MRJ for their annual participation as ushers). If you have not received your tickets, please call Amy Robbins, our new Executive Director.

As we approach the High Holy Days, we commemorate concepts of renewal, for this is a new year and a new beginning; forgiveness, as we seek forgiveness from God and those we have sinned against, but also the opportunity to forgive those who may have sinned against us; freedom, from the burden of what we may have done to hurt others in the last year; and joy, in the celebration of renewal and hope for a good year. For Beth-El, this year is very special as we celebrate our 120th year as a congrega-

tion and our 22nd year of calling this beautiful facility our home.

It is my hope that this year we return to a celebration that fills our sanctuary with our families. As was indicated in the High Holy Days brochure, we will have child care available during all services.

We will also welcome Samantha Chamberlin, our student cantor to Beth-El. She will work with Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, and our choir through the High Holy Days and once a month throughout the year. Those who attended the service in July in which she participated can attest to the spirit and sacred feeling she brings to the pulpit. I hope to see all of you at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to make this a truly special High Holy Days.

I also wanted to keep you updated on continued upkeep at our facility. As you attend services, you'll notice the lighting in our parking lot has been greatly enhanced. This is one of the measures we have employed with the assistance of a federal grant to increase your safety as you participate in Temple activities.

On page 6 of this month's bulletin you'll also find a list of areas in the Temple that are still available for naming. With this being our 22nd year in the facility, please consider donating to one of these areas as a permanent dedication.

Chag sameach and L'Shana Tova,

Russ

## Primetimers



**Thursday, Sept. 8, 12 p.m.**  
**Apples, Apples Everywhere!**  
**Which One Do I Eat?**

There are so many varieties of apples, how do I know which one to buy? Come find out. We will have several different types to try, as well as some delicious desserts made with apples. Lunch at noon, followed by program at 12:30. **RSVP to hartman8729@sbcglobal.net.**

**What is Primetimers?** It's a group that meets once a month, usually on the second Thursday, to enjoy lunch together and a fun or informative program. Everyone is welcome and the program is FREE! You can bring your lunch or purchase one for \$10.

## 25th Anniversary Gates of Chai Lecture

**Monday, Sept. 12, 7:30 p.m.**  
**TCU, 2820 Stadium Drive, Fort Worth**

**Featured speaker:**  
Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger,  
Rabbi Emeritus of Beth-El Congregation

**Topic:**  
"Searching for Faith in the Age of Science."



Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger

presented by The Jewish Studies Program at TCU's Brite Divinity School

Reception to follow.

## Welcomers Needed

Ever feel like you came to Temple and no one noticed you?

Now is your chance to meet, greet and show off our Beth-El hospitality!

We are in need of more Welcomers. It involves being at the Sanctuary door to welcome everyone and hand out the programs and say "hello." **Fridays, once a month, 5:30-6:15 p.m.**

Contact Edythe Cohen, ecohentx@att.net for information.



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

# Religious School

Education Director, Cantor Shoshana Abrams-Kaikov

As a cantor and Jewish educator, I look forward to the awe and beauty of the High Holy Days each year. Our liturgy and traditions move me so deeply. If I am being honest though, I find the month of Elul – the weeks leading up to the Jewish new year and day of atonement – just as powerful. Often overlooked, Elul is a month of introspection, soul searching, renewal, and returning as we prepare ourselves for the intense work of the High Holy Days – *Teshuvah*/Repentance.

In my opinion, one of the lesser-known highlights of Elul is the Selichot service, which traditionally takes place late in the evening the Saturday before Rosh Hashanah. It is said the nighttime is an auspicious time for prayer, and the mere gathering together of people to pray at a time when they are usually asleep is something incredibly powerful.

The Selichot service is an intimate one, where we are connecting with the divine, asking God to hear our prayers, and to forgive us for the moments when we could have done better during the last year. On this evening, we enter into a sacred dialogue with the Almighty.

This year at Beth-El, I feel incredibly blessed to be able to create a special musical Selichot service together with my twin sister, Cantor Elisa Cohn. We have put a great deal of thought and preparation into crafting a spiritually uplifting experience for our community. We like to think of this as a warm-up to the High Holy Days, one that will move the spirit and invite you in, as we sing together some of the greatest hits of the High Holy Day season, accompanied by our incredible musical ensemble.

We hope to see you on Saturday, Sept. 17 at 8:30 p.m. at Beth-El for an unforgettable Selichot.



## Religious School Opening Day Bagel Breakfast and Assembly

**Sunday, Sept. 11, 9:30 a.m.**

Please join us in the Great Hall as we kick off Religious School with a bagel breakfast and assembly for the whole family. Students will proceed to class with their teachers directly following our opening celebration, and parents will have the opportunity to stay after for a brief Q&A.

# College Outreach Program

Keep your college student connected to Beth-El. Your son or daughter can be a part of our College Outreach Program featuring gift cards, campus visits, gatherings during winter break and more!

But we can't include them if we don't have their information.

The sooner we get their information, the sooner we can get them connected!

Student's Name \_\_\_\_\_

College Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Cell phone \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday \_\_\_\_\_



Fill out this form and return it to the Temple office -- even if you supplied the information last year.

Congregations Beth El, Beth Israel, Beth Shalom  
and the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County invite all to our:

# Annual Selichot Scholar Weekend

Sept. 16-18



with **Rabbi Pamela Wax**,  
dynamic poet, author,  
caregiver, and teacher

All are welcome. No charge.

This weekend's events are made possible in part  
through the generosity of the  
Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County

## Friday, Sept. 16

**7 p.m. The Labyrinths of Our Lives:  
Teshuvah and Coming Home**  
Congregation Beth Israel  
6100 Pleasant Run Rd., Colleyville  
Shabbat evening service

## Shabbat Morning, Sept. 17

**10 a.m. Coloring Our World Mussar:  
The Deep Dive of the Days of Awe**  
Congregation Beth Shalom  
1212 Thannisch Dr., Arlington  
Shabbat morning service  
Kiddush luncheon and text study to follow

## Saturday Evening, Sept. 17

**7 p.m. Approaching the Holy of Holies:  
Poetry for the Journey**  
Beth-El Congregation  
4900 Briarhaven Rd., Fort Worth  
6:30 p.m. Light dinner  
7 p.m. Poetry program  
8 p.m. Community reception

## 8:30 p.m. Twin Cantors: The Sounds of Selichot

Cantor Elisa Cohn  
(Beth Shalom, Arlington)  
and Cantor Shoshana Kaikov  
(Beth-El, Fort Worth) invite  
you to kick off the High Holy  
Days with a unique musical  
service that will move the  
soul and feature the greatest  
hits of the High Holy Days.



## Sunday, September 18

**9:30 a.m. The Psalms of Our Hands:  
How Contemporary Poets  
Respond to the Psalms**  
Beth-El Congregation  
4900 Briarhaven Rd., Fort Worth



Michelle Hartman

## Women of Reform Judaism

WRJ President Michelle Hartman

Thank you to all who attended our event at The Modern Art Museum of Fort Worth in

August. We had a lovely time.

By now, you should have received your WRJ membership mailing. Included is a welcome letter, this year's membership form, Uniongram form, and a calendar of events for the year. As you can see, we have a very active and diverse year planned. Make sure you sign up for WRJ this year so you don't miss out!

If you haven't had time to mail back the membership form or join online, stop by the Temple gathering area Sunday, Sept. 11, between 9:30 a.m. and 12 p.m. to

sign up and visit!

On **Sunday, Sept. 18, at 10:30 a.m.**, Kim Factor, Co-VP Culinary, will teach a class on how to blow the shofar! Afterward, you can stop by the gift shop and purchase your own shofar, as well as many other beautiful items. All profits from the gift shop go to support Religious School and camperships.

On **Erev Rosh Hashanah, Sunday, Sept. 25**, we celebrate with our annual WRJ-sponsored oneg. It's a beautiful event where we will honor our rabbis and their wives, Cantor Shoshana

Kaikov, Music Director John Sauvey, and welcome our new Executive Director Amy Robbins and our cantorial intern Samantha Chamberlin.



After the docent-led tour of "Women Painting Women" at The Modern Art Museum, the women of Sisterhood enjoyed brunch at Café Modern.



Eric Deutsch

## Men of Reform Judaism

MRJ President Eric Deutsch

Happy New Year from your MRJ. We have a busy September, starting

with catering a **Bar Mitzvah luncheon Saturday, Sept. 3**, and assisting with **Religious School opening day Sunday, Sept. 11**. Then later in the month we will

be providing ushers and greeters for the High Holy Days services and putting up the Sukkah.

We need A LOT of volunteers for these activities, so if you can help please contact me at (972) 800-3578 or eric.deutsch@haynesboone.com.

Also, just a reminder that our biggest fund-raiser of the year, the annual **Mat-**

**zo Ball Golf tournament, is Sunday, Oct. 23**, and we are still looking for golfers and sponsors. (See page 10 for more information.)

We'd love to have new members join the MRJ this year; we've got a great year planned with many social and service-oriented activities. Come join us!

## Meet Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin

This year, you'll hear a new voice on the Bema. Our Temple, under the leadership of President Russ Schultz, has joined the Hebrew Union College Student Cantorial Internship program. Ten weekends a year, plus the 10 days between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we will have the honor of hosting second-year cantorial student Samantha Chamberlin.

Cantor Sam will help lead Friday night and Saturday morning Shabbat services, take part in Tot Shabbat, visit religious

school classes and other groups in the Temple, and even tutor one of our Bat Mitzvah students.

Cantor Sam will bring new tunes, energy, and enthusiasm and is a welcome enhancement to our Temple music program, led by Music Director John Sauvey. We are so grateful to our Temple leaders, who continue to invest in the excellence of our musical and worship programs.

If you didn't have a chance to meet Cantor Sam this summer during her un-

official visit, please plan to be with us the weekend of

Sept. 9, or at Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur and monthly throughout the year. Remember that having a student cantor at Beth-El is also a sacred responsibility to teach, mentor, and guide the next generation of Jewish leadership. We hope you will take time to meet Cantor Sam and her husband, Jon.



Samantha Chamberlin



# Contributions

## Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment

In Memory of E.M. "Manny" Rosenthal  
 · Billy and Rozanne Rosenthal  
 In Memory of Joe Sandler  
 · Roz Rosenthal

## Floral Fund

In Memory of Loved Ones  
 · Roz Rosenthal  
 In Memory of Our Loved Ones  
 · James and Kathy Friedman  
 In Honor of our Kids and Grandkids  
 · Linda and Jeff Hochster  
 In Honor of our Grandkids  
 · Les and Debra Rosenthal  
 In Honor of Cayden and Chloe Koon's B'not Mitzvah  
 · Melissa Koon

## Library Fund

In Memory of David Gorfein  
 · Julia Gorfein  
 In Memory of Paul A. Feinberg  
 · Alan and Loretta Feinberg

## Prayerbook Fund

In Memory of Eli Nadel  
 · Miranda Nadel  
 In Memory of Adele Arensberg  
 · Marilyn And Larry McGee

## Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

In Thanks to Rabbi Zimmerman for his time and guidance with Cayden and Chloe's B'not Mitzvah  
 · Melissa Koon

## Religious School Fund

In Memory of Irving I. Bock  
 · Jane and Arthur Pawgan  
 In Memory of Harry Jacob Kline  
 · Carol and Steve Kline  
 In Memory of Miriam  
 · Leigh and Lou Schultz  
 In Honor of Shoshana Kaikov  
 · Melissa Koon

## Temple Fund

In Memory of Reuben Blumberg  
 · Louise Blumberg  
 In Memory of Sandra Stein  
 · Ira and Sandy Hollander  
 In Memory of Adele Arensberg  
 · Ira and Sandy Hollander  
 In Memory of Jean Whatley  
 · Michael and Beverly Ross  
 In Memory of Michael Handleman  
 · Caren Handleman  
 In Memory of Sallye Rosenblum  
 · Tim and Michelle Finucane  
 In Memory of Melvin Blumberg  
 · Loesje Blumberg  
 In Memory of Irwin Charles Krauss  
 · Julie Goldstein  
 · Noeholas Montroll  
 · Pam Kalpin  
 In Memory of Margaret Denklage  
 · Karen Anisman  
 In Memory of Abraham Leventhal  
 · Harry and Judy Leventhal  
 In Memory of Leon Gachman  
 · Arnold and Hariette Gachman

## Temple Fund (continued)

In Memory of Samuel Rubinton  
 · Mara and Bill Berenson  
 In Memory of Lorraine K. Berenson  
 · Mara and Bill Berenson  
 In Memory of Sandra Stein  
 · Leslie and Alan Magee  
 In Memory of Irving Napoleon  
 · Sheryl Levy  
 In Memory of Madelyn Gross  
 In Memory of Jerry Wolens  
 · William Rosenthal  
 In Memory of Sandra Rubin Koslow  
 · Meg and John Rubin

## Tree Fund

In Memory of Larry Poll  
 · Eleanor Cooper

## Music Fund

In Honor of Linda Hoffman receiving the Mickey Goldman Award  
 · Jane Oderberg  
 In Honor of Rabbi Zimmerman's Inspiring Haftarah Chant  
 · Linda Hoffman

## Caring Congregation Fund

In Honor of Linda Hoffman receiving the Mickey Goldman Award  
 · Joan and Howard Katz  
 In Honor of a speedy recovery for Howard Bellet  
 · Joan and Howard Katz

# Beth-El Congregation naming opportunities

Senior Rabbi's office..... \$100,000

Three stained glass windows in the chapel ..... \$25,000 each

South entry courtyard ..... \$100,000

North courtyard ..... \$100,000

7th grade classroom ..... \$25,000

8th grade classroom..... \$25,000

Admin office..... \$25,000

Family room (between the sanctuary and the chapel) ..... \$15,000

Ark in the main sanctuary ..... \$150,000

Great Hall gallery (corridor)..... \$50,000

Stained glass for sanctuary window medallion..... \$300,000

AV streaming room in admin wing..... \$5,000

**Donor names will be added to one of the acrylic wall plaques located in the Temple and the gift will be acknowledged in the Beth-El bulletin.**

# Beth-El Wish List

## Landscape

Seasonal flower beds .....\$50  
 Tree trimming east side and back of building, for each location.....\$2,500

## Religious School

Shabbat candlestick holders.....\$300  
 Religious school challah cover .....\$100  
 Storage contain for teaching materials ..... \$2,800

## Temple

Two wall-mount "Stop the Bleed" stations, each station .....\$180  
 Fire extinguisher for cantor podium.....\$40  
 LED flashlight set for sanctuary ..... \$22

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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<p><b>Get weekly e-blasts from Rabbi and Religious School by e-mailing:</b>  <a href="mailto:rabbiz@bethelfw.org">rabbiz@bethelfw.org</a> - <a href="mailto:shoshanaikov@bethelfw.org">shoshanaikov@bethelfw.org</a></p> <p><b>Go to <a href="http://bethelfw.org">bethelfw.org</a> for live updates and Zoom links</b></p>						
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For additional information and updates about events, please visit our website at [www.bethelfw.org](http://www.bethelfw.org) or see Rabbi's e-blasts.

# Pre Shabbat Coffee & Conversation

9 a.m. Fridays, September 2, 9, 16, 23

Roy Pope Grocery, 2300 Merrick Street

Join Rabbi Zimmerman and Jerry Appel, TCU Professor of Communications and Beth-El Lifelong Learning Chair, for weekly Friday morning discussions from Tisha B'Av until the start of Rosh Hashanah.

Discussion topics could include the

Torah portion, Middot; Jewish current events; the upcoming holidays; or another topic relevant to this seven-week season of personal introspection.

All are welcome on any given week. No RSVP needed. Just look for Rabbi and Jerry sipping coffee and join them for conversations of caffeine and the soul.



## Divrei Torah

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work of spiritual return.

On Friday night at Beth Israel, she will speak about a labyrinth as the tool for a meditation as a return to the self. On Saturday morning at Beth Shalom, Rabbi Wax will lead a service focused on Mussar and the contemplative practice that prepares us for the meaningful work and return, personal reflection, and forgiveness of ourselves and others. Saturday night at Beth El, we have a very full and special evening planned, beginning with dinner and a program about poetry as the tool for forgiveness. We will study some of Rabbi Wax's poems and consider poetry as the language of return.

Following study time, there will be a reception and a special musical service, "The Sounds of Selichot," created by Cantor Shoshana and her sister, Cantor Elisa Cohn. Finally, on Sunday morning at Temple, there will be a chance to study the words of Psalms as interpreted by contemporary poets and even a chance to write your own psalm.

I am also excited that Rabbi Wax has agreed to meet our confirmation students and speak with them about mental health and the Jewish tools that can guide them through these challenging times.

For more information about the weekend's programs, please see Page 4. I hope you'll plan to spend time with us at each of the Tarrant Reform congregations. May we gain the inspiration and the tools for doing the spiritual preparation that lies ahead.

# Curious About Conversion Class

Tuesday, Sept. 13, 7 p.m.

Do you know someone who has expressed an interest in Judaism? Perhaps it is a young person on a spiritual journey or an interfaith parent who has thought about joining with his or her children and the Jewish people.

Beth-El is a welcoming congregation. Judaism is a religion that does not proselytize. All are welcome to visit. But some seek the fuller commitment of a

Jewish life. If you know someone who has expressed an interest, please let them know another year of our Curious About Conversion class begins Sept. 13. The class meets once to twice a month for 10 months and covers the yearly cycle of Jewish holidays as they take place.

Those who are interested should email Rabbi Zimmerman right away to get on the email invitation list.

## Finding Our Place in the Jewish Puzzle of Life:

A Search for Personal Theology with Rabbi Zimmerman

Tuesdays at noon,

September 6, 13, 20, 27

Have you ever been asked why you are Jewish and found yourself groping for an answer? Has your son or daughter asked you why he or she has to have a bar or bat mitzvah and you knew it mattered but found yourself speechless?

This twice-monthly class led by Rabbi Zimmerman will study philosophers, occasionally bring in guest speakers, explore Jewish history and text, all with the goal of articulating a personal theology. If this appeals to you, please consider joining us.

# Caring Congregation Committee



At any moment in time, members of our Congregation may be in need – not of charity – but in need of *acts of loving kindness!* In order for the committee to do our best, we need to know who is ill, needs a welcome or virtual visit, or a meal. Please contact the Temple office, and a member of our committee will be in touch.

Carol Minker, Chair



## Then & Now: 'Tree of Life' rooted in tradition

Hollace Ava Weiner, Beth-El Archivist



The Hall of Remembrance is the home of Beth-El's Tree of Life. Its shimmering bronze and copper leaves commemorate milestones in the lives of our fellow congregants – and new leaves are still sprouting.



Hollace Weiner

The Tree of Life, a metaphor mentioned in the Bible dozens of times, is figuratively represented at Beth-El through a wall sculpture

in the Hall of Remembrance. The tree, cast in metal, has more than 250 bronze and copper-plated leaves. Each leaf may be inscribed with four lines of print to celebrate happy occasions, such as a birth, a marriage, a bar or bat mitzvah, or a birthday.

Installed at Beth-El in 1987, the 8-foot tall, two-dimensional tree was designed by New York sculptor David Klass and underwritten at a cost approaching \$10,000 by David and Elaine Sampson, a power couple.

During the 1970s, David had served as Temple president and Elaine was

president of the Sisterhood.

The Tree of Life was initially mounted on cherry-veneered plywood. It hung in the parlor of the social hall. When the congregation moved from Broadway Ave. to Briarhaven Rd. in 2000, our in-house art expert Evelyn Siegel arranged for installers from the Amon Carter Museum to transfer the sculpture to a gold-leaf background inset in a wall of the Hall of Remembrance – the mini-museum at the end of the corridor in the worship wing of the Temple. The Tree of Life is not a memorial board. Its intent is to celebrate milestones – *I'chayim*, to life! The cost of inscribing a leaf is a \$300 donation to the Temple.

**Get weekly updates**

**Send an e-mail to:  
rabbiz@bethelfw.org**

## Library News

Margie Zentner, Beth-El Librarian

New books continue to arrive, including the following selections:



### The Cape Doctor

By E.J. Levy

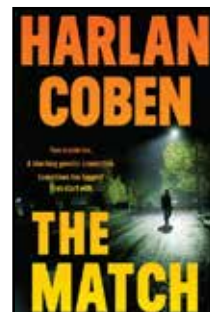
is an historical account of the life of Dr. James Miranda Barry, born Margaret Anne Buckley, who assumed the identity of a man in order to become a physician in the early 1800s. Barry performed the first successful C-section in Africa. Her true identity was discovered only after her death.



### Atomic Anna

by Rachel Barenbaum

(author of *A Bend in the Stars*) is an epic adventure of three generations of women who work together and travel through time to prevent the Chernobyl disaster and right the wrongs of the past.



### The Match

by Harlan Coban

continues the story of Wilde from his last novel, *The Boy From the Woods*. A DNA match on an ancestry database brings Wilde closer to his past and gives him the opportunity to track down his father. Meeting the man brings up more questions than answers while connecting him to a treacherous fugitive, whose mission and methods have turned more dangerous with time.

**Beth-El Men of Reform Judaism's  
Annual**

**MATZO BALL CLASSIC**



**Sunday, October 23 at 1:30 p.m.**

**Hawk's Creek Golf Club**

**6520 White Settlement Road  
Westworth Village, TX 76114**

**\$120 Entry Fee**

Each player receives a round of golf with cart and gift bag. Prizes for the longest drive and closest to the pin.

**\$1,000 Gold Sponsor**

Recognition as dinner sponsor and includes 4 golf entry fees

**\$750 Silver Sponsor**

Special recognition and includes 4 golf entry fees

**\$150 Hole Sponsorship**

**The Matzo Ball Classic is a Beth-El MRJ Activity and Fundraiser**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Amount of Entry Fees/Sponsorship: \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members: \_\_\_\_\_

Send checks payable to Beth-El MRJ by Oct 14, 2022. Mail to 4900 Briarhaven Rd., Ft. Worth, TX 76109

# Yahrzeits

## September 2

Sara Drabkin Ellman  
Madeline Sankary  
Samuels  
Melvin Blumberg  
Murray N. Friedman  
Joseph Strassman  
Nat E. Winston

## September 9

Alfred Davis  
Stella Band Zodin  
Elias Friedmann  
Marcus Ginsburg  
Leslie Kaitcer  
Jack I. Nass  
Oscar Seligman  
Fannie Weinstein  
Hildegard Lehmann  
Marc Manny "Sands"  
Raymond E. Cohn  
Michael Kanzer  
Irving Rapfogel  
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# Safety-Security Day

Jim Stanton

## Sunday, Sept. 18

**11:30 a.m. SCN Training**  
**7 p.m. Security Roundtable**



On Sunday, Sept. 18, Beth-El will have two important congregant safety-security events as we get ready for the High Holy Days.

**First, from 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. in the Great Hall**, Situational Awareness and Active Threat Mitigation training will be presented by two members of the Secure Community Network. The SCN trainers will also conduct a series of hands-on exercises to prepare you for Beth-El services as well as everyday situations you may encounter. Lunch-time snacks will be provided for all registered attendees. Watch Rabbi's weekly e-blasts for the registration link.

**At 7 p.m. at Beth-El**, the area synagogues, the Jewish Federation, and SCN will co-host a Community Security Roundtable. Fort Worth police and FBI representatives will brief us on the latest threats and trends, and let us know how to report suspicious activity. This will also be an opportunity to share your concerns and ask safety and security questions. Register for the roundtable through Beth-El or the Federation.

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