

Beth-Elements

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Brian Zimmerman, Rabbi

Divrei Torah

..... Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

Genesis is a remarkable book. It is full of creation and destruction, crime and punishment, and

unresolved rivalries that bleed from one generation into another. But there is also reconciliation. The entire human experience is reflected within those chapters.

While this book is always read in Temple in the fall, I am struck this year by *Toldot*, the Parsha that recounts the generations up to Isaac and then digs deep in the rivalry of Jacob and Esau.

Favoritism, jealousy, unresolved relationships, and triangulation all lead to a breach in the brother's relationships and finally an escalation, which leads to a promise from Esau to hunt and kill his brother.

Unlike many of the other familial conflicts in Genesis, this one is resolved dramatically but peacefully only two weeks later in the portion, *Vayishlach*. The brothers prepare for war, but instead embrace as their breach is mended.

What changes that allows this relationship to be resolved so much more peacefully than much of the rest of the bible? The answer is that people can change and occasionally also have the vision to see that others can change,

too. Even those they hate or fear.

Jacob struggles with his own life, his role as a son and a follower of his father's God, but ultimately, he comes to see his family in a different light. Although we know less about Esau's narrative in those missing years, we also see him mature, and together the brothers embrace the possibility of reconciliation without the promised retribution.

It does not happen often enough, but it can. Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and other holiday gatherings are times of great joy and family reunions. They can also bring stress and unresolved conflicts closer to the surface. Politics

can also create discomfort instead of celebration.

As we prepare for these in-person occasions, perhaps the first ones in years, how do we avoid those awkward moments, keep ourselves calm, and avoid

triggering our own worst impulses? The book of Genesis (*Beresheet*) serves as a guide, and as we learn in these Torah portions, we can grow, others can too, and the possibility of reconciliation exists.

Thanksgiving can be stress-inducing, but it can also be a doorway to wholeness.

Afterall, the word for peace, *Shalom*, is also the word for wholeness. And
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Bat Mitzvah



Natalie Strausz
Nov. 12

Daughter of
Michael Strausz and
Kate Marshall

Worship Services

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

Friday, Nov. 4

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman, John Sauvey, the Beth-El Choir, and Hans Grim 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 11

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

Saturday, Nov. 12

Shabbat Morning Service and the Bat Mitzvah of Natalie Strausz 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 18

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman and John Sauvey 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 25

Kabbalat Shabbat with Rabbi Zimmerman 6:15 p.m.

Fridays

Candle Lighting via Zoom
Rabbi Zimmerman and friends 5 p.m.

Tot Shabbat

Friday, Nov. 18, 5:30 p.m.

Please join us at Beth-El for a fun family celebration of Shabbat through music, dancing, and art! This service is geared toward ages 0-6. A light snack will be provided. We can't wait to celebrate with you!



Russ Schultz

President's Message

..... Temple President Russ Schultz

L'shanah tovah tikatev v'taihatem. May you be inscribed and sealed for a good

year.

I hope that you, like me, found our High Holy Day services to be a meaningful expression of our Jewish faith. It was so good to see so many people attending our services again. We had a significant number of you return to in-person services – well over 200 in the sanctuary, plus some in the balcony. We also had a huge number of people watching on the stream: more than 900 for the Rosh Hashanah evening service, and a whopping 1,300 who viewed the Kol Nidre service.

As I've done before, there are many people to thank. To start with, I must commend our new Executive Director Amy Robbins. In the interest of security, we required all attendees to show their membership cards or register ahead of time so their name appeared on a guest list. Even with a new process, it went smoothly and Amy handled it all with a good nature and a smile.

As president, it is great to know that WRJ and MRJ can always be counted on to support our congregational needs. I have a feeling that some people attend each year only for WRJ's amazing Rosh Hashanah Oneg. As always, MRJ members did a great job as ushers welcom-

ing our congregants and guests. I also want to thank Ruth Roper and her crew for making the Break Fast something special.

Jaime and his staff, as usual, did an outstanding job of preparing all of our logistical needs throughout the 10 days.

The musician in me wants to commend John Sauvey, the choir, and instrumentalists for their preparation and performance skills. Having them there makes our services quite special.

It wouldn't be the High Holy Days without our rabbi leading us through this very serious time. He was well prepared and even with all that is required, he kept us on time. Thank you, Rabbi Zimmerman, for all that you do as our spiritual leader.

Lastly, I want to thank Student Cantor Samantha Chamberlin. As many of you said to me after each service, she helped make our High Holy Days very special and take them to a new level. The good news is she will return once each month. I encourage all that enjoyed her spiritual leadership to attend Friday night services when she is here.

Well, now onward to the rest of our year. As I write this, we are in the middle of Sukkot. Thanks again to MRJ for purchasing the Sukkah and assembling it each year.

As always, I stand ready to help you and fellow congregants in any way I can. L'Shalom, Russ

Divrei Torah

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by the way, the modern Hebrew word for turkey, *Tarnagol Hodu*, includes the same word, *Hodu*, we use for praise in our Psalms. If you want to stretch the pun as far as it can go, Praise Turkey for it is good, for it can bring us together. (Thanks to Cantor Katie Oringel for pointing this pun out in a recent D'var

Torah.)

Thanksgiving can be a time for anxious denial, or a time to praise the possibility of embrace.

Genesis tells us it can happen and, as we see in these two Torah portions read only two weeks apart, it can happen quickly. Can our celebrations open us up to our own potential for growth, and are we willing to give others that benefit as well?

Library News

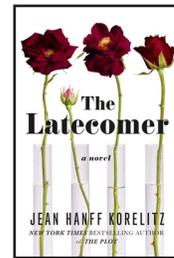
..... Margie Zentner, Beth-El Librarian



The Summer Place by Jennifer Weiner

The summer heat is behind us, but I don't feel badly about recommending Jennifer Weiner's new book, which Hadas-

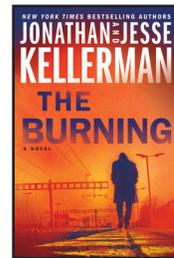
sah Magazine lists as a Top 5 Jewish bestseller of last summer. It opens as Sarah Danhauer's stepdaughter, Ruby, announces her engagement and plans to hold the wedding at the family's beach house in Cape Cod. Ruby's grandmother sees this as one last chance for the family to be together, but secrets are revealed and confrontations ensue.



The Latecomer by Jean Haniff Korelitz

Korelitz's newest novel follows the wealthy Oppenheimer family and the birth of triplets through IVF.

Although it's a little slow at the beginning, the pace picks up as the triplets head to college. This family is so dysfunctional that there are a few laugh-out-loud moments. Finally, with the birth of the fourth child 20 years later, the many secrets of births, betrayals, and sexuality come to light and Phoebe, the latecomer, helps the family heal.



The Burning by Jonathan Kellerman

tells the story of Deputy Coroner Clay Edison, who, while working a murder scene, is horrified to discover a link to his

brother, Luke. Clay races to find his brother before authorities do, and to also determine if his brother is the killer or the victim.



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Religious School: Tot Shabbat is back!

Education Director Cantor Shoshana Abrams-Kaikov

There are few things more joyful than watching our children fully engage in a happy celebration of Shabbat at Beth-El!

Last month, we had our first Tot Shabbat of 5783. We're so excited to offer this fun-filled celebration of Shabbat for our families with children ages 0-6. Each month, we'll come together to welcome the Sabbath experientially through music, dance, stories, exploration of the senses, and, of course, food. At the end of each Tot Shabbat, we join in blessing the Shabbat candles, grape juice, and challah, and offer an age-appropriate art project or activity related to Shabbat or the next upcoming Jewish holiday.

Tot Shabbat is not only a wonder-

ful opportunity to joyfully celebrate Shabbat with your little ones, it is also a perfect time to meet other Jewish families with young children. We will be partnering with PJ Library for our next Tot Shabbat on Friday, Nov. 18, at 5:30pm. Please join us!

Mitzvah Day

On Sunday, Nov. 13, the Beth-El Religious School will participate in a communitywide Mitzvah Day program at Ahavath Sholom. Students and adults from Tarrant County synagogues will come together to engage in a variety of Mitzvah projects. We'll walk to Ahavath Sholom as a school that morning.

Volunteers needed

The Mitzvah Day planning committee is seeking volunteers to help during the

morning. Please contact Cantor Shoshana if you would like to volunteer.

Bring your cans

During Mitzvah Day, students will be involved in a "can-struction" project, and all canned food that is donated will be given to those in need. Please bring your canned food donations to the Religious School office on Sundays between now and Nov. 13. Thank you for helping to feed those in need.

Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah: One good deed leads to another.

Save the date: April 21, 2023

Please mark your calendars and plan to join us as our Religious School students lead us in a joyous Shabbat evening service. Details to come as we get closer.



Packed and ready to go, all the items collected from Beth-El's school supply drive await delivery to De Zavala School.

De Zavala Supplies

The De Zavala school supply drive was a huge success! Our collection bins were full. We received new shoes, backpacks, lunch boxes, and daily supplies of pens, pencils, crayons, etc. Studies have shown that when students have the supplies they need, test scores, retention levels, and attendance records rise.

I also want to thank the youth group for redecorating the box and passing out fliers.

Additionally, I want to thank the many congregants who generously shopped for supplies, sent checks, and Venmoed donations. Without your generosity, this would not have been possible. The bins have been sorted, labeled, and I am coordinating with the school counselor for a dropoff on behalf of Beth-El. Thanks again for adopting a school in need.

— Milena Razack,
Chair De Zavala School Drive

Youth Group News

FWFTY Co-presidents Leah Kreindler and Connor Maxon

Thank you to everyone who helped with the children's services during High Holy Days and made them so special! We had a great time at our Whirlyball event on Oct. 23, and are excited for our annual **Friendsgiving on Nov. 6!**

We are also planning more events, including Chanukah celebrations for every age group. Follow us on Instagram @that.fwfty for details.

FWFTY Friendsgiving

Nov. 6, 12:15 p.m., Beth El Great Hall

Admission cost is: bring food to share, this event is potluck style!

We will be doing a service project.



Michelle Hartman

Women of Reform Judaism

.....WRJ President Michelle Hartman

It was wonderful to see so many people at the Sukkah Happy Hour! We are taking

November off to prepare for our Annual Brunch, which is now scheduled for **Sunday, Dec. 4**. Watch for your invitation in the mail. The Annual Brunch is our biggest fundraiser and helps fund our annual donation of \$10,000 to Religious School and \$4,000 to camps. With your help and participation, we hope to increase those amounts in the future.

We are looking for donations for the

Silent Auction for the Annual Brunch. If you have anything you'd like to donate, or know of a business that would donate, please contact Michelle Hartman at 817-706-3451 or hartman8729@sbcglobal.net. We are looking for any "Treasures"

you would like to see go to a new family to enjoy, especially Judaica or beautiful home goods.

We are also bringing back **Bookies and Cookies**, our

annual Chanukah celebration where we exchange books and cookies, on **Saturday, Dec. 10**, at the home of Shayna Coyne. Watch your inbox for the invitation in early December.

**Save The Date:
WRJ Annual Brunch
Dec. 4, 10 a.m.**



WRJ Happy Hour in the Sukkah! Cindy Simon, top, and Eve Shulman, middle, wave the Lulav and Etrog and the Sukkah proves a fine place for a Sisterhood gathering.

Facing page, images from top: V for Victory postcard from Pvt Irving Beckoff, Fort Worth Center for Service Men card, 1943 postcard from Pfc Joe Lurie, New Year Card from 1945



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

.....MRJ President Eric Deutsch

Latkes, Latkes, Latkes!

After a couple of years absence, we are back in the

latke making business and will be distributing pre-ordered latkes on Sunday, Dec. 4, and Sunday, Dec. 11, during Religious School hours. All proceeds go to MRJ efforts to fund camps and scholarships. Find the order form below.

If you'd like to help us **make latkes on Sunday, Nov. 20**, (at least 100 dozen!) please let me know. No prior latke mak-

ing experience necessary.

Join us **Tuesday, Nov. 15, at 5:30 p.m.** for **MRJ After Hours** at On The Border on Bryant Irvin Road in Fort Worth. All are welcome.

And on **Friday, Dec. 2**, immediately after Shabbat services, we'll be catering another **Cuisine of Our Heritage** dinner, featuring Moroccan food (see page 6).

If you're interested in joining us for any or all of our service or social activities, contact me at 972-800-3578 or eric.deutsch@haynesboone.com

MRJ Holiday Latkes by the dozen

It's time to order delicious latkes made by the Beth-El Men of Reform Judaism. **Latkes are \$10 per dozen, or 3 dozen for \$25.** To order latkes, tell us how many dozen, and return this form with a check to: **Beth-El MRJ** on or before **Friday, Dec. 2**.

Name:

Email: Phone:

Please make dozen Traditional Latkes for me!

Amount enclosed: \$..... (check or cash only)

Latkes will be available for pick-up on **Sunday Dec. 4 and 11**, 9 a.m. - noon.

MRJ Use Only
Date Rec'd:
Date Filled:
Date Picked up:
Amount:
Circle Payment Method: Cash Check
Processed by:

Then and Now: The Temple Archives Will Endure

Hollace Ava Weiner, Temple Archivist



Hollace Weiner

My introduction to the Beth-El Archives came the night of May 5, 1995, when a crippling hail-storm punctured the roof of the old Temple on

Broadway Ave. and interrupted Shabbat services. Upstairs, classrooms had flooded. So had a storage room where forgotten archival records were stashed. As I pulled boxes off the wet floor, I saw that one was filled

with letters WWII soldiers had written to Regina Gernsbacher, daughter-in-law of Beth-El's founder. Among the hoard was a postcard from a local naval officer that was stamped, "Loose Lips Sink Ships." Another archive box held correspondence

between Uriah M. Simon (great-grandfather of Temple President-elect Robert Simon) and an immigration agency. Mr. Simon had approved the relocation to Fort Worth of shoemaker Wolff Moses, whose descendants are in our Sunday school. Another letter approved the resettlement of Sam Zalefsky, whose sons shortened their last name to Zale and launched an international jewelry chain.

These historic documents were too precious to be housed beneath a leaky roof. With each thunder clap, I realized it was my mission to someday protect

these records. In 1998, I took archives classes at UTA. When Beth-El constructed a new synagogue in 2000, it was built with a temperature-controlled archive room. I volunteered, along with several others, to spend one morning a week cataloging documents and photos, creating exhibits, and compiling Beth-El's centennial history.



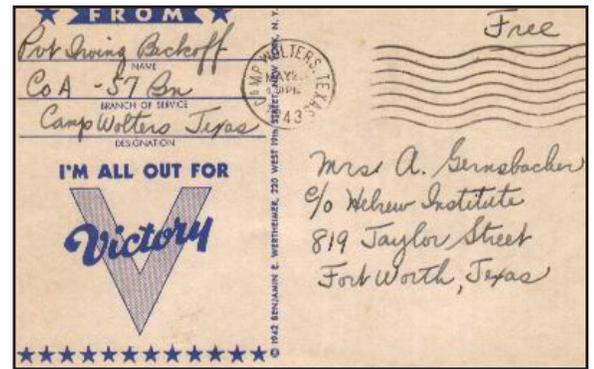
Because the Temple's past is intertwined with the history of Ahavath Sholom, located across the street, I began spending



a second morning a week organizing the archives housed there. That collection, started in 1992 with funds from

the Jewish Federation, includes minutes (some in Yiddish) and scrapbooks from dozens of local Jewish clubs, lodges, and societies dating back more than a century. The work is enriching but overwhelming.

The archives had operated on a shoestring until last January when, thanks to the generosity of preservationist and philanthropist Judith Singer Cohen, the collections received a financial donation to ensure the professionalization and continua-



tion of the combined Fort Worth Jewish Archives. An endowment, set up through the Federation, will help pay for expansion into the future. Money specifically

designated for Beth-El will underwrite preservation projects for the permanent display of stained-glass medallions salvaged from the old Temple. (The stained-glass is presently exhibited in the Hall

of Remembrance.)

In June, I hired a part-time archivist, Emily Clark. Together, we are digitizing and transcribing oral histories recorded in the 1990s, including recollections from the late Dr. Frank Cohen, Dana Mehl Levy, Pauline Frankel, Max Pila, and Al Sankary. Slowly, we are indexing files and placing what archivists call "finding aids" at Texas Archival Resources Online (txarchives.org/repositories/fwjarch). We have posted photos from the past on the Portal to Texas History (texashistory.unt.edu), search: "Rabbi Robert Schur." Soon we will post translations of the first years of Yiddish minutes from Ahavath Sholom.

We ask that you, readers and congregants, before throwing away letters and scrapbooks, donate your family papers, youth group photos, immigration records, correspondence, and minutes from synagogue committees to the Fort

Worth Jewish Archives. They would mean a great deal to future generations.



Dates to Remember, Coming in December:

Saturday, Dec. 3

Chanukah Bounce House Celebration

Sunday, Dec. 4

WRJ Annual Brunch

Saturday, Dec. 10

WRJ Bookies & Cookies



Cuisine of our Heritage: Friday December 2

A Night in Casablanca

\$10 per person

Join Beth El's MRJ as they present, A Night in Casablanca, featuring the Jewish cuisine of Morocco! In addition to delicious food and wine, prepared and served by the brothers of MRJ, discover the significant role Moroccan Jews have played in Jewish history.

For example, did you know that before WWII, the Moroccan Jewish community was the largest in the Muslim world? Today Moroccan Jews and their descendants constitute the second largest community in the modern state of Israel.

Join MRJ and enjoy such dishes as Moroccan salad with lemon-sumac dressing, fish Tangiers, kofta (Moroccan meatballs), cous cous, and more. The eve-

ning begins at 7 p.m., following Shabbat services.

A donation of \$10 per person is requested. Dinner is free for children under 13. Please sign up at bethelfw.org. Because of the popularity of these dinners, registration may be cut off prior to the event. Don't delay, sign up now!

— Alan Feinberg



Sunday, Dec. 18

Chanukah begins at Sundown

Saturday, Dec. 24

MRJ Chinese Dinner & Trivia Contest

Caring Congregation Committee

..... Carol Minker, Chair



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.

November - 2022 - 5783

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



Sundays in November at Beth El

Please join us for outstanding teachers, challenging ideas, social, religious and cultural activities, and new Jewish concepts. WRJ plans to offer a Challah baking class, Rabbi Mecklenburger or Rabbi Zimmerman may offer a favorite text, a lay leader may share a passionate

and personal Jewish connection, or a professor may visit from Brite Seminary. Each Sunday provides cultural, religious, or academic offerings. The full schedule is not yet available, but dates and topics already set include:

Sunday Morning Hebrew Classes

This is the year you learn to read Hebrew!

Intermediate Hebrew 10:45 a.m.

Classes began Oct. 16, but you can still join. Come to the Board Room at 10:45 a.m. Sunday. Our new instructor is Puckmaren Glass, a great Hebrew teacher and master's student at Brite Seminary. After a three-year break due to COVID-19, come back, brush off your Hebrew skills, and continue the journey. Intermediate students must be able to recognize Hebrew letters and have some comprehension.

Beginner Hebrew 12:15 p.m.

Classes started Oct. 30, but there is still time to join. Students will be able to master the alphabet and basic reading before Passover! No prior knowledge of Hebrew is required. Our teacher is Semé Cooper, a beloved member of our religious and Hebrew school team. Semé will be using a new curriculum created by the National Jewish Outreach Project designed specifically to help adults master the alphabet and key words on the path to greater comfort with the prayer book and temple services.

Both classes have a registration and book fee. If there are financial concerns, contact Rabbi Zimmerman. These classes are made possible in part by the generosity of the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Let's Have A Sensible Conversation about Israel

with Nathaniel Markowitz,
Southern Deputy Regional Director, J Street

Nov. 13, 9:30 a.m.

Amidst polarization and name-calling among Jews and non-Jews alike, is it possible to have a sane and sensible conversation about Israel? Can someone who loves Israel have an opposing viewpoint?

Pre-registration required; attendance limited. Contact Rabbi Zimmerman.

Introduction to Jewish Mystical Texts

with Rabbi Zimmerman

Nov. 6, 9:30 a.m.

This introduction to Jewish mystical concepts requires no prior knowledge, but a sense of wonder and an open mind will help.

If you didn't receive a Lifelong Learning Booklet, there are extra copies in the Beth-El office.

Finding Our Place in the Jewish Puzzle of Life: A Search for Personal Theology with Rabbi Zimmerman

Tuesdays at noon, Nov. 8 and 22

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.

Did you know...

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- Visit smile.amazon.com
- **Sign in** with the same account information you use for Amazon.com
- Select **Beth-El Congregation Fort Worth** as your charity
- **Shop** (at no extra cost to you.)

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Send an e-mail to:
rabbiz@bethelfw.org
for weekly updates!

Contributions

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In Memory of Henrietta Krumholz
· Billy and Rozanne Rosenthal

Floral Fund

In Memory of
Louise and Leo Freeman
· Jane Oderberg
In Memory of Shirley James
· Laurie and Jason James

Library Fund

In Memory of Dr. Stan Kurtz
· Jeanne and Steve Ginsberg
in Honor of Arnie Gachman's
selection as Fort Worth Business
Executive of the Year!
· Judie and Dick Greenman

Mitch Stenzler Fund

In Memory of Sandy Stein
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler
In Memory of David Stenzler
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler
· Avette Covitt
In Memory of Fanny Brooks
· Avette Covitt
In Honor of a speedy recovery
for Linda Hoffman
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler

Rabbi Mecklenburger's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of Louise Appleman's
Recognition from Art Fort Worth
· Carole Rogers
In Honor of Jay Factor's wedding
· Carole Rogers

Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund

In Honor of JWJ
· JWJ Simcha Chaper #1036
In Honor of The Traveling Shofar Team:
Rabbi Brian Zimmerman,
Dr. Ira Hollander, Peter Levy and
Samantha Chamberlain
· Leslie and Alan McGee

Temple Fund

In Memory of Dr. Elliott Blumberg
· Loesje Blumberg
In Memory of Dr. Stan Kurtz
· Linda and Jeff Hochster
In Memory of Victor Leventhal
· Harry and Judy Leventhal
In Memory of Edith Zodin Gachman
· Harriette and Arnie Gachman
In Memory of Daniel Gachman
· Harriette and Arnie Gachman
In Memory of Claire Blackman
· Jacob and Dana Rosenstein
In Memory of George LaMere's 10th
year yahrzeit
· Guy and Susan LaMere
In Memory of Alexander Handleman
· Caren Handleman
In Memory of Elise Greenman
· Judie and Dick Greenman
In Memory of Seymour Weisser
· Judie and Dick Greenman
In Memory of Jim Zack
· Bob and Susan Zack Lewis
In Memory of Jack Sherman
· Selma Sherman
In Memory of Charles Etcoff
· Michele and Fred Reynolds
In Memory of Fredric Altman
· Leslie and Alan Magee
In Memory of Elias Friedman
· Leslie and Alan Magee
In Memory of Dr. Stan Kurtz
· Leslie and Alan Magee
In Memory of Miriam A. Schultz
· Leslie and Alan Magee
In Honor of Beth-El
· MunSon Lyons
In Honor of Evelyn Siegel
on her 95th birthday
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler
In Honor of Roz Rosenthal
on her 98th birthday
· Marilyn and Van Stenzler

Temple Fund (continued)

In Honor of Linda Hoffman receiving
the Mickey Goldman Award
· Leslie and Alan McGee
In Honor of the Caring
Congregation Committee
· Leslie and Alan McGee

PrimeTimers Fund

In Memory of Sylvia Wolens
· Marc Wolens

WRJ

In Honor of a speedy recovery for
Linda Hoffman
· Susan LaMere



The Primetimers' event
last month featured
guest speaker Dr. Jane
Pawgan on the topic
"How Jews came to Texas"



Primetimers

Nov. 10 at noon

Shalom, Primetimers! Some of you may be wondering, "who is Primetimers for?" We're a group that meets the second Thursday of each month for lunch and an interesting program. This month we're meeting Nov. 10 at noon in the Great Hall at Beth-El to hear **Dr. Jim Riddlesperger, Professor of Political Science at TCU**, to discuss the midterm election results, voting patterns, and what they mean. Dr. Riddlesperger is a favorite speaker and always draws a big crowd. Don't be left out!

This month's lunch will be catered by La Madeleine. For \$12, you get a choice of:

- Chicken salad on a croissant
- Pesto caprese sandwich
- Cranberry pecan field salad with balsamic chicken

All lunches come with fruit salad; sandwiches also come with potato chips. Don't forget to save room for homemade desserts. Please RSVP to Michelle Hartman no later than Sunday, Nov. 6, at 817-706-3451 or hartman8729@sbcglobal.net.

Community Mitzvah Day

.....Jim Stanton

On **Sunday, Nov. 13**, our Religious School students will participate in Community Mitzvah Day, a unique opportunity to experience the importance of showing *chesed* (kindness) to others in the community. Soon after arriving at Beth-El, our kids will walk across the street to Congregation Ahavath Shalom, escorted by teachers, aides, and police officers, where they will be joined by Religious School students from Beth Shalom, Chabad Fort Worth, and Chabad Southlake.

“Our theme for the 5783 schoolyear is *Mitzvah Goreret Mitzvah – One Good Deed Leads to Another*,” said Cantor Shoshana Kaikov, Beth-El’s Director of Education.

The event begins at 9:45 a.m. with light snacks followed by a short assembly, singing with Scott Slotter, and a project overview. The students will then take part in a variety of Mitzvah projects,

such as making holiday and birthday cards, decorating Chanukah bags for seniors, creating birthday bags for children at the Women’s Safe Haven, decorating Tzedakah boxes, and preparing lunch for Habitat for Humanity volunteers.

Adult projects will include a blood drive, knitting table, and Habitat for Humanity. To volunteer, please click on the link in the Rabbi’s weekly email.

To keep everyone safe, we ask that children not enrolled in Religious School be accompanied by an adult.

Community Mitzvah Day is presented by Beth-El, Chabad Fort Worth, Chabad of Southlake, Congregation Ahavath Shalom, Congregation Beth Shalom and the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County. Funding provided by the Joe and Helen Richards Foundation, Trustees: Chicotsky Family; The Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, and B’nai B’rith Senior Housing.

Knitters and Crocheters:

One of this year’s Community Mitzvah Day projects is benefiting **The Linus Project**, which provides love, a sense of security, warmth and comfort to children seriously ill, traumatized or otherwise in need through gifts of handmade blankets and afghans created by volunteers.

Whether you’re a knitter or crocheter, get out your sticks or hooks and help these kids! All you’re asked to do is knit or crochet 10” squares. It doesn’t matter what size needle or hook you use or how thin or thick your yarn is, the square just needs be 10” when finished.

We’re partnering with **Congregation Ahavath Shalom** on The Linus Project and we will get the finished squares to Marti Herman and Carol Courter, who will assemble the blankets. Let one of them know if you want to help.

Bring your square, or come to knit or crochet at Congregation Ahavath Shalom on **Sunday, Nov. 13, 9:45 a.m.**

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.

Beth-El Congregation naming opportunities

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

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
gifts will be acknowledged in
the Beth-El bulletin.



Yahrzeits

November 7

Harold Baum
Barnett Bernstein
Milton Bernstein
Nate Blitzer
Michael Boxer
Miriam Voliansky Braverman
Holly Clegg
Fay B. Cohen
Rose Davis
Ben Friedman
Bertha Fuerst
Irwin Fuerst
Abe B. Gardner
Joseph Goldgraber
Nathan Imber
Elliot Jacobson
Henry W. Landman
Samuel Lefkovitz
Stephen Herman Mehl
Kathleen Mitchell
G. Alan Neufeld
Jack Orlow
Harry Osborn
Harry E. Ritchey
Norman Rosenblum
Margaret Littman Rosenthal
Jeanette Baker Ross
Flora Weltman Schiff
Belle Schultz
Larry Schultz
Ann Schuster
Edwin Schwarz, Jr.
Martin Louis Shiffman
Beatrice Frankrich Slatkin
Bill Steinman
Jean Strassman

Max Switzman
Marlene Tilkin
Beatrice Weinschenker
Muriel (Mimi) Weisser
Ben H. Wile
Dr. Richard Yentis
Joseph Zentner

November 14

Lynn Altman
Sheldon Anisman
Henry Bodzy
Roger Cohen
Bert Coopersmith
Anna Echt
Robert Eisman
Samuel A. Frankrich
David Ginsburg
Edith Granek
Sonja Glazer Gressman
Jerome Lamensdorf
Frances S. Landman
William LeMaire
Sheridan Libby
Ricky Luebbert
Henry Luskey
Dora Neumegen Marks
Mary Jane Miller
Hattie Minker
Samuel G. Miron
Lena Nass
Emily V. Pew
Gerald Pollack
Ruth Rosenblum Propper
Louis P. Rosenwasser
Henry Schiff
Harry Schweitzer

Isaac Suder
Homer Tomlinson
Marion Werner

November 21

Stanley Edward Ackin
Delsie Gans Altman
Dave Altshuler
Ethel Appleman
Michael Archenhold
Louis Barnett
Arthur G. Bassist
Donald Blank
Patti Blank
Solomon Brachman
Ignace Charles Capper
Meredith R. Carb, Jr.
Sophia Clein Ellman
Martine Ginsburg
Louis Goldman
Frieda Heilborn
I. E. Horwitz
Ralph Jacobson
Michael J. Moore
W. H. Myer
Henry Potishman
Shaol Pozez
Susan M. Rosenthal
Martha Rousch
Ronald Slotter

November 28

Harris Belford
Bernard M. Brooks
Louis Samuel Cristol
Ruth Englander
Sarah Gernsbacher

Marvin Glazer
Rae Goldstein
Earl (Yitzak) Henken
Joe Herman
Harris Jacobs
Isaac L. Jacobs
Pauline Joseph
Lester Kahn
Morris Kelfer
Mollie Kessel
Laszlo Kiss
Robert Koslow
Alvin Kramer
Ruth Lehmann
Margaret Lemmons
Shelagh Lenhoff
Anna Lesnick
Julia Shanblum Lesser
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Harriet Ann Lopin
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E. C. Morgan
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Lillian Raimey
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- **Undesignated donations** will be placed in the Temple Fund.

\$10-minimum contribution: Temple Fund, Religious School Fund, Youth Fund, Library Fund, Music Fund, Mitch Stenzler Sunday School Scholarship Fund, Rabbi Zimmerman's Discretionary Fund, Rabbi Mecklenburger's Discretionary Fund, President's Discretionary Fund, Religious School Director's Discretionary Fund, Temple Archives

\$50-minimum contribution: Rosenthal-Siegel Education Endowment Fund, Operating Endowment Fund, Endowment #2

Other funds: **Tree \$20, Prayer Book \$30, Floral \$40, Tree of Life Leaf \$300**

Contribution Form

Enclosed please find the amount of \$ _____

Designated Fund: _____

In Honor of: _____

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Donor Name(s): _____ Please send me

Address: _____ (qty)
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