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

November 2021



Brian Zimmerman, Senior Rabbi

Divrei Torah

.....Senior Rabbi Brian Zimmerman

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, the late chief rabbi of England and a noted commentator on the bible, once said: "Jewish prayer is an ongoing

ner-muscle of gratitude, takes the same time, energy, and discipline athletes might devote to building their muscles through a daily workout.

How can we strengthen *Hakarat HaTov*, recognizing the blessings of our lives? By setting aside regular time for reflection, through regular pauses from the daily grind, through gifts of Tzedakah, and by volunteering time to local groups that help the neediest in our community.

If you'd like to learn more about the daily ritual of *Hakarat HaTov*, join us for our monthly Jewish meditation class, our

special Saturday morning study of Jewish prayers of gratitude, or ask me about books that offer readings and reflections you can try at home. If you'd like to be part of our renewed Beth-El Social Action Commit-

seminar in gratitude."

He explained that the daily Jewish prayer serves as a constant reminder to offer thanks for the most obvious but frequently forgotten gifts: our souls, our bodies, and the daily miracles of freedom, faith, and peace.

It's no surprise the Pilgrims looked to the Torah and Sukkot, a festival of dwelling in outdoor booths, as inspiration for the creation of Thanksgiving.

In a four-day window at the end of this month, we will quickly move from Thanksgiving (Nov. 25), with its emphasis on blessing, bounty, and religious freedom, to the first night of Chanukah (Nov. 28), which recalls ancient battles and miracles in the Jewish struggle for light in the darkest of days.

During both holidays, as we give thanks for family and community *and* eat mammoth amounts of starch, let us consider how we can increase our daily sense of gratitude.

Judaism teaches that gratitude is an attribute to develop and grow. *Hakarat HaTov*, the development of the in-

tee that will make the Temple a sacred partner in the work of healing in our city, please contact Rachael Hunt.

May Thanksgiving and Chanukah help us rededicate ourselves to making gratitude – and the work that flows from it – a part of our lives all year long.

Bar Mitzvah



Simon Eberstein
Nov. 20

Son of Valrie and David Eberstein
about Simon on p.3

Worship Services

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All services are in person and streamed at youtube.com/BethElCongregation. Services are led by Rabbi Brian Zimmerman and John Sauvey, unless otherwise stated.

Friday, Nov. 5

Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 6

Shabbat Out of The Box (details below) 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 12

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, led by Rabbi Emeritus Mecklenburger and John Sauvey 6:15 p.m.

Friday, Nov. 19

Tot Shabbat 5:30 p.m.
Kabbalat Shabbat Service 6:15 p.m.

Saturday, Nov. 20

Bar Mitzvah of Simon Eberstein 10:30 a.m.

Friday, Nov. 26

Kabbalat Shabbat Service, led by Linda Hoffman 6:15 p.m.

Fridays

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

Saturdays

Havdallah via Zoom
Rabbi Zimmerman and Angie Friedman 6 p.m.

Shabbat Out of the Box

Saturday, Nov. 6

Shabbat Out of the Box includes **Hakarat HaTov**: Prayers of Gratitude and Thanksgiving with Rabbi Zimmerman, 10:30 a.m., **Jewish Yoga and Meditation** with Brooks Alkek at 11:30 a.m., followed by a small COVID-safe Kiddush luncheon. All are welcome.

Beth-El's Beloved Administrator to Retire at Year's End

Beth-El Archivist, Hollace Ava Weiner

Temple Administrator Suzie Koonsman had never heard of a mitzvah or a matzoh when she began working at Beth-El on March 22, 1991, the same day she turned 52.

A fourth-generation Texan whose great-grandparents were part of San Antonio's tight-knit German-Lutheran community, she knew nothing of Judaism. When Edythe Cohen told her, "You know, we don't believe in Jesus," Suzie was flabbergasted.

Yet Temple Treasurer Steve Katten had actively recruited Suzie to fill Beth-El's top staff position

– an essential job more or less vacant since Norma Greenberg's retirement in 1980. Katten and his law partner John Broude, Beth-El's incoming president, knew how smoothly Suzie had worked in their office. A natural communicator, she had the patience to listen to disgruntled clients and the poise to calm them down. What's more, she was a self-starter who deftly handled the billing, balanced the books, and directed ancillary staff.

Together with her earlier stints as a bank teller, a rate analyst, a CEO's assistant, and a cheerleader in high school, Suzie definitely had the business and

social skills to oversee Beth-El.

The Yiddishkeit would follow.

Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger helped her pronounce and understand Jewish terms like *yarmulke*, *yahrzeit*, *chai* and *challah*. Suzie also read the *Jewish Book of Why*, which explained many key cultural questions, such as "Why do Jews eat gefilte fish?" and "Why is a glass broken at the end of a Jewish wedding?"

Suzie coupled her learning with a deep sense of empathy. On her first day at Beth-El, an elderly immigrant couple mourning the loss of their

son in a motorcycle accident came to the Temple office to select a cemetery plot. "The mother cried," Suzie recalled. "I cried with them."

When a leaky roof dripped water down through the eternal light and onto the bimah, Suzie kicked off her high heels, climbed the fire escape, and handed the Temple custodian supplies to plug the leak.

Worse water damage followed on May 5, 1995, when the Hailstorm of the Century disrupted Friday night services. "It busted out all the windows" in the religious school wing, and Suzie vividly

**Reception
Honoring Suzie
Tuesday, Nov. 2, 4:30-6 pm**
Come-and-Go
Remarks at 5:30



Suzie Koonsman, who was been Beth-El Temple Administrator for 30 years, is retiring at the end of December. Join the reception celebrating her Nov. 2.

remembers how John Broude, Ira Hollander, and other gents in business suits "rolled their trousers up to their knees" and waded through the halls to inspect the damage.

"This has been much more than just a 9-to-5 job," said Suzie, reflecting on 30 years at Beth-El and her collegial relationship with 16 different Temple presidents. "We just fit together. Everybody here is respectful of everybody's religion.

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Russ Schultz

President's Message

..... Temple President Russ Schultz

Like the High Holy Days, Chanukah comes very early this year. It starts Nov. 28, so get

your supplies and gifts early from the Temple Gift Shop. WRJ is planning sale events Nov. 7 and 14.

The Temple has been very busy recently. It seems like we just completed High Holy Days, Sukkot and Simchat Torah, and then October started with B'nai Mitzvahs on the first three Saturdays.

During the week, there are adult classes and gatherings of people from the congregation and the Jewish Federation. On Sundays, our Religious School jumps into action.

What a vibrant congregation: Yes, there is a great deal of life at Beth-El!

Becky Mauldin, our new Executive Director, hit the ground running in October. She has spent a lot of time with Suzie Koonsman learning the intricacies of the job, and I am happy to report the transition is going smoothly and the

office remains up to speed.

I like to keep you informed of what's going on around the building. Recently, we completed some repairs to the sidewalks and expansion joints around the building. Apparently, over the years the sidewalks have pulled away from the building and, in some cases, buckled, allowing water to run under the building and creating a safety hazard. The problem is fixed now.

I want to wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving and a wonderful Chanukah. May you have the opportunity to enjoy both holidays with family and friends.



Shoshana Abrams Kaikov

Religious School

Education Director Shoshana Abrams-Kaikov

Shabbat peace at the end of the week

One of my favorite Jewish children's books is called *Shh...Shh... Shabbat*, by Linda Elovitz Marshall. Lately, it has been my youngest daughter's go-to bedtime story, and it has a way of calming us both each night before I turn out the lights in her room.

It is a very short book that recounts the busy work week, one day at a time, through the eyes of various animals. I usually begin reading it in full-voice, and by the last couple pages I finish in a whisper. The way the book is written is profound in my opinion. It captures the craziness of the work week, and the sense of calm surrounding Shabbat. When we read those last few pages, a

hush comes over us.

I mention the book because it resonates with me so deeply as a Jewish educator. In our home, we work hard to make a clear distinction between the work week and Shabbat. Friday night through Saturday night is a special time. Our kids know Friday evening dinner will be a bit nicer than it is the rest of the week. We begin with candles and then my husband and I bless our daughters before we all join together to say Kid-dush and Motzi.

On Saturdays, we enjoy as much uninterrupted family time as possible, often outdoors in nature, and we end each Shabbat with our own Kaikov family tradition: a Havdallah Dance Party.

Our house can be pretty chaotic during the week, but when the sun goes down Friday, something beautiful happens and

we all take a step back.

Shabbat is such an important part of who we are as a Jewish people. As it was said by Ahad Ha'am, "More than the Jewish people have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people." In my opinion, no truer words were ever spoken.

Our lives are filled to the max more than ever these days, but Jewish tradition beautifully encourages us to hit the pause button each week, turn inward, and recharge our batteries. It is a time to take deep breaths, enjoy a family dinner, go to synagogue, take a nature walk, bake challah, light candles, relish in this sacred day of rest.

It is my hope and prayer we can all find special ways to make Shabbat a weekly time of joy, calm, and holiness.

About the Bar Mitzvah

Simon Joseph Eberstein, who will become a bar mitzvah Nov. 20, is a seventh-grader at Fort Worth Country Day School. He loves football, basketball, baseball, golf, riding his bike, and snow skiing. Simon completed his mitzvah project this fall by collecting baseball equipment and sharing it with Westside Little League players who could not afford the required gear.

Simon enjoys playing sports and spending time with friends and family. He has one sibling, Charlotte Eberstein. He is the son of Valrie and David Eberstein, and the grandson of Brian and Viki Eberstein, Pati Hunter, Jeanie Luskey Huffman and Kenneth Huffman and the late Henry Luskey.

Welcome New Members

Temple Membership, Milena Razack

We're thrilled to introduce you to Matthew Henken, Hilary Ryder, and their family, all of whom recently joined the Beth-El family. "The best thing about joining Beth-El is the people, who have been so warm and welcoming at services, holidays, Sunday school, and MRJ and WRJ events!" said Hilary. "Henry is especially enjoying the music at Friday night services, and the lovely stained glass in the sanctuary."



After enjoying Shabbat in the Sukkah, they posed for a family photo: Matthew and Henry, 14 (back row); Joe, 9, Hilary, and Sam, 12 (middle row); and Lily, 9 (front row).



Laurie James

Women of Reform Judaism

..... WRJ Annual Brunch Committee Chair, Laurie James

Come join your sisters on Sunday, Nov. 14, for the Annual Donor Brunch, "**Pivoting with Ruach! Fort Worth Success Stories Despite the Pandemic.**" We will feature small business leaders whose stories of pivoting during the pandemic are inspiring. The fundraiser begins at 10:30 a.m.

We're moving the program to the Sanctuary to allow for appropriate social distancing, but also so we can stream the event for those who are unable to attend in person or are not comfortable being indoors.

We'll honor WRJ's past presidents who have brought us to where we are today, and we'll hear uplifting stories about how community leaders and nonprofit organizations helped raise funds for local businesses and individuals. Speakers include representatives from Near

Southside, Inc., and The Fort Worth Food and Wine Festival. We'll finish up with Havdallah and a boxed lunch catered by Carpenter's Café.

Travis and Katrina Carpenter opened their restaurant in February 2020. Determined to stay open despite the pandemic, the Carpenters thrived in no small part thanks to Katrina's excellent food and their faith in their community. Lunch selections will include a croissant sandwich with the locally famous Smoky Chick (the smoked chicken salad that has foodies raving); a vegetarian option; or a grain-free Smoky Chick salad along with a sweet treat.

If you're not able to join us in person, Sisterhood will be making deliveries with Havdallah goodies to those who sign up by Nov. 1 at bethelfw.org. Thank you for supporting WRJ's contributions to the Temple, Religious School and Camper-ships.



Eric Deutsch

Men of Reform Judaism

..... MRJ President Eric Deutsch

Greetings from your MRJ. In October, we resumed our catering operations with a Bar Mitzvah luncheon in October. We implemented new safety protocols to protect everyone, and everything went off without a hitch. My thanks to our team of 12 MRJ volunteers who par-

ticipated in the food prep and service that day. We are looking forward to our next catering event in December, a bat mitzvah luncheon.

If you have a b'nai mitzvah or other event coming up and are interested in learning about our catering services, or you are interested in joining MRJ, please contact me at eric.deutsch@haynes-boone.com or 972-800-3578.

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.

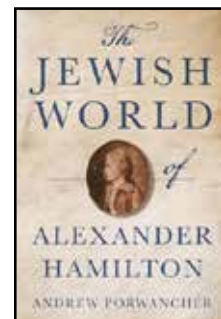
Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?

Andrew Porwancher, author of the fascinating new book *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton*, will be the featured speaker for a special community Zoom presentation **Monday, Dec. 6, at 7 p.m.**, when he will share his extensive research that challenges us to rethink the life and legend of a founding father who championed the cause of American and Jewish ideals.

The presentation is funded by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County and will include Beth-El, Ahavath Sholom, Beth Israel, and Beth Shalom congregations.

If you'd like to read the book prior to the Zoom, one copy is available to borrow from the Beth-El library, or order it from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Kindle. Historian Andrew Porwancher is the Ernest May Fellow at Harvard and Wick Cary Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma.

The Zoom program, which is free and available to all members of the Tarrant County Jewish community and their guests, will start promptly at 7 p.m. It will be preceded at 6:50 by an Alexander Hamilton trivia game, and Ahavath Sholom Cantor Jeffrey Weber will sing Adon Olam to the tune of "You'll Be Back" from the Hamilton musical. During the presentation, one Beth-El member's name will be drawn at random to receive an autographed copy of the book. The event is free, but pre-registration required at tarrantfederation.org.



The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton
By
Andrew Porwancher

— Jim Stanton

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
		1 4:30 p.m. Suzie Koonsman's Retirement party	2	3	4	5 5 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service	6 9 a.m. Torah Study 10:30 a.m. Shabbat Out of the Box 6 p.m. Havdallah
7 9:30 a.m. Religious School 9:30 a.m. Rabbi Mecklenburger: Religion in our Secular and Scientific Society	8 6 p.m. Meeting about the New York trip. 7 p.m. Board Meeting	9 12:00 p.m. Jewish Puzzle of Life: Personal Theology	10	11 12:00 p.m. PrimeTimes	12 5 p.m. Candle Lighting 6:15 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service led by Rabbi Emeritus Mecklenburger and John Sauvey	13 9 a.m. Torah Study 6 p.m. Havdallah	
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21 10:30 a.m. PJ Family Library Program at Bicentennial Park in Southlake	22	23	24	25	26 5 p.m. Candle Lighting 6 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat Early Service led by Linda Hoffman Temple Office Closed	27 9 a.m. Torah Study 6 p.m. Havdallah	
28	29	30	<p>Sign up for weekly emails from Rabbi and Religious School: rabbiz@bethelfw.org · shoshanakaikov@bethelfw.org</p> <p>Go to bethelfw.org for live updates and Zoom links</p>				
Erev Chanukah 							

For additional information and updates about event listings, please see our website at bethelfw.org

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· Eric and Marjorie Deutsch

In Honor of Beth-El Congregation
· Mun Son Lyons

In Honor of Rabbi Ralph Mecklenburger, on his 75th birthday
· Cynthia Gilbert

Wish List

Seasonal flowerbeds in Memory of Lillian Deutsch
· Sharon and Charles Cooper

Music Fund

In Memory of Patricia Rojas-Ungar
· Jane Oderberg

In Memory of Randy Koonsman
· Daniel and Terri Halpern

In Memory of Patricia Rojas-Ungar
· Richard and Carol Minker

New Class

..... with Rabbi Zimmerman

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

Tuesdays at noon, Nov. 9, 16 and Dec. 7

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? As you confront evangelicals with a sure sense of afterlife theology, do you find yourself unable to articulate your own religious belief system?

A conversation without easy answers, this twice monthly class 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.

Yahrzeits

November 5

Samuel Lefkovitz
Edwin Schwarz, Jr.
Muriel (Mimi) Weisser
Joseph Zentner
Michael Boxer
Holly Clegg
Abe B. Gardner
Harry E. Ritchey
Flora Weltman Schiff
Ann Schuster
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Beatrice Weinshenker
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Joseph Goldgraber
Martin Louis Shiffman
Marlene Tilkin
Harold Baum
Beatrice Frankrich Slatkin
Dr. Richard Yentis
Sheldon Anisman
David Ginsburg
Sheridan Libby
Ruth Rosenblum Propper
Louis P. Rosenwasser
Marion Werner

November 12

Samuel A. Frankrich
Hattie Minker
Henry Schiiff
Lynn Altman
Anna Echt
Robert Eisman
Samuel G. Miron
Frances S. Landman
Henry Luskey
Emily V. Pew
Homer Tomlinson
Henry Bodzy

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Ricky Luebbert
Dora Neumegen Marks
Lena Nass
Mary Jane Miller
Gerald Pollack
Arnold Schweitzer
Isaac Suder
Martha Rousch
Ronald Slotter

November 19

Sarah Gernsbacher
Rae Goldstein
Morris Kelfer
Julia Shanblum Lesser
Louis Morris
Andrew Roux
Louis F. Shanblum
Beatrice Wolf
Joe Herman
Harris Jacobs
Laszlo Kiss
Anna Lesnick
Lillian Raimey
Pauline Schweitzer
Bernard M. Brooks

Ruth Englander
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Ben H. Rosenthal
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Pauline Joseph
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Louis Phillipowski
Marvin Glazer
Earl Henken
Lester Kahn
Ruth Lehmann
Sam Levine
Roman Shloss
Annette Dover
Judith Lee Feinberg
Sam Lipshitz

November 26

Michael Archenhold
Ralph Jacobson
Louis Barnett
Louis Goldman
Shaol Pozez
Ignace Charles Capper
Meredith R. Carb, Jr.
Martine Ginsburg
Frieda Heilborn
W. H. Myer
Henry Potishman
Stanley Edward Ackin
Dave Altshuler

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Susan M. Rosenthal
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Donald Blank

Patti Blank
Solomon Brachman
Michael J. Moore
Harris Belford
Mollie Kessel
Albert Minker
Hans Joachim Thoma

Suzie Koonsman

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They all made me part of the family.”

She became the trusted confidant to scores of congregants as they planned bar and bat mitzvahs and suffered through bankruptcies and divorce.

“I’ve gone through a lot of life cycle events of my own,” she said, recalling the deaths of her mother and father. When her husband, Otis, owner of Crowley Pest Control, passed away in 2001, the congregation mourned with her.

When she faced breast cancer in 2004, scores of Jewish women privately visited her office to share their experiences, answer personal questions, and welcome her to the sisterhood of breast cancer survivors.

In 2009, Suzie had double knee-replacement, and she will never forget the day Rabbi Mecklenburger visited the hospital and sat in on her physical therapy session. “He took a seat and chatted the entire time,” she said. “I feel so close to him. Of any person of the cloth, he knows me best.”

That explains why, when Suzie’s son Randy, 49, passed away last June after a long, difficult struggle with diabetes, she asked Rabbi Mecklenburger and Rabbi Brian Zimmerman if his memorial service could be at Beth-El. They did not hesitate, and more than 200 people – Jewish and gentile – attended, including Suzie’s daughter and son, her three grown grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. She mailed handwritten notes to each person who expressed condolences.

As she eases her way into retirement, may we all say a collective “Shalom” to our beloved Suzie, who fully understands what that word means: hello, goodbye, and peace.



Coming June 2-5, 2022

Shavuot Trip to Jewish NYC with Rabbi Zimmerman

Native New Yorker Rabbi Brian Zimmerman will lead an exciting summer trek to the city that is a unique cultural and religious laboratory for the American Jewish Experience.

This is not necessarily a first-timer’s trip but an experience for anyone who wants to experience New York through the eyes of locals, especially other Jews. We’ll visit tourist sites and engage in conversations with local and national Jewish leaders, go on guided and in-depth walking tours, enjoy immersive

worship and study experiences, and sample plenty of delicious meals.

This trip is also unique because it will take place during Shavuot, when many Jews stay up all night to study. Included in the trip is an optional all-night experience at some of the New York centers for arts, culture, and learning.

Interested? Join Rabbi Zimmerman for a brief Q&A on Monday, Nov. 8, at 6 p.m. or contact the rabbi for more information.



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\$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 Leaves \$300**

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Tax-Free Chanukah Shopping in the Gift Shop



Sundays, Nov. 7 and 14



- **New items**
- **Great gifts for EVERYONE on your list**
- **Plus a clearance section**

**This flyer is a coupon. Bring it in for
10% off one regularly priced item.**



The first night of Chanukah is Nov. 28!

Yes. Really.

