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MAY 2010 IYAR/SIVAN 5770 **VOLUME 44 NO. 10**

The Confirmation Class of 2010 / 5770
and their families cordially invite
the Congregation
to the Confirmation Service and Reception
Friday evening, May 14, 2010 / 1 Sivan 5770
6:30pm -- Sanctuary

Alex Beer	*Taryne and David Beer*
Martin Andrew Braswell	*Carolyn and Ken Braswell*
Sam Devine	*Nancy and Jeremy Devine*
Alexa Disraeli	*Eileen and Phillip Disraeli*
Hana Ruth Epstein	*Stephanie Wulfe Epstein and Jeff Epstein*
Rachel Beth Frish	*Robert and Kathryn Frish*
Eric Halpern	*Cheryl and Andrew Halpern*
Kyra Hochberg	*Connie Hochberg, Jeff Hochberg z"l*
Rachel Knapp	*Brenda and Roger Knapp*
Danielle Mendelson	*Shelly and Edward Mendelson*
Zachary Jordan Remer	*Dana and Steven Remer*
Joel Sands	*Marjie and Steve Sands*
Kasey Schneider	*Diane and Michael Schneider*
Jamie Stone	*Renee and Robert Stone*

Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Tuesday, May 18
Standing with Israel:
Exploring her future in the 21st Century
Panel Discussion 7:30 – 9:30pm

Shavuot Morning Service
with Yizkor
Wednesday, May 19
10:30am
Epstein Chapel

SERVICES

SATURDAY
May 1
10:30AM - Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of
Jason Taper
Son of Alan and Rose Taper
10:30AM - Epstein Chapel
Morning Worship

FRIDAY
May 7
Behar-Bechukotai
Leviticus 25:39 - 26:46
6:30PM - Epstein Chapel
Sisterhood Board Installation Service

SATURDAY
May 8
10:30AM - Sanctuary
Bat Mitzvah of
Elissa Marcus
Daughter of Stuart and Cynthia Marcus
10:30AM - Epstein Chapel
Morning Worship
5:00PM - Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of
David Spector
Son of Cary and Julia Spector

FRIDAY
May 14
Bamidbar
Numbers 2:1 - 3:13
Tot Shabbat
6:00PM Service **- Epstein Chapel**
6:30PM Dinner - **Library**
Confirmation Service
6:30PM - Sanctuary
Followed by Reception in Social Hall

SATURDAY
May 15
10:30AM - Epstein Chapel
Bat Mitzvah of
Molly Bamberger
Daughter of David and Nancy Bamberger
10:30AM - Sanctuary
Morning Worship

TUESDAY
May 18
Tikkun Leil Shavuot
Standing with Israel:
Exploring her future in the 21st Century
Panel Discussion 7:30 – 9:30PM

WEDNESDAY
May 19
10:30AM - Epstein Chapel
Shavuot Morning Service with Yizkor

FRIDAY
May 21
Naso
Numbers 5:11 - 6:27
6:30PM – Epstein Chapel
Temple Shalom Board Installation
and Volunteer Appreciation Service

SATURDAY
May 22
10:30AM – Sanctuary
Bar Mitzvah of
Holton Schwartz
Son of
Brian Schwartz and Karen Schwartz
10:30AM – Epstein Chapel
Morning Worship
5:00PM - Epstein Chapel
Bar Mitzvah of
Michael Josephson
Son of
Tom and Debbie Josephson

FRIDAY
May 28
Beha'alotecha
Numbers 9:15 - 10:34
6:30PM – Epstein Chapel
Service

SATURDAY
May 29
10:30AM - Epstein Chapel
Morning Worship

6:30pm Friday Services are preceded by a Wine & Cheese Reception at 6:00pm.

BABYSITTING is available for ages 1yr.-5yrs. at all Friday Evening Services except Tot Shabbat.

Tot Shabbat at Temple Shalom

2nd Friday of the month

6:00pm–Services in the Epstein Chapel
6:30pm–Dinner, Oneg & Fun Activity in the Library

Come join us for Tot Shabbat the 2nd Friday of every month! Our Rabbis, Cantor, Director of Lifelong Learning and ECE Director have tailored a special Shabbat service just for our kids followed by dinner, oneg and an interactive after dinner program for the whole family to enjoy! Catered Shabbat dinner or you can bring your own dinner. Temple Shalom provides drinks, challah and dessert. Children, parents, grandparents, and friends are welcome!

Please call Rhonda Bier at 214-802-0409 with any questions.

May 14: Catered Dinner & Mother's Day activity – the kids will make their own special surprise for all of our wonderful moms!

I Was Just Thinking...

I don't know how many of you have a hobby, or a particular activity that you like to do regularly. For some, the really dedicated, the word so often associated with high levels of commitment to an activity, is "religiously" as in, "I work out at the gym religiously" or "painting is my religion". What a curious way to describe a commitment to an activity. If working out, painting, playing music or sports, working at our vocations or anything but formal religious observance can be described as "religious" what could one activity be that would be described as normative activities for religion? Clearly, one of them is praying. Prayer is so universally understood to be an activity of the religiously observant, regardless of how broadly defined the religion may be, or how broadly defined the observance levels may be. As a rabbi, I think that's a good thing.

So, I am particularly puzzled and challenged each year, but this year especially, when confronted with the first Thursday in May, May 7th, which is designated by Congress as the National Day of Prayer. What is the National Day of Prayer and when did it start?

In 1952, evangelist Billy Graham led a six week religious campaign in Washington, D.C., holding events in the National Guard Armory and on the Capitol steps. The campaign culminated in a speech in which Graham called for a national day of prayer. He said, *"Ladies and gentlemen, our Nation was founded upon God, religion and the church…What a thrilling, glorious thing it would be to see the leaders of our country today kneeling before Almighty God in prayer. What a thrill would sweep this country. What renewed hope and courage would grip the Americans at this hour of peril...We have dropped our pilot, the Lord Jesus Christ, and are sailing blindly on without divine chart or compass, hoping somehow to find our desired haven. We have certain leaders who are rank materialists; they do not recognize God nor care for Him; they spend their time in one round of parties after another. The Capital City of our Nation can have a great spiritual awakening; thousands coming to Jesus Christ, but certain leaders have not lifted an eyebrow, nor raised a finger, nor showed the slightest bit of concern. Ladies and gentlemen, I warn you, if this state of affairs continues, the end of the course is national shipwreck and ruin."*

After Graham's speech, Representative Percy Priest introduced a bill to establish a National Day of Prayer. In addressing the House of Representatives, he noted that the country had been *"challenged yesterday by the suggestion made on the east steps of the Capitol by Billy Graham that the Congress call on the President for the proclamation of a day of prayer."* In support of the bill, Representative Brooks stated that *"the national interest would be much better served if we turn aside for a full day of prayer for spiritual help and guidance from the Almighty during these troublous times. I hope that all denominations, Catholics, Jewish and Protestants, will join us in this day of prayer."* On April 17, 1952, Congress passed Public Law 82- 324 which states: *"The President shall set aside and proclaim a suitable day each year, other than a Sunday, as a National Day of Prayer, on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."*

On May 5, 1988, Congress approved Public Law 100-307, "setting aside the first Thursday in May as the date on which the National Day of Prayer is celebrated." On May 9, 1988, President Ronald Reagan signed the bill into law. The current version of the statute reads, *"The President shall issue each year a proclamation designating the first Thursday in May as a National Day of Prayer on which the people of the United States may turn to God in prayer and meditation at churches, in groups, and as individuals."*

Recently, a federal judge in Wisconsin has ruled that the congressionally mandated National Day of Prayer is unconstitutional because it involves a government endorsement of religion. In her ruling, issued on April 15, 2010 in a lawsuit against President Obama, Press Secretary Robert Gibbs and the National Day of Prayer Task Force, headed by Shirley Dobson, U.S. District Court Judge Barbara B. Crabb wrote that the law establishing the first Thursday in May as the National Day of Prayer "does not use prayer to further a secular purpose; it endorses prayer for its own sake, and therefore is found to be unconstitutional."

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Presidents since Eisenhower have declared a day as a National Prayer Day. President Reagan declared the first Thursday in May as the National Prayer Day and President Obama declared May 7th as the National Prayer Day. Interestingly, last year, President Obama did not host any event on that day, although he did make a formal proclamation, ostensibly concerned that our leader, in declaring such a day, might be construed as preferring one religion over the other. As Rabbi Bard Hirschfield notes, *"On the other hand, it's a shame that we are so polarized on this issue that the President cannot host an event which is entirely consistent with both his personal practice and that of the vast majority of our nation's citizens. Not to mention that prayer, if not religion, is vital to the long-term health of any community.*

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In Hebrew, the word for praying is a reflexive verb. It defines an internal conversation that one has with one's self. To be sure, God has been a part of that conversation for most of those who pray. But the word itself proves that need not always be so. Perhaps the wisdom of this ancient tradition could serve as a model for our nation as well. It would assure the freedom of conscience to which we are all entitled while cultivating the kind of heightened awareness from which we all could benefit."

I for one make every day a prayer day and do not feel the need for a national call for such an endeavor. Perhaps this is a religious activity, in which we could partake as much as we do working out, playing sports or watching TV. Imagine the possibilities…

Rabbi Andrew Paley
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Shavuot – Celebrating the Lessons of a Lifetime

Starting in the evening of Tuesday, May 18, we will be celebrating the holiday of Shavuot. Shavuot is the celebration of God's gift of the Torah to the people of Israel, fifty days after Passover, the festival of our freedom from Egypt. The Torah, in describing the giving of the law, says: "And Moses brought the people out of the camp to meet God, and they stood at the bottom of the mountain." (Exodus 19:17)

It is interesting to point out that the actual Hebrew for the last phrase is: "*Vayisyatzvu b'sachtit hahar*," which literally says "they stood under the mountain" (instead of "at the bottom of the mountain").

In a discussion of this in the Talmud (Shabbat 88a) it is said that this latter translation, in fact, is the real meaning. God lifted the mountain and held it over the people saying: "If you accept my Torah, good; if not, this will be your grave!" In other words, you really have no choice but to accept the Torah. Otherwise, you will be buried under the mountain. The people thereupon accepted the Torah.

This obviously seems strange and contrary to the way we are taught regarding free will and the Jews freely accepting the Torah. One answer to this is given by Rashi's grandson, Rabbenu Tam, in his commentary. He says that this should not be taken literally. The people were 'forced' to accept the Torah because it was completely obvious to them that it was the right thing to do. If we had been there at the time and actually saw the presence of God descend and witnessed the miracles, then we too would have realized the compelling reason to comply with the Almighty's wishes.

According to the Talmudic discussion, however, this is *not* the satisfactory way to accept the Torah. The important lesson here is that the best way to accept the Torah is by a process of free will, not as a result of some miracle. Many people say that if they had a sign from God, then they would accept the Torah. How unrealistic! The intellectual and emotional search for the truth is the enduring way. There is no easy way but through our own diligence and perseverance. Waiting for a sign is waiting for an eternity.

Shavuot is ultimately about a time of rededication and commitment to learning Torah in order to achieve our ultimate goals in life. It is so important that, on the first night of Shavuot, there is a custom to stay up all night learning Torah. (With the computer we have easy access to this custom.) The reason given for this custom is that the morning the Jewish people were to receive the Torah on Mt. Sinai, they overslept. (Unfortunately, the alarm clock had not been invented yet.) Whether or not this is true, it certainly gives an added support for this custom; thus, we now rectify the tendency to giving in to our desire to sleep late on the anniversary of the Torah being given through our all night learning vigil.

On this holiday of Shavuot may we be enlightened to exercise our free will in accepting God's Torah, exercising our free will in choosing to observe its commandments, and in converting our knowledge and comprehension into ACTION so that we, too, may celebrate Torah in our daily lives! After all, the lessons of Torah are the lessons of a lifetime!

Rabbi Jeremy Schneider
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A TRULY METROPLEX CONCERT

On Sunday, May 16, at 7:00PM, Temple Shalom will be offering a truly metroplex concert. Not only will the cantors from Dallas synagogues be performing but, once again, Cantor Jacob Cohen from Plano will be joining us, as well as cantorial-student (soon to be invested cantor) Julia Rubin-Cadrain who has been serving *Adat Chaveirim* also in Plano. Cantor Sheri Allen from *Beth Shalom* in Arlington will grace our bima as well as student cantor Leslie Gore who has been serving *Temple Beth-El* in Fort Worth.

This year our concert, "*Keshet Musica,* A Rainbow of Music*,"* will feature an eclectic selection of pieces encompassing the vast collection of musical sounds that resound from the creativity of our people who live all over the world. We will be singing compositions by composers from Europe, Canada, Israel, and the United States; music from Broadway composers to composers of the Yiddish theatre.

Our Youth Choir, *Shir Joy,* will astound you with their "Glee" style choreography and their incredible "rap" to a contemporary version of Psalm 121. Join us!

Cantor Don Alan Croll
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Sunday, May 16 7:00 PM Temple Shalom

Cantor Sheri Allen: Congregation Beth Shalom

Cantor Jacob Cohen: Congregation Nishmat Am

Cantor Richard Cohn: Temple Emanu-El

Cantor Don Croll: Temple Shalom

Cantor Itzhak Zhrebker: Congregation Shearith Israel

Student Cantor Julia Rubin-Cadrain: Adat Chaverim

With special guests:

Greene Family Camp Song Leader Micah Diamond

Congregational Adult and Youth Choirs

Advance Tickets: $10.00 / Tickets at the door: $15.00

For reservations: call Patti Baker at 972-661-1810 x208
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LIFELONG LEARNING & RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Thank You for a Fabulous Year of Learning

With the end of the school year fast approaching, I wanted to say thank you for a wonderful year of learning. Our Sunday mornings have been filled with students of all ages learning everything from Bible Heroes to the cycle of the Jewish Calendar. Your commitment to coming regularly and making sure that your children are here each week helps us fulfill our educational vision.

As we plan for next year, there will be continuing and new opportunities for learning. There are some new programs I specifically want to mention so that you can look for them and plan ahead:

- Elul Learning Series with Rabbi Paley – August 2010
- The Golden Years University – Sunday mornings in October 2010 - a program for seniors and their families about sacred aging and the practical concerns regarding aging (in conjunction with the Tikkun Olam Council responding to our conversations in the Listening Campaign).
- **August 29** – Opening Day of Sunday Religious School – A High Holy Day Family Education Day for all ages. For a full school calendar, please go to our website.

DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER FOR 2010-2011 RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

Early registration will take place on May 2, May 9 and May 16 (and also on Wednesday, May 5). I strongly encourage you to take advantage of this opportunity to save money and time. For more information, please go to www.templeshalomdallas.org.

Summer Hebrew Reading Practice

For students entering 3rd through 6th grade in fall of 2010, I strongly encourage you to keep up with your Hebrew throughout the summer. On our Temple website, under the "Member Services" tab, then the "Education" tab, you will find summer Hebrew reading practice sheets for all grades. Please download them and practice, practice, practice!

Deborah Massarano
Director of Lifelong Learning
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UPCOMING RELIGIOUS SCHOOL EVENTS

May 2, 5, 9, 16	Early Registration
May 14	Confirmation Service
May 16	Annual Meeting and End of the School Year Extravaganza

Adult Classes

Lunch and Learn
Wednesdays / 12:00-1:30pm / Library

Get in the habit of enjoying a taste of Jewish text. This class, led by Rabbi Andrew Paley, explores relevant issues through the texts of the Talmud. You'll be amazed how these ancient teachings are relevant to your life today. Bring your lunch, and break up the day with a taste of Judaism. ***No Class on May 19.***

Shabbat Torah Study
Every Saturday / 8:45-10:15am / Library

Start your Shabbat morning with lively learning led by Rabbi Paley or Rabbi Schneider as we explore the weekly Torah portion. Enjoy the camaraderie with friends. Bagels and coffee provided 8:30-9:00am.

Judaica Study Class
Every other Saturday / 9:00-10:00am / Room 136

The class consists of people who study books which are significant to an understanding of Judaism. Books are selected by the members of the class who are encouraged to lead a discussion of the bi-weekly assigned readings. The class is open to anyone wishing to participate. Contact Morton Prager at 972-661-3999 for more information.

More Than A Few Good Men
1st Tuesday of the Month
May 4 / 11:30am - 1:00pm / Bring Your Lunch
Stromberg & Stock
Two Lincoln Cntr, 5420 LBJ #300

All good men are invited to join Rabbi Paley for an inspirational and educational schmooze on the first Tuesday of each month. Bring a friend and enjoy discussing Jewish ethics and morality.

ATIDEINU
Temple Shalom ~ Our Future

Project Spotlight

Inviting entrances. Beautiful gathering places. Newer, more environmentally-friendly, energy-efficient materials and systems. Project Atideinu can transform Temple Shalom into an even more incredible place where everyone can feel the warmth and spirit of the community.

Please consider a gift to help make this dream a reality. Remember, we are all partners in the future of our Temple.

For questions or more information, please visit the Temple website, send an email to atideinu@templeshalomdallas.org or contact Raelaine Radnitz, Campaign Chair, at 972-250-2488.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Torah Study 8:45am Library Bar Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Morning Worship 10:30am Chapel
2 K-7th Grade 9:30am-12:00pm Youth Choir 12:00-1:00pm 8th-12th Grade 6:30pm offsite	**3** Temple Shalom Board Meeting 7:30pm Library	**4** More Than A Few Good Men 11:30am offsite Feed the Homeless 11:30am offsite Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30-6:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Room 101	**5** Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Midweek Hebrew 4:30-6:00pm 7th-12th Grade 6:30-8:30pm Essers & Fressers 6:30pm offsite	**6**	**7** Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service and Sisterhood Board Installation 6:30pm	**8** Torah Study 8:45am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Bat Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Morning Worship 10:30am Chapel Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm Sanctuary
9 Stewpot Cooking 9:00am Kitchen K-7th Grade 9:30am-12:00pm Youth Choir 12:00-1:00pm 8th-12th Grade 6:30pm offsite	**10**	**11** Plano Midweek Hebrew 4:30-6:00pm Adult Choir 7:30pm Room 101	**12** Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Midweek Hebrew 4:30-6:00pm 7th-12th Grade 6:30-8:30pm	**13**	**14** Tot Shabbat Service 6:00pm Dinner 6:30pm Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Confirmation Service 6:30pm Reception following	**15** Torah Study 8:45am Library Bat Mitzvah 10:30am Chapel Morning Worship 10:30am Sanctuary
16 K-7th Grade 9:30am-12:00pm B'hood Blood Drive 9:30am - Soc. Hall Annual Meeting Pre-Schmooze 9:30-10:00am Meeting & Video 10:00-11:30am Community Picnic 11:30am-2:00pm Shalom Silver 5:00pm Cantor Concert 7:00pm	**17** Preschool End of Year Concert & Dinner 5:30pm	**18** Tikkun Leil Shavuot 7:30pm Chapel	**19** **Shavuot** **Temple Offices Closed** Shavuot Service With Yizkor 10:30am Chapel Brotherhood Board & Elections 7:15pm Library	**20**	**21** Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Temple Shalom Board & Officers Installation and Volunteer Apprec. Service 6:30pm	**22** Torah Study 8:45am Library Judaica Study 9:00am Room 136 Bar Mitzvah 10:30am Sanctuary Morning Worship 10:30am Chapel Bar Mitzvah 5:00pm Chapel
23 **30** Mini Multi-Faith Makeover 2:00pm offsite	**24** **31** **Closed for Memorial Day**	**25**	**26** Lunch & Learn 12:00pm Library Brotherhood Installation Dinner and Ceremony 6:00pm Social Hall	**27**	**28** Wine & Cheese 6:00pm Service 6:30pm	**29** Torah Study 8:45am Library Service 10:30am Chapel

Want an updated look at what's going on at Temple? Visit our calendar website at http://70.248.39.38:81/BrowseEvents.aspx

PRESCHOOL

The second Friday evening of every month is a special time set aside for our youngest children and their parents to celebrate Shabbat. Tot Shabbat begins with an age appropriate (ages 0-7) service led by one of our clergy with lots of singing and a special Shabbat story. The story and following activities usually are holiday related in theme. For example, in April, the SHFTY teens participated and brought the children many activities revolving around Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's birthday.

We began in the Epstein Chapel where Director of Lifelong Learning Debbie Massarano led us in some spirited singing and then Rabbi Jeremy Schneider told us all a story about how Israel's flag was created. After the service, everyone met in the library for dinner and fun beginning with Friday night blessings over the candles, wine and challah. As soon as the children were finished eating, our SHFTY teens helped the children make special bracelets of blue and white, Stars of David with dot paints, an Israel flag and cookie decorations as a special Happy Birthday to Israel treat. The photos below show how engaged the children were in their activities. We thank Barrett Harr and the teens for helping us all have a great Shabbat experience.

Shabbat became a very meaningful experience for the children as they learned about Israel. It is always a meaningful Shabbat experience for the moms and dads as they are able to spend time with relaxing conversation with other Temple Shalom families and mishpacha while the children are busy with a special activity. Please join us the second Friday of every month at 6:00pm. Sometimes there is a catered dinner and sometimes everyone brings their own dinners. However, every time there are candles to light, wine/juice to drink, challah to eat and a wonderful Shabbat experience.

Bonnie Rubinstein
Director or Early Childhood Education
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SHFTY member Rachel Frish, Elana Harr and Patrick Shukis

Miles Grossman adding color to his Israeli flag

Brandt Bier and Ezra Schneider along with SHFTY teen Andrew Braswell.

SHFTY teens help Tot Shabbat participants create symbols of Israel.

Jessica Mandel and SHFTY teen Rachael Pearson dot painted a star of David.

Temple Shalom Preschool
End of Year Musical Program
Monday, May 17 -- 5:30pm

Come with Friends and Family of Temple Shalom Preschool from the past Twelve Years.

- Please join our end of year celebration
- Musical Program in the Sanctuary
- Reminisce with old friends
- Sing our favorite songs
- Vegetarian taco dinner

Evening's Schedule

5:30: Sanctuary

6:00: Social Hall

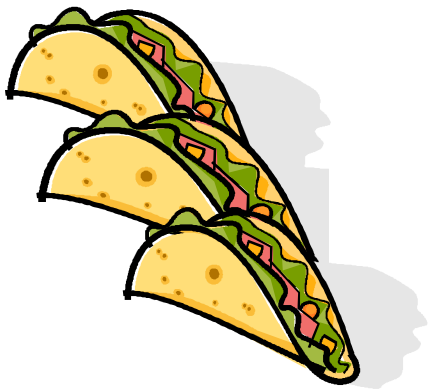
7:00: Shalom Chaverim
(Goodbye to our Friends)

Dinner

Adults: $8.00

Children: $4.00

RSVP deadline for dinner is Monday, May 10



QUESTIONS and to RSVP

Contact Bonnie Rubinstein at
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Brotherhood Babble

As my final Babble, I want to say it has been a pleasure to work with so many fine men of Temple Shalom. Our successes these past two years include two awesome Toasts and Roasts (of Cantor Croll and Jim Hogue), Yom HaShoah Candles, the Family Guide for Remembering the Shoah, two terrific Purim Carnivals, two second Seders, monthly breakfasts, blood drives, softball, wiffle ball, youth programs, junior member golf tournaments, a 40th Anniversary dinner dance, Shabbat and holiday dinners, Sukkah building, and the list goes on and on.

These past several months I have taken this space to thank our board, our members, and the temple staff. Last, but never least, on behalf of the Brotherhood, I want to thank the spouses and families of our Board of Directors. We appreciate the unending support you have given us this past year, as we strived to better Brotherhood and Temple Shalom. Our "Mission from God" has been a wonderful journey together, and I thank all of you for the honor of leading this mission the past two years.

B'Shalom,
Dennis J. Eichelbaum
Brotherhood President
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Sunday, May 16
9:30am
Social Hall
Blood Drive
Give the Gift of Life!

Nominating Committee Proposed Slate for May 2010 Elections

Executive Board:

President: Michael Kaplan
1st Vice President: Scott Butnick
2nd Vice President: Perry Zidow
Treasurer: Allan Disraeli
Corresponding Secretary: Alan "Rik" Heller
Recording Secretary: Herb Ziev
Immediate Past President: Dennis Eichelbaum

Members at Large for 2010-2012 Term:

Roger Clifford
Ken Glaser
Bill Hoffpauer
Jeff Landsberg
Bernie Mayoff
Herb Oberman
Les Taub
Ron Wichter

Remaining on the board to complete their 2009-2011 terms:

Rick Cohen
Mark Fishkind
Andy Goodman
Adam Haberman
Calvin Hurst
Barry Lachman
Joel Rosenzweig
Marc Wittenberg

Brotherhood Installation Dinner and Ceremony
Wednesday, May 26
6:00pm
Social Hall

We will announce our Man of the Year and Celebrate another Great Year!

Dinner: All Brotherhood members and their immediate family complimentary.
MUST RSVP TO DENNIS EICHELBAUM dje@edlaw.com by May 15.

BROTHERHOOD MEETING and ELECTIONS
Wednesday, May 19
7:15pm — Temple Library
All Brotherhood Members Invited
Don't Be Late…We're On A Mission From God!

Friday Night Ushers

Who doesn't want to be one of those cool guys everyone envies who distributes books, then picks them up at the end of the service? Did you always want to be the first person to say Shabbat Shalom, Good Shabbas, or some other witty welcome to people as they enter for Shabbat worship?

Then volunteer to usher at Shabbat Services by contacting Les Taub, ltaub972@aol.com or 972-233-2181.

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May Hours:
Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday: 10:30am – 5:00pm
Wednesdays: 10:30am – 7:00pm
On the 5th and 12th - we close at 8:00pm
Friday: 10:30am - 6:25pm
Sunday: 9:30am – 2:00pm thru May 16th
Open 10:00am – 2:00pm on the 23rd
Closed on Sunday, May 30th and Monday, May 31st

Ann Goodman

Laurie Applebaum

Dallas Blooms

Twenty people from Temple Shalom attended the annual Dallas Blooms festival at the Dallas Arboretum this year.

Sponsored jointly by Sisterhood and the Tikkun Olam Council, teens as well as adults basked in the gorgeous flowers and brilliant sunlight of the day. We worked as greeters, information distributors, valet parking assistants, DeGolyer House assistants and more.

Look for this event again next year, as it becomes an annual event on the Temple calendar.

Installation Service for 2010-2011 Sisterhood Officers and Board
Friday, May 7
6:30pm - Epstein Chapel

Pre-Service Receptions

Calling all foodie volunteers! Sisterhood is looking for some volunteers to help set up for the weekly Friday night Wine and Cheese and special services. You can purchase food items and/or set up the cheese and cracker trays. It only takes a small amount of time and the more people the merrier!

If you're interested, please contact

Chris Harris:
christinharris@verizon.net, 972-618-0002

Karen Abels:
kabels@verizon.net, 972-245-2705.

SHALOM SILVER

LIFE STARTS AT 55 FOR TEMPLE SHALOM SENIORS!!

SHALOM SILVER, OUR DYNAMIC SENIOR GROUP IS THE HAPPENING PLACE!

Wednesday, May 5 - 6:30pm

ESSERS & FRESSERS, our 1st Wednesday Dinner Group, will meet at Opa's Greek Restaurant located on the southwest side of LBJ and Preston Road. Join us for great food and fun. BYOB

Sunday, May 16 - 5:00pm

We'll have an early-bird dinner at May Dragon in Addison and then head over to Temple for "*Keshet Musica*, A Rainbow of Music" performed by none other than our ever popular, multi-talented, Cantor Don Croll and other outstanding cantors and choirs from the metroplex. (see all the details on page 5)

SAVE THESE DATES:

Sunday, June 27 for a tour of Cowboy Stadium. We are scheduled for an exciting VIP tour that will allow us behind-the-scenes access to many areas. Cost: $20.00 per person

Sunday, July 22 we will enjoy a free concert, *Basically Beethoven*, in an air conditioned auditorium at Fair Park.

Sunday, August 15 there will be more fun, food and friends plus BINGO!!

We invite all Temple seniors, (singles and couples where one spouse is 55+) to participate! We also welcome your ideas and help in future programming. We are now accepting dues ($18.00 per person) for the 2010-11 year. Watch your e-mail for further details on various events and/or feel free to contact one of us.

Ken Parker: kaparkersr@tx.rr.com Judy Parker: heyjud38@aol.com Judy Utay: jrutay@aol.com

PUT MORE FUN IN YOUR LIFE! JOIN SHALOM SILVER!

Shalom Singles

For over two years Shalom Singles has been offering a variety of social events to enhance the lives of Jewish singles in our community. In that time we've had one marriage, a number of relationships and many, many friendships!

Shalom Singles is the happening place for any Jewish singles from 36 to 60. Just send us your e-mail address and we'll include you on our roster of 430+ other sharp, fun-loving singles. You'll receive announcements of all the neat get-togethers coming up soon. There are no fees, dues, etc., just good times and good friends!

Don't miss out!
Contact Judy Parker
heyjud38@aol.com

Join a Havurah Today and Make Friends That Will Last a Lifetime. Celebrate, Socialize, Learn Together

The word *Havurah* is Hebrew for fellowship. Individual *Havurot* are small groups that have similar goals, with Judaism as the binding thread.

New groups are being formed at Temple and we would love to add you to the mix. Each group determines for themselves what their emphasis will be and how often they will meet. Whether it is social, study-oriented, or community service, the choice is up to you.

No matter what you choose, a *Havurah* is a great way to meet new temple members and form lasting friendships, which will ultimately add something to each of our Jewish lives.

For more information or to join a *Havurah*, please contact:

Marcia and Ted Gold
972-618-7088
m.gold18@verizon.net

TEMPLE SHALOM OMBUDSMAN

If you have a question or concern about Temple policy, process, etc., and would like confidential assistance in having your query answered, please call Myron or Marsha Schwitzer at 972-233-8529.

SOCIAL ACTION OPPORTUNITIES

Volunteers Needed for Mini Multi-faith Makeover
Sunday, May 30
2:00 – 5:00pm

Join congregants from the Islamic Center of Irving and the NorthWood Church of Keller as we work together to provide "mini-makeovers" for homes with extraordinary needs.

For more information or to volunteer, contact: Andrew Goodman at dr.agoodman@yahoo.com

Help A Soldier Call Home

Temple Shalom is participating in "Cell Phones for Soldiers". We have a drop off box for your convenience in the Temple Administrative and Religious School Offices.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Temple member Randi Alter, randi.alter@gmail.com, 972-256-3200 or their website

http://www.cellphonesforsoldiers.com/index.html

Mark Your Calendar: Cook for the Needy Sundays / 9:00 - 10:15am

One Sunday a month volunteer cooks meet in the Temple kitchen to prepare food for the less fortunate helped by The Stewpot. We need you! You don't have to RSVP, but if you have questions or would like to be placed on the monthly reminder list, please contact Gail Hartstein at 972-378-0663 or GHartst715@aol.com.

Next Date: May 9

Help Serve Lunch to the Homeless

The Stewpot is part of the Homeless Assistance Center in downtown. Temple Shalom serves lunch on the first Tuesday of the month, year round, 11:30am-1:00pm. Because the center is serving more people, we need additional volunteers. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Arlene Kreitman at 972-233-3754.
http://www.templeshalomdallas.org/p-184.aspx

Items for the Needy

We collect various items which are given to The Stewpot. All donations of old eye glasses and unused travel size toiletries can be left with Joy in Rabbi Paley's office and will be truly appreciated.

Career Resources in the Community

The Dallas community has resources to assist people in finding jobs during these economic times. **Jewish Family Service Networking Groups** are "drop-in," open to the public and offered at no charge. Go to www.JFSdallas.org for details.
Employers can send information about job openings to JobLeads@JFSdallas.org. The Job Search Resource Center is open daily from 9:00am -3:00pm, at 972-437-9950.

JFS is also offering expanded job-lead access, workshops, community triage and consultations. For further information, including days and times, go to www.JFSdallas.org or contact Deborah Leibensberger, LCSW at (972) 437-9950 or dleibensberger@JFSdallas.org

www.CareerDFW.org
This website has been created by Temple member Jeff Morris to provide comprehensive information to those unemployed or under-employed in the DFW area. Included are calendars, useful websites, career and professional groups, and other information to assist you in finding your next opportunity. For more information, contact Jeff at 214-543-0555 or webmaster@careerdfw.org

Get the 411 on All Things Jewish!

Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas has a new Jewish Life Information and Referral Service. Call (214) 368-INFO or call toll-free 1-866-5680-ASK (1-866-568-0275) or email jewishinfo@jfgd.org to find out about synagogues, Jewish holidays, community events, education, senior services, kosher food, mohels, ways to live generously, and more.

B'nei Mitzvah Students!

You can now download your prayers from the Temple Shalom website!

Looking for some great tunes for your MP3 player? Go to www.templeshalomdallas.org/p-190.aspx and hear Cantor Croll chant prayers you will need to learn.

Temple Shalom is a "Caring Community"!

As a caring community, we would like to reach out to our members. When there is an illness, hospitalization, death, birth, etc. please contact Joy in Rabbi Paley's office at 972-661-1810 x201 or jaddison@templeshalomdallas.org.

The Rabbis, Cantor and volunteers are here to help during times of need and celebration. We can only get this information from you.

GRATITUDES

ADULT EDUCATION
Memory
Rose Elgison — Les & Shelli Taub
Jack Kurtzer — Nina Spiegel

ANN & JACK STEIN MEMORIAL FUND
(Music Enhancement)
Memory
Samson Wiener — Nancy W. Marcus

BEAUTIFICATION/FLOWER FUND
Memory
Marion Zechman — Mark & Rayna Oken

BUILDING FUND
Memory
Charles Jacobs — M/M Jerome Jacobs
Mark Slotkin — Jack & Audrey Efseroff
Theresa Sorrentino — Bob & Patti Aisner

CANTOR CROLL'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Engagement
Bradley Weismann & Carly Pinzur — Scott & Michele Weismann
Bat Mitzvah
Brittany Clifford — Roger Clifford & Pamela Garcy
Memory
Irene Bernholtz — Scott & Michele Weismann
Carolyn Cooper — Bob Cooper
Bernice Epstein — Ross & Lois Finkelman
Helen Feldman — Sheila Alvarez
Edith Finkelman — Ross & Lois Finkelman
Bertha Friedman — Richard & Jean Berlin
Deborah Gersh — Annette Gersh
Ruth Gottlieb — Howard & Denise Gottlieb
Ted Solomon — Lawrence & Elaine Solomon
H. Lewis Tave — Howard & Denise Gottlieb

CARING CONGREGATION
Speedy Recovery
Allan Disraeli — Bob & Jean Weinfeld
Memory
Alexander Bergal — Jerry, Lonna Rae & Erin Silverman
Carolyn Cooper — Steve & Shana Javery
Cecile Guida — Jim & Julie Guida
Abe Kreitman — Jerry & Lori Kreitman
Gertrude Kreitman — Jerry & Lori Kreitman
Eleanor Lippman — Bob & Anita Samuel
Ruth Stern Shapiro — Kay Krause

EMPLOYEE RETIREMENT
Memory
George Mirman — Bob & Anita Samuel
Gordon Charles Prigoff — Morris & Michela Prigoff
Hyman Smith — Richard & Linda Smith

EPSTEIN CHAPEL
Memory
Meyer Blinderman — Reva Cohen
Chuck Cera — Barry & Paddy Epstein
Carolyn Cooper — Barry & Paddy Epstein
Gloria Jacobus — Barry & Paddy Epstein
Albert Sorrentino — Barry & Paddy Epstein
Theresa Sorrentino — Barry & Paddy Epstein

GENERAL FUND
Birthday
Joyce Susman — Bill & Arlene Press
Memory
Sidney Bleanden — Bernie & Denise Mayoff
Carolyn Cooper — Bob Cooper
David Ezra — Bernie & Denise Mayoff
Robert Gross — Gene Schanbaum
Lindsey O'Daniel — Xandreya Zigel
Eva Radnitz — Paul & Raelaine Radnitz

GREENE FAMILY CAMP
Memory
Sara Plotkin — Allen & Diane Plotkin

JULIE MICHELE WARREN SCHOLARSHIP
(Greene Family Camp)
Memory
Gertrude S. Brown — Mark & Louise Gold
Adele Fein — Rabbi Jake & Ellen Jackofsky
Abe Kreitman — Arvin & Arlene Kreitman
Gertrude Kreitman — Arvin & Arlene Kreitman
Milton Levy — Alice Warren
Norman Warren — Alice Warren
Phillip Warren — Alice Warren

MUSIC
Memory
Harold Levitan — Donald Levitan
Bessie Margolis — Lynn Metrik
Abraham Metrik — Lynn Metrik
David Metrik — Lynn Metrik
Helen Metrik — Lynn Metrik

RABBI PALEY'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Honor
Rabbi Paley — Karen Shapan
Memory
Leonard M. Biarsky — Larry Taub & Family
David Bier — Arnie & Marge Bier
Carolyn Cooper — Bob Cooper
David Fader — Scott & Michele Weismann
Arthur Feldman — Sheila Alvarez
Fannie Glick — Lillian Ostroff
Geraldine Goldblatt — Robert & Susan Goldblatt
Celia F. Harris — Ann Harris
Harry Harris — Ann Harris
Irving Jacobs — Herbert Jacobs
Stanley Kantor — Scott & Michele Weismann
Stanley D. Leslie — Hank & Avery O'Neill
Deborah Levy — Manny & Penny Flecker
Ronda Levy — Manny & Penny Flecker
Samuel Levy — Manny & Penny Flecker
Arnold Malinger — Alan & Gale Malinger
Alan Marx — Louis Marx
Joseph B. Toranto — Richard Toranto
Naomi S. Turk — Claire Lee Epstein
Herman Zwerner — Ruth Zwerner

RABBI SCHNEIDER'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Memory
Saul Brenner — Larry & Karen Bissinger
Charles Caylen — Kat Abercrombie
Carolyn Cooper — Bob Cooper
Edward Feldman — Howard & Cathy Feldman
Shirley Passer — Sheldon & Linda Widman
Goldye Taper — Alan, Rose, Jason & Sydney Taper
C.L. Shaver — Kat Abercrombie
Jack Zidow — Perry & Ilene Zidow

RABINER CHILDREN'S LIBRARY
Memory
Alfred Rabiner — Mark & Lynne Rossow

SISTERHOOD
Woman of Valor
Julie Eichelbaum — Barry & Paddy Epstein

SOCIAL ACTION
Memory
Carolyn Cooper — Steven & Lisa Englander
Samuel Gilbert — Allan & Gail Gilbert
David Gordon — Allan & Gail Gilbert
Rose Gordon — Allan & Gail Gilbert
Jean Klatsky — Paul Klatsky

TEMPLE SHALOM ENDOWMENT
Memory
Bernard (Barney) Budow — Jacque Budow-Prager
Serene Lissauer — Jacque Budow-Prager
Harry Susman — Joyce Susman
Roxie Susman — Joyce Susman

TEMPLE SHALOM PRESCHOOL BOOKS & EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
Memory
Irving Strohl — Gwen Appelson

YOUTH ACTIVITIES
(Scholarship)
Memory
Nina Rostler Rosenfield — Jim & Gail Davidson
James Rostler — Jim & Gail Davidson
Betty Davidson Sibitt — Jim & Gail Davidson

YOUTH EDUCATION GENERAL FUND
Memory
Miriam Bamberger — Jim & Gail Davidson
Leonard Biarsky — The Sham Family
Martin Rosenberg — Elaine Spitz
Stacey Wizig — Arnold & Susan Levy

Directory Information

Our Temple Directory is now online!
Access it by going to the
Temple Shalom website at
www.templeshalomdallas.org.
If you need the login information, please contact Heidi Barishman at 972-661-1810x200 or hbarishman@templeshalomdallas.org. Please check your family's entry in the directory and send any changes to Heidi. The directory will be updated periodically. Please let us know should any of your information change in the future so we can maintain an up-to-date database.

The Memory of These is a Blessing…

Leonard M. Biarsky, father of Gary Biarsky;
Rose Elgison, aunt of Joan Glauberman and great-aunt of Gail Kirsch;
Edwina Hooker, grandmother of Samantha Morguloff;
Cheryl Milkes Jerome Moore, sister of Joe Milkes;
Saul Nicolaievsky, uncle of Alex Singer;
Bernard Schreier, father of Maura Schreier-Fleming;
Israel Zitrin, brother-in-law of Judy Lasky and uncle of Cindy Quint.

Congratulations to…

Leonard Kapusta and Edna Niederman on the birth of their son, Miles Kenneth Kapusta, to his grandparents, Ron and Martha Kapusta, and uncle & aunt, Rabbi Andrew Paley and Debbie Niederman.

WiFi is at Temple Shalom!

Wireless internet access is now available at temple in the Adult Lounge and in the Library. A "key" is required to access the connection. Please contact the office for the code (this is for temple members' use only), and you can online the next time you're here!

TEMPLE SHALOM

Our mission is to inspire in you a relationship with God, Torah and the Jewish people. Do you know someone we should invite to Temple, someone who is new to Dallas or is not connected to a congregation?

Please contact Executive Director Steve Lewis so we can show them that Temple Shalom is their place.

Jewish History Display

Jim and Stephanie Comfort have filled the movable walls in our Adult Lounge with photos of historical postcards. Be sure to stop by when you are in the building.

Remember the Temple in Your Will

Temple Shalom is committed to preserving the future of our congregation for generations to come. Bequests of all sizes are important resources for the Temple, and we encourage you to be a link to the future by remembering the Temple in your will. Your lasting tribute is your commitment to the survival of our religion, our Temple, and our people.

A bequest can easily be established by adding a simple codicil to your will. Additionally, many other options exist to leave a legacy for Temple Shalom. A brochure with more information is available in our main foyer, or by contacting the administrative offices. For more information, please contact our Executive Director Steve Lewis at 972-661-1810 ext.202.

Your planned gift will serve the future of our congregation and community. Thank you for helping assure the strength and health of Temple Shalom for generations to come.

TEMPLE SHALOM

Senior Rabbi……..……Andrew M. Paley
Assoc. Rabbi……Jeremy A. Schneider
Rabbi Emeritus……..Kenneth D. Roseman
Cantor……..Don Alan Croll
Exec. Director……Steve Lewis
Director of Lifelong Learning……....Debbie Massarano
Director of Early Childhood Education……..Bonnie Rubinstein
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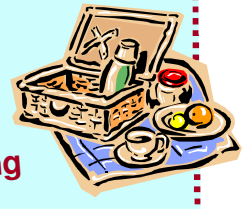
Temple Shalom Annual Meeting
Preschool Picnic
and
Religious School
Closing Day Extravaganza

Please join us as we come together as a community to:

- Take care of business (budget and reports)
- Watch a slide show of the happenings at Temple Shalom this past year
- Free Hot Dog Picnic Lunch — No RSVP necessary for lunch
- Play in a Bounce House
- Have lots of fun together!



Sunday, May 16

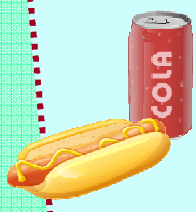
9:30am Religious School classes in session
Bagels/Coffee (for adults) and Schmoozing
Brotherhood Blood Drive

10:00am Annual Meeting

11:00am All gather in the Social Hall for a slide show

11:30am LET'S PICNIC!!!
(Bring your favorite lawn chair or picnic blanket !)

Kindergarten-2nd grade students will be dismissed from their classroom. Parents should pick up their child at the classroom to go to the picnic!



Babysitting available from 10:00-11:00am during the Annual Meeting only!
RSVP by May 9 to Karen at kthompson@templeshalomdallas.org or 972-661-1362. *Space is limited!!*

Questions? Contact Debbie Massarano, Director of Lifelong Learning, at dmassarano@templeshalomdallas.org or 972-661-1362

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