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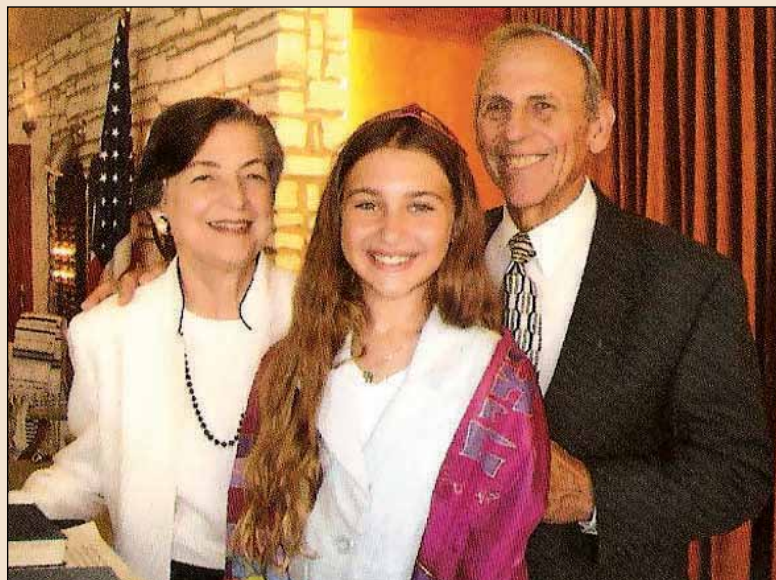
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Tribute Dinner

honoring

Lewis and Dena Levine



Saturday,
Feb. 19
7 p.m.

An auction
to benefit
Temple
Beth Israel
will also
be held

Couvert:
\$25 per person

RSVP: 970-4005

See Pages 2-3 for more details

From the President

This week our temple is preparing for and looking forward to the Tribute Dinner in honor of Lewis and Dena Levine. As longtime members, they have earned a major thank you for all they have done for the temple, especially their constant involvement, leadership, participation, support, and hands-on help.

Our dinner will take place on Saturday evening, February 19, at 7 p.m. in the temple social hall. It is not too late to reserve a place — please call Fernando Russek today at 970-4005. In addition to a wonderful dinner cooked under the supervision of Alma Russek, and many fine speeches in praise of the honored guests, there will be both silent and live auctions for our entertainment and to replenish our temple funds.

Janet Wilder and Dyan Banks have assembled a wonderful assortment of donated items and services for us to bid on, including original art and jewelry. The artwork and jewelry will be auctioned live, with Janet as auctioneer. So don't pass up a relaxing social night at the temple with friends, good food, shopping, and a special opportunity to say "Thank You" to Lewis and Dena Levine for their many years of service to the temple.

— Laurel Steinberg

CALENDAR

Friday, Feb. 18

Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 19Shabbat Service 9 a.m.
Levine Tribute dinner/
Temple auction 7 p.m.**Sunday, Feb. 20**

Religion School 10 a.m.

Sunday, Feb. 27

Religion School 10 a.m.

Friday, March 4

Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, March 6

Religion School 10 a.m.

Friday, March 18

Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, March 19Shabbat Service 9 a.m.
Havdallah/ Basic Judaism
class 6:30 p.m.**Sunday, March 20**Religion School/Purim
Service 10 a.m.**Sunday, Mar. 27**

12:30 Annual Meeting

Friday, Apr. 1

Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Sunday, Apr. 3

10 a.m. Temple Work Day

Friday, Apr. 15

Shabbat service, 7:30 p.m.

Saturday, Apr. 16Shabbat Service 9 a.m.
Havdallah/ Basic Judaism
class 6:30 p.m.**Sunday, Apr. 17**Religion School model
seder**Monday, Apr. 18**6:30 p.m. First Passover
Seder

Tribute Dinner

honoring Lewis and Dena Levine



From the Gabbai

On Saturday, Feb. 19, we will participate in the tribute dinner for Lewis and Dena Levine. Mr. Levine, one of our native Jews from Harlingen, and his wife, Dena, who moved here when she married, have for years been two of the pillars that sustain our community.

In the Torah we find that two of the 613 mitzvot/commandments are specific to the tribe of Levite. We read: "The Levi'im must work in the Temple," and "Do not leave the Temple unguarded." Mr. Levine has fulfilled these mitzvot with a full heart.

In the years that I have been a part of Temple Beth Israel, Lewis and Dena have been examples of engagement and leadership, going above and beyond at every instant to support the community. Personally, I witnessed innumerable occasions behind the scenes in which Lewis has anonymously done small or large things that the Temple needed, and he has publicly led us in our different fundraisings, including challenging everybody when he gave the first \$1,000 to renovate the beautiful Temple we enjoy today. He has served as Temple president, treasurer, board member, shamash, and Torah Blessing reader. He is a businessman, community leader, model boss, son, brother, father and grandfather.

Dena was a member of the Sisterhood and has always been very involved. Her oneg desserts are a special delight, and her handmade Purim figures have helped make the temple festive these last few years. She has walked with our Stars of David team in the annual Cancer Society Relay for Life. She has been a daughter, mother and grandmother — always with great respect.

They both have always been helpful to the needs of others.

Is only fair that we participate in this tribute to honor so many years of hard work. Thank You, and may G-d bless you both.

— Fernando A. Russek

Temple Beth Israel Auction

February 19, 2011

In conjunction with the testimonial dinner honoring Lewis and Dena Levine, we are holding a silent auction and an art auction. Here is a preview of the items that will be offered:

Silent Auction

- Two \$50 cash cards compliments of First Community Bank, Harlingen
- One \$25 gift certificate for the China Restaurant: 1506 S. 77 Sunshine Strip, Harlingen compliments of Harry Sun, proprietor
- One \$35 gift certificate from Xavier's — A Hair Salon, 721 N. First St., Harlingen, compliments of James Lopez
- One black pearl necklace and earring set from The Jewelry Connection, 1214 E. Tyler, Harlingen, valued at \$150.00, compliments of Bob Vento
- One faux fur headband and matching gloves from That Lime Green Store, 212 E. Jackson, Harlingen, valued at \$70.00, compliments of Ann Phillips
- Two 2-night gift certificates at the Ramada Limited Hotel, 4109 Padre

Blvd., South Padre Island, compliments of Anne & Bob Weiss

- One \$35 value gift certificate for a cut and style from Modern Images salon, 2305 E. Harrison, Harlingen, compliments of Diana Garcia.

- One \$55 value gift certificate for a facial from Modern Images salon, 2305 E. Harrison, Harlingen, compliments of Neri Garcia

- One \$14 Gift certificate for a manicure from Olga's Full Service Salon, Kilgore Plaza, 2402 W. Hwy 77, San Benito, compliments of Olga Gonzalez

- One certificate for Sunday Brunch for two people valued at \$45 each at the Harlingen Country Club (gratuity included).

- One \$50 gift certificate to Calista Restaurant, Commerce Street, Harlingen

- Two one-month membership gift certificates valued at \$100 each to Max Fitness at Valley Baptist Health & Fitness Center, Treasure



Banks http://hubpages.com/hub/Ab_Lounger

- Two pieces of original hand-crafted jewelry by Leon Hananel

Live Art Auction

The following original works of art will be auctioned:

- One original painting valued at \$300 by Lewis Levine
- One original painting valued at \$100 by Dena Levine
- One original painting valued at \$100 by Robin Cate
- One original painting of lilies valued at \$1,500 by Liliana Cohen
- One piece of art by Fernando Russek

Hills location (new members only), compliments of Veronica Garza

- One designer arrangement of fresh flowers from Bloomers Flower Shop, 2300 S 23 St., Harlingen, valued at \$50, compliments of Pam Fuller

- One round of golf for two people with cart, valued at \$138, at Harlingen Country Club, compliments of Ron and Dyan Banks

- One Ab Lounger ab exercise machine value of \$200 compliments of Dyan



PROXY BIDS

If you are unable to attend the dinner and auction, Dyan Banks and Janet Wilder will accept proxy bids.

Dyan: 421-3252 dyanbanks@yahoo.com

Janet: 423-2910 kelliepoodle@yahoo.com

You may designate the maximum amount you wish to bid on any item, and Dyan and Janet will place your bids up to the limit you have established. If you are coming to the dinner and auction, remember to bring your checkbook. We won't be accepting credit cards.



DONATIONS

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

- Bert & Jamie Wolf, for landscaping

FOR THE GABBAI FUND

- Rollins & Amalie Koppel
- Sheila Greenfeld, In Gratitude to Fernando Russek
- Thomas & Veronica Huff, in Honor of Fernando's Birthday

IN HONOR LEON HANNANEL'S BIRTHDAY

- Susan Cox, to the General Fund

IN HONOR SUSAN HANNANEL'S BIRTHDAY

- Hananel Leon, to the General Fund

IN HONOR OF RABBI'S 18 YEARS

- Moniel Powell, to the General Fund
- Stan & Nivia Fisch, to the Shabbat Breakfast Fund
- Fernando Russek, to the Special Building Fund

REFUAH SHLEMA FOR MARY WARSHOWSKY

- Fernando & Alma Russek

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GERTRUDE GREENFELD

- Charles & Helen Feldman, to the General Fund
- Stan & Nivia Fisch, to the Gabbai Fund
- Fernando & Alma Russek, to Shabbat Breakfast Fund
- Moniel Powell, to the General Fund
- Lloyd & Jean Anne Pratt., to the General Fund
- Jean A. Brown, to the General Fund
- Leslie E. McDaniel, to the General Fund
- Eric D & Shelley J. Barden, In Honor of Gertrude Greenfeld My Grandmother, from Shelley, Eric, Grant & Wyatt, to the General Fund

IN LOVING MEMORY OF MARY KARR WOLF

- Fernando & Alma Russek, to the Special Building Fund
- John & Eileen Brown, to the Special Building Fund
- Richard & Judy Berkowitz, to the Special Building Fund
- Yigal & Lily Saad, to the Special Building Fund
- Lyman & Lee Russell, to the Special Building Fund
- Allen J Becker, to the Special Building Fund
- William & Teri Youngblood, to the Special Building Fund

**LEVINE TESTIMONIAL DINNER,
TO THE GENERAL FUND**

- William Berg & Laurel Steinberg, postage and donation
- Patti Zimni
- Bert & Jamie Wolf
- Moniel Powell
- Richard & Judy Berkowitz
- Larry & Patty Fallek
- Rollins & Amalie Koppel
- Charles & Helen Feldman
- Guerta Rubinsky
- Susan Ander
- Abby Warshowsky
- Herschel Zinn
- Joel P. Smith
- Leon A Hananel & Susan Cox

SHABBAT BREAKFAST

- Thomas & Veronica Huff

RABBI FRANK JOSEPH SPECIAL THANK YOU

- Ron & Dyan Banks, to Temple Building Fund as a Thank you to the Rabbi for the memorial services in Memory of Dorothy Fridkin.

ONEGS

Thank you for participating in our temple onegs. Everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated. If there is a conflict with your scheduled date, please take the well-timed initiative to trade with another member. Contact Laurel Berg or Veronic Huff if you need a phone number.

February 18

*Charlene & Phil Moskal
Tori & Bert Keys

March 18

*Meredith Linsky
Sofia Shirazi
Jan & Joel Smith

April 15

*Elizabeth & David
Goldstein
Olgo Quintero
Robert Alvarado

May 13

*Bert & Jamie Wolf
Jose & Liliana Cohen
David & Lori Suissa

June 10

*Dyan Banks
Shirley Sondock

July 30

*Alma Russek
Myriam Herszage
Veronica & Micheal
Freeman

Checklist:

- o Decaf coffee
- o Cream & Sugar
- o Decaf cold drinks/juice and ice
- o Cups for coffee and drinks
- o Plastic ware, napkins, plates
- o Kosher wine/ Small wine cups
- o Unsliced challah
- o Table cloth (if one is used from the Temple, please launder and return it to the Temple)
- o Table decoration
- o Desserts for approximately 40-50 people (choices of cookies, cakes, nuts, fruit, coffee cakes, or flan)

Hosts are responsible for cleaning up the food and dishes before they leave.

**The Coordinator is responsible for organizing the group and its duties (who brings and does what, when and where).*