

# Sim Shalom

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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, HARLINGEN TEXAS



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## Confirmation Class 2016

**REBEKAH RUSSEK**  
Over the past decade, I have been very fortunate to attend Sunday school at Temple Beth Israel. Thanks to the teachers at Sunday school and the support of my parents, I have been able to experience many Jewish customs and have gotten the chance to learn partial Hebrew. This has truly been a blessing and although I will be graduating Sunday school soon, I will continue to use

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**TONA GONZALEZ**  
I have been going to Temple Beth Israel since I was in preschool. I am now a sophomore at the Science Academy in Mercedes. I value my Jewish education and I would not have gotten this far without the help of these great teachers: the Berg family, the Russeks, Charlene Moskal, Brittany Greenfeld, Ivan Shirazi, the Rabbi, and my family. There was no better way to start my Sunday

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**JACQUELYN GOLDSTEIN**  
Hi, my name is Jacquelyn, and I've been going to Sunday school for about 10 years. I wanted to thank all of my teachers, my parents, the rabbi and everyone who has helped me get to this moment in my life. I'm very proud of myself and my fellow classmates who are getting confirmed, I can't believe we've made it to where we are now. I'm so grateful that I've had the amazing op-

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**CONFIRMATION SERVICE**  
MAY 20, 7:30 P.M.

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## Calendar

### MAY

- 5 Yom HaShoah
- 11 Yom HaZikaron
- 12 Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel  
Independence Day
- 20-22 *Rabbi in town*
- 20 Shabbat service 7:30 p.m.  
CONFIRMATION SERVICE
- 21 Shabbat service 9 a.m.
- 21 Havdallah 6:30 p.m.
- 22 Last day of Religion School
- 26 Lag B'Omer

### JUNE

- 10-12 *Rabbi in town*
- 10 Shabbat service 7:30 p.m.
- 11 Shabbat service 9 a.m.
- 11 Erev Shavuot service, Havdallah  
7:30 p.m.
- 12 Shavuot Service 9 a.m.
- 12-13 Shavuot

## Yarhzeits

### MAY

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|---------------------|--------------|
| Alexander, Sarah B. | May 31, 1997 |
| Greenfeld, Harry N. | May 5, 1970  |
| Mayers, Bess        | May 31, 2004 |

### JUNE

- |                       |               |
|-----------------------|---------------|
| Alexander, David M.   | June 18, 2000 |
| Alexander, Sam H.     | June 13, 1994 |
| Davis, Gerald "Jerry" | June 11, 1976 |
| Feurman, Moses G.     | June 6, 2001  |
| Fishman, Sarah        | June 22, 1951 |
| Fooks, Marcia S.      | June 9, 2003  |
| Kanter, Isadore       | June 12, 1981 |
| Messmer, Charles A.   | June 11, 1964 |
| Wilder, Nathan        | June 8, 1963  |
| Zinn Day, Stephanie   | June 13, 2008 |

## FROM THE TREASURER

Dear Members:

The end of our fiscal (membership dues) and Jewish year is around the corner. We will soon start again a new year and new dues by Sept. 1, 2016.

For all of you who already paid dues for 2015-2016, Temple Beth Israel appreciates you! Without your dues and donations, we would not be able to pay our Rabbi and all the costs of having Temple Beth Israel open and available to our community.

For all of you who still have a balance pending, it is not too late. We need every dollar of your dues and donations. You are doing a great Mitzvah when you support the temple. In the next days, you will receive a balance pending notification — please don't hesitate to pay any amount you are able to pay.

Thank you,

*Alma F. Russek, Treasurer*

## Thank You

### DONATIONS

#### FOR THE GENERAL FUND

Dr. Stan & Nivia Fisch *in memory of*  
*Joyce Goldstein*

David & Lori Suissa *in memory of*  
*Jose Cohen's mother*

William Berg & Laurel Steinberg *in*  
*memory of Joyce Goldstein*

#### FOR SHABBAT BREAKFAST

Abby Warshowsky

Alma & Fernando Russek Jr *in*  
*memory of Joyce Goldstein*

#### DISCRETIONARY FUND

William Berg & Laurel Steinberg  
*with appreciation for Rabbi Joseph's*  
*leadership and generosity*

## Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

5/2 Susan Ander

5/4 Patty Gaytan

5/14 Marisa L. Kahn

5/15 Benjamin Gonzalez

5/30 Andrew Newman

6/3 Benjamin Newman

6/24 Tomer Simha

7/13 Laurel Steinberg

7/14 Rebekah Shulamit Russek

7/16 Adriana Gonzalez

7/22 Melanie Goldstein

7/22 Rabbi Frank Joseph

7/25 David Suissa

7/26 Joel P. Smith

### ANNIVERSARIES

5/29 Bill & Monica Stewart

5/30 Bill Berg & Laurel Steinberg

6/29 Harry & Elizabeth Holzman

*Please send changes and updates*  
*to [laurie.b.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.b.joseph@gmail.com).*

## GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE!

DO YOU BUY GROCERIES?  
DRINK COFFEE?  
SEE MOVIES?

Help Temple Beth Israel at no additional cost while you do the things you always do. Buy gift cards for HEB, Wal-Mart, Cinemark, Starbucks, Target etc. before you go, and the Temple will receive a percentage.

**Please support our scrip card program!**

See Alma Russek or call her at 970-7722.

### ■ RATES FOR MEMORIAL

**PLAQUES:** Our rate for a memorial plaque on our memorial wall is \$350. Or you can buy two for \$600. Please contact any board member to purchase a memorial plaque.

■ **HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION** with an engraved plaque on a Pew. The cost is \$1250. See any board member to make arrangements.

## Oneg Shabbat

Each member household is asked to host one Shabbat oneg during the year. Remember hosting now involves setting up, cleaning up, and providing challah, Kosher wine, grape juice, paper/plastic goods, coffee and drinks. You can bring other treats you like, but the congregation will share the responsibility of bringing snacks and desserts. If you cannot be a host on the date assigned, please call Laurel Steinberg at 550-9530.

### ONEG HOST FAMILIES

**May 20: Warshowsky/Gonzalez,  
Goldstein, Russek  
June 10: Banks, Sondock  
July 22: Fulton, Berg**

## FROM THE CONFIRMATION CLASS

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REBEKAH RUSSEK

all the knowledge I have learned next year, as I will be studying in Israel. Hope to see you at my graduation!

JACQUELYN GOLDSTEIN

portunity of attending the Sunday school and I'm really glad that it's been a part of my education and it's helped me to become who I am today. I'm happy to be graduating because now I can apply all of the knowledge I've learned from my years in Sunday school and especially in the confirmation class. I'd like to once again thank everyone so much and congratulate my fellow confirmation class graduates.

TONA GONZALEZ

school experience than with Ms. Mary and I would like to take this time to remember her.

I would also like to thank the entire community for participating in my Jewish education and overall development as well as for your assistance with my eagle project. Temple Beth Israel has taught me so many things over the years to prepare me for the real world and I hope to continue my learning as I move on.



## NEWS AND NOTES

**CONDOLENCES** to the Goldstein family on the loss of David's mother, Joyce Goldstien.

### HARLINGENTEMPLE.COM

We now have a fully functional website at harlingentemple.com. Please go visit and leave a note in the Guestbook page. As with all websites, we plan to keep it dynamic and will change information as needed.

— Richard Fourzan

### BUY SCRIP ECARDS! SAVE THE TEMPLE POSTAGE

You can also help our Temple at no extra cost to you using our scrip program. You can purchase Gift Cards or e-cards for many of the stores where you shop. When you buy the cards from the Temple, the Temple receives a small percentage of the cards you purchase, and you receive 100% of the cards' value you pay for.

Example: You buy groceries from HEB. Instead of paying cash or using your credit card, you purchase a \$100 HEB card in advance from the Temple, and purchase your \$100 worth of groceries using the card. The Temple gets 2 percent of your purchase! It's not much, but everything adds up.

It's easy!!! Login on the page <https://www.shopwithscrip.com>

You can register on PrestoPay and pay directly to them. You can buy e-card at no cost for shipping. They will be delivered by email.

Contact Alma F. Russek at 956-970-7722 or email to TempleBethIsrael-harlingenTexas@gmail.com to get the enrollment code.



# PASSOVER SEDER



# Confirmation Class Houston Trip



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

### *Congratulations to the 2016-17 Temple Board*

Chuy Silguero	President
David Goldstein	Vice President
Alma Russek	Treasurer
Richard Fourzan	Secretary
Richard Newman	
Abby Warshowsky	Past President
Rollie Koppel	Trustee Emeritus

Shalom to the Community of Temple Beth Israel from Joshua Ben Abraham (Chuy Silguero), your newly elected president of the Board of Directors for this upcoming year.

I would like to start by introducing your new Board officers. Our new vice president, David Goldstein, who as you all know is a great member of the community, will do a great job in his new position. Alma Russek will continue to serve as the Temple's treasurer, and we are certain that she will continue to do a great job. Furthermore, we have our newly elected secretary, Richard Fourzan, who has been doing excellent work updating and maintaining our Temple website. We are very confident that he will do a great job in his new position.

On behalf of the Board of Directors and myself, we wish you *shalom bayit* (peace at home), and may Hashem guide our decisions on the right path so that together we can maintain our legacy for future generations in this wonderful Temple.

— Chuy Silguero

I want to thank our Temple community for your help and support for the last two years as your President. This is a time of lots of changes for my family. Adriana is still going to school and living in New York. Ben will begin school in Maryland this fall. So, obviously, I would like the opportunity to be available to visit them when they allow it, and Tona is completing his

Sunday school experience this month with his Confirmation. I gladly pass the torch to Chuy, who I am confident will make an excellent President.

It is my belief that engaging people with young children to take leadership positions within our community is what will keep us going. We are so small that everyone is needed. Please support Chuy, and continue or even

increase your participation. We feel very fortunate to have been able to find our Temple. I was able to provide a Jewish education for my kids all the way through Confirmation. I am thankful for the volunteers and teachers that made that happen. Hopefully, another generation of kids and families will be so blessed.

— Abby Warshowsky

## RELAY FOR LIFE

