

# SIM SHALOM

## OUR NEWSLETTER

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## Back to school!

*Religion School registration  
and music program*

10 a.m. Sunday, August 29

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### From the President

First, thanks to all of you in the congregation for getting us this far in the year financially without a call for emergency funds. But we still need ALL UNPAID DUES as soon as possible, so that we can get all the way to Sept. 1. Our general funds account is STILL SHORT, and we don't want to tap into next years dues.

It is almost time to start a new season and a new year at the temple, with many new things in store:

Welcome to Fernando Russek who is now serving as the official temple Gabbai. He will still be doing all that he has been doing, leading services one Friday a month and each Sunday at Religion School, directing the school, setting up for holidays, teaching services for bar and bat mitzvah, helping with many other tem-

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## CALENDAR

**FRI., AUG. 27**

Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM

**SAT., AUG. 28**Shabbat Service, 9 AM  
Havdallah/Basic Judaism  
Class, 6:30 PM**SUN., AUG. 29**Religion School registra-  
tion/program, 10 AM**FRI., SEPT. 3**

Shabbat Service, 7:30 PM

**WED., SEPT. 8**

Rosh Hashanah 7:30 PM

**THURS., SEPT. 9**

Rosh Hashanah 10 AM

**FRI., SEPT. 10**

Rosh Hashanah 10 AM

**SAT., SEPT. 11**

Shabbat Shuvah 10 AM

**FRI., SEPT. 17**

Kol Nidre 7:30 PM

**SAT., SEPT. 18**Yom Kippur 10 AM  
Afternoon service 3 PM  
Break-the-fast following**Sept. 23-29**

Sukkot

## NEWS AND NOTES

■ **SPECIAL:** Shabbat on South Padre Island, Friday, Aug. 20, services held at the Ramada Limited, 4109 Padre Blvd, SPI, owned and operated by our members Anne and Robert Weiss. Come for services, 7:30 p.m., led by Fernando R. Stay over if you like on Friday and Saturday: special rates for Temple Beth Israel are \$59 per night (one king bed), or \$69 (two queen beds). Call 956-761-4097 for reservations. 24-hour notice is necessary to cancel; 11 a.m. checkout.

■ **NEW:** Intro to Hebrew for adults: "Hebrew for Adults Alef." Starts Aug. 18, 7-8, will meet 25 times, cost: \$125 members/\$200 non members, including materials, led by Fernando R. (That comes to only \$5 per class.)

■ **Daily morning service:** 7:20 a.m., led by Fernando, about 25 minutes long, Monday-Friday, starting in September.

### Honor a loved one. Memorialize a family member. Donate a pew just to help out the temple!

Pews

\$1,250 each with plaque

Memorial Plaques

\$250 each

Donate a pew or memorial plaque this summer and see a permanent tribute when you come to the temple this fall for the High Holidays.

■ **Yizkor Fund:** Once again we are asking for a voluntary donation of \$5 per name for names of your departed loved ones which will be read at Yizkor services on Yom Kippur. Please send your check and names to Temple Beth Israel, PO Box 3398, Harlingen, 78551.

■ Our "new" services on the first Friday night of the month and the Saturday mornings of Rabbi Joseph's visits are really taking off with very good attendance — please join us. And breakfast is delicious too!

■ **Get well wishes** to Amy Koppel. Hope you are feeling better soon.

■ **It's nice to see Deborah Russek** on vacation from school in Israel. Her flute rendition of Adom Olam was beautiful last Friday night. Best wishes for another good year in Israel.

## ONEGS

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

The following families are scheduled to sponsor onegs:

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

**August 27**

\*Jan & Joel Smith  
Abby Warshowsky

**September 8**

Rosh Hashanah Service  
Board of Directors

**September 10**

\*Patti Gaytan  
Sheila Greenfeld  
Moniel Powell

**September 18**

Break the Fast Potluck  
Please contact dinner  
coordinators Veronica or Alma.  
Veronica Huff 499-3808  
Alma Russek 970-7722

**Checklist:**

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

## From the President

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ple tasks, and doing some new things also. He will be teaching a Hebrew course for adult beginners, starting Aug. 18, and will be leading a short daily service at 7:20 a.m., starting in September.



School registration will take place at 10 a.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, with Rabbi Joseph leading a music program.



Looking forward to seeing everybody here over the High Holidays.

B'Shalom,

Laurel Steinberg

## From the Gabbai

We have been working hard to prepare next year's calendar! Please take some time to look at it; you will find that we will have a very exciting year full of community events.

We will continue with our Shabbat service on the first Friday of the month and the Saturday morning service and breakfast when the Rabbi is in town. And since I pray every morning at home, now I will do it at our Temple and have a 7:20 a.m. morning service Monday through Friday starting in September. The service will last about 25 minutes. If you would like to pray one morning, join me at the Temple.

Also, we will start an adult Hebrew class for beginners. You can find more information on Page 2 of this newsletter, or call me at 956-970-4005.

Thank You,

Fernando A. Russek

## From the Rabbi

Shalom,

As the noted ethno-musicologist Velvel Pasternak states in his classic Book *The Jewish Music Companion*, "The importance of music in the life of the Jewish people is found almost at the beginning of Genesis." In the opening chapters of the Bible, music is mentioned among the three fundamental professions: herdsman, metal forger and musician. Music was viewed as a necessity in everyday life, as a beautifying and enriching complement of human existence.

In Genesis 4:21 we read, "And his brother's name was Yuval; he was the father of all who handle the lyre and the pipe."

In Genesis 31:27 we read, "...that I might have sent you away with mirth and with songs, with tabret and lyre?" The joyous escort mentioned here is an indication that already in the time of the Patriarchs music accompanied the cheerful events of life.

In Exodus 15:20-21 we read, "And Miriam the Prophetess, the Sister of Aaron, took a timbrel in her hand; and all the women followed her with timbrels and with dancing." Here for the first time we find an instrumental accompaniment to a song.

In Exodus 19:13,16:19-20:15 we read, "And it came to pass...and the voice of a Shofar (horn) exceedingly loud and all the people that were in the crowd trembled." This is the first mention of the Shofar. The Torah lists 12 instruments that were employed for use in the Temple orchestra, mostly wind and string instruments.

In ancient Jewish life, the predominant form of music was vocal. This grew out of the philosophy that music should be a tool for the conveyance of ideas. In Numbers 31:19 we read, "Now therefore write this song and teach it to the children of Israel." The heroic tales of the people were transmitted from generation to generation through song.

Vocal music carried and interpreted thoughts and feelings, while instrumental music was used for accompaniment and embellishment. All reading and study of the Torah, and other Sacred Scrolls of Scripture, was done with a speech melody known as Cantillation.

All throughout Jewish history music has always played a significant role in our spiritual, cultural, and individual lives. The significance of music that began with Yuval in the Book of Genesis continues to this day. In every generation we continue to create and compose new and exciting music that expresses and conveys our deepest feelings.

I cordially invite the entire community to join us Sunday morning, Aug. 29, during our Religion School registration, when I will present an interactive program of contemporary Jewish music. Congregational participation in this program is highly encouraged!

I look forward to the opportunity to see everyone!

Have a fantastic month!

Shalom U'V'Racha

Rabbi Frank Joseph

# Temple Beth Israel 2010-2011 Calendar

AUGUST						
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## DECEMBER

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## JANUARY 2010

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## APRIL

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## JULY

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■ National/HCISD school holidays

◇ Jewish holiday/festival

◆ Religion School in session

□ Rabbi Joseph in attendance

◇ Additional 7:30 p.m. service

NEW: daily morning services,  
Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m.

### School day schedule

10-10:45 services  
10:45-12:15 classtime  
12:15-1:00 lunch  
1:00-1:45 Hebrew class

Hebrew for Adults, Aleph,  
Wednesdays, 7-8 pm, starting Aug. 18

Sun., Aug. 29, 10 a.m. First Day of Religion School

Wed., Sept. 8, 7:30 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Service

Thurs., Sept. 9, 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service

Fri., Sept. 10, 10 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Service

Sat., Sept. 11, 10 a.m. Shabbat Shuvah Service

Fri., Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. Kol Nidre

Sat., Sept. 18, 10 a.m. Yom Kippur

Sat., Sept. 18, 3 p.m. Afternoon Yom Kippur service;  
Break-the-fast following

Wed., Sept. 22 Ereiv Sukkot

Sept. 23-29 Sukkot

Thurs., Sept. 30 Shemini Atzeret

Simchat Torah Service, 7:30 p.m.

Simchat Torah

Fri., Oct. 1 Havdalah Movie Night

Sat., Oct. 2 First Chanukah light

Wed., Dec. 1 Chanukah

Sun., Dec. 5 Student Chanukah party

Sun., Dec. 24 Student Lock-in

Fri., Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m. Early service/potluck Shabbat dinner

Thurs., Jan. 20 Tu B'Shevat

Sun., Jan. 23 Tu B'Shevat Picnic

Sun., Mar. 20, 10 a.m. Purim Service

Sun., Mar. 27, 12:30 Annual Meeting

Sun., Apr. 3, 10 a.m. Temple Work Day

Sun., Apr. 17 Religion School model seder

Mon., Apr. 18, 6:30 p.m. First Passover Seder

Yom Hashoah

Sun., May 1 Yom Hashoah

Mon., May 9 Yom Hazikaron

Tues., May 10 Israel Independence Day

Fri., May 13 Confirmation Shabbat

Sat.-Sun., May 14-15 Religion School camping trip

Sun., May 22 Lag B'Omer

Wed., June 1 Last Day of Religion School

Tues., June 7, 7:30 p.m. Yom Yerushalayim

June 8-9 Ereiv Shavuot service

Fri.-Sat. June 10-11 Shavuot

Sun., June 26 Benjamin Warshowsky-Runnagase Sale

Sat. July 2 Havdalah Movie Night

Fri.-Sat. July 29-30 Alma Russek Bat Mitzvah



# TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL RELIGION / HEBREW SCHOOL REGISTRATION FORM

PARENT \_\_\_\_\_ HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT(S)	AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	COST PER CHILD (circle one)	
			Full year	1st semester only
1)			\$240	\$120
2)			\$190	\$95
3)			\$190	\$95
4)			\$190	\$95
TOTAL				

Make checks payable to Temple Beth Israel / School Registration Fee:

☐ Paid in full   
 ☐ Semester payments   
 ☐ Other installment \_\_\_\_\_

## MEDICAL INFORMATION

Student \_\_\_\_\_ Illness \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student \_\_\_\_\_ Illness \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student \_\_\_\_\_ Illness \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Student \_\_\_\_\_ Illness \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies \_\_\_\_\_  
 Physician's name \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 Emergency contact \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Are there physical or emotional conditions or restrictions of which we should be aware? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

## PERMISSION

All the information provided here is correct.

I hereby grant permission for the above named child(ren) to participate in activities arranged by Temple Beth Israel. This will serve to release Temple Beth Israel and all its personnel, employees and representatives from liability in case of accident or injury resulting from all causes in connection with such membership or participation, including outings, field trips or other activities that necessitate travel away from the Temple, except for those involving gross negligence or intentional misconduct on the part of said personnel, employees and representatives. I understand that I will be informed of all activities involving travel from the Temple.

In the event that I cannot be reached in an emergency, I hereby give my permission to Temple Beth Israel representatives to secure qualified emergency medical treatment for my child as needed, including hospitalization and treatment by a physician, as chosen by a Temple representative.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

I am aware that photographs of my child may be taken at school or during Temple events. I authorize these pictures to be displayed on the Temple's Web site and bulletin at the discretion of the editor.

Parent/guardian signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL RELIGION SCHOOL

Dear Parents,

Shalom! Our Religion School continues to be a great success, and we are anticipating another wonderful year ahead. We are planning the year's curriculum and creating appropriate, fun and educational sessions for your children to learn about G-d, the Torah, holidays and Shabbat, Jewish customs and symbols, services and Hebrew. The future of your Harlingen Jewish community depends on the effort we all make toward the education of our children. We look forward to seeing you in the months ahead!

### REGISTRATION

- Registration day for Religion School is Sunday, August 29, at 10 a.m. We will meet with you and your children in the sanctuary to answer any questions. There will also be a music program led by Rabbi Joseph, and light refreshments will be served. The first full day of class will be Sunday, Sept. 19.
- Parents will be expected to sign up to provide lunch for all the students three Sundays during the year.
- Religion School registration is available to children of member families. If you are not a member, please contact us. It's very easy to become a new member.
- We encourage family participation in Religion School. The children enjoy having their parents come and share special talents with the class. Please consider helping in the following ways:

Leading a Sunday morning service

Dancing with children

Teaching a Jewish song

Arts & crafts

Telling or reading a story

Substitute teaching

### FEES

- Fees have not increased this year.
- A tiered scale lessens the financial burden on families with several students enrolled in school:  
First child: \$240 per year/\$120 per semester  
Subsequent children: \$190 per year/\$95 per semester
- There is no additional charge for the Hebrew program.
- Fees are payable in installments, if preferred.
- Scholarships are available. Please contact Fernando A. Russek at (956) 970-4005

### SUPPLIES (to be brought on the first class day, Sept. 19)

Ages 6-9: folder, glue sticks, watercolor set, paint brushes

Ages 10-12: folder, dry erase markers, poster boards

Ages 13-15: package of copy paper

## DONATIONS

### ■ EMERGENCY FUND

**Abby Warshowsky**

### ■ GABBAI FUND

**Rollins and Amalie Koppel**

### ■ GENERAL FUND

**William Berg & Laurel Steinberg**

*in honor of Eryn Jones'*

*Confirmation*

**William Berg & Laurel Steinberg**

*with thanks for being elected*

*Temple President*

**Stan & Nivia Fisch**

*Speedy recovery to Rabbi Joseph*

**Fernando & Alma Russek**

*Speedy recovery to Rabbi Joseph*

**Charles & Helen Feldman**

*Speedy recovery to Rollie Koppel*

**Stan & Nivia Fisch**

*Speedy recovery to Rollie Koppel*

**Fernando & Alma Russek**

*Speedy recovery to Rollie Koppel*

**Susan Ander**

**Ron & Dyan Banks**

*Memorial for John Shands*

**Robert I & Anne B. Weiss**

### ■ OTHER DONATIONS

**Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home**

*2010-2011 Calendars for the*

*temple ordered by Bert Keyes*

**Bill and Monica Stewart**

*Special thank you for a beautiful wooden Star of David, handmade by Bill.*