SIM SHALOM

OUR NEWSLETTER

Elul-Tishrei 5770-71

August-September 2010

TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL

1702 E. Jackson P.O. Box 3398 Harlingen, TX 78551 (956) 423-2928

TRUSTEES

Laurel Steinberg

President 956-550-9530 wberg@fastmail.fm

Steven Jones

Vice President 956-580-2848 sjones116@aol.com

Bert Wolf

Treasurer 956-428-6627 bert@aoctx.com

Janet Wilder

Secretary 956-423-2910 kelliepoodle@yahoo.com

Fernando Russek

Gabbai 956-970-4005 uniquefarjr@aol.com

Dyan Banks

956-421-3252 dyanbanks@yahoo.com

John Brown

956-793-8476 juanbrownies@msn.com

Dr. Tom Huff

956-499-3808 thebigh88@hotmail.com

Rollins Koppel

956-428-1789 rollinskoppel@yahoo.com

Abby Warshowsky

956-412-3520 956-536-0705 cell gonsky@sbcglobal.net

Rabbi Frank Joseph

1832 Cooper Dr. Irving TX 75061 214-293-6515 frank@rabbifrankjoseph.org



Back to school!

Religion School registration and music program

10 a.m. Sunday, August 29

Forms inside, pages 5-6

2010-2011 Temple Calendar, page 4

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 vears 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-

Please see Page 3

NEWS AND NOTES

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 registration/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

- 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

August-September 2010

\$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

Continued from Page 1

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 accompainment 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 accompainment 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

1:00-1:45 Hebrew class 12:15-1:00 lunch School day schedule Monday-Friday, 7:20 a.m NEW: daily morning services,

Sat., Sept. 18, 3 p.m.

Break-the-fast following Afternoon Yom Kippur service; Sat., Sept. 18, 10 a.m. Fri., Sept. 17, 7:30 p.m. Sat., Sept. 11, 10 a.m. Fri., Sept. 10, 10 a.m. Thurs., Sept 9, 10 a.m.

Kol Nidre

Yom Kippur

Rosh Hashanah Service Rosh Hashanah Service

Shabbat Shuvah Service

10:45-12:15 classtime 10-10:45 services

Thurs., Sept. 30

Shemini Atzeret **Erev Sukkot**

Passover

July 29-30

Alma Russek Bat Mitzvah

Simchat Torah Service, 7:30 p.m.

Wed., Sept. 22

OCTOBER

JANUARY 2010

98990

19 12

23

19

22 15

29

16

28

S Jewish holiday/festival

Rabbi Joseph in attendance Additional 7:30 p.m. service

Religion School in session

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

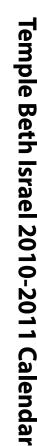
Sun., Aug. 29,10 a.m.

First Day of Religion School

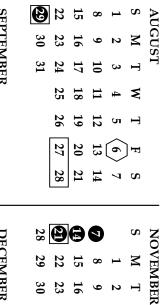
Wednesdays, 7-8 pm, starting Aug. 18

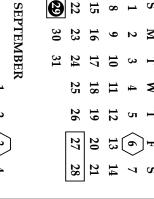
Hebrew for Adults, Aleph,

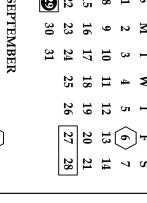
National/HCISD school holidays

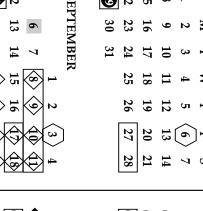


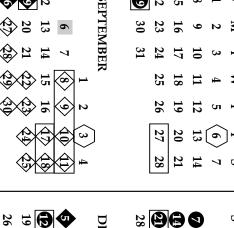
FEBRUARY

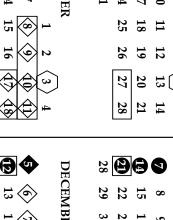


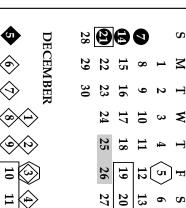


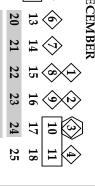




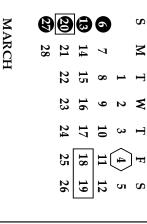


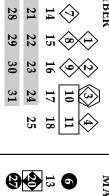


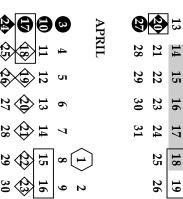


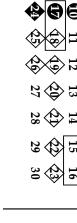


8









31

Simchat Torah Havdalah Movie Night Mon.	_
Fri., Oct. 1 Simch Sat., Oct. 23 Havda	

Mon Apr 18 6:30 pm First Dassover Seder	Sun., Apr. 17 Religi	Sun. Apr. 3, 10 a.m. Temp	Sun., Mar. 27, 12:30 Annu	Sun., Mar. 20, 10 a.m. Purim	Sun., Jan. 23 Tu B'S	Thurs., Jan. 20 Tu B'S	dinner	Fri., Jan. 21, 6:30 p.m. Early	Sun. Dec. 24 Stude	Sun., Dec. 5 Stude	Dec. 2-9 Chanukah	Wed., Dec. 1 First (Sat., Oct. 23 Havd	Fri., Oct. 1 Simch
Daccover Seder	Religion School model seder	Temple Work Day	Annual Meeting	Purim Service	Tu B'Shevat Picnic	Tu B'Shevat	3r	Early service/potluck Shabbat	Student Lock-in	Student Chanukah party	ukah	First Chanukah light	Havdalah Movie Night	Simchat Torah
1	Sat. July 2	Sun, June 26	_ 	FriSat. June 1	June 8-9	Tues, June 7, 7	Wed., June 1		Sun., May 22	SatSun., May	Fri., May 13	Tues., May 10	Mon., May 9	Sun., May 1

24	17	10	JULY 3	19 26	12	JUNE	29	6	♦ s	MA
25	18	11	4	27	3 13 0	, Ħ	23 30	<u>2</u>	2 \	×
26	19	12	QI	28	14 \	1	24 31	7	3 H	
27	20	13	6	29	3 5 6		25	11 18	¥ 4	
28	21	14	7	30	3 5 €	> N	26	12 19	5 H	
29	22	15	& (1)	24	17	3	27	13	6 F	
30	23	16	9 2	25	18	4	28	14 21	7 S	

	Sun., May 22	SatSun., May 14-15	Fri., May 13	Tues., May 10	Mon., May 9	Sun., May 1
Last Day of Religion School	Lag B'Omer	Religion School camping trip	Confirmation Shabbat	Israel Independence Day	Yom Hazikaron	Yom Hashoah

y 14-15	Religion School camping trip
	Lag B'Omer
	Last Day of Religion School
	Yom Yerushalayim
7:30 p.m.	7:30 p.m. Erev Shavuot service
	Shavuot
10-11	Benjamin Warshowsky-
	Gonzalez Bar Mitzvah
	Rummage Sale
	Havdalah Movie Night

TEMPLE BE	ΓH ISRAEL RELIG	GION/HEBR	EW SCHOOL REGIS	TRATION I	FORM
PARENT			HOME PHONE		
ADDRESS			CELL PHONE		
CITY		ZIP	E-MAIL ADDRESS	·	
TUDENT(S)		AGE	DATE OF BIRTH	COST PER C	CHILD (circle one) 1st semester only
1)				\$240	\$12
2)				\$190	\$9
3)				\$190	\$9.
1)				\$190	\$9
Paid in full Se	eschinichte zerobek •ekin • nagtur entskribt	Other install	MATION		
Student			VIATION Allergies		
Student	Illness		Allergies		
Student			Allergies		
Student	Illness		Allergies		
Physician's name					
Emergency contact					
serve to release Temple Beth Isra resulting from all causes in conn- necessitate travel away from the personnel, employees and repres	or the above named child el and all its personnel, e ection with such membe Temple, except for those sentatives. I understand e reached in an emergene ical treatment for my chi	employees and a ership or particip e involving gros that I will be inf cy, I hereby give	pate in activities arranged by representatives from liability pation, including outings, fice is negligence or intentional n formed of all activities involves a my permission to Temple E	y in case of acci eld trips or othen nisconduct on to ving travel from Beth Israel repres	ident or injury er activities that the part of said in the Temple. esentatives to
Parent/guardian signature			Date		
I am aware that photograph displayed on the Temple's Web s			during Temple events. I aut ditor.	thorize these p	ictures to be
D			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 Arts & crafts Telling or reading a story

Teaching a Jewish song 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

■ 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

Speedy recovery to Rollie Koppel Susan Ander

Fernando & Alma Russek

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.