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SIM SHALOM

Temple Beth Israel
Harlingen, TX

SIVAN-TAMMUZ 5771
July 2011



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We had a small but wonderful service two weeks ago as we celebrated the **60th anniversary of the original dedication of Temple Beth Israel** on June 24, 1951. Fernando R. reviewed the history of the founding of the temple and some of the families who were active then. It is wonderful to be continuing the efforts that they made. In addition we celebrated the **60th wedding anniversary of Lewis and Dena Levine**. Their daughter Suggie (Sheryl) was here from California, and presented the temple with a beautiful new Bimah cover and Torah cover for the high holidays from all the Levine children in honor of their parents. The temple thanks the Levine family very much for this beautiful gift.

Coming up on **July 10 will be our rummage sale on the temple's terrace at 8 am**. There is still time to bring your unwanted items and put them to good use for the temple. Fernando R can pick up items that you can't bring. Please call Fernando at

970-4005 or me at 550-9530. And if you can help out on the 10th that will be just as great.

Don't miss the **B'nai Mitzvat of Susan Ander and Alma Russek on Saturday, July 30**, and then the **Bat Mitzvah of Melanie Goldstein on August 26 and 27**.

Following Melanie's Bat Mitzvah, on Saturday evening, we will have our 2nd summer Island event with **Haydalah services at the Weiss's Ramada Ltd on SPI**. Rabbi Joseph will be in attendance. Stay over if you like and join a morning lesson with the rabbi. More details will follow.

Please keep in mind – when you wish to donate to the temple - the **Gabbai Fund is our highest priority** funding need at this time.

Thank you Susan Hananel for producing an excellent Sim Shalom newsletter for our temple.

Have a safe and fun summer --

Laurel Steinberg



Call Fernando Russek to come pick up your 'STUFF' for the sale! (970-4005)

He'll be right over...we need lots of STUFF to sell... be generous and clean out that attic and basement!

SUNDAY, July, 10th

8:00am til sold out

Temple Beth Israel

Bring your friends and neighbors to shop for unique bargains.

CALENDAR

July 1

Shabbat Service 7:30pm

July 29/30

B'nai Mitzvah of
Alma Russek & Susan Ander
Shabbat Service 7:30pm

August 5

Shabbat Service 7:30pm

August 9

Tish B'Av

August 26/27

Bat Mitzvah of Melanie Goldstein
Shabbat Service 7:30pm

August 28

Religion School Registration

September 11

Religion School Registration and first
day of class

September 17

Havhalah Movie Night

September 28

Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

September 29/30

Rosh Hashanah Services

October 7

Kol Nidre Service

October 8

Yom Kippur morning/afternoon
Services & break fast

October 9

Sukoh Building Day

October 10-13

Sukkot

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

William Berg & Laurel Steinberg

... in honor of Ben Gonzales Bar Mitzvah

Ron & Dyan Banks

.. in honor of Susan Ander & Alma Russek's B'nai Mitzvah

Marlou Levine

... in honor of Lewis & Dena Levine's 60th Anniversary

Leonard Levine

... in honor of Lewis & Dena Levine's 60th Anniversary

William Berg & Laurel Steinberg

... in honor of Joseph Bogorad & Rachel Russek's
Confirmation

Rollie & Amy Koppel

... installation of new front sidewalk

Ron & Dyan Banks

... Thank you Leon Hananel!

Ron & Dyan Banks

... Yiskor...in memory of Frank Fridkin, Dorothy Fridkin
& Fran Bockius

Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home

... 2011-12 Calendar order by Bert Keyes

Abby Warhowsky

... Hall Rental for Ben Gonzales

Susan Ander

... Hall Rental B'Nai Mitzvah

William Berg & Laurel Steinberg

... Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

GABBI FUND

Joel Smith & Janice Cassady

Abby Warhowsky

Rollie & Amy Koppel

Stan & Nivia Fisch ... in honor of Temple's 60 years

SPECIAL BUILDING FUND

Barry & Janet Wilder ... in honor of Ann Marie Huff's graduation
also of Barry's 70th Birthday

Barry & Janet Wilder ... in honor of Ben Gonzales' Bar Mitzvah

Lois Day ... in loving memory of our precious Stephanie Zinn
Day

SHABBAT BREAKFAST FUND

Fernando & Alma Russek ... in honor of Amy Koppel's B'day

Fernando & Alma Russek ... in honor of Levine's 60th Anniv.

Fernando & Alma Russek ... in honor of AnnMarie Huff,
Jonathan Berg & Ivan Zirashi

OTHER DONATIONS

Two 8' tables to the temple use by Rosanna Bogorad & Alma Russek

A Silver Salt Bowl donated by Alma Russek & Susan Ander in honor
of their B'nai Mitzvah

A temple Tzedakah box donated by Leon & Susan Hananel.

2011 – 2012 Oneg Schedule

Thank you for participating in our temple onegs which enhance our sense of community. Everyone's contribution is greatly appreciated and OBLIGATORY!

If there is a conflict with your scheduled date, please take the well-timed initiative to trade with another member. Contact Veronica Huff for schedule conflicts (499-3808). Those who cannot fulfill their oneg obligation will be expected to contribute monetarily in order to help defray the cost for the others in the group.

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

August 26	<i>*David & Elizabeth Goldstein</i> Patty Gayton Monica & Susie Weisberg	February 17	<i>*Alma & Fernando Russek</i> Jami & Bert Wolf Moniel Powell
September 28	Erev Rosh Hashanah by temple board of directors	March 9..	Purim <i>*Barry & Janet Wilder</i> John & Eileen Brown Joel Smith & Jan Cassidy
September 30	<i>*Sheila Greenfeld</i> Steve & Judy Jones Harry & Elizabeth Holzman Leon & Susan Hananel	April 6	Passover Community Seder
October 8	Yom Kippur Break Fast - potluck dinner	May 25	Confirmation <i>*Veronica & Thomas Huff</i> Abby Warshowsky Meredith Linsky
November 18	<i>*Susan Ander</i> Deborah Lozano Victor & Judy DeLeon	June 22	<i>*Dyan Banks</i> Shirley & Gerry Sondock Lori & David Suissa
December 16	<i>*Stan & Nivia Fisch</i> Richard & Christine Newman Robert & Anne Weiss	July 27	<i>*Charlene & Phillip Moskal</i> Sophia & Paul Shirazi Olga Quintero
January 20	Pot Luck Oneg organized by Laurel Steinberg w/Bert & Tori		

ONEG 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
- Un sliced challah
- Tablecloth (if one is used from the Temple, please launder and return it to the Temple)
- Table decoration
- Dessert for approximately 40-50 people

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



Jewish Music Hour

Listen to the Rabbi on KNON-FM at <http://www.knon.org/> for the Jewish Music Hour — Sundays noon-1 p.m.

His sister Julie often goes with him to answer the phones.

Also tune in Monday nights from 10 p.m. to midnight for the country music show he does with his brother, Harvey.

NEWS & NOTES

BLESSINGS FOR A GREAT TRIP

The temple wishes a safe and fun time to Ivan Shirazi who plans a trip to Israel on the Birthright Program this July. He will stay on to visit and sightsee. Have a wonderful trip Ivan!

A NEW JEWISH DAY CAMP

There is a Jewish day camp in the valley! The CGI Day Camp will be held at Temple Beth El in Brownsville for boys and girls ages 4 – 9. There are 2 sessions, Aug 1-5 and Aug 7-12, from 9 am – 4 pm. Valley-wide transportation and carpooling will be available. Run by Chabad of the Rio Grand Valley, the camp will offer sports, crafts, kosher lunches, field trips, Jewish activities, and more. For information, contact 956-467-4323 or HYPERLINK "<mailto:info@gispi.com>" info@gispi.com.

MAZEL TOV



Congratulations to John and Eileen Brown on the engagement of their son

Ryan to Lindsey Bollinger.

A fall 2012 wedding is planned.

The GABBAI FUND

Please consider donating to this fund to help support the continued employment of our wonderful Gabbai (Fernando Russek). This temple would not be what it is today without his selfless efforts...we need him. So please contribute whatever you can to this fund. It is indeed a mitzvah for all of us.



**You don't have to be Jewish
but it helps!!!**

<http://youtu.be/zJqXjvIKa2w>



B'NAI MITZVAH

CONGRATULATIONS ALMA & SUSAN

July 29/30

FROM ALMA: Greetings everybody, I would like to give thanks to all the members of our community that make it possible for us to have Temple Beth Israel.

I'm very excited of having come here. I feel that I have put part of me, part of my passion as a Jew into this temple. I want to give thanks to my family and friends for all their support and a thousand times thanks to our Rabbi Frank Joseph for all the time he has dedicated on practicing with me and make my Bat-mitzvah possible.

I hope to see you all there with love, Alma.

FROM SUSAN: Hello Temple Friends, Many thanks to all the people who have encouraged and supported me in my journey to Judaism. Special thanks to Rabbi Frank for his patience and direction. I am grateful for all things that will make this day so special for me.



THANK YOU LEVINE FAMILY

Thank you to the Levine family children for the elegant high holiday Bimah cover and Torah cover in honor of Lewis and Dena Levine's 60th Wedding Anniversary!!!

What a beautiful commemorative gift for our Temple.

We will always remember the Levine's generosity.

Temple Beth Israel 2011-2012 Calendar

AUGUST

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■ National/school holidays

◇ Jewish holiday/festival

● Religion School in session

□ Rabbi Joseph in attendance

○ Additional 7:30 p.m. service

Shabbat services
7:30 p.m. Fri./9 a.m. Sat.
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

AUGUST

Aug. 9 Tisha B'Av
Aug. 26/27 Melanie Godstein Bat Mitzvah
Aug. 27/28 Island Havdalah weekend
Aug. 28 Religion School Registration

SEPTEMBER

Sept 11 Religion school registration and first day of classes
Sept. 17 Havdalah movie night
Sept. 28 Erev Rosh Hashanah services
Sept. 29/30 Rosh Hashanah services

OCTOBER

Oct. 7 Kol Nidre service
Oct. 8 Yom Kippur morning/afternoon Services, and break fast
Oct. 9 Sukkot building day
Oct. 13-10 Sukkot

Oct. 16 Sukkot service, 10 am
Oct. 20 Shmini Atzeret, Erev Simhat Torah services, Consecration

NOVEMBER

Nov. 19 Josh Jones Bar Mitzvah

DECEMBER

Dec. 20 Erev Chanukah, first candle
Dec. 21-28 Chanukah
Dec. 23 Shabbat chanukiah service
Dec. 24 Student lock-in and Chanukah party

JANUARY

Jan 20 Early service, Shabbat Pot Luck dinner

FEBRUARY

Feb. 8 Tu B'Shvat
Feb. 12 Tu B'Shvat outing and picnic
Feb. 18 Havdalah movie night

MARCH

Mar. 8 Purim
Mar. 9 Purim Shabbat, early service
Mar. 10 Megillah reading, festive oneq
Mar. 25 Purim costume ball and Banquet
Mar. 25 Temple Work Day
Mar. 31 6:30 pm - Annual meeting, pot luck dinner, havdalah

APRIL

Apr. 1 Religion School Model seder
Apr. 6 Temple community seder, Erev Passover, first night
Apr. 7 - 14 Passover
Apr. 19 Yom HaShoah
Apr. 26 Israel Independence Day and Deli lunch fundraiser

MAY

May 5/6 Religion school and Lag B'Omer camping trip
May 10 Lag B'Omer
May 20 Last day religion school
May 25 Confirmation Shabbat
May 26 Erev Shavuot service/ all night study
May 27 Early Shavuot morning service

JUNE

June 23 Havdalah movie night

JULY

July 28 Tisha B'Av Evening service
July 29 Tisha B'Av morning service



HOW DO WE EVER THANK YOU????

YOU HAVE MADE US SO PROUD OF OUR TEMPLE and given our children a beautiful place to call 'home'.

Thank you to Amy and Rollie Koppel for the beautiful new sidewalk, ramp, and entry path to the temple. Our temple is looking wonderful and is safer too.



Samantha Pope

Rabbi & Laurie Joseph's daughter....explores Israel!

Samantha had a fabulous time and learned a great deal about Israel during her recent 10-day Birthright trip.

She especially enjoyed Safed, where the group toured the beautiful blue Ari Synagogue, and Jerusalem.

She visited the Western Wall on Friday afternoon, when the group was able to take pictures, and again on Shabbat.

The group also toured the Golan Heights, slept in a tent in the Negev, and climbed the Roman Ramp up to Masada.



UPCOMING EVENTS YOU WON'T WANT TO MISS!!

Sun, July 10, 8 am – **Rummage Sale** – please bring your giveaways now

Sat, July 30 - **B'nai Mitzvah** of Alma Russek and Susan Ander

Fri, August 5 – **Shabbat services** at 7:30 pm, led by Fernando Russek

Fri and Sat, August 26/27 - **Bat Mitzvah** of Melanie Goldstein

Sat and Sun, August 27/28 – **Island Havdalah** weekend

A mysterious message sent from Elka Jaross....

Centennialize!

Start celebrating Hadassah's 100th year with the Membership Tea, August 28, 2011 Sunday from 3 to 5 pm.

More information to follow.

NOTES FROM THE GABBAI

Fernando Russek

In commemoration of the 60th anniversary of our temple, we are putting together a TIME CAPSULE

to be sealed and put away and be opened on the 75th anniversary. For this purpose we would like you to send me some mementos, pictures or letters that you think will portray a window in time to the Jews or Israel in the world or here in Harlingen in 2011 and or a letter about how do you think things will be in 2026. The time capsule will be closed on Sunday the 4th of September. So please take some time and send us some

material.

At the end of this month we will be joining on the celebration of the Bat Mitzvot of my lovely wife Alma Russek and our good friend Susan Ander. The road that my wife has gone from when we first meet to today has been beautiful. She is a strong hard working woman, ready to do whatever it takes or needed to accomplish her goals, for her barmithzva she has been studying and practicing and studying more, our whole family is so proud of you. To Alma and Susan congratulations!

The Bar mitzvah of Ben Gonzalez was very nice, we all had a great time and Ben was cool & confident.

We also want to congratulate one more time the Newman family for the Chanukah Habayit... the dedication of their new home that we attended last month.



Chanukah Habayit (Home dedication)

A House Blessing and Mezuzah hanging at the new home of Richard and Christine Newman.

THE JEWISH MUSIC HOUR

hosted by Rabbi Joseph
from noon to 1 p.m. Sundays
on KNON 89.3-FM in Dallas
or online at [http://
www.knon.org/](http://www.knon.org/)



Honor someone in your family and help the Temple.
We still have a few pews available for purchase and dedication. A plate will be installed in recognition of who you decide to honor. Your family name will become part of our Temple for future generations

Written by an Israeli named Dan Sporn

Our condition, in Israel , has never been better than it is now! Only the television and the media make people think that the end of the World is near. Only 65 years ago, Jews were brought to death like sheep to slaughter. NO country, NO army.

Only 60 years ago,seven Arab countries declared war on little Israel , the Jewish State, just a few hours after it was established

We were 650,000 Jews against the rest of the Arab world. No IDF (Israeli Defense Forces) or Air Force. We were only a small group of stubborn people with nowhere to go.

Remember: Lebanon, Syria, Iraq, Jordan, Egypt, Libya, and Saudi Arabia, they all attacked at once. The state that the United Nations "gave" us was 65% desert. We started it from zero.

Only 41 years ago, we fought three of the strongest countries in the Middle East, and we crushed them in the Six Day War.

Over the years we fought different coalitions of Arab countries with modern armies and with huge amounts of Russian-Soviet ammunition, and we still won.

Today we have a beautiful country, a powerful Army, a strong Air Force, an adequate Navy and a thriving high tech industry.

Intel, Microsoft, and IBM have all developed their businesses here.

Our doctors have won important prizes in the medical development field.

We turned the desert into a prosperous land.

We sell oranges, flowers, and vegetables around the world.

We launched our own satellite! Three satellites at once! We are in good company; together with the USA (280 million

We overcame the Romans,

We overcame the Spanish Inquisition,

We overcame the Russians pogrom,

We overcame Hitler, we overcame Germany and overcame the Holocaust,

We overcame the armies of seven countries.

Relax chevray (friends), we will overcome our current enemies.

Never mind where you look in human history. Think about it, the Jewish nation, our condition has never been better than now.

So let's lift our heads up and remember:

Never mind which country or culture tries to harm us or erase us from the world. We will still exist and persevere. Egypt ? Anyone

know where the Egyptian empire disappeared to? The Greeks? Alexander Macedon? The Romans? Is anyone speaking Latin

today? The Third Reich? Did anyone hear news from them lately?

And look at us, the Bible nation – from slavery in Egypt , we are still here, still speaking the same language. Exactly here, exactly now.

Maybe The Arabs don't know it yet, but we are an eternal nation. All the time that we will keep our identity, we will stay eternal.

So, sorry that we are not worrying, complaining, crying, or fearing.

Business here is beseder (fine). It can definitely be much better, but it is still fine. Don't pay attention to the nonsense in the media,

They will not tell you about our festivals here in Israel or about the people that continue living, going out, meeting friends.

Yes, sometimes morale is down, so what? This is only because we are mourning the dead while they are celebrating spilled blood.

And this is the reason we will win after all.

Please forward this e-mail to all of your Jewish friends everywhere in the world. You are all part of our force to keep our existence.

This may help some of us lift our heads up and be proud to say:

I AM A JEW