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MARCH 2012

S H A L O M



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Purim now seems like an age ago, but it was great fun with costumes, the megillah reading, a play, and hamantaschen.

Our Work Day was truly productive. With a great flurry of energy, we polished the woodwork and doors, planted flowers, cleaned the kitchen, fixed the gate, organized the library, and did many other projects. The following families helped out: Russek, Berg, Moskal, Gaytan, Simha-Sobelman, Newman, de Leon, Jacobson, and Linsky. Thank you!

At the Annual Meeting of the congregation we welcomed this year's board of trustees: Laurel Steinberg President, Abby Warshowsky Vice President, Bert Wolf Treasurer, Susan Ander Secretary, and board members Leon Hananel, Dyan Banks, Veronica Huff, Joel Smith, Richard Newman, Meredith Linsky, and Rollie Koppel. Thank you to all who brought food to the potluck supper, thanks to Sheila Greenfeld for coordinating the food and helping a lot.

A motion was passed at the annual meeting to start a fund to save for a new Torah and Torah repairs. A second Torah is an honor to have and very useful for some Torah readings and when we will need Torah repairs in the future. You may start now to donate to our new Torah fund.

We are looking forward to the Passover seder on Friday night April 6 at 6:30. Call me as soon as possible if you are seeking a seder to attend, at 550-9530. We plan to start On Time. So please come a few minutes early.

The confirmation class is looking forward to a trip to Houston with Rabbi Joseph and Mrs. Moskal to visit the holocaust museum, a musical Shabbat service, and other sights in Houston. We wish them a wonderful trip. Thanks to Rabbi Joseph for organizing everything and making the trip possible.

I wish you all a wonderful Passover.

*B'Shalom,
Laurel Steinberg, President*

UPCOMING EVENTS

Passover Community Seder, Friday, April 6, 6:30 pm, led by Rabbi Joseph.

Shabbat Services, Saturday, April 7, 9am with Rabbi Joseph

Confirmation Class Trip to Houston, Friday, April 20-Sunday, April 22

Relay for Life, "Stars of David" Team Friday/Saturday, April 27/28, La Feria Stadium

Shabbat Services, led by Fernando Russek, Friday, May 4, 7:30 pm

SIM SHALOM

NEWS & NOTES

COMMUNITY PASSOVER SEDER

Friday, Apr 6, 6:30 pm: Please make your reservation check to Temple Beth Israel, and call Laurel S at 550-9530. Indicate your preference of fish or chicken. Adults (13 and over) - \$30, Children ages 6 to 12 - \$15, children ages 5 and under – free. Please reserve now.

YIZKOR FUND

When you donate to the Yizkor fund, your donations will be saved for new silver Torah ornaments. Thank you for the many donations which allowed us to buy beautiful silver candlesticks in memory of Amy Koppel.

JUDAICA SHOP

Please pay attention to the new 'shop' located in the bookcase in the temple hall. There are many great gift ideas. All sales support temple activities. See Fernando Russek.

STUDENT ASSOCIATION

There is a new Jewish Student Association at University of Texas Pan American. For information, contact Merly Reyes at 956-563-3021.

CONDOLENCES

to the Warshowsky-Gonzalez family on the passing of Luis Gonzalez's father on March 22.

CONDOLENCES

to the Simha-Sobelman family on the passing of Renata's grandmother in Brazil.

GET WELL WISHES

To Joel Smith, Dena Levine, Susan Ander, and Stan Fisch....feel better soon.

HADASSAH

The Brownsville Chapter of Hadassah will be sponsoring the Oneg Shabbat on April 27th at Temple Beth El, Brownsville in celebration of Yom Haatzmaut. Please join us for this special celebration. Services begin at 6:30 PM and the Oneg will start about 7:30 PM. Hope everyone will join us.

S&A

SAMANTHA POPE

AND

ADAM VILLARREAL

TOGETHER WITH OUR PARENTS,

INVITE YOU TO JOIN US

IN THE CELEBRATION OF OUR MARRIAGE

AT 7 O'CLOCK IN THE EVENING

SATURDAY, THE FOURTEENTH OF APRIL

TWO THOUSAND TWELVE

AT THE HOME OF

RABBI FRANK AND LAURIE JOSEPH

1832 COOPER DR.

IRVING, TEXAS

OUTDOOR CEREMONY (RAIN OR SHINE)

SUPPER FOLLOWING

COCKTAIL ATTIRE

AMPLE PARKING AVAILABLE ON THE STREET

GUESTS FROM AFAR MIGHT CONSIDER STAYING

AT THE GATEWAY INN, 1918 E. GRAUWYLER, IRVING

972-870-5019 (\$50-60 PER ROOM)

RSVP: 214-402-6270 OR

ADAM.SAM.VILLARREAL@GMAIL.COM

Rabbi's Daughter's Wedding

Dear friends — We are pleased to invite you to our daughter's wedding at our home in Irving on Saturday evening, April 14. Do let us know if you will join us — we are happy to help you choose a hotel and find your way around town. The Gateway Inn listed on the invitation is the closest to us, but other choices abound.

We are planning a backyard wedding, so pack to weather whatever comes our way!

Shalom,

Rabbi Frank and Laurie Joseph

Community Passover Seder

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Temple Beth Israel Passover Seder, Friday, April 6, 6:30 pm

Name(s).....

Adults (13 & over).....# Children (6-12).....#Children (5 & under)

Fish.....# Chicken.....

Amount Included.....(Make Payable to 'Temple Beth Israel')

Phone #.....

CALENDAR

April 6

Passover Community Seder
6:30pm led by Rabbi Joseph

April 7

Shabbat Servicees, 9am
led by Rabbi Joseph

April 20

Confirmation Class Trip to Houston

April 27/28

Relay for Life
"Stars of David Team"

May 4

Shabbat Services, 7:30pm
led by Fernando Russek

NOTE:

*Rabbi Joseph's visiting date for July
may be changing to July 20-22. We
will update in next Sim
Shalom.*

DONATIONS

GENERAL FUND

Tomas Sanchez, Jr in loving memory of Manuela Gusman
James A. Person, Jr. in memory of Ray Leonard
Deborah Lozano
Ron & Dyan Banks in honor of Rabbi's daughter's wedding
Barry & Rosalee Cohen

BREAKFAST FUND

Fernando & Alma Russek refua shlema Dr. Stan Fisch
Dyan Banks

Be sure to shop at the temple Judaica Store for some gifts.

**We have mezuzahs, jewelry, bookmarkers, candles,
and decorative items.**

**There are some unique handmade Jewish star pendants
made and donated by Leon Hananel.**

You can also order from a catalogue if you want other items.

For purchases, contact Fernando Russek or Laurel Steinberg.

If you buy four items or more, you will get a 20% discount.

SIM SHALOM

YAHRTZEITS

Date	Year	Name	Hebrew Date
5-Apr	1969	Abe Baum	17 Nisan
11-Apr	1989	Sylvia A. Lieberman	6 Nisan
19-Apr	1978	Bella Braunstein	12 Nisan
24-Apr		Anne Holtzman	
28-Apr	1995	Jake Mayers	28 Nisan
	1950	Joe L. Levine	
	1968	George M. Fishman	
		Albert Wolpin	28 Kislev
		B. Mary Levine	
		Bali Bas Machi	17 Tevet
		Bertha Berg	14 Adar
		Daavid Grossman	25 Elul
		Fannie Rachofsky	23 Sh'vat
		Gabriel Moses Levine	
		Hirsch Ben Svi	5 Sh'vat
		Isodor Berg	21 Tamuz
		Itzchk Hananel	
		Joseph Hananel	

(Please add English dates and correct and add any missing people)

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WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

14-May	Danny & Marisa Wise-Herring	Khan
29-May	Bill & Monica Stewart	
30-May	Bill Berg & Laurel Steinberg	
20-Jun	Lewis & Dena Levine	
22-Jun	Steve & Dr. Judith Jones	
29-Jun	Harry & Elizabeth Holzman	
30-Jun	David & Laurie Jacobson	
14-Aug	Gilbert & Susy Weisberg	
19-Aug	Luis Gonzalez & Abby Warshowsky	
22-Aug	Bert & Jamie Wolf	
25-Aug	Rabbi Frank & Laurie Joseph	

BIRTHDATES

14-Mar	Sondock	Gerald
16-Mar	Linsky	Meredith
19-Mar	Wolf	Bert
31-Mar	Weisberg	Gilbert
5-Apr	Edelstein	Morris
5-Apr	Russek	Alma
5-Apr	Wolf	Jamie
6-Apr	Wise-Herring	Dagan
10-Apr	Joseph	Laurie
11-Apr	Suissa	Andre
15-Apr	Berg	Jonathan
16-Apr	Greenfeld	Brittini Elise
17-Apr	Simha	Sophia
20-Apr	Holzman	Harry
2-May	Ander	Susan
4-May	Gaytan	Patty
13-May	Salender	Benjamin
14-May	Kahn	Marisa L.
15-May	Gonzalez	Benjamin
15-May	Harosh	Mary
18-May	Alexander	Simon
25-May	Levine	Bennet
30-May	Newman	Andrew
3-Jun	Newman	Ben
7-Jun	Alexander	Gerald
10-Jun	Freeman	Michael
18-Jun	Jacobson	Yosef Paul

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.

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).

April 6 Passover Community Seder

May 25 Confirmation
**Veronica & Thomas Huff*
 Abby Warshowsky
 Meredith Linsky

June 22

**Dyan Banks*
 Shirley & Jerry Sondock
 Lori & David Suissa

July 27

**Charlene & Phillip Moskal*
 Sophia & Paul Shirazi
 Olga Quintero

" I'd like to offer my gratitude to all members of our congregation that offer a helping hand at our monthly onegs even when it's not their scheduled oneg, because even one extra pair of hands can perform mitzvahs galore, generating smiles of relief from tired hosts and hostesses."

" Also, it shouldn't go without saying that I appreciate all those who have fulfilled their scheduled obligation to our onegs. Your onegs give us a shared feeling of belonging and bonding that makes everything taste delicious. I've noticed that we'll eat and try 'most anything.... so please be cautious of which bakeries you purchase any sweet bread from since many still use lard (pork fat). I know that HEB and Lara's Mexican Bakery don't use lard, but I can't say for sure of any others, so please go ahead and be a pesky little patron and ask...your mitzvah depends on it."

"Also, one more thing: When fulfilling your oneg, remember, your friends at Temple don't just want your food. We want to see you in action! We want to talk to you and spend some time getting to know you better...**so no more just dropping your food and running off!! Remember, someone has to set-up, pick-up, wash any serving platters, wipe down the kitchen, empty garbage cans, sweep the kitchen area, and take the tablecloths home to wash.** If you didn't do all this.....hmmm? Who did? I know it sounds like alot, but it really isn't since I try to schedule at least three participants per oneg, a team! When I make the oneg schedule I try to accommodate any preferences on scheduling, so just let me know soon before I start on next years schedule."

"Shalom & Todah"

Veronica Huff- oneg coordinator

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
- Unslice 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.



"What is Important":

A few months ago in the Sim Shalom of October of last year, I wrote a column titled "Children a blessing we can't afford not to have" My idea when I wrote the column was to try to find a way to convince of the necessity that our community has of every single person, young and old.

Later I found out that what I had written had offended Mrs. Janet Wilder, who thought my column was a direct attack on her. I thought different and moved on. But now I see I was wrong - now I see that I'm guilty of the same thing I was trying to prevent.

I didn't stop to think about the feelings of one of our members, and thinking that I was right, disregarded Mrs. Wilder's feelings of being offended. Now I know I was wrong because I was just thinking about me, not about the

community and not about Mrs. Wilder. I brought and created unnecessary friction where there should have been peace.

I'm writing this here because it was in the Sim Shalom where she was offended, and publicly I want to ask her to forgive me. I never intentionally tried to offend her and I should have been more humble and come to this conclusion sooner. I always considered the Wilders our friends - they always supported me, Alma, and my family and I thank them for that.

What is important in our community is each of its members and making an effort to keep an enjoyable place without conflict. I invite everybody to join me in this goal.

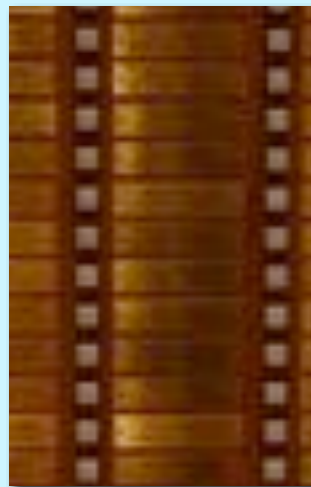
Fernando A. Russek

OUR NEW SHABBAT CANDLESTICKS IN LOVING MEMORY OF AMY KOPPEL



SIM SHALOM

Have you considered a Memorial Plaque
to honor a loved one on our memorial wall?
The cost is \$250.
Contact any board member to make your
donation.



TEMPLE WORK DAY



SIM SHALOM

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./Sat. 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 Melanah-Godolaim Bar Mitzvah
Aug. 27/28 Israel's Hordalah weekend

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 11 Religion school registration and first day of classes
Sept. 17 Hordalah 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. 13-18 Sukkot

NOVEMBER

Nov. 19 Sukkot service, 10 am
Shmini Atzeret, Erev Simchat Torah services, Consecration

DECEMBER

Dec. 20 Josh James Bar Mitzvah
Dec. 21 Erev Chanukah, first candle
Dec. 22 Chanukah
Dec. 23 Shabbat chanukah 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 Hordalah movie night

MARCH

Mar. 8 Purim
Mar. 9 Purim Shabbat, early service
Mar. 10 Megillah reading, festive oneg
Mar. 11 Purim costume ball and Banquet
Mar. 25 Temple Work Day
Mar. 31 6:30 pm - Annual meeting, pot luck dinner, hordalah

APRIL

Apr. 1 Religion School Model seder
Apr. 8 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

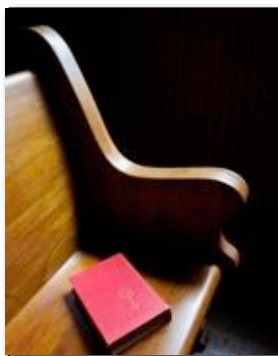
May 1/6 Religion school and Lag B'Omer camping trip
May 10 Lag B'Omer
May 20 Last day religion school
May 25 Confirmation Shabbat
May 26 Dore Shavuos service/ all night study
May 27 Early Shavuos morning service

JUNE

June 23 Hordalah movie night

JULY

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



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