

# Sim Shalom

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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, HARLINGEN TEXAS

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## Home from Israel



*The Old City from Mt. Scopus*



*We were pleased to some Harlingen friends in Jerusalem: Rollie Koppel and Kathy Koppel, with Deborah Russek and Eli Russek, who have made aliyah.*

*Rabbi Joseph at the Western Wall*

Please join us at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, July 19,  
for a special presentation of photos from Israel

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

The Board has decided that Sunday school will be included with membership. We will not charge for Sunday school this year. All Temple families who wish to send their children to Sunday school may do so free of charge. We are setting up a Sunday school fund to cover costs. Anyone wishing to donate to this fund is encouraged to do so.

We are also planning to incorporate community service projects into our Sunday school curriculum.

These projects will be open to all who wish to participate. We would like community involvement. Tikkun Olam does not end after Sunday school or Bar/Bat Mitzvahs. We would like to get our youth involved in our community, and our adults are invited to lead by example. We will keep you informed as the projects are scheduled.

— Abby Warshowsky



# Calendar

## JULY

**18-20** *Rabbi in town*

**18** **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat service

**19** **9 a.m.** Shabbat service, with Torah discussion and breakfast to follow  
**7:30 p.m.** Havdallah and slide presentation of Rabbi Joseph's Israel trip with the Koppels

## AUGUST

**1** **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat service

**22-24** *Rabbi in town*

**22** **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat service  
*Confirmation of Melanie Goldstein*

**23** **9 a.m.** Shabbat service, with Torah discussion and breakfast to follow  
**7:30 p.m.** Island Havdalah, with a talk by Rabbi Joseph. Plan to bring something for a pot luck supper (More details next month)

## SEPTEMBER

**5-7** Confirmation Class trip to the Holocaust Museum in Houston

**12-14** *Rabbi in town*

**12** **7:30 p.m.** Shabbat service  
*Bar Mitzvah of Isaiah Newman*

**13** **9 a.m.** Shabbat service  
*Bar Mitzvah of Isaiah Newman*

**14** Religion School Registration/ first day of classes

## HIGH HOLY DAYS

### SEPTEMBER

**24** Erev Rosh Hashanah services

**25-26** Rosh Hashanah services

### OCTOBER

**3** Kol Nidre service

**4** Yom Kippur morning /Afternoon Services, and break fast

## SUKKOT/SIMHAT TORAH

### OCTOBER

**5** Sukkoth Building Day

**9-15** Sukkot

**16** Shmini Atseret

**17** Simhat Torah  
*Consecration Ceremony*

## NEWS

■ **CONDOLENCES** to Janet Wilder, family and friends on the death of Barry Wilder. A memorial will be held for Barry at 2 p.m. Saturday, July 19 at the "Beyond Art" Gallery, 114 'A' St., Harlingen, around the corner from the New York Deli. Casual dress. May his memory be a blessing.

■ **CONDOLENCES** to the Sondock family and friends on the death of Marvin Sondock. Visitation at Buck Ashcraft Funeral Parlor was held July 10. Mr. Sondock was buried at Restlawn Cemetery in La Feria on July 11. May his memory be a blessing.

■ **MAZEL TOV** to Jackie Stewart for certifying in special education, elementary education, English language arts and reading, passing her PPR, and getting hired to teach 3rd grade. Welcome back to the Valley.

■ **MAZEL TOV** to Brittany Stewart for being inducted in Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society for the top 7% of Juniors at University of Texas Pan American. She was presented with her senior ring.

■ **\$100 HEB GIFT CARDS AVAILABLE:** Contact Alma Russek (972) 970-7722

■ **SCRIP FUNDRAISER:** Remember the Temple's ongoing fundraiser! Go to the Great Lakes website to see a list of businesses for which you can buy cards: <http://www.glscrip.com/>. If you decide to order, send a check for your total amount to Temple Beth Israel, PO Box 3398, Harlingen, TX 78551, and write "scrip" on your check. List out the cards you want to buy, how many, and what denominations.

Help the temple to raise some funds at no extra cost to you. Contact Liz Holzman at 459-5433 for more information.



*Pigeon at the Western Wall*

## MISSING TABLECLOTHS

There are a number of white tablecloths missing from the Temple. Some of them have letters in Hebrew, and they are the kind we use for our Sabbath onegs. Some of you may have taken them home to wash and forgotten to return them. If so, please bring them back.

Thank you!

## Celebrations

### BIRTHDAYS

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  
8/1 Rachel Russek  
8/2 Kathy Koppel Noriega  
8/5 Paul Shirazi  
8/8 Harold Fisch  
8/8 Nathan Fisch  
8/10 Rollie Koppel  
8/10 Marina Wise-Herring  
8/12 Rory Minck  
8/12 Abby Warshowsky  
8/20 Stan Fisch  
8/25 Joseph Newman  
8/30 Braulio Natanael Gaytan  
8/30 Elizabeth Goldstein  
8/31 Tonatiuh Gonzalez  
9/4 Christine Newman  
9/7 Isaiah Newman  
9/14 Mary Warshowsky  
9/20 Ronald Banks

10/1 Dyan Banks  
10/1 Lewis Levine  
10/2 Sheila Greenfeld  
10/7 Kendra Newman  
10/9 Richard Newman  
10/12 Brittany Stewart  
10/16 Yafah Tziporah Russek  
10/23 Olga Quintero  
10/25 Roman Newman  
10/28 Quentin Keyes

### ANNIVERSARIES

8/14 Gilbert & Susy Weisberg  
8/19 Luis Gonzalez  
& Abby Warshowsky  
8/22 Bert & Jamie Wolf  
8/25 Rabbi Frank & Laurie Joseph  
10/1 Dan & Renata Simha  
Sobelman  
11/7 Gerald & Shirley Sondock  
11/17 Jan Cassidy & Joel Smith  
11/20 David & Elizabeth Goldstein  
12/16 Fernando & Alma Russek

*Did we miss you?*

*Please send birthdays & anniversaries  
to [laurie.b.joseph@gmail.com](mailto:laurie.b.joseph@gmail.com).*

## 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 HOSTS

July 18: Spink, Weiss

August 22: Goldstein, Moskal

Sept 12: Newman, Warshowsky, Warshowsky

Sept 24: Erev Rosh Hashanah: Board of Directors

## Thank You

### DONATIONS

#### GENERAL FUND

**William Berg & Laurel Steinberg** *In Honor of Tammy Spink's conversion to Judaism*

**William Berg & Laurel Steinberg** *In Honor of Braulio Gaytan's Bar Mitzvah*

**Buck Ashcraft Funeral Home** *For Jewish calendars 2014-2015*

**Bert & Jamie Wolf** *In Loving Memory of Barry Wilder*

**The Berg Family** *Donation in Honor of Chuy Silguero's Conversion to Judaism*

#### BUILDING FUND

**William Berg & Laurel Steinberg** *In Honor of Benjamin Gonzalez's Confirmation from Sunday School*

#### SHABBAT BREAKFAST FUND

**William Berg & Laurel Steinberg** *In Honor of Rachel Russek's Graduation from High School*

**Alma and Fernando Russek Jr** *In Honor of Chuy Silguero's Conversion to Judaism and In Honor Tamarah Spink's Conversion to Judaism*

# Temple Beth Israel 2014-2015 Calendar

## AUGUST

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## AUGUST

National/school holidays  
Jewish holiday/festival

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

## SEPTEMBER

Shabbat services  
7:30 p.m. Fri./9 a.m. Sat.  
**School day schedule**  
10-10:45 services  
10:45-12:15 classtime  
12:15-1:00 lunch  
1:00-1:45 Hebrew class

Confirmation for Melanie Goldstein  
Island Havdalah

Confirmation Holocaust Museum Trip  
Isaiah Newman Bar Mitzvah  
School Registration/ first day of classes  
Erev Rosh Hashanah services  
Rosh Hashanah services

Kol Nidre service  
Yom Kippur morning/afternoon  
Services, and break fast  
Sukkot Building Day  
Sukkot  
Shmini Atseret, Erev Simhat Torah  
Simhat Torah - Consecration Ceremony

## NOVEMBER

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## DECEMBER

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## APRIL

Movie Night

Erev Chanukah, first candle

Chanukah

Shabbat Chanukah Service

Early services/Potluck Dinner

First Annual Temple Beth Israel Game Night

Tu B'Shvat

Tu B'Shevat outing

Movie Night

Purim Party, Megillah reading

Purim

Annual Congregational Meeting

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## APRIL

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Temple Clean Up and Work Day

Temple Community Seder, Erev Passover

Passover

Yom HaShoah

Yom HaZikaron

Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel Independence Day

Lag B'Omer

Confirmation Service

Erev Shavuot, Services

Shavuot

Last day religion school

Tisha B'Av