

Sim Shalom

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THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE BETH ISRAEL, HARLINGEN TEXAS

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PURIM!

THURSDAY
MARCH 1
6 PM



SPRING HOLIDAYS!

FRIDAY
MARCH 30
7 PM

Passover



Calendar

MARCH

1-4 *Rabbi in town*

- 1 Purim Party, Megillah reading (Thursday)
 2 Shabbat service, 7:30
 3 Shabbat service, 9 a.m. with breakfast and discussion following
 Havdallah, 7 p.m.
 25 Annual Congregational Meeting, 1 p.m.
 Temple Clean Up and Work Day,
 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

30-4/4 *Rabbi in town*

- 31-4/6 *Passover*
 30 Temple Community Seder, Erev Passover
 31 Shabbat service, 9 a.m. with breakfast and discussion following
 Havdallah, 7 p.m.

APRIL

- 11 *Yom HaShoah*
 18 *Yom HaZikaron*
 19 *Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel Independence Day*
 19-22 *Rabbi in town*
 20 Shabbat service, 7:30
 21 Shabbat service, 9 a.m. with breakfast and discussion following
 Havdallah, 7 p.m.

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 HOST FAMILIES

March 2: Richard Fourzan

April 20: Silguero family, Barrios family

May 18: Berg/Steinberg family

June 8: Newman family

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Chag Sameach! In this issue of Sim Shalom, we will be celebrating Holidays and several other events. First, we have Purim, the celebration of the pogrom that never transpired. That Esther really was a heroine I would have liked to meet. She single-handedly saved the Jews from a fatal fate that was sure to happen but didn't, and gave us a day to fast, party, wear costumes, and eat Hamantaschen, just like that. Please make sure you come to our Purim service on Thursday, March 1, at 6:00 PM. Before the holiday ends, we will read the Megillah where we will "boo," "aww," and "yay" until Haman is sure to be banned from our lives, have a party, and eat to our hearts' content. Shabbat services will be as scheduled. Yours truly is in charge of the Oneg on Friday night, so please bear with me (if anyone wants to pitch in with anything, by all means, don't be shy about it. Contact me or just surprise me.)

Next, we will have our congregational meeting on Sunday, the 25th of March. Come vote for your favorite candidate for the Board of Directors at Temple Beth Israel. Nominations are being taken now. The semiannual, clean-up day will be on the same day in preparation for Pesach. Please come and help clean the building and grounds. We can use as much help as we can get to rid the premises of all sorts of Chametz and dust bunnies.

On Friday, March 30th, we will welcome Pesach with our traditional Seder. Please see Page 3 for more information.

April 18-19 will mark the 70th anniversary of Israel's independence. Stay tuned for more information about the temple's special celebration.

– Richard Fourzan



Celebrations

ANNIVERSARIES

- 3/20 Paul & Sofia Shirazi
- 5/29 Bill & Monica Stewart
- 5/30 Bill Berg & Laurel Steinberg
- 6/29 Harry & Elizabeth Holzman

BIRTHDAYS

- 3/14 Gerald Sondock
- 3/31 Gilbert Weisberg
- 4/5 Alma Russek
- 4/6 Dagan Wise-Herring
- 4/11 Andre Suissa
- 4/15 Jonathan Berg
- 4/16 Brittni Elise Greenfeld
- 4/17 Sophia Simha
- 4/20 Harry Holzman
- 5/2 Susan Ander
- 5/4 Patty Gaytan
- 5/14 Marisa L. Kahn
- 5/15 Benjamin Gonzalez
- 5/30 Andrew Newman
- 6/3 Benjamin Newman
- 6/24 Tomer Simha

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Click the Donate button.

Easy and Fast!



Modern Hebrew with Rebekah Russek
6 p.m. Tuesdays

Purim Party

Thursday, March 1 at 6 PM

Wear your costumes! Bring your hamantaschen!

Passover Seder

Friday, March 30 at 7 PM

Choose from Chicken or fish

\$36 per adult

\$15 from 6-13 years old

Free 5 or younger

Your payment is your reservation.

Mail check before March 20 to

PO Box 3398 Harlingen TX 78551

Support the Temple

GIFT CARDS

DO YOU BUY GROCERIES? DRINK COFFEE?
SEE MOVIES?

Help Temple Beth Israel at no additional cost while you do the things you always do. Buy gift cards for HEB, Wal-Mart, Cinemark, Starbucks, Target etc. before you go, and the Temple will receive a percentage.

Contact Alma F. Russek at 956-970-7722 or email to TempleBethIsraelharlingenTexas@gmail.com for more information.

MEMORIAL PLAQUES

RATES FOR MEMORIAL PLAQUES: Our rate for a memorial plaque on our memorial wall is \$350. Or you can buy two for \$600. Please contact any board member to purchase a memorial plaque.

PEWS

HONOR A LOVED ONE OR A SPECIAL OCCASION with an engraved plaque on a Pew. The cost is \$1,250. See any board member to make arrangements.

Thank You

*Stained glass,
Garnethill Synagogue,
Glasgow, Scotland
Photos: Tom Donald*



TO THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN LOVING MEMORY OF ROLLINS MILLER KOPPEL

- Dorothy D. Bemel
- Carrie Anna Roberts
- Paula C. Croxton
- James & Anne Denison
- David & Lois Day
- Joan & Lawrence Brotman, in loving memory of Rollins and Amy Koppel

IN LOVING MEMORY OF LEWIS LEVINE

- Bert & Jamie Wolf

IN LOVING MEMORY OF GERTRUDE GREENFELD

- Sam Greenfeld

TO THE GENERAL FUND

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| Isabel Mercado | in memory of Issac Rabinovich |
| | in memory of Eddie Burford |
| | Refua Shlema for my sister |
| | Ofelia Kimberlin |

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| Tamarah S. Spink | |
| David & Lois Day | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Larry & Patty Fallek | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Bobby & Robin Farris | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Lynn Heffler | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Alfred & Maria Hanz | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Norma Rabinovich | in memory of Issac Rabinovich |

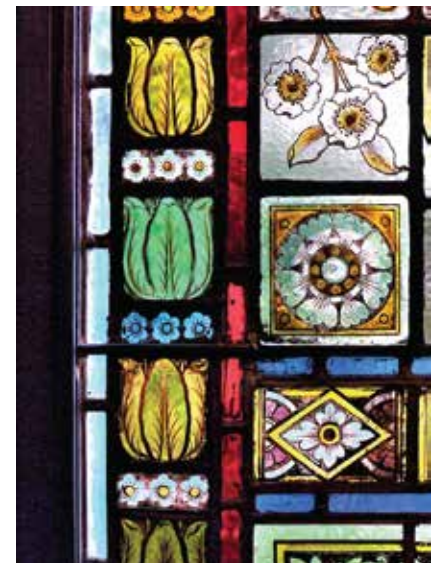
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| Berg William & Laurel Steinberg | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Judy Krause | memorial plaque for
Charles Jacob Davis |

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| Jane Burkholder | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Abby Warshowsky | |
| The Tudor & Katherine Uhlhorn Family | in memory of Lewis Levine |
| Rabbi Frank & Laurie Joseph | memorial plaque for Rollins Koppel |
| Robert Dicus | |



FOR THE SHABBAT BREAKFAST

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| Isabel Mercado | December kiddush in memory
of my sister Elvira Vargas Ramirez |
| Alma & Fernando Russek Jr. | in memory of Lewis Levine |



Temple Beth Israel 2017-2018 Calendar

AUGUST							NOVEMBER							FEBRUARY							MAY						
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OCTOBER							JANUARY 2018							APRIL							JULY						
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Temple Board meetings National/school holidays Jewish holiday/festival Religion School in session Rabbi Joseph in attendance 7:30 p.m. service 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shabbat services TBA 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 	<p>AUGUST</p> <p>1 Tisha B'Av</p> <p>5 Russek Bat Mitzvah</p> <p>SEPTEMBER</p> <p>10 School Registration/ first day of classes</p> <p>20 Erev Rosh Hashanah services</p> <p>21-22 Rosh Hashanah services</p> <p>29 Kol Nidre service</p> <p>30 Yom Kippur morning/afternoon Services, and break fast</p> <p>OCTOBER</p> <p>1 Sukkoh Decorating Day</p> <p>5-11 Sukkot</p> <p>6 Potluck in the Sukkoh</p> <p>8 Sunday School/Sukkot service</p> <p>11 Shmini Atseret, Erev Simhat Torah</p> <p>12 Simhat Torah</p>	<p>25 Annual Congregational Meeting, 1 p.m.</p> <p>30 Temple Clean Up and Work Day 10 a.m.-3 p.m.</p> <p>31-Apr. 6 Temple Community Seder, Erev Passover Passover</p> <p>APRIL</p> <p>11 Yom HaShoah</p> <p>18 Yom HaZikaron</p> <p>19 Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel Independence Day</p> <p>MAY</p> <p>3 Lag B'Omer</p> <p>19 Erev Shavuot, Services Shavuot</p> <p>JUNE</p> <p>9 Newman Bar Mitzvah</p> <p>JULY</p> <p>22 Tisha B'Av</p>	<p>5 Temple Work Day</p> <p>11 Movie Night</p> <p>DECEMBER</p> <p>12 Erev Chanukah, first candle Chanukah</p> <p>13-20 Shabbat Chanukah Service</p> <p>15 Religion School Chanukah party</p> <p>JANUARY</p> <p>26 Early services/Potluck Dinner</p> <p>28 Tu B'Shevat outing</p> <p>31 Tu B'Shevat</p> <p>FEBRUARY</p> <p>MARCH</p> <p>1 Purim Party, Megillah reading</p> <p>2 Purim</p>
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