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# BENJAMIN ELIAS NEWMAN

## *Bar Mitzvah*

June 8-9, 2018

Hello, my name is Benjamin Elias Newman, and it would be great if you were able to attend my Bar Mitzvah Friday, June 8th and Saturday, June 9th for the reading of the Torah portion, "Shelach."

After I have my Bar Mitzvah, I plan to explore new paths and options and will become a man. Becoming a man will not be hard, but committing to the mental and spiritual growth of becoming a man, will present a challenge I will accept. As a man, I plan to represent and serve G-d, myself, my family, and my community. I will also learn to commit and experience the rest of my life as a successful man; and it would be a pleasure to have you all come and see me and witness the beginning of my journey.



*Evening shabbat service and oneg in honor of Benjamin: 7 p.m. Friday, June 8  
Morning service 10 a.m. Saturday, June 9, with kiddush luncheon and celebration to follow*

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

A lot of good things happened in between newsletters this time. We were busy with celebrations and lots of personal simchas.

We had the voting for Board of Directors in March, here are the results:

Richard Fourzan, President  
Bruce Landsman, Vice-President  
Christine Newman, Secretary  
Alma Russek, Treasurer  
Chuy Silguero, Member  
Bill Berg, Member

We also had our community Passover seder which was, as always, a total success.

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# Calendar

## JUNE

### 8-10 *Rabbi in town*

- 8 Shabbat service, 7 p.m.
- 9 Shabbat service, 10 a.m. Newman Bar Mitzvah

## JULY

### 20-22 *Rabbi in town*

- 20 Shabbat service, 7:30
- 21 Shabbat service, 9 a.m. with breakfast and discussion following
- 22 Tisha B'Av

## AUGUST

### 10-12 *Rabbi in town*

- 10 Shabbat service, 7:30
- 11 Shabbat service, 9 a.m. with breakfast and discussion following
- 26 Board meeting

## SEPTEMBER

- 2 School Registration/ first day of classes
- 7-11 *Rabbi in town*
- 7 Shabbat service, 7:30
- 8 Shabbat service, 9 a.m. with breakfast and discussion following
- 9 Erev Rosh Hashanah services
- 10-11 Rosh Hashanah services
- 18-19 *Rabbi in town*
- 18 Kol Nidre service
- 19 Yom Kippur morning/afternoon Services, and break fast

# 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

- June 8: Newman Family
- July 20: Dyan Banks, Shirley and Jerry Sondock

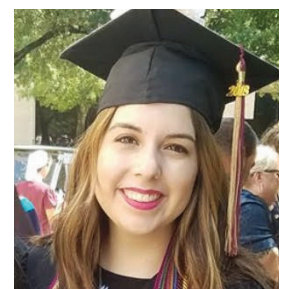
## NEWS AND NOTES

- MAZEL TOV to the new and renewed **board members** elected in March (*see FROM THE PRESIDENT, Page 1*). THANK YOU, **Tammy Spink**, for your service on the board! We appreciate the time and effort all board members spend to keep the Temple running smoothly.
- MAZEL TOV to **Mijael Silguero**, who graduated from 5th grade on May 31. He will be entering middle school at Memorial Middle School in Harlingen.
- MAZEL TOV to **Christian Andrew Newman**, who graduated from 5th grade on May 24. He will be entering Memorial Middle School in Harlingen.
- MAZEL TOV to **Braulio Gaytan** on his graduation from South Harlingen High School. Braulio has enlisted in the U.S. Navy.



- MAZEL TOV to **Adriana Gonzalez** on her graduation from New York University with honors. She will enter the PhD program in Biomedical Engineering at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, Maryland
- MAZEL TOV to **Tonatiuh Gonzalez** on his graduation from Science Academy of South Texas as the 2018 Valedictorian. He will be attending Harvey Mudd College in Claremont, California as a Presidential Scholar. He plans to pursue a major in Computational Biology and Mathematics.

- MAZEL TOV to **Rachel Russek**, who graduated with a bachelor's degree in biochemistry from Texas State University. She is seeking employment. (*See a statement from Rachel on Page 3.*)



# Celebrations

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 6/29 Harry & Elizabeth Holzman
- 8/14 Gilbert & Susy Weisberg
- 8/19 Luis Gonzalez & Abby Warshowsky
- 8/25 Rabbi Frank & Laurie Joseph

## BIRTHDAYS

- 6/3 Benjamin Newman
- 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
- 8/5 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 Isaac 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

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## ON GRADUATION

Wow, where have the years gone? Four years ago, I attended my first college Jewish event in a small apartment filled with students with a vision, a vision to have a student Jewish community. Now as a graduating senior, I get to see and experience this very vision come true. Getting where I am today was not easy, but it was worth it because the Jewish people are my family.



Being able to serve as the President of Jewish Bobcats at Texas State was an honor, and I only hope to see my organization grow and expand to its full potential. Not only did I have the opportunity to act as a leader, but I was able to be a tutor, an instructional assistant for junior biochemistry labs, and a research assistant. I couldn't have asked for a better way to end my undergrad.

My undergrad taught me many things but it most importantly taught me four lessons. To remember to laugh until I cry, because a day without laughter is a day wasted. To remember that my studies are important, but a book can't teach me about life. To remember to pursue the opportunities given to me despite how scary they will be, because in the end I'll be a better person. And lastly, to remember to reach out to a fellow Jew and invite them into my home, because you never know the effect it can have on both of you.

— Rachel Russek

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Thanks to all who volunteered to help clean the temple, set up the tables, cook, serve, provide entertainment, etc. We had a blast and we fulfilled the mitzvah to tell the story of the exodus so many years ago.

Soon after, we had a private, intimate, and quiet day of introspection with Yom Ha'Shoah, to remember all those fallen victims of wars, hatred, and disaster.

A couple of days later we had a regal celebration of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 70th year of independence celebration. This was certainly a grand gathering with music, Israeli food, laughter, and over 100 Israeli flags (that I counted) waving throughout the temple. We sang Ha'Tikvah and offered a service with Rabbi Joseph in honor of the day. It was a great time to be with fellow congregants and friends.

May you have a restful summer and I hope to see you soon. Until the next Sim Shalom, may your Shavuot harvest be a good one.

— Richard Fourzan

# BLOOD DRIVE AND KOSHER BARBEQUE May 6



## Thank You

### TO THE GENERAL FUND

Isabel Mercado

In Honor of Tammy Spinks  
Patty Gaytan's Birthday  
In Memory of Raul Lopez, z"l  
Nataniel Gaytan's graduation  
Tona Gonzalez valedictorian  
of South Texas High School  
In Memory of Max Siporin  
In Memory of Al Levine  
In Memory of Hunter Turberville  
In Memory of Pedro Guzman, z"l  
In Memory of Luis Vargas Sr. z"l  
In Honor & Appreciation of all the  
mothers of Temple Beth Israel

Laurel Steinberg & Bill Berg  
Sandra Rodriguez  
Robert & Rebecca Dicus  
Geoffrey & Rossan Bogorad  
Dr. Stan Fisch  
Richard Fourzan  
Jacinto Reyes  
Julian Reyes

In Honor of Yom Ha'Atzmaut, Israel's 70th Anniversary  
Donation for Passover tablecloths and chair covers  
Donation  
Donation  
In Honor of the services of our board members  
Aliyot  
Donation in Honor Passover  
Donation

### FOR THE SHABBAT BREAKFAST

Victor & Judy DeLeon  
Isabel Mercado in Loving Memory  
of her late husband, Alex Mercado

### TO THE RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Victor & Judy DeLeon  
Mary Ann Hille in Loving  
Memory of Rollins Miller Koppel

# Temple Beth Israel 2017-2018 Calendar

AUGUST							NOVEMBER							FEBRUARY							MAY						
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OCTOBER							JANUARY 2018							APRIL							JULY						
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**Temple Board meetings**

**National/school holidays**

**Jewish holiday/festival**

**Religion School in session**

**Rabbi Joseph in attendance**

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

**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

**NOVEMBER**

5 Temple Work Day

11 Movie Night

**DECEMBER**

12 Erev Chanukah, first candle

13-20 Chanukah

15 Shabbat Chanukah Service

17 Religion School Chanukah party

**JANUARY**

26 Early services/Potluck Dinner

28 Tu B'Shevat outing

31 Tu B'Shevat

**FEBRUARY**

**MARCH**

1 Purim Party, Megillah reading

2 Purim

**AUGUST**

1 Tisha B'Av

5 Russek Bat Mitzvah

**SEPTEMBER**

10 School Registration/ first day of classes

20 Erev Rosh Hashanah services

21-22 Rosh Hashanah services

29 Kol Nidre service

30 Yom Kippur morning/afternoon Services, and break fast

**OCTOBER**

1 Sukkoh Decorating Day

5-11 Sukkot

6 Potluck in the Sukkoh

8 Sunday School/Sukkot service

11 Shmini Atseret, Erev Simhat Torah

12 Simhat Torah

25 Annual Congregational Meeting, 1 p.m.

30 Temple Clean Up and Work Day 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

31-Apr. 6 Temple Community Seder, Erev Passover Passover

**APRIL**

11 Yom HaShoah

18 Yom HaZikaron

19 Yom HaAtzma'ut, Israel Independence Day

**MAY**

3 Lag B'Omer

19 Erev Shavuot, Services

20-21 Shavuot

**JUNE**

9 Newman Bar Mitzvah

**JULY**

22 Tisha B'Av