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A Time To Deepen Jewish Commitment



Summer used to be a retreat from busy schedules and daily routines. Today, it's difficult to retreat completely from the world's noise and busy-ness, because we're digitally connected everywhere we go. Though I would urge us to retreat by unplugging for a break, there is a reason not to this summer.

The world is buzzing with commotion and change. For us, the most critical commotion and change is the rise in anti-Semitic attacks and incidents. In the last year, two deadly synagogue attacks occurred in Pittsburgh and San Diego, but they weren't the only anti-Semitic attacks. According to the ADL, the attack at the Tree of Life Synagogue in Pittsburgh was but one of 39 physical assaults reported on Jewish individuals in 2018, a startling 105% increase from 2017. At no other time in America has anti-Semitism been on the rise as it is, today. Jews in America have reasons to worry, but it would do us no good. Better to transform worry into action that creates tolerance, understanding and peace.

At Congregation Beth Israel, the New Year will be focused on lifelong learning dedicated to understanding Jewish history, modern Jewish thought, and insights into the future of Jews and Judaism in America. Scholars and authors such as Dr. Deborah Lipstadt will join us for comprehensive programs in order to prepare ourselves to be our own best advocates. Bigotry, racism and xenophobia must be met with more than passion; they must be met with education, understanding and self-respect.

Education is vital. We must know our people's history in order to know how to prepare for our future. Understanding is critical. We must be able to navigate this era with insights into our people's outlook on world events and our place in them. Self-respect is essential. We must initiate our own response and advocacy from a place of Jewish pride and hope. We do not have to defend ourselves as Jews; rather, we must defend our right to be exactly who we are without apology.

Let us work towards a day when the world's noise is from news about mutual respect between peoples and examples of compassion for the most vulnerable among us. Then our prayer will be fulfilled: changed hearts will create enduring understanding between us.

David Lyon

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Rabbi Lyon on the Radio

Rabbi David Lyon can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:45 a.m. on KODA, Sunny 99.1 FM radio. See page 11 to listen as a podcast.

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2019 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting of the Congregation was held on **Tuesday, June 4th**. President, **Irving Stern**, gave his "State of the Congregation" to a large crowd of attending members of the congregation in Wolff-Toomim Hall. He recounted many of our achievements this past year.

Stern also pointed out that the Congregation is in a strong financial position, and he praised the members of the Congregation, the elected officers and trustees, and the staff for their committed effort to maintain Beth Israel's financial strength.

New trustees were elected to the Board of Trustees and include the following new board members: **Jon Saikin**, **Dan Schlanger** and **Caren Sweetland**. We thanked our outgoing board members, **Debbie Kaplan**, **Mark Levine**, **Michael Sachs**, and **Robert Shoss**, for their dedication and valuable contributions to the Temple.

Several wonderful, well-deserved honors were awarded throughout the evening. This year's Patrick Colbert Volunteer of the Year Award recipient was **Warren Rich**. The Volunteer Spirit Award winners were **Anne Diskin**, **Ed Fastow**, **Jenifer Nech**, and **Ricki Weinstein**. The Karff Scholar Award was presented to high school seniors **Eli Maieron** and **Arielle Ollagnon**. Past President **Joseph Chesnick, Jr.** awarded the Ensign Jerry Bailes Award to tenth-grader **William Rosen**. The 4th Annual Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship Award was presented to **Ryan Charnov**. We are so grateful to have such wonderful volunteers who devote their time and talents to the service of others, and such bright minds that represent our congregation beautifully. Mazel Tov to all our award winners!



David Scott and Volunteer Spirit Award winners Ed Fastow, Ricki Weinstein and Jenifer Nech.



Rabbi David Lyon and Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship recipient Ryan Charnov.



Karff Scholar Award winner Arielle Ollagnon and Rabbi David Lyon.



Joseph Chesnick, Jr., Irving Stern, Ensign Jerry Bailes Award winner William Rosen and Rabbi David Lyon.

Welcome Rabbi Steinman



Welcome **Rabbi Eleanor "Ellie" Steinman** to Congregation Beth Israel. Rabbi Steinman will join our clergy team in July 2019, and begin to make her imprint on our congregational family with her years of experience, maturity, creativity, and eye on excellence in Jewish life.

Rabbi Steinman has been described as a "natural born leader with a zeal and passion for social justice and human rights equality." Rabbi Steinman was born in Los Angeles, CA and spent her teenage years in a suburb of St. Paul, MN. She graduated from Brandeis University with a Bachelor of Arts in history. In 2003, Rabbi Steinman enrolled at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. She received a Master of Hebrew Letters degree in 2006 and rabbinic ordination in 2008. During the period of time as a rabbinical student, Rabbi Steinman worked with Congregation B'nai David in Visalia, CA, Har Shalom Congregation in Missoula, MT and Congregation Kol Ami in West Hollywood, CA.

Upon her ordination, Rabbi Steinman moved to Canada to serve Temple Sinai Congregation of Toronto as Assistant Rabbi. After three years, Rabbi Steinman decided to return to California to continue her education and enrolled at the Rhea Hirsch School of Education of the Hebrew Union College -

Jewish Institute of Religion, where she received a Master's Degree in Jewish Education in May 2012.

Rabbi Steinman served as a board member of the Pacific Association of Reform Rabbis and was the Southern California representative for the Women's Rabbinic Network. She is also a proud member of the Central Conference of American Rabbis and the Association of Reform Jewish Educators. At this time Rabbi Steinman serves on the Convention Committee of the CCAR. In this capacity she works on the team to plan and execute the annual convening of Reform Rabbis. From July 2012-June 2013, Rabbi Steinman served as the Executive Director of California Faith for Equality, an interfaith organization that educates, organizes and supports California's faith communities to promote equality for LGBT people and to safeguard religious freedoms. Rabbi Steinman served as the Director of Programs and Fund Development for A Wider Bridge, an organization that serves to inspire LGBTQ Jews to deepen their Jewish identity through connection to Israel. Rabbi Steinman is proud to be married to **Rabbi Denise L. Eger**, Past President of CCAR.

Welcome Rabbi Steinman. She has already made an impression on those who have had the pleasure to meet her. Our New Year is looking sweeter, as we anticipate a robust and engaging year of worship, learning and community.

Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky, Returning October 2019

Our Rabbinic Intern **Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky** visited us in March for two weeks as part of the John and Suzanne Golden Hanassi Rabbinical Fellows Program, which is a fellowship that brings Israeli rabbinical students to the United States to learn more about American Judaism. David is an Israeli rabbinical student who is completing his final year of rabbinic studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion. He will be ordained as a rabbi in November 2019 and will continue to serve a community of Israelis near Be'er Sheva in the southern part of Israel.



Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky at the Houston Kosher Chili Cookoff.

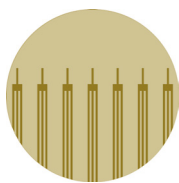
During his time with us in March, David participated in many programs at the Temple, taught classes, assisted with service leading, led Torah study, and found time to enjoy Houston, especially the Houston Rodeo and the Houston Kosher Chili Cookoff. Special thanks to **Scott Cantor** and

Lisa Stone and to **Sheila** and **Stanley Horn** for hosting him in their home during his time with us. We look forward to David's return to Beth Israel for ten days in **October** during Sukkot.

If you didn't get a chance to meet David in March, make sure to spend time with him in October! For more information, or if you would like to host David during his stay with us, please contact David Scott at dscott@beth-israel.org or (713) 771-6221, ext. 612.



Dr. David Barak-Gorodetsky led a class on connecting children to Judaism.



THE MARGOLIS GALLERY

of Congregation Beth Israel

The Margolis Gallery committee invites you to share an exciting new season of art! The freshly renovated Gallery looks fantastic and is ready to host an outstanding array of exhibits beginning in the early fall. We can't wait to share the beauty, so mark your calendar now!

SAVE THE DATE: September 19th

“Pointing the Way” – Barr Foundation Yad Collection

A magnificent exhibition of 200+ yads created by a diverse group of talented artists will grace The Margolis Gallery this September. Collected from many counties around the world, this extensive display includes “pointers” fabricated using every material and method imaginable – silver, ivory, gold, ebony, filigree, gilt, paper, steel and more. **Clay Barr**, collector and Founder of The Barr Foundation, will share her insights surrounding this one-of-a-kind yad collection.

COMING SOON...

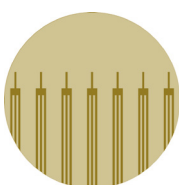
“Spotlight on Joseph” – Houston-based artist **Barbara Hines** explores the complicated, yet timeless life of Joseph through mixed media works on paper and works on canvas.

Private Home Art Collection Tour – Enjoy an art-filled day featuring an up-close-and-personal look of treasured local art collections in homes of “Friends of Margolis Gallery.”

BECOME A MEMBER:

Please consider becoming a paid member of The Margolis Gallery, and enjoy selective, enhanced benefits like private home tours of major art collectors, uniquely-curated travel programs, and cocktail gatherings.

For membership information, call **David Scott** at (713) 771-6221, ext. 612.



ABIDE

Advocacy At Beth Israel through
Diversity and Education

Advocacy at Beth Israel for Diversity through Education (ABIDE) is on the verge of starting several big projects!

First, committee members have been trained by **Rabbi David Segal**, RAC-TX coordinator, to staff **Rabbi David Lyon's** request for “house meetings” or “community conversations” for Beth Israel congregants.

We will soon offer several dates and locations for people to gather and share their concerns and priorities for our congregation's continuing social justice work.

Second, several committee members, along with Rabbi Lyon, met with Houston Police Chief **Art Acevedo** and his staff. He was extremely interested, and appreciative, of our plan to create a

gun safety campaign in concert with the Muslim community. He is fully committed to working with us to strengthen the message and outreach of this effort. We are all aware of the dire need for more gun safety; we want to coordinate this project with existing gun safety advocates in Houston.

Finally, several of us met with Texas Representative **Lizzie Fletcher** to follow up on our conversation through TMO (The Metropolitan Organization, which does community organizing) before she was elected. She very much wants to stay connected with us; she'd like to learn results of our community conversations so she can be more responsive to us as her constituents.

Please contact **Lisa Stone**, ABIDE Co-Chair, at lestone@aya.yale.edu, if you'd like to be part of our upcoming work.

New Knitting & Crocheting Group

Calling all knitters and crocheters! Are you interested in schmoozing, noshing, and making new friends while creating special gifts for our community at Texas Children's Hospital, MD Anderson, and other hospitals where our fellow congregants are being treated? If your answer is "yes!" please join Congregation Beth Israel's new mitzvah interest group.

We are also collecting any extra yarn and needles you can spare, or what you no longer use. If interested, please contact Dani Gardner at (713) 771-6221, ext. 630, or email dgardner@beth-israel.org.



CALLING ALL BAKERS!

We need your help to keep our Oneg Shabbats sweet! We're seeking volunteers to bake cookies for our Onegs. To volunteer for this delicious mitzvah, please contact Marsha Gilbert at eventmanager@beth-israel.org or (713) 771-622, ext. 336.



Congregation Beth Israel is looking to start a social group of players for Mah Jongg. We will play Mah Jongg using the current 2019 National Mah Jongg League card and rules with a \$5.00 kitty.

Beginners to Advanced players, familiar with tiles and National Mah Jongg League game rules, are welcome to join. Instruction will be given only when we have four or five beginners wanting to learn. We will try to set up different games with beginners or advanced players.

This group will host a fun afternoon on the third Monday of each month. Bring your sets, cards, and friends! If interested, please contact Dani Gardner at (713) 771-6221, ext. 630, or email dgardner@beth-israel.org with your name, address and contact information. Also, feel free to let us know what day or evening works best for you!

IT'S MORE CONVENIENT THAN EVER TO PAY YOUR FAIR SHARE OR MAKE A DONATION

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Mazel Tov to Our Members!

Mazel Tov to our congregant **Leslie Contreras Schwartz** on being selected as Houston's fourth poet laureate! Over her two-year term, Leslie will receive a \$20,000 honorarium to put towards her special projects:

- Outreach to people with mental illness and mental health workers,
- Conducting 8 workshops in partnership with Houston Public Library,
- and mentoring the Houston Youth Poet Laureate.

Mazel Tov, Leslie!

Mazel Tov to our congregant **Bob Hill**, who received the 2019 Volunteer of the Year award from the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center.

Mazel Tov, Bob!

Yahrzeit and Cemetery News

Yahrzeit Plaques for Sanctuary Memorial Wall

The deadline to order Sanctuary Memorial Wall yahrzeit plaques for the 2019 High Holidays is **July 12th**. You may find an order form online on www.beth-israel.org/yahrzeit. Plaques may be ordered throughout the year, but if you would like your plaque installed for the High Holidays, your order must be postmarked, dropped off, emailed or faxed by the July 12th deadline. If you have any questions, please contact our Cemetery Director, Kathy Parven, at kparven@beth-israel.org or (713) 771-6221 ext. 310.

Yahrzeit Change Requests

If you wish to change a yahrzeit observance date, please contact Kathy Parven by noon on the Thursday of the observance Shabbat to ensure the request can be fulfilled for both the Friday Night Guide and the clergy Kaddish list. Requests may be sent via email or phone call. Please note that yahrzeit plaques are lit on the actual yahrzeit Shabbat remembrance date and Yizkor, not on any observance date changed by families.

Condolence Notices

Condolence notices for our Temple family are distributed with the permission of the deceased's family, and the timing of these notices is dictated by the family's request and our receipt of the information. We appreciate your patience and understanding of our families' preferences about how and when their loss is publicized.



Restored chandelier earned Congregation Beth Israel a Good Brick Award.

Good Brick Award

Congregation Beth Israel was recently awarded a Good Brick Award from Preservation Houston at its annual Cornerstone dinner. The winners were unveiled in the *Houston Chronicle*, and **Carol Desenberg** and **Michael Farnell** represented the synagogue at the event to accept the award.

Preservation Houston has presented the Good Brick Awards since 1979 to

recognize outstanding contributions to the preservation, restoration, and enhancement of Houston's architectural and cultural heritage. Nomination categories include the renovation, restoration, or adaptive reuse of a building; new buildings or sympathetic additions that enhance the existing historic fabric of Houston; recognition for the craftspeople who continually maintain, build, and restore our important buildings and cultural fabric; preservation-related programs or activities; project planning; publications; and outstanding service or leadership in preservation.

Congregation Beth Israel was chosen as a recipient in recognition of the restoration of the classic Art Deco chandelier in the 1935 Temple of Rest Mausoleum at the W. Dallas cemetery. The project, managed by our Cemetery Director **Kathy Parven**, took nearly a year to complete.

The award will be displayed along our history walls, and the mausoleum with its historic chandelier will be included in next year's tour of Preservation Houston Good Brick Award winners. The story of the restoration and photos can be found on our website at www.beth-israel.org/cemetery.

Beth Israel Cemeteries: A Sacred Task

A Jewish cemetery is a sacred space. Upon entering Beth Israel Memorial Gardens on Antoine or Beth Israel Cemetery on West Dallas Street, we encounter our past and our legacy. At first, we accompany our loved ones to their final resting places and accustom ourselves, through meaningful rituals and time, to the power of memory. Later, we set up a marker on the grave, as Jacob did for his beloved Rachel (Genesis 35:20). Specially chosen words on the granite marker highlight our beloved's essential gifts that endure in perpetuity.

Our goal is to preserve the sanctity of the cemeteries, so we invite you to participate with us in maintaining our promises to all our beloveds who rest in peace in our sacred spaces.

FLOWERS AND GREENERY. Only fresh flowers may be placed at the graveside. Though flowers are more common in happy settings, they're not forbidden in the cemetery, in moderation. However, plastic flowers and greenery pose a threat to wildlife and are obstacles to proper maintenance of the grounds. They will be removed.

STONES. The custom to place a small stone on the grave is longstanding. It represents a person's visit and respect to the deceased. Stones from your yard or elsewhere are welcome, but please refrain from taking them from the meditation pool. All stones will be removed periodically for general maintenance of the cemetery grounds. Another visit might be arranged to place a new stone, perhaps on the yahrzeit anniversary or at the High Holy Days.

TREES. A comprehensive plan is underway to preserve the beautiful trees that are standing, to replace trees that have died, and to make safe any trees that pose risks in inclement weather. The plan includes placement of mature trees to enable us to enjoy their beauty now as they were intended.

Our cemeteries, first established in 1844, ten years before the congregation, are reflections of our sacred duty to our beloved dead. As we perpetuate their memories and maintain their final resting places, please know that Beth Israel performs this mitzvah with an active Cemetery Committee under the leadership of **Ronnie Ladin** and **Richard Kaplan**, and supported by **Kathy Parven**, Beth Israel Cemetery Director. If you have questions or wish to contribute to this sacred task, please reach Kathy Parven at kparven@beth-israel.org.

1949 Confirmation Class Reunion

Written by **Gwynne Ross**, daughter of **Dodie Gaber**

Congregation Beth Israel Confirmation Class of 1949 celebrated 70 years of friendship together on **Friday, May 3rd**. The Confirmation Class began the day at the Grotto restaurant with lunch and conversation that ranged from past experiences together to present day issues, to the class members who have left this earth but will always be remembered.

In the evening, the Class of 1949 met again at Beth Israel to be blessed by **Rabbi David Lyon** during the **6:30 p.m.** service. The original pamphlet from the 1949 Confirmation service was used by Rabbi Lyon to take the congregation on a trip back in time. The pamphlet stated that the 1949 Confirmation service

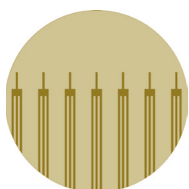
was held at the First Presbyterian Church on Main St., as Beth Israel on Holman Street was under construction at the time. The ceremony was presided over by the **Reverend Dr. Hyman Judah Schachtel** and the **Reverend Dr. Henry Barnston**.

Rabbi Lyon read through the list of 1949 Confirmation Class members and highlighted the parts they each had read and the songs that they all sang. The service brought the memories back and created laughter and a few tears.

Special thanks to Rabbi Lyon for making the Friday evening service so very memorable for this special group of friends.



Standing (L-R): Joel Brochstein, Renee Cohen Gugenheim, Malcolm Lowell Mazow, Frances Friedman Hyman, Sara Jo 'Dodie' Kline Gaber, Barbara Baumohl Miller, Nanette Breitenbach Finger, Sally Meyer Goldstein, Max S. Levit and Morton B. Seline; Seated: Harry Aaron Zuber and Paula Jean Levy Friedlander.



MIRIAM BROWNING JEWISH LEARNING CENTER of Congregation Beth Israel

Registration for the 2019-2020 year at the MBJLC is now open! It's never too early to sign up for this dynamic Jewish learning experience. Children who will be four or older by Yom Kippur (give or take) have a home at the MBJLC.

For more information and to register, please contact Rebecca Ramsey at (713) 771-6221, ext. 313 or rramsey@beth-israel.org. You may also register on our website through your member portal.

MBJLC Confirmation Class of 2019



Back Row (L-R): Rabbi Chase Foster, Rabbi Adrienne Scott, Rabbi David Lyon and David Scott; **Second Row:** Cantor Star Trompeter, Alex Hendin and William Rosen; **Front Row:** Bailey Maierson, Charlotte Durham, Serenella Seba and Stephanie Davis; **Not Pictured:** Olivia Lorber and Maya Ollagnon.

Basic Judaism Class Begins Tuesday, September 10th

Register now to take part in our Basic Judaism class! This 11-week course begins on **Tuesday, September 10th**. The class will meet weekly at Congregation Beth Israel in the Lewis President's Room from **6:30 to 7:45 p.m.** and is open to the public.

The class will be taught by our clergy members and educators. The course will feature a variety of presentations, discussions and holiday celebrations. You can learn the answers to some basic questions:

What are some deeper explanations of our holidays?

What does the Talmud include?

What do Jews understand of the afterlife?

Do not let another year go by without uncovering the answers to these questions and more!

Please make plans to join the Fall 2019 Basic Judaism class. Whether you are interested in conversion or just want to learn more about Judaism, this is the class for you! The registration fee for this course is \$54. The course books must be purchased separately. For more information and to register, please contact Cherrell Woolley in Rabbi Adrienne Scott's office at (713) 771-6221, ext. 329 or cwoolley@beth-israel.org. Class size is limited.

Congratulations to The Shlenker School Graduating Class of 2019!



Mini-Tots & Baby Hour

Shlenker's Early Childhood Developmental Playgroups will continue throughout the summer. Mini-Tots, for children "walking" up to 24 months will meet on **Tuesday mornings from 9:00-10:30 a.m. - June 11th, 18th and 25th and July 2nd and 9th.** Baby hour, for children 6 months up to "walking" meets on **Tuesday mornings from 10:30-11:30 a.m. - June 11th, 18th and 25th and July 2nd and 9th.**



For more information, please contact Early Childhood Division Head, Janna Barnhart at (713) 270-6127, ext. 617 or jbarnhart@shlenker.org.

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KEHILLAH

High

Mazel Tov, Kehillah High Class of 2019!

The Kehillah High community came together on Tuesday evening, April 30th, at Congregation Beth Yeshurun, to celebrate the completion of its fourth year and the 16 students in this year's graduating class. **Arielle Ollagnon**, one of the 16 graduates, played the violin as the rest of her classmates walked into the Sanctuary and took their seats. **Danielle Alexander**, Director of Kehillah High, proudly stated, "These graduates have attended Kehillah High for the past four years, participating in four years of the weekly program and multiple grade-specific immersive experiences. They've actively participated in the program's development and growth from the very beginning."

Rabbi Brian Strauss of Congregation Beth Yeshurun gave a warm welcome to attendees and a charge to the graduates. During the last trimester the seniors had the opportunity to engage in learning with **Rabbi David Lyon**, Rabbi Strauss and **Rabbi Ranon Teller** before graduating. **Barbara Loeser** gave the keynote address this year. Barbara based her remarks on Hillel's words "If I am not for myself, who will be for me? But if I am only for myself, who am I? If not now, when?" and related it to the seniors' lives.

Graduating seniors **Marissa Kapp**, **Carol Lahana**, and **Asher Moskowitz** spoke on behalf of the graduating class. They all shared that being part of Kehillah High taught them the value

of being part of a Jewish community. Asher shared, "I look forward to continuing to build on what I learned at Kehillah High at college and beyond by always finding a Jewish community that I can feel a part of and that challenges me to see things from a different perspective."

The students all received diplomas and tzedakah boxes. Danielle explained, "Today we are giving you each a tzedakah box. We hope you will find organizations you are passionate about to support, both with your time and resources."

At the conclusion of the ceremony, clergy from each of the three partnering congregations joined together to bless the graduates. The ceremony was followed by a beautiful dessert reception honoring the graduates.

Kehillah High is our community education program for Jewish teens in grades 8-12. It is a multi-denominational partnership between Congregation Beth Israel, Congregation Beth Yeshurun and Congregation Brith Shalom, partly funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and Houston Jewish Community Foundation. Over 130 Jewish teens come together for meaningful Jewish learning and engagement every week. Clergy, education directors and community leaders in our community facilitate the classes. As part of their senior year at Kehillah High, the students have the opportunity to attend AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, D.C. to learn how to advocate on behalf of a strong United States-Israel relationship, and educate decision makers about the importance of this relationship.

Kehillah High kicks off its fifth year on **Wednesday, September 18th, at 7:30 p.m.** at Congregation Beth Israel. To register or for more information, please visit www.kehillahhouston.org.

KEHILLAH HIGH CLASS OF 2019



Back Row (L-R): Cantor Mark Levine, Congregation Brith Shalom, Eli Maieron, Alex Galor, Daniel Johary, Asher Moskowitz and Rabbi Chase Foster; **Second Row:** Sheryl Eskowitz, Congregation Beth Yeshurun, Erica Altman, Alex Cortez, Marissa Kapp, Rabbi Adrienne Scott and David Scott; **Front Row:** Arielle Ollagnon, Emma Fiesinger, Benjamin Yifrach, Carol Lahana, Danielle Alexander and Sarah Tomlinson. **Not Pictured:** Sebastian Altman, Brady Brazda, Ethan Lovy and Robert McGill.

LIBRARY NEWS

The Readers Group

The Beth Israel Readers Group is taking a summer break to catch up on our leisure reading. Watch for announcements of a summer film in the Library!

An exciting fall lineup is scheduled, including:

September 18th: *Becoming* by Michelle Obama. **Wayne Dorris** has offered to lead the discussion of this fascinating autobiography.

October 16th: *A Tale of Love and Darkness* by Amos Oz. In memory of this stellar Israeli author, we will be discussing this with **Alisa Golan** as facilitator.

SAVE THE DATE:
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5780

Rosh Hashanah | September 29-30, 2019
Yom Kippur | October 8-9, 2019

Welcome New Members!

Charles Allerhand	Howard Novick
Asuncion Becerril & Joussef Jerade	Kate & Karl Novick
Ashley & Sam Boyar	Mollie Pokrass & Justin Blacher
Linda Caplan	Ashley & Andrew Shidler
Sarah Chalos & Jeff Leiber	Samantha Spector
Adina and Evan Cohen	Lauren Strauss & Doug Walter
Charlett & Marshall Frumin	Alexandra Weise
Freddie & Paul Lesser	Courtney & John Young
Kathy & Tim Moriarity	

SUMMER HOURS

The Schachtel Library will be open **Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.**, and Librarian **Judy Weidman** will be available for assistance. The School Librarian, **Marilyn Arlen**, is off for the summer. Watch for occasional notices of summer closures in the eNews and Friday Night Guides.

Remember the *Library Catalog* is available online 24-hours-a-day. Go to www.beth-israel.org/library. Requests for reserves can be sent to Judy at jweidman@beth-israel.org, or by direct phone at (713) 820-6410.

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION (continued from page 16)

DEATHS

Renee Spolane

Mother of David and Marlene Spolane, Robin Sofer, and Ronny and Yvonne Spolane; sister of Jay and Joan Abramson; sister-in-law of Rolaine Abramson

Dorothea Tanenbaum

Mother of Teresa and Martin Stoger, Richard and Glenna Tanenbaum, Isabel and James Mika, and David and Yosely Tanenbaum

Gerald Tashnek

Son of Isobel Tashnek; father of David Tashnek and Natalie Tashnek; brother of Ron and Patricia Tashnek, and Nancy and Paul Mitchell

Rhoda Toubine

Sally Wider

Wife of Eliezer Wider; mother of Einat and Eran Yaari, Tal and Ella Wider, Ron and Nitzan Wider; Sister of Miri and Matti Kropero

Stay Connected

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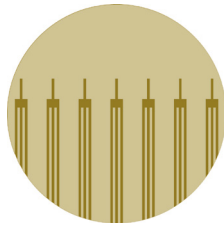
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**Madeline Rose Kaye to
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Madeline is the
daughter Emily and
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the son of Joanie
and Chuck Weiner;
grandson of the late
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