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MARCH 2020 BULLETIN

SAVE THE DATES

Save a Life Day

9:30am Sunday, March 29

Lyon Cohen Symposium

6:15pm doors open
7pm program starts
Thursday, April 2

Beautiful, Too

A Carole King Shabbat

6:30pm Friday, April 3

Shlenker School Gala

7pm Saturday, April 4

Second Night Seder

6pm Thursday, April 9

WT Distinguished Lecture

Series – Dr. Stephen Klineberg

7pm Tuesday, April 14

Genealogy Lecture Series

– Dr. Jacqueline T. Hecht

10am April 26

Last Day of MBJLC

& Shlenker School Carnival

Sunday, May 3

Confirmation

6:30pm Friday, May 15

Humanity and Justice will Prevail



families even more so than Chanukah. But, Shavuot, which comes this year in late May, is often misunderstood.

On the Jewish calendar, there are three pilgrimage holidays: Sukkot, Passover and Shavuot. They are times when our ancient ancestors made a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. Still, today, we hold Festival Services on the first and last days of the holiday, including “yizkor” memorial prayers. We easily recall Sukkot, because it comes five days after Yom Kippur, and the Sukkah welcomes us and our guests to wave the lulav and spend time in the fragile booth. Passover needs no explanation, because it remains one of the most important holidays to Jewish

Shavuot is the holiday that comes fifty days after Passover. As Passover celebrates redemption, Shavuot celebrates revelation. At Mount Sinai, the Torah was revealed and given to the Israelites who waited for God’s teachings. The holiday is also called, “Z’mán Matan Torateinu,” the season of the giving of Torah. The Torah portion for the holiday is the Ten Commandments, from Exodus 20, and in some synagogues the congregation rises during the Torah reading to emulate the Israelites who stood at Sinai.

Earlier this year, our scholar-in-residence, Rabbi Ofek Meir, from Leo Baeck Education Center in Haifa, Israel, taught that Torah and Truth were given at Sinai. It came to the Israelite people from the mountaintop. Ever since that time, Truth would come from the people. That is, Truth entered the world with Torah, and now it is our obligation to lift up Truth from the earth to all the places where it’s needed.

There is no question but that our world is hungry for Truth. With a capital “T,” it is a truth that is beyond relative contemporary understandings of what is truth. This Truth is without qualification for it is inextricably linked to religious values that have come down to us, not just from a mountain, but also from generations past. Truth is undeniable and no despot or dictator, from Haman to Hitler, can alter it forever. Ultimately, Truth contains a power that still emanates from the high place from which it came and still inspires the people who stood up to receive it. Though we stand far from those days, it is the same Torah and the same Truth that we receive. And, it is the same Torah and Truth that sustained our people to see another day after periods of darkness and despair.

Even now, when our world hungers for truth, again, rest assured that Torah Truth, in able hands, will prevail. Rabbi Samson Raphael Hirsch wrote, “Preserve your humanity and the values of integrity that you learned from God; and in the end, humanity and justice will win over vulgarity and violence.” On Shavuot, May 29, 2020, we’ll make a pilgrimage to the Gordon Chapel, to commemorate the time we still call, “Z’mán Matan Torateinu.”

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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Under Construction

Please pardon our construction as we make improvements to our Sanctuary entrance. We anticipate having our beautiful new canopy covering our entrance completed in the coming weeks. Thank you for your patience and please be careful while driving in our parking lot.



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2020 Calendar

Sunday, March 29th	Wednesday, May 27th
Wednesday, April 22nd	Wednesday, June 24th

9:30 a.m. – Margolis Gallery or Wolff-Toomim Hall

Questions? Contact Marsha Gilbert
mgilbert@beth-israel.org (713) 771-6221, ext. 336



David Scott, left, and Rabbi David Lyon, right, present Glenda Worley with the Employee of the Year award at the staff holiday party. Glenda received the award as well as a staff parking space.

Adult Education Committee Reflects on Exciting, Successful Events

Adult Education is happy to welcome several new members to our committee this year; of course, we invite new participants eager to help plan and host forthcoming events.

Looking back, the year of 2019-2020 has been filled with interesting, stimulating events. We were proud to sponsor with Ben Gurion University the David Ben-Gurion film about the pioneer days of Palestine and Israel at our fall "Dinner and a Movie" night. Rabbi Joshua Weinberg, VP of the URJ for Israel and Reform Zionism and Scholar-in-Residence November 8-9, delivered a stimulating and passionate Sermon, Torah Study and Havdalah lecture and discussions.

We kicked off 2020 with Dr. Deborah Lipstadt's very timely insights from her new book *Antisemitism: Here and Now*. Rabbi Barry Block also joined us in February to highlight the wisdom offered in his latest book, *The Mussar Torah Commentary*, and expanded our understanding of the ethical principles we study in our ongoing Mussar classes.

Most recently, we hosted Scholar-in-Residence Rabbi Ofek Meir, Managing Director of the Leo Baeck School in Haifa, Israel. In addition to his Shabbat Sermon, Rabbi Meir delighted us with the music and songs from decades of Israel history, creating experiences of joy out of sadness and meaning out of loss.

David Scott's ongoing Monthly Midrash continues to meet on Thursdays at 11:30 am – lunch included. Next dates are: March 12, April 2, and May 7.

Three local authors joined in a panel for our recent Book Talk Panel with Dr. Bard Schachtel, Marc Grossberg, and Dr. Miriam Friedman.

We were delighted to welcome Tovah Feldshuh on February 22, sponsored by The Carolyn Fleishman Fund. It was a huge hit!

On March 1-3, several staff members from Congregation Beth Israel, including Rabbi David Lyon, Rabbi Eleanor Steinman, and David Scott, RJE, attended the AIPAC Policy Conference in Washington, DC, to represent our congregation. Danielle Alexander, Director of Kehillah High and Jennifer Quick, Assistant Principal of the MBJLC, led the Kehillah High 12th grade delegation.

Writers, please let us know if you have works-in-progress you want to support in our new Writers' Café and/or published books you want to present in a new series of Author Book Talks for the year 2020-2021.

And do not miss this year's Lyon Cohen Symposium on April 2. Please contact Liza Abrams for reservations at labrams@beth-israel.org or call (713) 771-6221 x301.



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presents

The Fifth Lyon Cohen Symposium: The Ethics of Citizenship



Joe Straus, Former
Speaker of the Texas House



Ed Emmett, Former
Harris County Judge



Ellen Cohen, Former
Houston Mayor Pro Tem



Senior Rabbi David Lyon

The 2020 Lyon Cohen Symposium will address the Ethics of Citizenship with a panel of professionals from Houston and across Texas.

Thursday, April 2nd, 2020

Doors open: 6:15pm
Program: 7-8:30pm

Heavy hors d'oeuvres will be served.

This event is open to the community.
Cost: \$10 per person

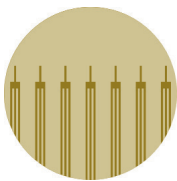
For more info, contact Liza Abrams, Membership and
Adult Education Coordinator, at labrams@beth-israel.org
or call (713) 771-6221 x301.

RSVP today at lyoncohen-symposium.eventbrite.com

This program is made possible by a generous grant from THE LYON COHEN FUND FOR JEWISH BUSINESS ETHICS

Special thanks to the Host Committee: Terry & Freddie Baca, Martha Barvin, Josh Barvin, Diane & Irv Berger, Laurie & Jeffrey Bricker, Phyllis Cohen, Terry & Sandy Cohen, Judge Mike Engelhart, Cindy & Les Fox, Miriam Friedman, Daniel Gerber, Marci & Jeffrey Gilbert, Bob Goldstein, Diane Gordon, Melinda & Steven Gordon, Cindy & Gary Greenberg, David Hassid, Sheila & Stanley Horn, Abbie Kamin & Matt Hansel, Sherrie & Richard Kaplan, Jana & Stuart Kusin, Jean & Ronnie Ladin, Eve & Bobby Lapin, Shirley & Jim Lavine, Barbara & Jacob Leon, Dana & Randy Lepow, Marcus Litofsky, Lisa & Rabbi David Lyon, Laura & Ken Magidson, Dena Marks, Sherry & Gerald Merfish, Pat & Howard Pollicoff, Carolyn Putterman, Heather & Randy Reichstein, Warren Rich, Ben Rose, Lauren & Marc Sancton, Rabbi Adrienne & David Scott, Judi & Paul Scott, Dorothy Seline, Susan & Ed Septimus, Madeleine & Richard Sheehy, Nicole Soussan, Robin Stait, Lisa & Jeffrey Stanton, Tracy & Gary Stein, Nancy & Irving Stern, Lisa Stone & Scott Cantor, Tanya & Mark Strum, Joanie Weiner, Ferne²¹ & Joel Winograd, and Katy & Ed Wolff.

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THE MARGOLIS GALLERY

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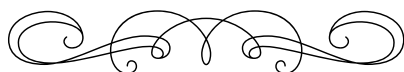
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In conjunction with FOTOFEST BIENNIAL 2020

Presents

Co-Existence: Remnants of Morocco's Past

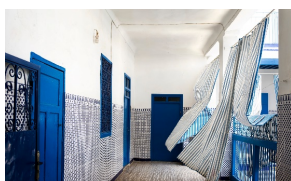
Through documenting the lasting Jewish connection to the land and its living relationship to the Islamic nation of Morocco, photographer **Aaron Vincent Elkaim** seeks not only to honor an important historical truth but also to illuminate a story that seems at odds with our modern perception of both Judaism and the Arab World.



Aaron began this project in 2009 while on a trip with his father to the place where his father was raised. He and most of his family left Morocco in the 1960s at the peak of the Jewish Exodus. As Aaron learned more about the history of Jewish Morocco, he realized how unique their history and co-existence was and felt it was something he needed to explore further.

ON VIEW
March 12 – May 15

Exhibit Chair: Karen Bookstaff
Gallery Chairs: Shirley Lavine and Tanya Strum



Clockwise from top left: Invitation to Fotofest Biennial; Tanya Strum and Shirley Lavine introduce Barbara Hines during the Spotlight on Joseph art opening; Barbara Hines shares about her creative process; the audience listens intently to Barbara Hines at her exhibit.

This year's Confirmation ceremony will be on Friday, May 15, at 6:30 pm.

On February 23, the 11th grade traveled to UT-Austin for the day to tour the campus, engage in conversation around Jewish life on campus, and meet with our alumni.

From December 21-25, Houston-area eighth and ninth graders participated in the Citywide Alternative Winter Break hosted by Kehillah High. In partnership with the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston's Act Now initiative, the group volunteered a combined 400 hours sorting donations with the Houston Food Bank, gardening organic vegetables with Finca Tres Robles Farm, rebuilding two homes with SBP, and serving Christmas lunch with Citywide Club of America at the George R. Brown Convention Center. After Hurricane Harvey, the students and I decided that we would alternate between volunteering in another city, like last year's trip to New Orleans, and making a difference right here in our own community. Students from Chalon L'Atid, Congregation Emanu El, and Kehillah High joined in service together with organizations working to end hunger, rebuild homes, and revitalize the community here in Houston.

Kehillah High will celebrate the completion of its fifth year, as well as the graduating class of 2020 on Wednesday, April 22, at Congregation Brith Shalom. Everyone is invited to attend.

Kehillah High is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston and its Fund for the Jewish Future, the Houston Jewish Community Foundation, participating congregations, and donors. For more information on Kehillah High, contact Danielle Alexander at DAlexander@KehillahHouston.org or 713-771-6221 x334.



ABIDE Continues to do Great Work!

ABIDE continues to plan for our Muslim Jewish Gun Safety Campaign.

We have met with Houston's Police Chief, as well as ATF (Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms) regional representatives to get accurate information about gun violence in our communities. We are partnering with Moms Demand Action to provide gun safety education, and with TMO (The Metropolitan Organization) to reach more congregations.

ABIDE will host a public meeting about gun safety with Houston Police Chief Art Acevedo on Thursday, April 16 – please mark the date on your calendar! We will provide information to promote public interest and increase understanding of what each of us can do to save lives by reducing gun violence.

Free gun locks will be available for gun owners, as well as posters and other materials for work places, schools, etc.

We will also be offering more "Congregational Conversations" in the future, to learn what more congregants consider the most urgent needs in our communities.

ABIDE will again provide voter registration/engagement information as the fall election approaches.

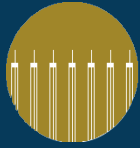
Please let Lisa Stone, lestone@aya.yale.edu, know if you want to add your time and energy to ABIDE's work!

Kids' Meals 5K a Huge Success

Congregation Beth Israel members know how to make a difference. On a chilly January Sunday, hundreds of Beth Israel members gathered to make 5,000 lunches for Houston's hungriest preschool-aged children. Kids' Meals, Inc., our partner organization, works to supply food for children under 6 because they are too young to qualify for school-based free meal programs.

Our morning began in the Sanctuary with the students of the Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center and all of the volunteers. Cantor Trompeter and Rabbi Lyon led us in prayers and helped us all to frame the important work that we were about to do and warmup our souls. Irv Berger, chair of the Social Justice Committee introduced Kids' Meals Executive Director, Beth Harp, who taught our community about the Kids' Meals mission and the staggering statistics about childhood hunger in Houston. Did you know that 1 in 4 children in Houston are food insecure, meaning they lack reliable access to sufficient quantities of healthy, nutritious food? Rabbi Scott helped conclude our program with a warmup for our bodies. We moved into Wolff-Toomim Hall and in less than 65 minutes our community made those 5,000 lunches and loaded them all onto the refrigerated Kids' Meals truck.

Rabbi Eleanor Steinman said "I am so grateful to this community for their support of the Kids' Meals 5K. Thank you. Please join our robust monthly gatherings on the fourth Wednesday of the month when we make 1,250 lunches together."



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*Wolff-Toomim Distinguished
Lecture Series presents:*

A Conversation with
Rice University Professor Emeritus
Stephen L. Klineberg, Ph.D.



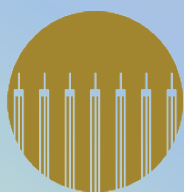
Stephen Klineberg

Tuesday, April 14th, 2020,
7:00pm in the Sanctuary
RSVP by April 10th.
A reception will follow
his presentation.

For information, contact
Liza Abrams, Membership
and Adult Education
Coordinator, labrams@
beth-israel.org or call
(713) 771-6221 x301.

Congregation Beth Israel is pleased to welcome distinguished Rice University Professor Emeritus of Sociology Stephen Klineberg, the founding Director of Kinder Institute for Urban Research. The topic is "Prophetic City: Houston on the Cusp of a Changing America."

This program has been underwritten by a grant from the Wolff-Toomim Education Fund of the Beth Israel Endowment Fund.



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Save a Life Day

יום פְּקוּחַ נֶפֶשׁ
Yom Pikuach Nefesh

You can help save a life Sunday, March 29 from 9:30am to noon at Congregation Beth Israel by participating in many ways:

- Make 1,250 meals for **Kids' Meals**
- Make blankets and cards with **GenerationSERVE**
- We are collecting for **Undies for Everyone** (new boys & girls undies)
- New and gently used sports equipment for **Jared's Locker**
- Boxed Juice for **Kids' Meals**
- You can take part in a **CPR class** (adult, child or infant; RSVP as space is limited)
- Bone marrow swab
- **Be SMART Training** with **Moms Demand Action** (a program that provides awareness & education to prevent gun violence)

To RSVP or ask questions, contact Liza Abrams, labrams@beth-israel.org or call (713) 771-6221 x301

LIBRARY NEWS

Passover Haggadot Available to Borrow

The Library has a wide variety of Passover Haggadahs for family use at your seder. We have the traditional Reform Baskin Haggadah, The 30 Minute Seder, and a number of family-oriented Haggadahs. Call Judy to reserve your copies.

Genealogy Series Continues:



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MIRIAM BROWNING
JEWISH LEARNING CENTER
of Congregation Beth Israel

The Hyman Judah Schachtel Library presents:

Family History – What it Can Do For You

Why family history is more important than direct-to-consumer genetic testing

presented by Dr. Jacqueline T. Hecht, acclaimed local Geneticist

10:00 a.m. Sunday, April 26, 2020
in the Schachtel Library

Please park by the Shlenker School entrance



Jacqueline T. Hecht

Professor, Division Head,
and Associate Dean of
Research at the McGovern
Medical School and
School of Dentistry.



RSVP to Liza Abrams, labrams@beth-israel.org
or (713) 771-6221 x301, by Thursday, April 23.

Readers Group:

The Beth Israel Readers Group meets the third Wednesday of the month at 1:30 p.m. in the Lewis President's Room. Congregants and friends are welcome to join this convivial group. Selections include fiction and non-fiction, led by members and guest facilitators. We also enjoy live Skype interviews with authors. Contact Librarian Judy Weidman if interested in joining the group.

March 20th: *Inheritance* by Dani Shapiro. Rabbi Ellie Steinman will be joining us to facilitate.

April 22nd (note change of date due to Passover): *Here All Along: Finding Meaning, Spirituality and a Deeper Connection to Life in Judaism* by Sarah Hurwitz. Rabbi Adrienne Scott will join us again to lead our discussion.

May 20th: *Confessions of an Innocent Man* by David Dow. We are fortunate to have this local author and activist join us to discuss his new novel.

June 17th: *We Stand Divided* by Daniel Gordis. David Scott is excited to discuss this timely book about Israel-U.S. relations with us.

Copies of the books we discuss are available in the Schachtel Library. Call to reserve your copy. Houston Public Library also has numerous copies. The Readers Group takes a break over the summer, and will resume in September.

New members and suggestions for books to discuss are always welcome.



The Readers Group welcomed Henrietta Bell on January 15, 2020 to lead the discussion of "Beneath a Scarlet Sky" by Mark Sullivan.

Writers' Cafe— Calling All Local Writers:

JOIN OTHER LOCAL AUTHORS TO:

- Share
- Support
- Workshop
- Brainstorm
- And more!

Contact Miriam Friedman, Chair of Adult Education, at drmaris930@aol.com; 832-623-3070

or Judy Weidman, Librarian, jweidman@beth-israel.org or 713 820-6410.

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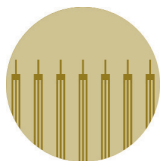
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LIBRARY HOURS:

Monday-Friday - 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

Sunday and Wednesday extended hours. **Sunday - 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., Wednesday open till 6:00 p.m.**

Remember the **Library Catalog** is available 24-hours a day. Go to www.beth-israel.org and click **Library** on the home page to access. Requests for reserves can be sent to Judy at jweidman@beth-israel.org, or direct phone at (713) 820-6410.



MIRIAM BROWNING JEWISH LEARNING CENTER

of Congregation Beth Israel

MBJLC Getting Excited for End of Year Honors

It's been a busy season for the Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center. We have celebrated Chanukah and Tu B'shevat together, planted trees, forged new friendships, and witnessed the turning of the New Year with excitement for the spring.

On March 8th the MBJLC invited the whole congregation to join them for a festive Megillah reading and the annual Purim carnival. The MBJLC observed all 4 important mitzvot of Purim - reading the Megillah, having a festive meal, making gifts for our friends, and extending kindness to the needy - while playing, bouncing, crafting, and celebrating!

April 5th is our MBJLC community Passover observance. We are making some exciting changes this year, and we think it will be the most fun and meaningful yet. This event is always a highlight of our time together, and all families are invited to attend with their children. Volunteers would be very helpful for this event. If you can help us prepare, please email Stephanie Robertson at srobertson@beth-israel.org.

May 3rd is the MBJLC's final day together for the year. We will be extending honors to our teachers and madrichim, celebrating the end of a year of learning and community-building, and preparing for the year to come.

Welcome New Members!

From January to February, we welcome the following new members below.

**Kathleen Blakeslee
& Ronald Stein
Marolyn Block
Jeff Blumenthal
Roselyn Borger
Robert Constantiner
Andrea Eoff**

**Gloria & Arthur
Goldberg
Meryl & Adam Hawk
Miri & Amir Nebenzhal
Rachel & David Roosth
Rona Wizel**

MONTHLY MIDRASH

Facilitated by David Scott, RJE dscott@beth-israel.org
11:30am to 1pm in the Lewis President's Room

MARCH 12TH

Jewish Memory and The Spanish Inquisition

APRIL 2ND

The Holocaust and Jewish Memory

MAY 7TH

Returning to Our Homeland

Lunch Is Included.

Contact Liza Abrams, Adult Education Coordinator,
for RSVPs, at (713) 771-6221, ext. 301
or labrams@beth-israel.org.



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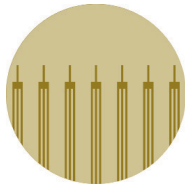
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For more information, contact Tara Gassett,
Director of Admissions at 713.270.6127 or tgassett@shlenker.org



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הִנֵּה מָה-טוֹב וְמָה-נְעִים.
שֶׁבֶת אֲחִים גַּם יַחַד.

Hinei ma tov u'ma-nayim Shevet ach-im gam ya-chad
"Behold how good and how pleasing it is when
brothers sit together in unity."

SPRING/SUMMER EVENTS:

Inter-Synagogue Softball League March 2020

Another season of the men's inter-synagogue softball league is right around the corner. Representatives from the area synagogues have started the planning stage and hope to start play in early March. Cost of the league is still being worked out, but prices will vary for members and non-members of the Brotherhood. If you are interested in being on the team please contact Marcus Litofsky at mlitofsky@gmail.com

Lyon Cohen Symposium April 2, 2020

For the first time we are joining the Host Committee for this event and we are thankful for Daniel Gerber for his role on the Lyon Cohen planning committee. The theme for this year will be the "Jewish Ethics of Citizenship," and the panel for the event includes former Texas Speaker of the House Joe Straus, former County Judge Ed Emmett, former Mayor Pro Tem Ellen Cohen, and Rabbi David Lyon. We are very excited about this event, and we anticipate a record number of attendees for it. To join the Brotherhood's Host Committee or for more information please contact Daniel Gerber at dagerber.tx@gmail.com.

Friday Night Ushering - Ongoing

If you have the time please consider volunteering to greet your fellow congregants as they enter the Temple for Friday night services. No need to RSVP, just show up 30 minutes prior to the start of services. No special skills required - just a friendly smile. Please contact Marcus Litofsky at mlitofsky@gmail.com for more information.

Whiskey Steak Night (January 29)



Adam Smooke, Ed Fastow, Cliff Zwihlan, Patrick Clegg, Randy Claridge, and Harold Kolodney pause to smile for a photo.

Kosher Chili Cook-off (March 1)

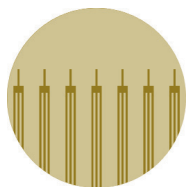


Steven Eagle, team cook, and Marcus Litofsky, his assistant work on preparing chili.

Tu B'Shevat Tree Planting (February 10)



7th grade MBJLC students at the Tu B'Shevat tree planting program pose for a photo. This effort was led by Adam Smooke, far right.



SISTERHOOD of Congregation Beth Israel

The Sisterhood President Wants to Remind You to Stock Up for Passover

Passover is around the corner and what better way to prepare, than to stop by the shop and check out our beautiful selection of Seder Plates, Kiddish Cups, Kids activities, and Haggadot.

We also have a wonderful collection of gifts for upcoming confirmation students and Mother's Day.

On April 7th from 10:00 AM-4:00 PM, we will be having a trunk show featuring the jewelry designs of Sandy Chaskin. There will be wine and cheese to snack on while you sip and shop. This is a perfect opportunity to grab that last minute gift for that someone special.

Mah Jongg Mania was an enormous success! Over 100 players were treated to a delightful buffet and wide variety of wines. Our Raffle was a roaring success with an eclectic array of prizes up for grabs.

A special thank you to all our underwriters, sponsors, co-chairs Michelle Greenberg and Jodi Cortez, and the volunteers for making this event such a success.

We are looking forward to next years event!



Fromleft, Rosemary Pactor, Miranda Ganguly, Michelle Greenberg, Jodi Cortez, Kellie Hassid and Jennifer King smile and pose for a photo after the Mah Jongg tournament.

JUDAICA SHOP

First night of Seder is Wednesday, April 8th



Your Beth Israel Sisterhood Judaica Shop is stocked and ready for all of your Passover needs!

... AND we offer complimentary gift wrap!

HOURS OF OPERATION: MONDAY THROUGH FRIDAY 10AM TO 4PM

REMEMBER: Supporting the Judaica Shop helps your Sisterhood help Beth Israel.

FRIDAY, APRIL 3, 2020 • 6:30 P.M.
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL, SANCTUARY
RSVP TO LABRAMS@BETH-ISRAEL.ORG

Beautiful, too

A CAROLE KING SHABBAT



Feel the Earth Move as Cantor Star Trompeter and our Rabbis explore the vast musical *Tapestry* of Carole King, with familiar liturgy set to the music of the Broadway Musical, *Beautiful*.



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Welcome Rabbi Aaron Sataloff – July 2020

Welcome Rabbi Aaron Sataloff to Congregation Beth Israel. Following three years in Macon, Georgia, where he served Temple Beth Israel, Rabbi Sataloff will begin his tenure with us, July 1,



2020. Rabbi Sataloff grew up with best friends in BBYO, AEPi, and Hillel; and mentors among Judaic study professors, kibbutz ulpan teachers, rabbis and cantors. He describes himself as charismatic, spiritual, welcoming of diversity, and supportive of colleagues and peers. Those of us who have met him agree that he is all this and much more. Rabbi Sataloff loves being a rabbi, and at Beth Israel in Houston, he looks forward to doing so much more.

Rabbi Sataloff was ordained in 2017, from HUC-JIR in Los Angeles. His capstone project was “A Mussaric Commentary on Genesis,” and his advisor was beloved rabbi and scholar, Rabbi Richard Levy z”l. He holds a Master of Arts in Jewish Nonprofit Management from the Zelikow School of Jewish Nonprofit, a Master of Arts in Hebrew Letters from HUC-JIR, and a Bachelor of Arts in Judaic Studies from University of Oregon.

Rabbi Sataloff is eager to be part of our congregational family where he’ll spend time with youth, young professionals, social action matters, and a wide range of rabbinical duties. Please welcome Rabbi Aaron Sataloff this summer and look forward to time together as we grow as a congregational family dedicated to Jewish life that is relevant, modern and joyful.

Thank You, Rabbi Eleanor Steinman

Rabbi Eleanor “Ellie” Steinman has served Congregation Beth Israel with respect, scholarship and friendship. Rabbi Steinman’s commitment to join us for one year while commuting between Los Angeles and Houston, proved to be helpful to us and to her. Rabbi Steinman contributed her experience as a pulpit rabbi in beautiful Shabbat messages, engaging children’s services, and leadership in social justice programs like Kids’ Meals and Save a Life Day. In June, Rabbi Steinman will return to Los Angeles, with our deepest thanks for her service and commitment to our congregation and Jewish community.

Cemetery News

We have completed the ground repairs at our Antoine location, and with the right weather we’ll see green sod everywhere this spring.

Our Antoine location will once again be fortunate to receive, from the local Lodge Galil of the Hebrew Order of David (HOD), markers for 8 unmarked graves. Congregants are invited to attend the unveiling service for these markers, to be held Sunday, April 26, 2020 at 11:00 am at the Congregation Beth Israel Memorial Garden, 1101 Antoine. The effort by Lodge Galil to place a total of 160 markers throughout the Houston Jewish cemeteries is the ultimate mitzvah. For further information on this project or how you can help, please visit <https://www.hodgalil.org/>.

For any questions about the Gravestone Project, or any other cemetery matters, please contact our Cemetery Director, Kathy Parven kparven@beth-israel.org

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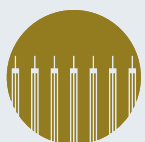
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