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BULLETIN

Truth for the Future

In recent months, many lessons from the past have been recalled to ease our fears about the present and to move us to do something about the future. Wise men and women, from Albert Einstein to Amanda Gorman, have reflected on their generation's ills and what it owes the world. Every generation hence will undoubtedly inherit or create its own ills, and every generation will have to examine its deeds for the impact they will make. There are crises that loom large, today, or which appear larger than those we've already known, but there are no crises that we can't overcome, yet.

A colleague reminded me that the Chinese symbol for crisis is a combination of two other Chinese symbols: danger and opportunity. If we're wise enough to learn from every source, then we should acknowledge the dangers that are rife in our generation, and then address them with new opportunities. In this regard, Judaism thinks about crisis similarly. Judaism, a religion of action, sees the world as it is and envisions how to it ought to be. This orientation to the world is rooted in the covenantal relationship Jews have with God. We are partners who rely on each other. One might say that God is commander (mitzaveh) and we receive God's commandments (mitzvot). How we hear them is reflected in our moral responsibility to choose to do them well. If we do, then there's every reason to believe that the world can know greater justice and compassion. In the end, crises only hide opportunities waiting to be revealed through faithfulness, compassion, and truth.

Faith isn't in short supply; many people claim to have it. Compassion isn't lacking; we run to heal the suffering. Truth, however, is struggling; we can't recognize it easily anymore. Without truth, we won't overcome the crises of our generation, and opportunities for a better future will be out of reach. In the past, truth prevailed, and it enabled us to find opportunities after crises such as WWII and the Holocaust, Vietnam, and Watergate.

In light of all the fears we face, today, I still have hope that, like generations past, we will find new opportunities for us and generations hence. But without truth, without demanding the truth, we have no hope. Truth is never relative. Truth, the "emes," as we say in Yiddish, is at the heart of the covenant between God and humanity, and our dearest obligation to the future.

L'Shalom,

David Lyon
Senior Rabbi

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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

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WELCOMING CANTOR KENNETH FEIBUSH



Starting July 1, Cantor Kenneth Feibush joins the clergy of Congregation Beth Israel. He grew up in Watchung, NJ in a house filled with music. He grew up playing violin, his sister played viola, and his grandmother and great uncles sang at parties and gathering. He graduated from Rutgers College Phi Beta Kappa with a double major in Middle Eastern Studies and Psychology and a minor in Spanish. During college, Cantor Feibush was active with Rutgers Hillel, serving as head of the Reform community and reaching out with Shabbat on different campuses. A favorite memory from Rutgers Hillel was organizing a counter-protest to the Westboro Baptist Church. He also sang in Deep Treble, a coed cappella group on campus, writing arrangements and producing concerts, including one featuring Miranda Sings before she starred on Broadway and Netflix.

While Cantor Feibush never thought he would pursue the cantorate, some would say this path was inevitable. At his second Shabbat at Temple Shalom in Plainfield, NJ, he volunteered to help lead "Mi Shebeirach" since the cantor was on vacation. When Cantor Feibush became a Bar Mitzvah, Rabbi Joel Abraham and Cantor Wendy Shermet were the first people to encourage him to consider becoming a cantor. At his Confirmation, Cantor Shira Nafshi wanted him to learn the special trope for chanting the Book of Ruth. While home from college, Cantors Darcie Sharlein and Vicky Glikin invited him to sing duets during services, and he was in the rotation for leading summer services and shiva minyanim. After so much encouragement he attended an open house at HUC-JIR in New York, was accepted, and has never looked back.

While attending HUC-JIR, he taught numerous B'nei Mitzvah in New York and served three pulpits: Beth Shalom Synagogue, now Unified Jewish Synagogue, in Baton Rouge, LA, Congregation Or Hatzafon in Fairbanks, Alaska, and Hebrew Tabernacle in Washington Heights, New York City. He also served

as co-leader of the HUC Soup Kitchen which served hundreds of meals every Monday. He was ordained in 2016 and has served Temple Shalom of West Essex in Cedar Grove, NJ for six years.

Cantor Feibush has the task of balancing the thousands of years of tradition with modern and contemporary melodies. According to Cantor Feibush, "I see the melodies as more than merely songs but different ways of interpreting the prayers. From the days of the Psalms and the chants of the Levite choir to today's eclectic mix using different instruments and musical styles, Jews convey Torah and offer prayers through melody and rhythm. You could say that the Mourner's Kaddish was one of the first raps!" Reciting the appropriate melodies of the life cycles, birth, B'nei Mitzvah, weddings, and funerals, is a special part of that process, too. Alongside Rabbis Lyon and Scott, Cantor Feibush will build a musical vision across worship, Shlenker School, MBJLC, and life cycle.

Outside of the cantorate and music, Cantor Feibush enjoys reading, languages, travel, and knitting. Despite being partly color blind, he is proud of knitting an afghan of the United States in multiple colors. Other fun facts: he cannot ride a bicycle, his childhood dog had a run-in with an emu, and he has been to has been to 49 of the 50 states. He is looking forward to serving Congregation Beth Israel and planting roots in Houston.

"Our Transition Team is working to make his move to Houston and first few months at Beth Israel smooth and welcoming. I think our members will be impressed by Cantor Feibush's musicianship, experience, and energy level. He is excited about joining our Clergy. We are hoping that members will join us at the Summer Chapel Services, bring the family, and introduce themselves to our new Cantor before the calendar gets busier after Labor Day. We want to give him a 'Texas-size' welcome."

—Alan Hurwitz
Cantor Transition Team Chair

BINGE GROUPS

Cocktails & Conversations led by Cindy Greenberg & Michele Olifant, recipients of the 2022 Beth Israel Spirit Award. Highlights included the “BINGE on BBQ & Beer!” event, which brought together over 100 congregants of all (legal) ages to The Pit Room for an all-you-could-eat-and-drink social hangout. Cocktails & Conversations recently kicked off the Summer BINGEing on beer and burgers at Christian’s Tailgate on Kirby.

Matinees & Martinis led by Elene Glassman & Marilyn Sonnenberg. This year’s highlights included a trip to “Sense and Sensibility” at the Alley Theatre (marking their return to the theater since the pandemic), and most recently, a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts, Houston for a private architectural tour of the historic Nancy and Rich Kinder Building followed by a group dinner at Carrabba’s The Original on Kirby.

Older & Active Beth Israel Day Trips led by Margie Cohen, recipient of the 2022 Beth Israel Spirit Award. This year’s highlights included bus trips from Congregation Beth Israel to the Hemi Hideout in Brookshire, the Texas Cotton Gin Museum in Burton, and Congregation B’nei Israel and the Texas Seaport Museum in Galveston. This month the group is headed to College Station for a tour of the George H.W. Bush Library and Museum on June 23rd



Rabbi Adrienne Scott, Michele Olifant, Cindy Greenberg, Marsha Olmsted



BINGE Older and Active Group Trip to Texas Cotton Gin Museum

Pickle Ball BINGE Group led by Stanley Rosenblatt, recipient of the 2022 Patrick Colbert Volunteer of the Year Award. A paddle sport that combines elements of badminton, table tennis, and tennis, is BINGE’s most successful group thus far with over 76 registered participants! Teams of all playing levels gather in Levit Hall on Sunday mornings to socialize and hit the courts with professional instructors and experienced Pickle Ball players of all ages. We are excited to announce that Pickle Ball will continue its winning streak throughout the Summer at Beth Israel!

What are you Watching? led by Sheila Horn. Which TV series are you currently BINGEing? Which shows should you watch next? With so many choices on Netflix, Amazon, Hulu, and Apple, there’s a plethora of binge-worthy content out there! In this monthly discussion group, participants weigh in on the programming you should (or shouldn’t?) be watching, while discovering hidden gems just waiting to be streamed. With more than 40 registered participants, everyone gets to be a critic!

Torah 101 Binge Group led by David Scott, RJE Ever wanted to learn more about the Torah but didn’t know where to begin? Join the Torah 101 Binge Group as we explore the basics of each week’s Torah portion. Sessions take place on Friday mornings at 11:00 A.M.

Torah Study Book Club led by David Scott, RJE If you love reading and discussing Jewish books, then look no further! Our Torah Study Book Club BINGE group meets monthly on Thursdays at noon to discuss Jewish books related to the Torah and a variety of Jewish topics. Most books are discussed over several months, as we tackle one chapter each session.

Jewish Meditation BINGE Group led by Jay Tarnow Our Jewish Meditation BINGE Group explores what Jewish meditation is and specific practices to help calm our minds and souls during our busy lives. All are welcome and no prior experience with meditation is necessary.



Harriet Simon, Marilyn Sonnenberg, Eileen Glassman, Margie Cohen, Steve Tamber, Lori Tamber

GOLF TOURNAMENT RECAP

Thank you for your generous support of the 2022 Congregation Beth Israel Golf Tournament. After holding our inaugural tournament in 2021 during COVID, we did not know what to expect for this year’s event. We were overwhelmed with the enthusiasm from team underwriters, sponsors, individual golfers, and volunteers. We ultimately raised more than \$100,000, which will go a long way toward important items, such as educational programming and campus security. On behalf of the entire Congregation Beth Israel family and the tournament planning committee, thank you for your participation in the tournament. The event combined a day of fellowship and friendly competition among many generations and representatives from several facets of our broader community. We have started planning our Third Annual Golf Tournament and will announce the day shortly!

Jeffrey Gilbert, Tournament Cochair
Zach Silverman, Tournament Cochair



Bill Levy, Zachary Silverman, Jeffrey Gilbert



Phyllis Selber and friends



Bernard Lerner and Mansel Rubenstein



Supporters practicing for the Congregation Beth Israel 2022 Golf Tournament

MIRIAM BROWNING JEWISH LEARNING CENTER

ADULT EDUCATION

Basic Judaism:

In this 13-week course, you will have the opportunity to learn the basics of Judaism from our Clergy and education team. This course will begin on September 13 at 7:00 pm. Sessions will take place online via Zoom. For details and to register, contact Stephanie Shargal at sshargal@beth-israel.org. Cost is \$54 per person.

Adult Hebrew:

Intro level and Intermediate level classes available to learn to read and speak Hebrew. For details and to register for our Tuesday night sessions, contact Stephanie Shargal at sshargal@beth-israel.org.

MBJLC ENROLLMENT:

MBJLC enrollment is open now! If you have a child in Pre-K through 12th grade, you can access registration via your ShulCloud account. MBJLC Opening Day will be on August 28th. Come meet your Faculty and Staff of the MBJLC for 2022-23! Park and enter by the Sanctuary entrance to meet your friends and new faculty and staff starting at 9:30 am. Special door prizes and other gifts await you - don't miss this day! If you have any questions, contact us at MBJLC@beth-israel.org.



KEHILLAH HIGH



Kehillah High celebrated its seventh year and the Class of 2022, its largest graduating class, on May 4 at Beth Israel. Renée Wizig-Barrios, President & CEO of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, was the keynote speaker and shared a message of building your own Jewish community even when challenging. Four of the graduates spoke, including Beth Israel member Abby Seigle, about their experience in Kehillah High and what it has meant to each of them. Clergy from each graduate's synagogue bestowed blessings upon the students as well. A beautiful dessert reception was held following.

Kehillah High continues to grow and thrive in our community. Throughout their time in Kehillah High, teens gain the tools and confidence to thrive in college and in their future Jewish communities. Working in partnership with multiple synagogues, Kehillah High is breaking down barriers, building a more inclusive community, and strengthening our teens' sense of belonging. To learn more and enroll, visit www.kehillahouston.org. Save the date for an 8th & 9th grade welcome on September 14 and Kehillah High Kickoff on September 21 at Beth Israel.

CONFIRMATION CLASS 2022

Top Row: David Scott, Rabbi David Lyon,
Rabbi Adrienne Scott

Middle Row: Elisheva Shergill, Aidan Cohen,
Benjamin Radoff, Benjamin Gill

Bottom Row: Sophie Bostic, Addison Claridge,
Elisheva Stander, Alexis Shoss

Not Pictured: Michael Harris

JUNIOR YOUTH GROUP END-OF-THE-YEAR BASH!

The Congregation Beth Israel Junior Youth Group said hello to summer break with a giant End-of-the-Year Bash this May!

More than 90 rising 3rd through 7th graders spent a Saturday evening in Levit Hall dancing, singing, and having a blast! Mike Mason, Director of Family Engagement and Music Education was the guest DJ for the evening, leading the children in dancing, karaoke, and fun games - complete with prizes.

The evening started with a dinner of chicken tenders and a full pasta bar, followed by an ice cream sundae bar served by some of the Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center's star Madrichim, who spent the rest of the night engaging with younger children and training incoming 8th graders, who will be entering the program this fall.

When not singing or getting down on the dance floor, many children spent time taking pictures in the photo booth from Gold Party Pix. They also were able to take home some party swag of airbrushed hats, t-shirts, and socks from AirBrush Brothers. A highlight of the evening for many was a magic show performed by David Scott, Director of Lifelong Learning & Engagement that kept the children entranced and mystified.

A special thank you goes out to all the Congregation Beth Israel staff who helped plan and chaperone the party, including Mike Mason; David Scott; Stephanie Shargall, MBJLC Administrative Coordinator; Christian Losche, Director of Development; and our entire kitchen and maintenance team; along with parents Brenda Namer and Cindy Streusand. The Junior Youth Group looks forward to their next event this September. For more information on any of Beth Israel's youth programs, contact Kerri Zerlin, Youth Programming & Education Coordinator.



Eliza Mason and The Shlenker School Students



Madricha Beryt Scott, Jackson and Macie Cooper, Peyton Fishman



Madrichim members Kelly Moriarity, Addison Claridge, Mia Litofsky

LIBRARY NEWS

THE SCHACHTEL LIBRARY IS OPEN

The Hyman Judah Schachtel Library at Beth Israel is open from 8:30 A.M. - 5:00 P.M. Monday through Friday and Sunday mornings. It is staffed by a professional librarian Monday to Thursday 9:00 A.M. - 2:00 P.M. and Sunday from 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

We have updated our collection with new fiction and the Judaic scholarship. Browse the catalog and talk to our librarian to find a book that interests you. We also are happy to fulfill your requests for information on a topic. The catalog is available online at www.beth-israel.org/lifelong-learning/library/

If you need assistance in finding information or a resource, contact Librarian Susan Whitman at 713-820-6410 or swhitman@beth-israel.org.

Interested in Houston Jewish history? The Beth Israel archive contains records of Beth Israel from its beginnings. The librarian, Susan Whitman, and the archivist on staff, Sarah Fraser, can help you with your archival research.

A LIBRARY FOR EVERYONE

There is something for everyone in the Congregation Beth Israel library. We have been updating our collection regularly with the latest works in Judaic fiction and nonfiction. See what we have for you. The Congregation library shares our space with The Shlenker School library, and visitors have access to both the children's and adult collections. Search the catalog or browse at your leisure. To borrow a book, simply register in the library for borrowing privileges.

Some of our selections include:

- Fiction on Jewish topics and by Israeli authors
- Scholarship on Jewish ethics, medical ethics, and philosophy
- Rabbinic texts and sacred Jewish texts
- Nonfiction on Jewish communities in the United States and around the world
- Nonfiction on Israel and current events
- Books on comparative religion
- A large reference collection for use in the library

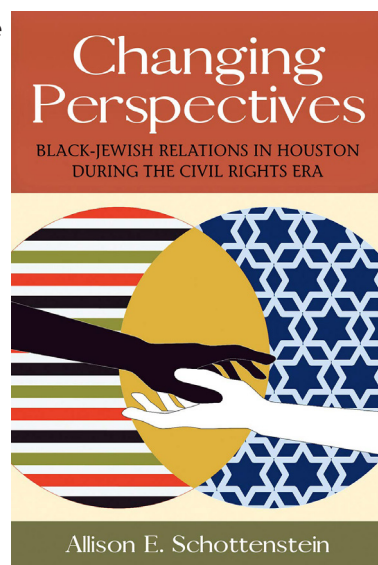
We continue to expand our collection with current scholars and the latest fiction. Let us know if you have suggestions for new books. Come and see what we have for you.

BETH ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

The Beth Israel Book Club is finishing another great season of literary discussions led by club members and guest speakers. Topics range from the historical subjects to modern Israel and American civil rights. The books include works of fiction and nonfiction, and all involve Jewish subjects.

The Book Club is scheduled to meet on the third Wednesday of the month at 1:00 PM in the Finger Board Room at Congregation Beth Israel. Participants also are welcomed to join by Zoom. Contact the librarian Susan Whitman to be included on the mailing list. Zoom links to join the discussion are provided in our monthly announcements. Congregants and friends are welcome to join this group. Members come from diverse backgrounds to add to a rich discussion of literature. Members recommend books to be discussed, and the schedule is distributed in the fall and spring. Discussions are moderated by a member of the group or a guest speaker.

The last book we are discussing this season is "Changing Perspectives: Black-Jewish relations in Houston during the Civil Rights Era." We will meet on June 16, 2022 to discuss this book with author guest speaker Allison Schottenstein, who will join us by Zoom. We will resume with Book Club meetings in September. Contact Susan Whitman at swhitman@beth-israel.org or (713) 820-6410 for more information.



SOCIAL JUSTICE AT BETH ISRAEL IS GROWING STRONG, THANKS TO DEDICATED CONGREGANTS

We're visiting Temenos (a residence for formerly homeless Houstonians, meaning "safe haven") every month, under Beth Schneider's coordination. Last month, Dena Mark's Bulgarian folk dance group performed, and then invited residents and staff to join the dance. This month, Beth, regular volunteers Barbara H and Denise E, and Naomi W and her daughter Hannah, showed residents how to do facial massages in a self-care spa hour. Next month we'll be sharing karaoke and treats! We're thrilled that more and more residents know who we are and are glad Beth Israel will be with them every 2nd Saturday afternoon.

Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston staff met with us on April 10, to inform us how we can support refugee families coming to Houston. We learned more about immigrants' experiences from congregants Dom B and Jennifer C. Several congregants have registered with Volunteer Houston so they can work directly with new immigrants; Jenifer N has been helping them learn to use digital tools. Dr. Paul Scott gives free eye exams; other congregants have made financial and in-kind donations. We hope more congregants will decide to help refugees in our hometown.

Our district's Houston Police Commander Hassig and head of our security, Commander Collins, met with us May 3, to share their perspectives and hear our concerns about community security. Warren R coordinated a constructive conversation, so that everyone felt heard and respected. We hope to find ways to support our local police and to strengthen safety for everyone.

Dena and Lisa are representing Beth Israel on the Houston Gun Safety Campaign, which was formed from our Muslim Jewish Gun Safety Campaign. We've met with Police Chief Finner to identify how we can work together to increase safe gun storage and use, to decrease gun thefts and injuries. We held a first team planning meeting with the HPD, FBI, ATF, District Attorney's office and Minaret Foundation to develop our resources and public meeting for the fall. On May 27, we joined Rabbi Scott at a City Hall press conference led by Bishop Dixon, head of Houston NAACP, to share Judaism's teachings related to gun violence.

Many of us have time to share, whether an hour a week or an hour a month; we have good ways to give your time. Please contact Dena denasokolow@gmail.com or Lisa lestone@aya.yale.edu for more information, or to join our band of caring congregants!



Lisa Stone, Commander Chris Hassig, Commander Michael Collins, Warren Rich



Rabbi Adrienne Scott at City Hall

COMMITTEE UPDATE

We are happy to report that our committees during 2021-2022 successfully increased their activities and programming through Zoom and re-introduction of in-person events in accordance with the guidance from the Beth Israel COVID-19 task force policies and recommendations.

Marsha Stein would like to personally extend her gratitude to all of our committee chairs and co-chairs for their support, energy and creativity for providing our congregants with many opportunities to engage with the Beth Israel community. These varied opportunities included revised hybrid offerings of events on Zoom and in-person simultaneously and creating totally new programs that stimulate interest in learning, new topics and purely social opportunities through BINGE groups. The numbers tell the story that our congregation is embracing all programming opportunities with enthusiasm and interest.

We encourage all of our congregants to consider joining one of our committees for 2022-2023 calendar year to get involved on a committee to meet new people, share your ideas, energy and talents. There is something for everyone and if you feel something is missing, give us your ideas! Contact Alvin Weingartner to join and once you get involved, I know you will be contributing to the warm, inclusive and comforting atmosphere that is Beth Israel.



MEMBERSHIP AND ENGAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Congregation Beth Israel's Membership Committee has been renamed the Membership and Engagement Committee. The goals continue to be to recruit new members, improve the engagement of our current members, and integrate everyone into our community within Congregation Beth Israel.

One of Scott Cantor and Sonja Mendez Richmond, chairs of the committee, main initiatives this year was the BINGE groups, and they now have 13 active BINGE groups with more being added for next year. BINGE stands for "Beth Israel New Group Engagements," and these small group initiatives offer opportunities for groups based on age, interest, or other affinity to join for shared time together. This year, BINGE groups began meeting in person at a variety of locations from the art museum to neighborhood bars and restaurants, to members' homes, and on campus. These groups are designed to be small to allow for activities including social events, meditation, cooking, pickleball, theater, etc. A list of all the BINGE groups can be found on the Temple's website (Or see page 4 of this Bulletin!). We look forward to expanding our committee more in 2022-2023 and welcoming new committee members and fresh ideas!

RECOGNITION OF DR. EDWARD SEPTIMUS

The Board of Governors and the President of Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion confer the President's Medallion upon Dr. Edward J. Septimus, member of HUC-JIR's Central Region Board of Advisors, Congregation Beth Israel member and Adult Education Chair, for his passionate commitment to life and health at HUC-JIR and the Jewish community through consultation and guidance during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2022 ANNUAL MEETING

Thank you to all who attended our 2022 Annual Meeting and congratulations to our 2021-2022 winners.

We thank Roslyn Fuchs Haikin for being our President and we welcome Richard Kaplan as our 2022-2024 President of the Board of Trustees. Thank you to all our outgoing officers and Trustees for their commitment and support during their terms and welcome to all our new Board members.



Out-going President Roslyn Fuchs Haikin



Richard Kaplan installed as President of the Board of Trustees



Rabbi Adrienne Scott and David Scott with family



2022 Ensign Jerry Bailes Confirmation Award Winner - Addison Claridge with Past President Joe Chesnick



2022 Patrick Colbert Volunteer of the Year - Stanley Rosenblatt



2022 Rabbi Samuel E. Karff Scholarship Award Winner - Abby Seigle with Rabbi Lyon



2022 Spirit Award Winners - Lisa Stone, Margie Cohen, Riki Weinstein, and Susan Smith (not pictured Cindy Greenberg, Michele Olifant, Shirley Lavine, & Tanya Strum)

LYON COHEN SYMPOSIUM

On April 7, Congregation Beth Israel hosted its Sixth Annual Lyon Cohen Symposium in Wolff-Toomim Hall. It had been two years since the congregation welcomed back the community to one of its most popular events in person, and more than 300 guests were able to participate and learn from an esteemed group of panelists. This year's topic was titled "Pursuing Justice in our Criminal Justice System," and it featured Senior Rabbi David Lyon who moderated a panel of guests including Chief Judge Lee Rosenthal of the United States District Court, Southern District of Texas, Houston Police Chief of Police Troy Finner, and Tracie Jae, Activist and Community Organizer - The Quiet Rebel, LLC.



David Scott, Police Chief Troy Fenner, Ellen Cohen, Marcie Zlotnik, Tracie Jae, Honorable Judge Lee Rosenthal, Roslyn Fuchs Haikin, Rabbi David Lyon, Bob Zlotnik

David Scott, RJE, Director of Lifelong Learning and Engagement welcomed the guests to the program and also introduced the Hon. Ellen Cohen and her daughter, Marcie Zlotnik, who chairs the Lyon Cohen Symposium Steering Committee. Cohen was married to Mr. Lyon Cohen, a community businessman in whose memory the event is named, for 42 years, and she spoke about her husband's commitment to Jewish values and ethics throughout his life. Their daughter, Marcie and her husband, Bob Zlotnik, created the Lyon Cohen Symposium Fund eight years ago for the purpose of establishing an ongoing program devoted to Lyon Cohen's legacy and the importance of educating the congregation and larger community about Jewish ethics. In his memory and honor, the Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship was also created, which provides for a \$5,000 merit scholarship to incoming college, current college, and graduate students who demonstrate a commitment to Jewish

values and ethics. The recipient for the 2022 Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship was Zoey Hess, daughter of Kelly and Clive Hess.

In the area of criminal justice reform, Rabbi Lyon began by asking each panelist to discuss the greatest challenge they see in the area of criminal justice in our community and beyond. Most notably, the issue of general apathy was raised and the need for greater civic engagement around important issues that affect an entire community. Judge Rosenthal discussed how she is limited by what the law allows her to do in carrying out criminal sentences, for example, and Chief Finner discussed the importance of maintaining a high degree of morale and inspiration among officers of the Houston Police Department. Ms. Jae provided an insight into issues that members of our community face around injustice and discrimination based on gender, race, and other factors. Rabbi Lyon shared wisdom from the Jewish Bible including lessons in Torah, all of which demonstrate our obligation to continue to pursue justice. Additional issues that were discussed throughout the evening that focused on the criminal justice system included bail reform, sentencing guidelines, reallocating funding, and behavioral treatment for nonviolent offenders. Certainly there is much more to be done as we focus on the important mitzvah of pursuing justice, and the panelists all contributed to an evening of greater understanding and education about different perspectives in our criminal justice system.

For more information about upcoming events, programs, and classes at Congregation Beth Israel, please contact Alvin Weingartner, Membership and Engagement Manager, at AWeingartner@beth-israel.org.



THE PAULA AND ALFRED FRIEDLANDER FORUM



Rabbi Adrienne Scott, Lisa Friedlander, Paula Friedlander, Joanne Levy



Rabbi Adrienne Scott interviews Sarah Hurwitz

We were grateful to be able to host Sarah Hurwitz for our 3rd Annual Paula and Alfred Friedlander Forum. She delivered a wonderful message during Shabbat services followed by a book signing and moderated conversation with Rabbi Scott and nearly 200 guests in Wolff-Toomim Hall. Shabbat morning featured our first hybrid Torah Study with the largest attendance we've had all year. Special thanks to Paula Friedlander and the Friedlander Family for bringing Sarah Hurwitz to our community.



**Introducing
Christian Losche**

**Director of
Development**

We are excited to introduce Congregation Beth Israel's newest staff member, Christian Losche, Director of Development, who joined us in March.

Prior to Congregation Beth Israel, Christian was with Arapahoe Community College in Littleton, Colorado, for nearly 10 years. During his career, he has focused on donor relations, stewardship, endowment growth, fundraising programs, scholarship gifts, and events. After many accomplishments at the college, Christian decided to relocate to Houston to be closer to family and shift from higher education. During the hiring process at Beth Israel, Christian was impressed with the Congregation for many reasons, including its mission, the people, and the history. Because of the numerous interviews and meetings with staff, members of the Search Committee, Executive Committee and Endowment Board he had prior to being hired, by the time he started, he felt prepared and already part of the team. Christian said he was only interested in taking a position that would fill up his "professional joy cup," And he believes Beth Israel will do that.

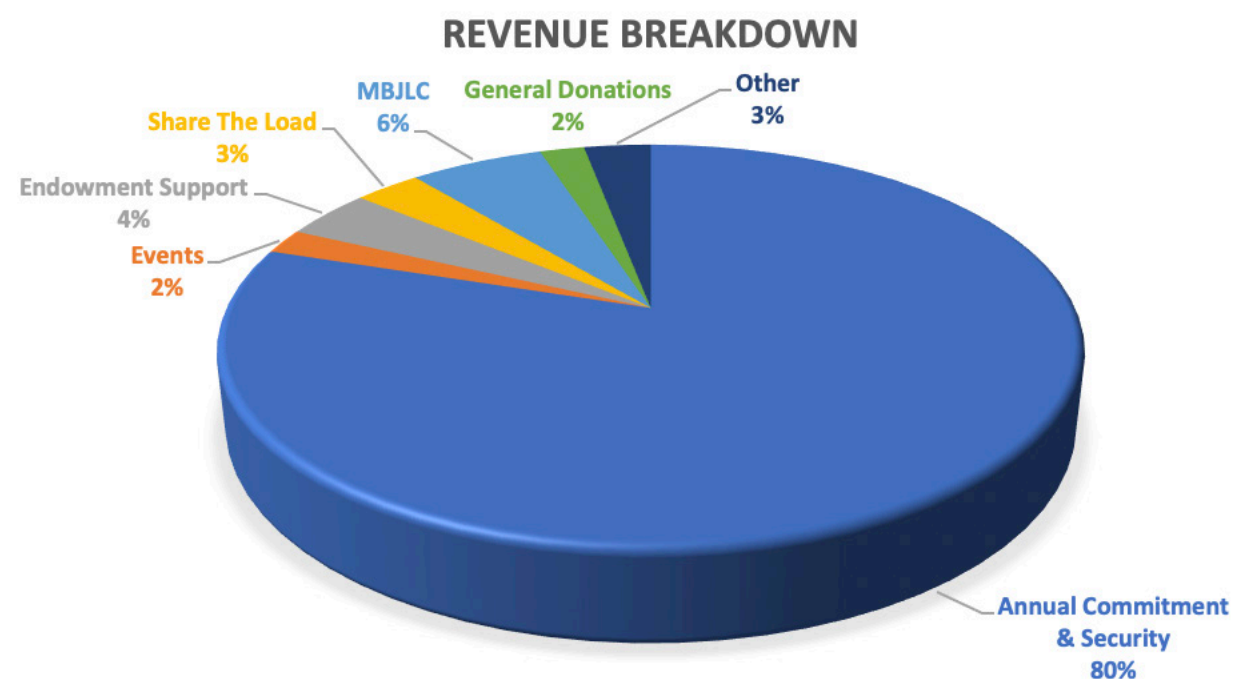
When asked what his favorite experience at Congregation Beth Israel has been so far, he said, "Before I was even hired, I attended the Fleishman event, Telling Our Stories, which was incredible. However," he added, "there hasn't been just one memory, but constant impressions that have been left on me by the individuals I have met - folks from the community, the staff, and members of Congregation Beth Israel. I am continuously impressed by the caliber of the people, and I look forward to strengthening these relationships."

Outside of work, Christian loves the food scene in Houston, enjoys golfing, fishing, and spending time with his dog, Fin.

Christian's plan for 2022-2023 is to educate our members on the needs of the Temple, provide clear and consistent communication about fundraising, and create an overall stewardship plan. Ner Tamid, which is the legacy giving society, will be a constant focus for him. He also will address other fundraising needs, including increasing Share the Load donations, soliciting funds to refurbish our cemeteries, organizing fundraising events, and donor communications. Please join us in welcoming Christian to the team and please reach out to him to learn more about how you can support Congregation Beth Israel.

To learn more about Christian and for him to learn more about you and our community, please reach out to him at closche@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL REVENUE: WAYS TO SUPPORT CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL



A synagogue is more than a business or nonprofit organization; it's a religious institution, and we are in the "business" of making Jewish souls. Like other businesses, we must manage a budget and be fiscally responsible with our resources. So, how does the Congregation support itself financially, and where does it derive its revenues? Below, we will describe the seven different types of support that keep Congregation Beth Israel operating.

Annual Commitments (80%)

Member annual commitments account for the largest amount of support that Congregation Beth Israel receives to fund the operating budget. These unrestricted donations are our primary resource so we can provide outstanding clergy and staff; a beautiful safe campus; worship services with a live stream option; religious school; family and adult education; programming; pastoral care; life cycle events; social justice activities; and other general overhead costs.

If all member families were able to contribute at what we call "the sustaining level," or \$3,000 annually, our operating budget would be fully funded. But, because only 25 percent of our Congregation can give at this level or above, we must incorporate other fundraising activities throughout the year and rely on the distributions from our Endowment Fund.

Endowment Support (4%)

A growing endowment fund is crucial for the long-term future of our Congregation. It is designed to keep the principal corpus intact so it can grow over time but allow for an annual percentage of its investment income to be distributed and used to support programs, operations, or purposes specified by the donor. The unrestricted endowments (Samuel E. Karff Endowment Fund and Old Endowment Fund) at Beth Israel support our operating budget. The annual distribution from these unrestricted funds only makes up roughly 20 percent of the total annual endowment distribution. Growing the Samuel E. Karff Endowment Fund will allow us to be less reliant on Annual Commitments while strengthening our financial future and ensuring financial stability and sustainability.

Share the Load (3%)

Since 2011, Share the Load has been a popular fundraising campaign that the Temple promotes annually. Having raised more than \$1 million since its inception, it is an opportunity to direct gifts to specific programs, events, and expenses. Share the Load bridges the gap between the Temple budget needs and Annual Commitment donations.

Events (2%)

Events are a fun, meaningful, and valuable fundraising tool. Our most notable events are the Samuel E. Karff Leadership Gala and the Golf Tournament. The Samuel E. Karff Leadership Award honors those who lead with extraordinary deeds rooted in Judaism, performed for the benefit of others who find in Beth Israel a spiritual home dedicated to excellence in worship, education, and community. Another newly introduced and very successful event is the Golf Tournament - more than 130 Beth Israel congregants and friends bringing community and Judaism together on the course.

General Donations (2%)

Recognizing simchas and loved ones' memories is a beautiful tradition in the Jewish faith. When donations are made to the Temple Fund, these unrestricted gifts help support the ongoing annual operating needs of the Temple. Donations made to the Burke Technology Fund support our livestream efforts, and the Building and Landscape Fund ensure the continued maintenance of our beautiful campus. Donations made to other temple funds support areas of programming, other community initiatives, or other important needs at the clergy's discretion.

Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center (6%)

The Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center is the lifelong learning department that oversees the religious school and adult education classes. While tuition is paid by families like most congregational religious school programs, it is a loss leader. The revenue generated by tuition and fees only covers approximately 55 percent of the cost of running the program. Because religious education is a priority and part of our mission, the Temple's Operating Budget helps to support the additional 45 percent of expenses that are necessary to pay for faculty, staff, books, licenses, and other programming materials.

Other (3%)

Other sources of funds that support the Temple operating budget include grants, interest income, and dividends.

For questions or more information about the needs and opportunities at Congregation Beth Israel, please contact Christian Losche, Director of Development, at closche@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221.



2022-2023 ANNUAL COMMITMENT

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The ideal giving level is \$3,000 per family or “sustaining contribution,” but trust that members will make an annual contribution at a level that is comfortable and meaningful for them. While we understand that everyone is not able to give at the sustaining level, we are so grateful for all our members and to those who give much more.

How is the \$3000 “sustaining contribution” amount calculated?

“Sustaining” is our total annual operating budget, less other sources of revenue divided by the number of member families. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, our operating expenses are \$4.8 million and the number of member families nearly 1500.

What are the giving levels above sustaining?

We are so grateful to have members who can give at a level greater than sustaining to underwrite others who cannot. When we give with holiness, we gain as much as we give.

Mitzvah Society - \$3,000 - \$7,499 per year
Sage’s Council - \$7,500 - \$9,999 per year
Rabbi’s Table - \$10,000 - \$17,999
Chai Circle - \$18,000 + per year

Why do we pay an annual commitment and what does it support?

Annual commitments are the sustenance for the Temple and viewed as a sacred gift. In the Torah, we learn that synagogue commitments are an obligation for anyone who values Jewish communal life. We depend on the financial support of annual commitments to run the day-to-day operations and fulfill our mission. The operating budget allows us to employ our clergy and staff; maintain a beautiful, safe campus; conduct worship services with a live stream option; provide a religious school, family, and adult education; counseling; holiday celebrations; programming; pastoral care; life cycle events; social justice activities; and supports other general overhead costs.

What do I get for my annual commitment?

In our vibrant and diverse community, you will find a wide range of opportunities to engage spiritually, educationally, socially, and emotionally in Jewish life. You are part of a sacred community made up of caring clergy, staff, and fellow congregants to help you learn and grow, to celebrate your blessings, and support you through life’s challenges. A flourishing congregation for more than 165 years, you are supporting the continuation of Jewish life in Greater Houston and beyond. Only members are entitled to enroll their children in our religious school, given voting privileges, attend High Holy Day services, hold board or committee positions, and have access to our Clergy for all life cycle events and other personal needs. You receive all communications - weekly newsletters, quarterly bulletins, special announcements, and invitations to upcoming events - and access to numerous adult education and social justice programs.



Why does the Temple increase my annual commitment every year?

Each year, our staff and leadership work tirelessly to present a balanced budget to our Congregation. We create the budget based on the promises/pledges/commitments that our members make. Like other businesses, we are consistently faced with financial challenges including rising costs, aging infrastructure, changing technology, and unfilled obligations. As a Jewish religious institution, we also are faced with increasing security issues, the desire for innovative programming, and round the clock services. Although membership commitments are voluntary, each year we ask for a nominal increase to your donation so we can maintain the same level of service to our members.

Why do I have to pay religious school tuition in addition to my annual commitment?

Giving our children a Jewish education is part of our mission. In most synagogues, congregational religious schools, like our Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center (MBJLC), tuition and fees only cover about half the cost of providing a robust, comprehensive Jewish education. The Temple operating budget absorbs the rest. Our MBJLC Faculty includes full-time and part-time, paid staff members who provide learning opportunities for all children enrolled in MBJLC, including those with special learning needs. In addition to our faculty and staff costs, our curriculum, books, licensing fees, and other materials are additional costs to run the program.

Are annual commitments tax deductible?

Annual commitments and all other donations are 100 percent tax deductible. Please consult your tax professional about your specific circumstances.

What if I cannot afford to pay an annual commitment?

We understand that some members cannot contribute at the recommended levels and that others are able to give significantly more. We encourage all members to discuss their contribution confidentially with our Executive Director, Pam Kutner. It is our wish that everyone who wants to be part of our community can join regardless of their financial ability.

You should have received your membership renewal packet with your 2022-2023 Annual Commitment information. If you have any questions, please contact Alvin Weingartner, Membership & Engagement Manager, at AWeingartner@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221. We appreciate everyone’s commitment to Congregation Beth Israel.

KARFF GALA RECAP

This year's Karff Leadership Gala, an evening honoring the Fleishman Family, celebrated a legacy crossing multiple generations of Beth Israel. The dinner also celebrated the family's diverse cultural roots reflected in Mexican, Southern and traditional Jewish cuisines and desserts. Gala Chair and Carrolyn's granddaughter, Caren Schmulen Sweetland, received a standing ovation for her heartfelt and moving acceptance speech on behalf of the family; a tribute filled with reflections, simchas and highlights of their connection and contributions to Congregation Beth Israel over the years.



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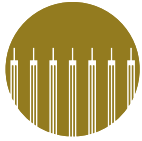
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