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MARCH 2023 BULLETIN

On Israel's 75th Anniversary

On the High Holy Days 5783, I raised matters of Jewish identity because we faced the prospect of a New Year with heightened antisemitism. Though it's been said in the past that a rise in antisemitism is good for Jewish identity because it forces us to see ourselves as a people who are stronger when we stand together, it's a misnomer and history proves that it's a bad defense. Antisemitism can't be defeated when we band together with our backs towards our enemies. Instead, we have to face our enemies together and sometimes alone.

In the fall, I shared with you that Ambassador Deborah Lipstadt, twice a guest in our congregation and special envoy to monitor and combat antisemitism, also known worldwide as an expert on the Holocaust and antisemitism who defeated a Holocaust denier in a London courthouse, made the startling announcement that "Unfortunately, antisemitism is a growth industry." And, without equivocation, she urged, "We should never let the Jewish people feel stronger in their Judaism because of antisemitism. In fact, quite the opposite. Let us resolve to be Jewish *nonetheless*."

Lipstadt believes that we're all (af al pea chen) "אף אל פיי כן Jews," we're "Despite-it-all-Jews; Even-so-Jews; Nonetheless-Jews." She was referencing a refugee ship from Nazi Germany, she called a bathtub, because its condition was so poor. Like other refugee ships, some of them successful and others that were not, it carried Jews from war-torn Europe to then Palestine, loaded with refugee Jews. The ship was called the "Af Al Pea Chen," Despite it all, because of its precarious voyage and its ultimate end. So, we say, Af Al Pea Chen, despite it all, we're Jews who have fallen and will climb back up again.

This assertive and self-defining position came with the arrival of refugees to a land they would come to know as Israel. It would be their refuge, their haven, and their home, because there was no other place in the world that would have them. And today, as antisemitism rages, Israeli Jews know that if there is no Israel, they would have nowhere to go. American Jews have no reason to feel any safer just because we're not in Israel. Because if we do nothing about antisemitism in America, then we will have nowhere to go but Israel, too. But I believe that America needs Jews, and Israel needs Jews in America. I'm very pleased to be a Jew in America who also loves Israel. I can do both and so can you. We don't always agree with either nation's politics, economics, or social issues, but that's not the point. The point is that we have a seat at the table, a right to vote, and a way to make a difference, and not only for ourselves, but also for our children. We need to be at the table, because, as it's been said, "If you're not at the table, then you're on the menu."

Antisemitism is the root of every evil that rears its head as raw bigotry and racism because Jews are the perennial scapegoat. So it isn't about hiding Jewish life, culture, heritage, language, or its future to be safe. It's about celebrating Israel's 75th anniversary this spring and Jewish life in America. Proudly, Congregation Beth Israel celebrates Israel's sovereignty and our Jewish people's strength despite it all, even so, and nonetheless.

Rabbi David Lyon
Senior Rabbi

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Welcome to all of our new members!



"Finding our spiritual home wherever we have lived has been a key to our happiness."

-Eleanor and Richard Seline

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CONGREGATION
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2023 Golf Tournament
In Honor of Ricky Haikin



Monday, April 24, 2023
10:30 A.M. Registration Opens
12:30 P.M. Tournament Begins
Westwood Golf Club

8888 Country Creek Street, Houston, Texas 77036

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ADL, BETH ISRAEL KULANU PROGRAM HELPS HUNDREDS UNDERSTAND AND RESPOND TO ANTISEMITISM

Nearly 230 people attended Congregation Beth Israel and ADL Southwest's *All of us (KULANU!)* *Fighting Antisemitism* seminar Dec. 8, which provided the latest information on antisemitic attacks, helped participants understand the importance of fighting antisemitism, and empowered them to recognize and respond to anti-Jewish hate.

Participants gathered in Wolff-Toomim Hall to hear a moving keynote address from ADL Central Division Vice President Cheryl Drazin.. Cheryl was on the ground in Colleyville, Texas on Jan. 15, 2022, when a gunman held congregants of Colleyville's Beth Israel Synagogue hostage for 11 hours. Cheryl inspired the audience with a stirring account of what happened that day, how ADL participated in the response, and how the ordeal affected her personally.

A panel featuring targets of antisemitism moderated by ADL Southwest Regional Director Mark Toubin followed Cheryl's presentation, and included renowned vaccine researcher and creator Peter Hotez, M.D., Ph.D., dean for the National School of Tropical Medicine at Baylor College of Medicine, talking about how antisemites have attacked him and his work; Eliana Antonoff and her father Michael, giving their account of how they responded when a teacher in Eliana's school presented an antisemitic lesson in her class; and The Shlenker School's Director of Admissions and Development Tara Gassett speaking about antisemitic fliers peppering her neighborhood and how she responded.

After the panel, participants went to one of four breakout sessions designed to empower them to

take action against antisemitism. Gittel Francis, LMSW explained how she counsels victims of antisemitism in her session; Rabbi Kenny Weiss, Executive Director of Houston Hillel helped participants understand how to respond to anti-Jewish hate on college campuses; ADL Senior Associate Director Dena Marks illustrated how antisemites are promoting an old hatred in new ways and gave tips on how to react productively; and ADL Education Director Dr. Chantel L. Henderson and facilitator Randi Sonenshein provided lessons on how K-12 students can recognize and respond to antisemitism. "The workshop was well done and practical," said Scott Cantor, a participant in the K-12 workshop, "Real-life examples of antisemitism that children experience pushed us to get realistic about how to respond to such situations."

Congregation Beth Israel Senior Rabbi David Lyon ended the evening with a call to action, citing a famous quote from Micah: "Do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with your G-d." Rabbi Lyon told the audience they must not sit by and ignore antisemitism. "We must do... we must respond with love.... And we must walk" toward responses and solutions, he said, because if we don't, antisemitism will continue to grow.

For more information on Kulanu or ADL, contact Dena Marks at dmarks@adl.org. For information about upcoming events and programs at Congregation Beth Israel, please visit www.beth-israel.org.



SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE MEMBERS CONTINUE TO SHOW UP TO MAKE DIFFERENCES IN OUR LARGER COMMUNITY

Many thanks to Jennifer, Addison, Logan and Randy Claridge for all they did to collect winter clothing and blankets for Interfaith Ministries for Greater Houston refugee clients. It's clear our congregants respond generously when asked to help others.



Thanks to Barbara Hordern, Cindy Perlman, Dena Marks, Ellen Leventhal, Lauren Hunsacker, Leslie Contreras Schwartz, Lisa Stone, Margot Stander, Mary Rich, Steve Leventhal, and Warren Rich our Working Group for "Kulanu: Synagogues Taking Action Against Antisemitism" brings practical information and resources to our congregation. The next Kulanu program in the spring will welcome Latino/Latina community members

to share their experiences of bias. Anyone who experiences or witnesses antisemitism or other forms of hate may report it online at adl.org/reportincident.

With our partners at the Food and Faith Collaborative, a community of volunteers from Congregations Beth Israel, Beth Yeshurun, Brith Shalom, Emanu El, and Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism we work closely with Second Servings and Houston Coalition for the Homeless to organize and staff PopUp Grocery Stores at low-income adult living facilities. This increases food security and nutritional self-sufficiency in the Houston area, which is critical since more than 16% of Houstonians are food insecure and demand at Houston Food Bank recently soared 30%. There is no cost to consumers and this supplements what they can afford to buy each month.

Thanks to Beth Schneider, we continue to visit Temenos, a residence for formerly homeless Houstonians, to share fun activities. We'll be celebrating the opening of their new building in a few months!

Our Gun Safety Campaign kicked off last month with a news conference, website (houstongunsafety.org), and billboards. Rabbi Lyon welcomed representatives from the Mayor's Office, City Council, Houston Police Dept, District Attorney's Office, FBI, ATF and other organizations to present a dramatic case to save lives by increasing safe gun storage in homes and cars. This is the culmination of efforts started before the pandemic. Our goal is to provide education and resources to help prevent gun deaths, accidents and thefts.

Please consider using a few of your hours to join us in pursuing justice for ourselves and others. Contact Lisa Stone (lestone@aya.yale.edu) or Dena Marks (denasokolow@gmail.com) to volunteer.

SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023

BETH ISRAEL PURIM Carnival

HOSTED BY
MBJLC Committee
Family Engagement Committee

Sunday, March 5th
Spiel & Megillah Reading – 9:30 am
Carnival – 10:00 am
Costume Contest (with prizes) – 11:00 am

Raffle prizes! (\$5 raffles, \$1 raffles, free raffles)
Dunk the Cantor in the dunk tank! 2 shots for \$5

Obstacle Course • Bounce House • Bubble Soccer
Photobooth • Fresh Hot Popcorn • Hamantaschen.

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of Congregation Beth Israel

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Adult Purim Comedian Benji Lovitt & Wine Tasting

**MARCH 6, 2023
7:00 P.M., IN-PERSON**

The Adult Education Committee invites you to gather in the Margolis Gallery as we celebrate Israel's 75th Anniversary and enjoy Purim together.

Enjoy our Megillah reading, delicious food, and a Purim celebration, featuring an expert in Israeli wines and American-Israeli comedian Benji Lovitt.

No cost and all are welcome for this festive occasion.

Register at
beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar

KIDS' MEALS 5,000 A HUGE SUCCESS

Congregation Beth Israel members really know how to make a difference. On a beautiful January Sunday morning, over 200 volunteers came together to make 5,000 sack meals 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 in the state of Texas.

Our morning began in the Sanctuary with the students of the Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center, their families and all of the volunteers. Cantor Kenneth Feibush, along with our weekend guest, Cantor Rosalie Will, led us in song and prayer to help us all to frame the important work that we were about to do.

We heard from John Day, Chief Operations and Program Officer for Kids' Meals 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?



We moved into Wolff-Toomim Hall and in less than 75 minutes our community made those 5,000 lunches and loaded them all onto the Kids' Meals refrigerated trucks. Thank you to our captains and the MBJLC Madrichim, led by Irv Berger who guided the volunteers as they made their way up and down the sandwich making and production lines. While the adults, older children and teens were in Wolff-Toomim Hall, the younger MBJLC students, led by MBJLC Assistant Director Kerri Zerlin, had their own Mitzvah Morning experience with additional mitzvah projects.

Please join our robust monthly gatherings on the third Wednesday of the month when we make 1,000 lunches together.



PERFORM A MITZVAH!

Wednesdays
9:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.
Wolff-Toomim Hall
March 22
April 19
May 17

Questions or more information, contact
 Marsha Gilbert at mgilbert@beth-israel.org

TACO TUESDAY
& Personal Safety Tips
with Sergeant Heidi Rose
Lieutenant Julie Pleasant

APRIL 25, 2023
6:30 P.M.
CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
THE MARGOLIS GALLERY

RSVP at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar
 Questions? Marsha@sugarstein.com or MGilbert@beth-israel.org

THE WOMEN OF BETH ISRAEL ARE OFF TO A GREAT START!



The Women of Beth Israel (formerly known as Beth Israel Sisterhood) has embarked on a journey to re-envision the role of women in Beth Israel to be more receptive to our community of women, their interests, energy and ways they would like to connect with each other and the congregation at large.

We have hosted three exciting events that were well attended and peaked the interest of women of all ages, talents and interests. Our first event was a Happy Hour held on Oct. 27 when we facilitated a conversation for a group of over 60 attendees to explore what type of group and activities women of our congregation would like to create. The answer was unanimous! All women individually and collectively expressed a desire to develop relationships and connections with other women in the congregation to enhance a feeling of mutual support and friendships within our large congregation through engaged social, mitzvah and educational programming.

We listened to all comments and held a second fun event, "Business and Baking" on January 18, when Pam Kutner, our Executive Director, demonstrated her skills at Challah Baking and shared her recipe with the more than 30 in attendance. While enjoying home baked Challah and Marsha Gilbert's hearty Mushroom Barley soup, we got down to business to discuss plans for the rest of the year and the creation of a leadership team.

We held our annual Mah Jongg Day on Feb. 5, that attracted 70 women for a fun filled afternoon of comradery, gaming and raffle winners. We hope to expand this into a broader "Game Day" in the future.

Coming up . . .

Mitzvah and Event Planning - those who have expressed an interest in either the Mitzvah or Event Planning functions will meet remotely in the coming weeks to determine the next focus. An email invite with link will be distributed soon. If you are interested in either of these groups and haven't previously let us know, please contact Debra Baverman at dbaverman@netscape.net to be added.

Women of Beth Israel will be participating in the May 17 Kids' Meals Mitzvah Project, and we are sending representatives to the Mitzvah Committee to adopt a regular Mitzvah project of our own. RSVP to mgilbert@beth-israel.org

Follow us on Facebook www.facebook.com/womenofbethisrael. Be sure to like and share our posts!

Passover is coming up! Try shopping in person or at the online Judaica Shop (shopsisterhood.org) and watch for future "Pop Up" shops to be held around the holidays.

There is still time to help shape the reimagined Women of Beth Israel. Join our dynamic group now!

Find our membership form online at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/form/sisterhood.html

Questions? Contact Anita Seline (Judaica Shop) at 713-777-4315, aseline@beth-israel.org.



**Your Judaica Shop has all
your Passover needs.**

TUESDAY- FRIDAY
10:00 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

First night of Passover is Wednesday, April 5th.
Questions? Contact Anita at
713-777-4315



CONGREGATION
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Second Night Seder

Join Rabbi David Lyon, Rabbi Adrienne Scott,
and Cantor Kenneth Feibush as they lead us
through our Passover Haggadah filled with
our people's story and traditional melodies.

THURSDAY | 6:00 P.M. - 9:00 P.M.
6 APRIL 2023 | CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL
5600 NORTH
BRAESWOOD BLVD.

Register at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar
Questions?
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A Musical Weekend with Cantor Rosalie Will

During the weekend of January 20-22, 2023, Congregation Beth Israel welcomed Cantor Rosalie Will as our Artist-in-Residence for the weekend. Cantor Will joined our Clergy Team for Shir Shabbat on Friday night, and lead Torah Study on Shabbat morning. On Sunday Cantor Will helped to kick off our Kids' Meals 5000 and then taught and led programming with our MBJLC religious school children.



KEHILLAH

We are going back to Israel!

High

Registration is open for the second biennial Kehillah High Israel Trip, taking place this summer from June 14 to July 4. This transformative experience is open to current 10th and 11th grade students in the Greater Houston Jewish community.

During the three weeks in Israel, participants will have the opportunity to build personal connections to Israel and fully develop a relationship with the country by interacting with the people, tasting the food, and taking in the rich history, culture, and natural beauty. The trip will also coincide with the country's 75th-anniversary celebrations.

In the summer of 2021, Danielle Alexander, Kehillah High Founding Director, led the inaugural Kehillah High Israel Trip of 32 10th-12th graders representing eight congregations in the Greater Houston area. "Looking back at this trip and the young Jewish leaders who chose to take part, I'm so inspired by how they embraced both their Israel studies prior to and during the trip and their community despite a stream of obstacles," Alexander said.

"The effects of this trip are extending far beyond the 21 days itself. Teens who went with us to Israel are engaging their parents, other family members, and friends in their experiences," she added "The trip has and will continue to generate numerous conversations, in-person and online, deepening the participants' impact and understanding. This trip will impact the future of the Houston Jewish community for decades."

Going to Israel will forever be a turning point in my life. The experience changed me as a person and completely reshaped my mindset toward Israel and Judaism. I cherish the wide variety of knowledge I accumulated throughout our tour, and am so grateful to have had the opportunity to experience so many different things. From visiting an ultra-Orthodox community to shopping in the Machane Yehuda shuk, there was never a moment that wasn't full of Israeli experience and culture.

- Paige Nossal, Summer 2021
Kehillah High Israel Trip Participant

Kehillah High is proud to be a RootOne trip provider for the second time, a new initiative that helps connect thousands of Jewish teens to Israel by lowering the financial barrier to participation in immersive summer trips to Israel and by investing in the educational quality of those experiences. The initiative will support new trip curricula and offer deeper pre and post-trip engagement to strengthen participants' Jewish identities and connections to the community and Israel.

It might sound cheesy, but I did uncover a part of myself by going to Israel. I embraced my roots and made a connection with the land and the people. I hope this connection is never lost and only strengthened over time. I found myself taking value in the little things, thinking about deeper meanings, and praying. I have brought home with me these ideas and hope that I continue to connect with my Judaism. After this trip, I have seen the world through a different lens. I can't wait to come back and explore more.

- Alexa Schwartz, Summer 2021
Kehillah High Israel Trip Participant



Registration is first come, first served, so register your teen for this life-changing trip today. Priority will be given to those teens who have previously not received a RootOne grant before. To learn more about the Kehillah High Israel Trip and how to register, visit www.kehillahhouston.org.

The Kehillah High Israel Trip is supported by local donors, participating congregations, the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, and RootOne.



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CHRISTMAS DAY MITZVAH PROJECT RECAP



Happy and healthy 2023 to all of our amazing volunteers who made this Beth Israel Christmas Day mitzvah project so successful again!

This year our congregation contributed over \$4,000 for this day efforts to the Ronald McDonald House (RMH) Joyful Eats Fund which purchased the meals served on Christmas Day and the in-between snack and go meals from HEB.

We had 35 volunteers whom picked up food, delivered food, and served the meals on Christmas Day. Then, 50 members and friends created, designed, and delivered 400 "grab and go" snack bags to be distributed to the family and patients as they travel between RMH and the hospitals.

Renewing Ourselves: Appreciating our Differences

Sunday, April 30, 12:30 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.

As we prepare for the summer ahead, the Inclusion Committee and MBJLC Committee invite you to discuss ways we can deepen our understanding of LGBTQ+ issues, gender justice, and how we can remain informed on these issues through a Jewish lens. Featuring religious school children, faculty, and parents, and moderated by Rabbi Adrienne Scott who will guide us through our traditional texts, we will explore new trends and how we can remain relevant and inclusive. For more information and details, contact Rabbi Scott at ascott@beth-israel.org or Inclusion Committee co-chairs, Pat Mintz (patmintz@comcast.net) and Alan Hurwitz (ahur111@aol.com).



MICHAEL LEWIS OPENING NIGHT

On January 12, The Margolis Gallery hosted 80 members and friends at the opening reception of *One World: A Photographic Journey Through Seven Continents* by Dr. Michael Lewis. Through his photographic work, Dr. Lewis reconnects with his deep roots at Congregation Beth Israel.

Congratulations to event chairs Jeff and Shellie Lewis and The Margolis Gallery Chairs, Shirley Lavine, and Tanya Strum on a successful opening.

The collection of moving images inspired by scared moments of people, animals, and landscapes is available to view in The Margolis Gallery through May 2023.



SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT!

Oneg Shabbat at Congregation Beth Israel provides our community with an opportunity to have a social connection on Shabbat - a chance to renew friendships, welcome newcomers, and make new friends. Sponsoring an Oneg is a wonderful way to honor, remember, or celebrate a person, event, or milestone.

To find out how to sponsor an Oneg contact Marsha Gilbert, mgilbert@beth-israel.org.

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL CHILDREN VISIT CELEBRATION COMPANY



This year Congregation Beth Israel's religious school program, The Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center, is trying something new. Beginning in the third grade, all enrolled children are engaging in tiyulim, field trips, throughout the community. The goal of these tiyulimis to expose the children to new ways of seeing Jewish life beyond the borders and walls of the synagogue. Last fall, third graders went to the Houston Zoo for a program that coincided with the Torah reading of Noah's Ark. Recently, on February 12th, Senior Associate Rabbi Adrienne Scott, David Scott, Director of Lifelong Learning and Engagement, and Fourth Grade Faculty Member, Mark King, brought fourth grade children to Joan and Stanford Alexander Jewish Family Service's Celebration Company to coincide with February's Jewish Disability Awareness month and JFS's ReelAbilities. The children learned about the work of JFS and ways all our children can become more involved with this important organization.

Joined by Carol Silverman, JFS's Volunteer Coordinator and Program Assistant, and Celebration Company Employee, Becca Golub, the children learned about the important work of Celebration Company. After the discussion the children watched one of the this year's ReelAbilities films called Best Friends. It tells the story of a friendship that grows between two children, one of whom having special needs. Special guest, Joan Alexander, shared with the children her joy of the work of Celebration Company. She taught how we are all created B'tzelem Elohim, in the image of God, and how we should be grateful for how we are all different from one another. Rabbi Scott highlighted and taught about inclusion efforts and the work she does on behalf of the Temple's Inclusion Committee. The children learned how important it is for everyone in our community to feel included in all that we do. Carol then led the children on an activity using texture that was inspired by guest artist John Bramblitt, who is blind. Special thanks to teen leader (madrich), Ben Litofsky, for his support and

assistance with the art project supplies. After a tour of the Celebration Company spaces at JFS, the children left feeling inspired and filled with questions. One child remarked that she found a new idea for an art project herself, and another commented on how his Bar Mitzvah project in a few years might be inspired by that day's visit. Joan Alexander noted how "proud she was of how Congregation Beth Israel and the Miriam Brown Jewish Learning Center is pioneering new ways to pray, teach, learn - and find God in our lives."

For more information about upcoming tiyulim and how your child or grandchild can participate in the MBJLC, contact David Scott, Director of Lifelong Learning and Engagement at (713) 771-6221 or dscott@beth-israel.org.

MBJLC UPCOMING EVENTS & TIYULIM

March 5

MBJLC Purim Carnival

March 26

5th Grade Tiyl Field Trip

April 26

**7th Grade Scavenger Hunt
at the Museum of Fine Arts**

MBJLC'S MORIM MISHPACHA AND TIYULIM ARE A HUGE HIT!

In an effort to increase participation and engagement with our Temple's religious school program called The Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center (MBJLC), we created new programming this year to attract children and families to all that the MBJLC has to offer. In addition to a robust curriculum of Judaic content and our Hebrew initiatives with a proven track record, this year we launched MBJLC's *Morim Mishpacha* and *Tiyulim*.

Morim Mishpacha means Family Learning and the MBJLC team has created meaningful experiences for each grade level beginning with Consecration for our kindergarten children. On February 5th, our fifth graders, who recently received the dates for when they will become B'nei Mitzvah themselves, created their own beautiful Yads, which they will be able to use when they read from Torah in a couple of years. Mike Mason, Director of Young Family Education and Musical Engagement and Rabbi Lyon also met with the children and their parents on the bimah in the Sanctuary to unroll the Torah and teach our sacred texts and the history of our Torah scrolls.

Our MBJLC *Tiyulim* program are also a new initiative, which began this year. *Tiyulim* means "Trips," and beginning with the third grade children visiting the Houston Zoo and learning the Hebrew names of the animals as they study Noah's Ark from Torah/ Every subsequent grade level enjoys an off-campus experience. These experiences are open to all Temple families, and we encourage your child or grandchild to participate! Our fourth graders visited

Jewish Family Service's Celebration Company on February 12th, as they engaged in an art project inspired by a blind artist and learned to appreciate everyone's gifts and talents, regardless of differences.

On February 26th, our 6th and 7th graders enjoyed a Jewish Tour of Houston, which included, among others, a visit to our Holman Street Temple, the West Dallas Cemetery, the Antoine Cemetery, and of course, lunch at Kenny & Ziggy's where Ziggy Gruber explained the origins of some of his favorite Jewish dishes.

On March 26th our 5th graders will participate in their own tiyul experience focused on the Jewish Lifecycle, and on April 16th, all 7th graders are invited to participate in a Jewish Scavenger Hunt at the Museum of Fine Arts Houston.

These events offer great opportunities to meet other Jewish children and parents from the congregation, in addition to all the rest of the learning our children enjoy throughout the year.

We are so excited with the success of both of these new MBJLC initiatives, and we look forward to them growing even more next year. Registration for our 2023-2024 MBJLC religious school program for PreK-4 through 7th grade, and our 8th - 12th Teen Madrichim program including Kehillah High launches on April 2nd during our MBJLC Passover Experience, and all children in the congregation are invited to register through ShulCloud on our Temple website. Save the Date for next year's MBJLC Opening Day on August 27, 2023! For more information about the MBJLC, please contact David Scott, Kerri Zerlin, Mike Mason, or Stephanie Shargal at MBJLC@beth-israel.org



FAMILY SHABBAT



Congregation Beth Israel's monthly Family Shabbat programs began this year with a bang! The January event, co-led by special guest Cantor Kenneth Feibush, celebrated Martin Luther King, Jr. Day with equality and freedom for all, as we came together for a service and dinner, followed by making Mitzvah Bells, for families to ring when they come across Mitzvot opportunities. The February service featured Mike Mason, Director of Young Family Education and Musical Engagement, and David Scott, Director of Lifelong Learning and Engagement, joined by congregants Marc Sherman and Steven Overton on drums and electric harp, respectively. We had a Tu B'Shevat themed program complete with decorating terra cotta pots and planting parsley. Traditionally, parsley is planted on Tu B'Shevat to be used at the Passover Seder. Activities at Family Shabbat are led by MBJLC Madrichim, teenagers who earn community service hours by working with MBJLC Faculty during Sunday programming, as well as leading other youth-oriented events. Spring Family Shabbats will be held March 10, April 14, and May 12 at 6:00 p.m. For more information on Family Shabbat, the Madrichim program, or other youth and family events, please contact MBJLC Assistant Director Kerri Zerlin at kzerlin@beth-israel.org.



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TOT SHABBAT

with Mike Mason

Join us with your family on Shabbat. Share a story, prayers, songs, and a family blessing. Families with young children are invited to sing, laugh, embrace and play. All events start at 10 am and are open to families with children under 6!

March 11

April 22

May 20

Contact Kerri Zerlin,
Assistant Director of the
MBJLC, at
kzerlin@beth-israel.org
for questions



CONGREGATION
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FAMILY SHABBAT

Bring your family for Shabbat!

All families with children and teens are invited to celebrate Shabbat! We'll share familiar prayers, blessings for our children, and joyful music as we embrace our families and engage in meaningful moments. All events start at 6 pm.

March 10

April 14

May 12

Contact Kerri Zerlin, Assistant Director of the MBJLC,
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2023 - 2024 ANNUAL COMMITMENT

Your membership and involvement in Congregation Beth Israel's services and programs pave the way for future generations. We continue to be an active Jewish community, where members come together for services and classes as well as socializing. We strongly encourage our members to be active participants in the Temple offerings. "Im ein kemach, ein Torah; im ein Torah, ein kemach," which means, without sustenance, there is no Torah; without Torah, there is no sustenance.

What is an annual commitment?

Annual member commitments support our operating budget and ensure that Congregation Beth Israel will be here for you and your family. It allows us to meet the extensive needs of our Congregation.

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

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

We depend on the financial support of annual commitments to operate. The yearly operating need is the amount of money we need to spend each year to fulfill our mission and ensure that the Temple is preserved for the future. The operating budget provides support for clergy and staff; a beautiful, safe campus; worship services with a live stream option; religious school; family and adult education; counseling; holiday celebrations; programming; pastoral care; life cycle events; social justice activities; and 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 of caring clergy, staff, and fellow congregants to help you learn and grow, celebrate your blessings, and support you through life's challenges. A flourishing

congregation for over 165 years, you are supporting the continuation of Jewish life in Greater Houston and beyond. As a member of the congregation you are entitled to enroll your children in our religious school, given voting privileges, attend High Holy Days, hold board or committee positions, and have access to the Rabbi services for all life cycle events and other personal needs. You receive all mailings and e-mails, weekly newsletters, quarterly bulletins, special announcements, invitations to upcoming events, and access to numerous adult education and social justice programs.

What are the giving levels above sustaining?

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

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.

Soon you will receive your membership renewal packet with your 2023-2024 Annual Commitment information. If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Shargal, Membership & Engagement Manager, at sshargal@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 421. We appreciate everyone's commitment to Congregation Beth Israel.





Congregation Beth Israel
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Your family's annual commitment provides 80% of the Temple's operating budget. Additional funding is required to reduce the remaining amount. For the 2022-2023 fiscal year, the Temple's total operating budget is \$4.8 million.

GOAL: \$150,000



We are grateful to the 159 households contributing \$130,000 to support the Temple's operations and programs. The goal of \$150,000 is within reach. We need your help!

Every family is asked to choose the Temple program or operational expense that feels important to them. Your gift will help close the gap in the Beth Israel budget.

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BINGE GROUPS

Our BINGE Groups (Beth Israel New Group Engagements) are going strong with new ones forming all the time! If you have an idea for a BINGE Group, let us know. For the most up-to-date list of BINGE groups, visit our website. One of our new BINGE Groups, **Tribe - Young Professionals**, met at Kirby Ice House for their first happy hour. **Matinees & Martinis** went to see ROE at Stages Theater followed by dinner afterwards.

Our weekly BINGE groups continue to meet: **Torah 101** on Fridays at 11:30 a.m. with David Scott, RJE, **Jewish Meditation** with Jay Tarnow on Saturday mornings at 11:15 a.m., **Pickleball** led by Stanley Rosenblatt and Linda Caplan on Sunday mornings starting at 9:00 a.m., and **Swimming in the Sea of Talmud** on Wednesdays at 2:00 p.m. with David Scott, RJE. Our **Writers' Circle** group meets on the first and third Thursdays of each month at 1:00 p.m.

Our monthly groups also continuing to meet: **Torah Study Book Club** on the second Thursday of the month at Noon and **What Are You Watching?** on the first Monday of the month at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to these sessions and no prior experience is necessary.

NEW BINGE GROUP: Tribe - Young Professionals: Tired of adulting? Want to meet other young professionals of Beth Israel? Tribe is the BINGE group for you. Come hang out with old friends and meet some new ones! We will have periodic happy hours and other fun activities! For details and more information, please contact Cantor Kenneth Feibush or Stephanie Shargal at 713-771-6221.

For any questions related to our BINGE Groups, please contact Stephanie Shargal, Membership & Engagement Manager, at sshargal@beth-israel.org.



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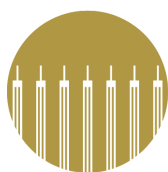
Applications are now available for all College Undergraduates and Graduates online
www.beth-israel.org/lifelong-learning/Lyon-Cohen

The Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship is awarded annually to a college undergraduate or graduate student. The scholarship is available to members and family members of Congregation Beth Israel and is presented on a merit basis to an individual who exemplifies Lyon Cohen's optimism and devotion to Jewish ethics.

Application Deadline is March 1, 2023

The Award will be presented at
our Annual Meeting June 4, 2023

Questions? Contact David Scott at DScott@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 ext. 605



Center For Healing, Hope,
and the Human Spirit
of Congregation Beth Israel

THE STILL SMALL VOICE

The Still, Small Voice is a quarterly column that will appear in each issue of the Temple Bulletin. Written by Dr. Tom Cole, Director of the Center for Healing, Hope, and the Human Spirit, it will address specific issues embedded in the spiritual life of Reform Judaism and of Congregation Beth Israel.

WHERE HAVE ALL THE ANGELS GONE?

Until the 20th century, Jews believed in the reality of angels, who were thought to appear among us in everyday life.

In ancient Israel, the world of the spirit was intermingled with the world of everyday life. It was not somewhere out there but right here among us and within us. Today some Jews still see and occasionally experience the mysteries of the spirit in everyday life. For others spiritual experiences are illusions. And for still others there is a known or unknown longing for spiritual experiences that might bring us closer to God. One form of these experiences is an encounter with an angel, stories of which is actually more common today than you might think. The Hebrew name for angel is Malach, which also means messenger. Angels were thought to be messengers of God.

Recently, archeologists have dug under the floors of homes in ancient Mesopotamia. Among other things, they found amulets and simple ceramic bowls inscribed with personalized appeals to angels, God, and other sacred heroes. They pleaded for help in healing illnesses, restoring love in marriages, increasing business or protecting their home from demons and other evil forces.

And our Hebrew bible of course is filled with angelic figures, (usually disguised as men): the angels who came to Abraham's tent and announced that Sarah would have a child at 90 years old; the angel who stayed Abraham's hand as he prepared to sacrifice Isaac; the angel who wrestled with Jacob, whose name was changed to Israel, which means wrestling with God.

In the first few centuries of the Common Era, it was generally thought that two angels accompanied each family home after the Sabbath Service. If the Sabbath table was properly prepared with candles, the family would be blessed with assistance in everyday life.

When Reform Judaism first rebelled against Orthodox Judaism, our movement followed the lead of a culture which anointed science and rationality as the sole criteria of truth. Angels, along with other celestial beings fell into disrepute, and God alone reigned as Creator of the world and Divine architect of the covenant. But angels persist under the radar today,

even in our liturgy. Every Sabbath evening, we sing the song "Shalom Aleichem," peace be unto you. Few of us know the translation of this song, which adopts the ancient notion of the angels who accompany us home from Sabbath services.

Peace be unto you ministering angels, angels of the Most High, the King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be G-d.

Come in peace angels of peace, angels of the Most High

Of the King, the King of Kings, the Holy One Blessed Be G-d.

Bless me in peace, angels of peace, angels of the Most High,

Of the King of Kings, the Holy One, blessed be G-d.

Depart in peace angels of the Most High.

Of the King of Kings, the Holy One, Blessed Be G-d.

Few people today say they believe in angels. But who knows? As we look for ways to bring home divine blessings from our Sabbath services, perhaps invisible angels are walking us home.

Aging Wisely - Embracing the Second Half of Life

Fraturdays • March 3, 17, 24, 31
10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.



Facilitated by Janice Rubin, this course will offer tools for becoming an Elder, one who is sharing wisdom and mentoring others, even as we ourselves continue to grow and learn. We will gain access to our inner life and expand the perspective that will help us navigate the second half of life. Through this work we will be inspired to embrace aging as a great spiritual adventure.

Living with Chronic Illness

Sponsored by the Center for Healing, Health, and the Human Spirit Virtual Meetings via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. Do you have a condition that won't ever go away? Is it hard for you to be disabled or dependent on others? Does your condition interfere with your observance of Jewish rituals or participation in services? Join us for a 5-week group that offers support, practical advice, and ways to find meaning and spiritual growth. In our group, led by Dr. Tom Cole and Dr. Sharon Romm, we will discuss: finding people who understand and can listen, accepting loss and finding ways to grow, coping with difficult feelings, learning that healing is possible when cure is not, all while finding meaning in Jewish texts, liturgy, and community.

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April 21-23, 2023

In-Person at Congregation Beth Israel, Houston

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In celebration of the 75th Anniversary of Israel, Jerusalem-based author Rabbi Daniel Gordis will speak on his recent book, *Impossible Takes Longer*, which looks at the question, “75 years after its creation, has Israel fulfilled its founders’ dreams?”

Friday Night Services, 6:30 p.m.: Rabbi Gordis will be our Shabbat guest speaker. Following services, everyone is invited to a reception in his honor including a moderated conversation with Rabbi Lyon in Wolff-Toomim Hall.

Saturday Morning: Torah Study at 9:45 a.m. in the Finger Board Room and via Zoom

Underwritten by a generous grant from the Joan and Stanford Alexander Family Israel Programming Fund of Congregation Beth Israel.



WELCOME TO THE SCHACHTEL LIBRARY AND ARCHIVE!

The Schachtel Library and Archive is open to visitors from 9:00 A.m. - 5:00 P.m. Monday through Friday and on Sunday from 9:00 A.m. - 12:00 P.m.

For information or assistance finding material or information on a subject, please e-mail Susan Whitman at swhitman@beth-israel.org or call 713-820-6410.

The Archive: A Treasury of Beth Israel History

Beth Israel Library is also home to the archive of our congregation. The documents and artifacts date back to our founding in 1854 and chronicle the generations that built Beth Israel. We also have brotherhood and sisterhood documents, photographs, and memorabilia.

You can find yourself here!

From generation to generation: Browse our database of confirmation photographs for class photos dating back to the early years of our congregation to the present.

Hear voices from the past: Listen to recordings of oral histories of congregants and community leaders interviewed by Linda May and Gay Block in the 1990s. You will also find additional interviews from the 1980s and 1990s of Sisterhood Presidents and local Houstonians.

LIBRARY GROUPS AND EVENTS

Schachtel Library Readers' Group

The group meets monthly to discuss works of fiction and nonfiction with Jewish themes. In January, we partnered with the Southwest Regional Office of the Anti-Defamation League and the Social Justice Committee of Congregation Beth Israel to sponsor a book discussion with Dr. Allison Schottenstein on her book *Changing Perspectives: Black-Jewish Relations in the Civil Rights Era*. In February, we discussed *Red Sea Spies: The True Story of Mossad's Fake Diving Resort*. We welcome new members! Please contact Susan Whitman at swhitman@beth-israel.org to be added to the mailing list.

BINGE: Schachtel Library Writers' Circle

This new BINGE group welcomes writers at all levels of fiction or nonfiction to read each other's work and provide feedback. The group is led by Beth Israel member Miriam K Friedman and meets twice a month on Thursdays. Contact Susan Whitman at swhitman@beth-israel.org for the spring schedule and to be included in the mailing list.

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This year, the Chili Cookoff will be held at Congregation Beth Yeshurun on Sunday, March 19, from 12:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come out and support your Beth Israel Red Hot Chili Schleppers team!! All donations made to our team Tzedakah Box, located in our Cookoff booth, will help lead us to victory! For more information or to purchase tickets to the Houston Kosher Chili Cookoff, please visit www.houstonkosherchilicookoff.com

*Mazel Tov to Dr. Ed Septimus
on his election as Chair of
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