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Members of the Confirmation Class of 1949 reunited to celebrate their 75th anniversary with our clergy on Friday, May 24 • Photo by Jordan Scheiner

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Traditions that Tie us Together



As an ancient people in whom the past endures, to borrow from Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, we observe traditions dating back thousands of years. Traditions keep our religious values, and our families, alive. We cherish our heirlooms as sacred reminders of our departed loved ones, and we honor their memories by continuing familiar traditions like lighting the Shabbat candles and hosting Passover seders.

Personally, I love looking through old prayerbooks used by my cantor and rabbi colleagues, treating the notes they’ve scribbled in the margins like secret messages meant just for me. Recently, I helped a congregant place a *mezuzah* on the door of her new house, and she said she felt surrounded with love by both her family who were present and those joining in spirit. Placing *mezuzot* on our doors, signifying our love and commitment to creating a Jewish household, is perhaps one of the oldest customs commanded to us in our Torah.

Customs can be a source of comfort and familiarity even as we seek to innovate and deepen our understanding of them. Ritual objects in our homes have become more elaborate in response to the *mitzvah*, *hiddur mitzvah*, to beautify the commandment. New melodies for our familiar prayers can change the way we think about the words. We could repeat the same teachings from the Torah week after week, but instead we ask new questions and glean new interpretations. As I remind our B’nei Mitzvah often, their words have never been said before, and they will be happily received by our congregation because we, as Jewish people, love hearing new ideas about Torah.

For 170 years, Congregation Beth Israel has balanced tradition and innovation. At a Shabbat service in early May, we seamlessly blended a 60-year-old setting of “May the Words” by Rabbi Schachtel with a contemporary “Oseh Shalom” by Michael Hunter Ochs. Also, on occasion during services, I’ll blend older European melodies with newer American and Israeli music. Our rabbis offer contemporary thoughts to questions facing today’s world using teachings of the great rabbis of the past as a guide. While the words of our prayers and Torah are age-old, we continue to find new meaning every week in services, Torah study, and from the experiences recounted by our B’nei Mitzvah. We have accomplished a lot, and our next 170 years will continue to reflect relevance and innovation.

We have many musical guests in store for next year, including the Nigunim Ensemble from Israel, Nefesh Mountain, and Cantors Barbara Ostfeld and Jill Abramson, my teachers and cantorial giants of synagogue music. We will hear familiar music, music commissioned by Beth Israel over the years, and even the American debut of Israeli music. May this coming year, our 170th year, inspire us to uphold our traditions and discover new ones. May we continue to learn from each other and continue to grow, together.

L’Shalom,

Cantor Kenneth Feibush

MEYERLAND HONORS
RABBI SAMUEL KARFF WITH
NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE



Photo by the Houston Chronicle

On Tuesday, April 9, state, county, and local officials gathered in Meyerland to announce the new pedestrian bridge being built over Brays Bayou Greenway will be named The Rabbi Samuel Karff Bridge. Rabbi Karff, beloved to all, served as Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel from 1975 to 1999 and was known for his passionate advocacy work.

Commissioner Rodney Ellis commented, “The late Rabbi Samuel Egal Karff dedicated his life to fostering understanding, unity and justice while faithfully serving Congregation Beth Israel—the oldest Jewish congregation in Houston. It is our profound honor to dedicate this pedestrian bridge in his memory—a bridge that symbolizes the connections he tirelessly worked to build across communities.”

The bridge is expected to open this fall and will connect 40 miles of greenways for walkers and bikers. We are thrilled that this beautiful tribute to Rabbi Karff will keep his memory and legacy alive in our community for generations to come.

RABBI SAMUEL RHEINS
LEADS FIRST SERVICE AT
CONGREGATION BETH
ISRAEL ON JULY 5



Rabbi Samuel Rheins

We extend a Mazel Tov to Rabbi Samuel Rheins, who was ordained rabbi at HUC-JIR in Cincinnati on June 1. On July 1, Rabbi Rheins will join Beth Israel’s clergy as Assistant Rabbi.

We invite all members to our Shabbat Evening Service on Friday, July 5 at 6:30 PM in the Gordon Chapel, to welcome Rabbi Rheins as he leads us in his first Shabbat service.

Rabbi Rheins grew up in Denver, where both of his parents are Reform rabbis. He grew up in the Reform movement, attended Reform Jewish summer camp, and graduated from University of Colorado, Boulder, with a major in history and a minor in Jewish Studies in 2017. After college, he spent a year in Israel at Pardes Institute for Jewish Education before entering rabbinical school at HUC-JIR in Jerusalem and Cincinnati.

We look forward to officially welcoming Rabbi Rheins to Congregation Beth Israel and to Houston.



NIGUNIM
ENSEMBLE CONCERT
featuring



Rabbi-Cantor
Shani Ben Or



Boaz Dorot

Mark Your Calendars
SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

Congregation Beth Israel
5600 North Braeswood Blvd. · Houston, TX 77096

Nigunim Ensemble was founded by Rabbi-Cantor Shani Ben Or and Musicianship Instructor at Hebrew Union College, Boaz Dorot, in 2010. Born and raised in Israel, Shani and Boaz are inspired to connect between their Israeli heritage, music, and prayer. The ensemble composes, arranges, presents, and creates a range of sacred music in the spirit of Jewish music from all around the globe.

Register at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL'S 2024 RICKY HAIKIN GOLF CLASSIC DRAWS MEANINGFUL SUPPORT FOR THE TEMPLE AND HAIKIN FAMILY



Ellyn Josef, Roslyn Fuchs Haikin, & Jennifer Zach



Brian Schmulen, Rob Sweetland, Mark Schmulen, & Carl Schmulen

On Monday, April 1, over 130 Congregation Beth Israel members, family, and friends gathered at Westwood Golf Club to participate in the 2024 Ricky Haikin Golf Classic.

Renamed last year, the annual tournament honors Westwood legend and beloved Congregation Beth Israel member, Ricky Haikin, and teams compete for the Jack Selber Memorial Trophy.

Players arrived between 10:30 AM-12 PM to check in and warm up. At 12:30 PM, Carl Schmulen, Honorable Chair of the Tournament Planning Committee, welcomed everyone to the tournament, and Rabbi David Lyon offered words of prayer and encouragement for a successful afternoon. Shortly after, a Westwood staff member sent the teams off to their respective holes to begin game play.

The day ended with a cocktail reception, raffle, and announcement of this year's winners of the Jack Selber Memorial Trophy: Matt Davis, Sam Ewing, Steve Robinson, and Paul Soanes.

Roslyn Fuchs Haikin noted, "It was a wonderful day celebrating the things Ricky cherished most—family, friends, golf, and Beth Israel."

This event would not have been possible without the generous support and outstanding efforts of its committee members, volunteers, players, and sponsors, including the Title Underwriters, The Schmulen & Sweetland Families, and Platinum Underwriters, The Haikin, Josef, & Zach Families, and Judy & Marc Herzstein. Through sponsorships, donations, player participation, and raffle tickets, the tournament raised important funds for campus security and infrastructure.

THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS

On behalf of Congregation Beth Israel, we extend our deepest gratitude to the generous sponsors of the 2024 Ricky Haikin Golf Classic



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EVENT SPOTLIGHT

ETHICS OF ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE SYMPOSIUM CAPTIVATES HUNDREDS

Congregation Beth Israel welcomed over 400 community members to the 2024 Lyon Cohen Symposium on Thursday, April 18. This year's topic, "The Ethics of Artificial Intelligence (AI)," attracted a panel of deeply accomplished, well-versed, and technologically savvy experts:

Rabbi David Lyon

Senior Rabbi of Congregation Beth Israel

Professor Peter Stone

Truchard Foundation Chair in Computer Science at The University of Texas at Austin and Executive Director of Sony AI America

Dwight Silverman

Houston Chronicle Personal Technology Columnist and Freelance Writer

Elizabeth Cohen

Temple member and Invesco's Director, Technology Strategy Innovation & Planning

Guests arrived at 5:45 PM for an opening reception, followed by the program from 6:30-8 PM. After opening remarks, moderator Elizabeth Cohen launched into an animated ChatGPT demonstration, which segued perfectly into the thought-provoking panel discussion about AI and its implications for the future.

The event also highlighted the Lyon Cohen Merit Scholarship, a \$5,000 scholarship awarded to a college or graduate student every year. The scholarship was presented by Ellen Cohen, who was married to Lyon Cohen for 42 years and formerly served as the Mayor Pro Tem of the City of Houston. This year's winner is Ethan Pintar, a college student currently studying at Swarthmore College. Ethan is the son of Yvette and Peter Pintar, and grandson of Silvia Max and Ernest Max.^{z1}

Thank you to Marcie Zlotnik, daughter of Lyon Cohen and chair of the Lyon Cohen Steering Committee, for organizing this year's hugely successful event. The Lyon Cohen Symposium is made possible by a generous grant from the Lyon Cohen Fund for Jewish Business Ethics of Congregation Beth Israel.

Host Committee members and table sponsors also deserve recognition for their generosity and outstanding stewardship:

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We look forward to the next Lyon Cohen Symposium in 2026 as we continue to honor Lyon Cohen and his devotion to Jewish ethics.



Elizabeth Cohen, Dwight Silverman, Professor Peter Stone, Rabbi David Lyon



Over 400 community members attended the 2024 Lyon Cohen Symposium in Wolff-Toomim Hall

EVENT SPOTLIGHT

HOUSTONIANS OF ALL AGES AND FAITHS ENJOYED AN EVENING OF PRAYER AND FRIENDSHIP AT SECOND NIGHT SEDER



Trey Wyatt, Lynn Wyatt, Richard Kaplan, and Sherrie Kaplan



Three generations of the Gilbert Family together at the Seder

Second Night Seder has become an essential part of celebrating Passover at Congregation Beth Israel. This year, on Tuesday, April 23, over 300 members of the Beth Israel community and Greater Houston community gathered in Wolff-Toomim Hall for the occasion. The tables were adorned with festive placemats, seder plates, wine and grape juice, and plenty of matzah to go around. Rabbi Lyon, Rabbi Scott, and Cantor Feibush led us through the Haggadah, telling the story of our people's redemption with meaningful prayers and familiar melodies.

After enjoying a delicious meal together, the children were tasked with finding not one, but several afikomen, which were hidden strategically in different rooms of the Temple. The winners were awarded special prizes and all the children received Passover-themed gifts.

We opened the door for Elijah and concluded the Seder with songs of praise and hope. Everyone filtered out of the room with full bellies, big smiles, and an overwhelming sense of gratitude that we were able to spend this evening together in peace.

SPONSOR AN ONEG SHABBAT!

Oneg Shabbats at Congregation Beth Israel provide 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 loved one, event, or milestone. Or simply, just because. To learn more, contact Marsha Gilbert at mgilbert@beth-israel.org.



UPCOMING EVENTS

PRESENTED BY THE ADULT EDUCATION COMMITTEE



AUGUST 23 & 24

ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE: RABBI-CANTOR SHANI BEN OR

Shani Ben Or is the first Reform cantor ordained in Israel and the first person ordained as cantor and rabbi simultaneously by HUC-JIR in Israel. We are excited to welcome her to Shabbat Evening Service on Friday, August 23, and Torah Study on Saturday, August 24. Her ensemble, Nigunim, will also perform an evening concert on Saturday night.



AUGUST 27

PROFESSOR ASHER LUBOTSKY

Historian, geopolitical analyst and professor at University of Houston, Professor Asher Lubotsky, will present "Israel's Evolving Relationship with South Africa," on Tuesday, August 27 at 7 PM in the Finger Board Room and via Zoom.



SEPTEMBER 13 & 14

SHABBATON WITH ALDEN SOLOVY

Liturgist, poet, and educator, Alden Solovy, will join our clergy and staff from Jerusalem in a Shabbaton the weekend of September 13 and 14. Solovy is passionate about Torah and prayer, and he offers a fresh Jewish voice that challenges the boundaries between poetry, meditation, personal growth, storytelling, teaching, and prayer. All are welcome and no prior experience is needed.



SEPTEMBER 28

GOOD SHABBOS BY MIRIAM KALMAN FRIEDMAN

Written by Temple member and author, Miriam Kalman Friedman, *Good Shabbos* is a play about family dynamics during normal and stressful times and taking stock of your life. The play will be performed at 8 PM on Saturday, September 28, followed by refreshments and our Selichot service as we prepare for our New Year.

Learn more & register for all our upcoming events at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar

2024 ANNUAL MEETING

The Temple's 2024 Annual Meeting was held on Tuesday, June 4. Over 100 voting members, Congregation Beth Israel clergy and staff, gathered in Wolff-Toomim Hall to celebrate a year full of diverse programming, prayer and spiritual reflection, volunteerism, and member milestones.

President Richard Kaplan called the meeting to order promptly at 6 PM, followed by the invocation led by Rabbi Adrienne Scott, and a prayer for the State of Israel led by Cantor Kenneth Feibush.

Several members were recognized for their high-level dedication to Congregation Beth Israel, community engagement, and ongoing Jewish learning. Outgoing committee members and trustees were honored, and the incoming slate of officers and trustees were elected and congratulated. Rabbi David Lyon offered closing remarks, thanking our lay leaders and members for a successful year, and looking forward to entering Congregation Beth Israel's 170th year as a strong and vibrant community.



Rabbi David Lyon, Patrick Colbert
Volunteer of the Year Award Winner,
Steve Tamber, and President
Richard Kaplan



President Richard Kaplan, Spirit Award
Winners: Linda Caplan, Ellen Leventhal
(on behalf of Steve Leventhal),
Naomi Wittlin, and Rabbi David Lyon



Rabbi David Lyon, Rabbi Samuel E.
Karff Scholarship Award Winner,
Addison Claridge, and David Scott, RJE,
Director of Lifelong Learning &
Engagement



Rabbi David Lyon, Ensign Jerry Bailes
Award Winner, Samantha Lepow,
and President Richard Kaplan



Outgoing President, Richard Kaplan,
with Rabbi David Lyon



Incoming President, Susan Feigin
Harris, with Rabbi David Lyon

SUSAN FEIGIN HARRIS ELECTED PRESIDENT OF CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Susan Feigin Harris

At the Annual Meeting on Tuesday, June 4, Susan Feigin Harris was elected President of our Board of Trustees for a two-year term, effective July 1, 2024.

Feigin Harris has over a decade of experience in leadership roles at Congregation Beth Israel. She is a long-serving member of our Board of Trustees and has served on our Executive Committee and as a leader in our religious school.

Feigin Harris is US Co-Head of Healthcare at Norton Rose Fulbright US LLP. She was named 2018 Texas Lawyer of the Year by *Texas Lawyer*, and maintains an active national legal practice focused on representation of hospitals and physicians.

Feigin Harris' daughters grew up attending our religious school program through the Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center. Her family and that of her husband, Jon, have been committed to the success and vitality of Congregation Beth Israel for decades. We thank Susan for her continued service and wish her a Mazel Tov as she embarks on this new chapter of leadership at the Temple.

WE THANK KATHY PARVEN, CEMETERY DIRECTOR, FOR HER YEARS OF SERVICE

After eight years of serving our community with great care and dedication, Kathy Parven, Cemetery Director, has made the decision to retire, effective June 30, 2024.

During her tenure at Congregation Beth Israel, and in partnership with our Cemetery Committee, Kathy successfully brought our cemeteries into the modern era. She spearheaded major data collection projects and aesthetic improvements, oversaw the installation of the Donor Plaza Memorial Trees, and led the implementation of a GPS software program that allows visitors to easily locate the graves of their loved ones.

Please join us in thanking Kathy for her years of leadership and collaboration with the Cemetery Committee and greater Congregation Beth Israel community.

Effective July 1, 2024, Michael Kirstein will step into the role as Cemetery Director. Michael has served on Congregation Beth Israel's administrative staff for nearly a decade and has worked apace with Kathy for the entirety of her tenure. We look forward to Michael's new responsibilities at the Temple, and we wish them both a Mazel Tov on their respective career milestones.

RABBI DAVID A. LYON ON THE RADIO

Rabbi Lyon can be heard on Sunday mornings at 6:45 AM on KODA, Sunny 99.1 FM radio. Each segment will be available as a podcast, "Heart to Heart with Rabbi David Lyon." Go to www.beth-israel.org/radiorabbi, www.sunny99.com ("Blogs & Podcasts"), or download the iHeartRadio app.





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We extend our heartfelt gratitude to everyone who has contributed to our annual campaign. Your generosity, loyalty, and service have been instrumental to our Temple's success and survival. Because of you, we are able to continue fostering a welcoming and inclusive space for worship, learning, and fellowship. Your contributions have a lasting impact, enabling us to uphold our traditions, support important community initiatives, and maintain the sacred spaces that bind us together. Thank you for being an integral part of our Beth Israel family and helping us build a brighter future, together.

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Securing Our Community CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

\$2.5 MILLION —



\$2 MILLION —

\$1.8 MILLION —

Congregation Beth Israel launched its Securing Our Community campaign to address concerns around the unfortunate rise in hatred, bigotry, and violence targeting Jewish communities. This initiative, which includes the construction of a perimeter fence, an access control system, surveillance equipment, and additional lighting, will enhance the safety and peace-of-mind of members, clergy, staff, and guests who enter our community spaces, as well as the students and faculty at The Shlenker School and The Miriam Browning Jewish Learning Center.

The majority of the perimeter fence has been built, and the installation of gates at each entrance and exit will be completed this summer.

\$1.5 MILLION —

HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

We are encouraged by, and deeply grateful for, the support we have already received from members, family, and friends, totaling \$1.8 million to-date.

But we need your help to achieve our fundraising goal of \$2.5 million.

Your engagement as a Congregation Beth Israel member is, and has always been, instrumental to our Temple's success and survival. We ask you to consider making a contribution to this important campaign. Your generosity will go directly towards protecting our community—our family—for generations to come.

To donate, contact David Scott, Director of Lifelong Learning & Engagement, at dscott@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221.

FRIENDS OF MARGOLIS GALLERY

Provides enriching, cultural experiences through high-quality art exhibitions, educational programming, art tours and trips, and special events



Jennifer Greenberg, Shirley Lavine, Lester Marks, Karen Bookstaff



Pieces from Lester Marks' home art collection

On Wednesday, May 1, Friends of Margolis Gallery sponsored a private home tour of Lester Marks' world-renowned art collection, led by Lester Marks himself and docent Wendy Adler of ARTiculating Talks & Tours. The tour reached maximum capacity, including 75 Friends of Margolis Gallery members and guests.

The works in Marks' current collection emphasize social justice art, including pieces by contemporary artists such as Kerry James Marshall, Nick Cave, and Amoako Boafo.

Following this exceptional event, Congregation Beth Israel's Art Committee hosted a Happy Hour at Simone on Sunset on May 21 for current and prospective committee members and arts enthusiasts to discuss and plan more high-quality arts programs and exhibitions heading into 2025.

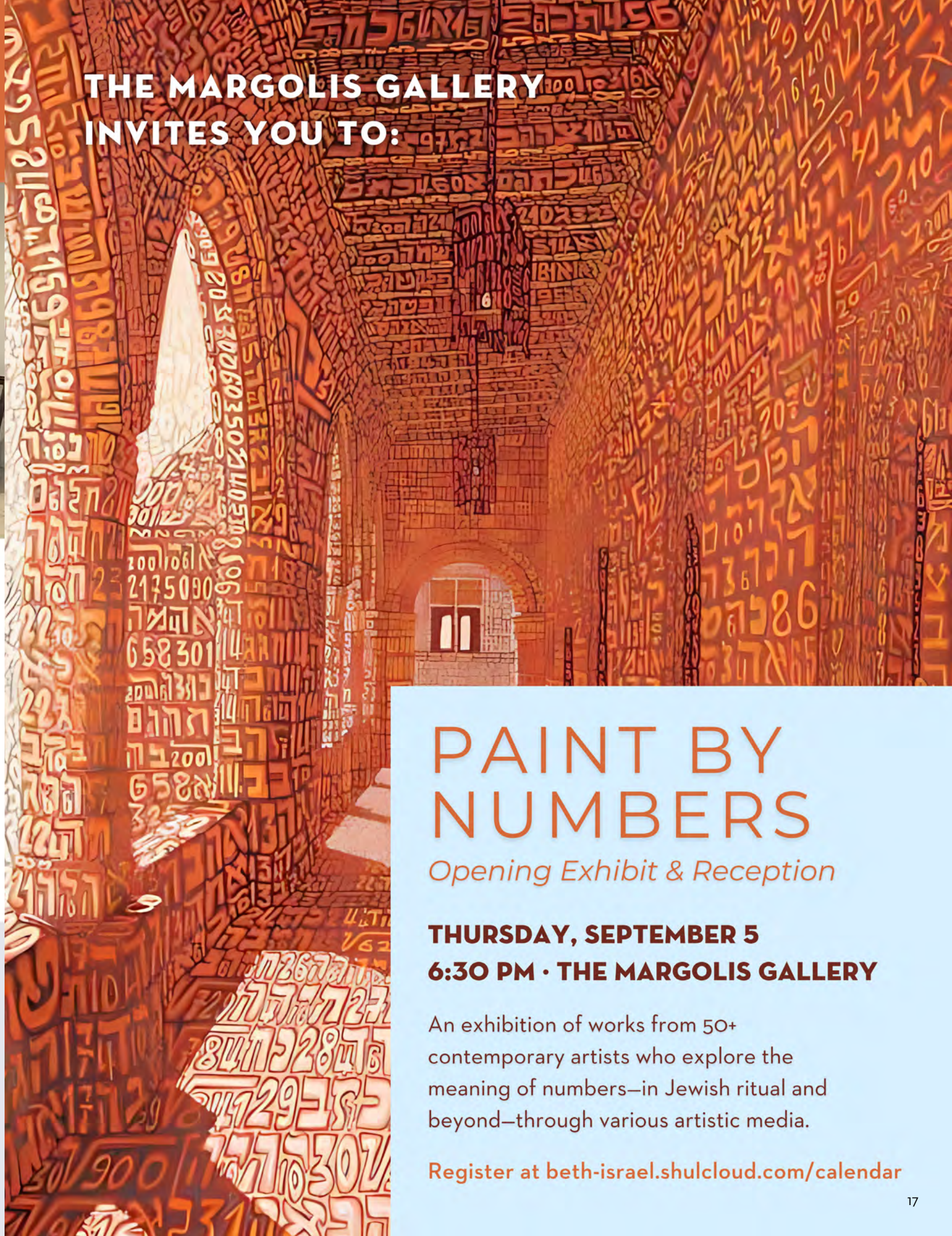
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Through the Friends of Margolis Gallery membership, you'll receive invitations to members-only events and help support the beautiful Temple gallery. We offer memberships for individuals, couples, and young professionals. Email margolis@beth-israel.org or call 713-771-6221 for more information.

BECOME AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF THE ART COMMITTEE

Committee members have the unique privilege of selecting exhibitions from across the country to be showcased in the Margolis Gallery. The committee also plans educational programs, gallery tours, and events for members of Beth Israel, Friends of Margolis Gallery, and the Greater Houston Jewish community. Email margolis@beth-israel.org if you are interested in joining!

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PAINT BY NUMBERS

Opening Exhibit & Reception

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
6:30 PM • THE MARGOLIS GALLERY**

An exhibition of works from 50+ contemporary artists who explore the meaning of numbers—in Jewish ritual and beyond—through various artistic media.

Register at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar

KEHILLAH HIGH

An innovative, supplemental education program for Jewish students in grades 8-12 to enrich their Jewish identities through learning, community engagement, and connection to Israel



On Thursday, May 2, Kehillah High celebrated the conclusion of its ninth year running, and its first year under the umbrella of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. The graduation ceremony included awarding the inaugural Teen Impact Awards to Joshua Danziger and Rina Miriam Presley, two exceptional seniors who have made remarkable contributions to our community. Rina Miriam is the daughter of Stacey Burke and Joshua Reiss and granddaughter of Sandra and Lloyd "Lucky" Burke.

Addison Claridge, daughter of Jennifer and Randy Claridge and Kehillah High student, shared, "Kehillah High means community, friendship, learning, teamwork, growth, and joy. It's been an unforgettable journey that shaped my Jewish identity and prepared me for the future."

The 2024-2025 school year begins with Kehillah High Kickoff on Wednesday, September 18. For more information about Kehillah High, contact Danielle Alexander at dalexander@houstonjewish.org.

Pictured, back left to right: Michael Harris, Robert Lahana, Jared Goldberger, Adam Hakimi, Jacob Kaplan; front left to right: Lauren Brams, Addison Claridge, Sarie Goodweather, Ariel Jacobson, Elisheva Stander, Talia Schwartz, Sara Rozen; not pictured: Alexis Shoss, Yasmin Stein, Santiago Vallarta

MIRIAM BROWNING JEWISH LEARNING CENTER

Providing fun, stimulating learning and social activities for students & families



Getting excited for our seders!



Celebrating Passover at the MBJLC

The MBJLC spring curriculum was packed with fun crafts, educational field trips, reading, singing, and celebrating! On April 21, the MBJLC Escape from Egypt Passover Experience welcomed Temple member and author, Ellen Leventhal, who read her book, *Debbie's Song: The Debbie Friedman Story*, to each class. Students danced to Miriam's Song, collected the Ten Plagues, came up with their own four questions to ask during their families' Passover seders, and crafted houses out of matzah and candy.

The festivities continued on May 5 at MBJLC-Ya Later, our final day of religious school where students, parents, faculty, and Congregation Beth Israel clergy gathered to celebrate and conclude another fantastic year of religious school. Awards were presented, delicious food was served, and parents learned about next year's MBJLC programming.

As a final send-off for summer, Congregation Beth Israel's Junior Youth Group held its third annual End-of-the-Year party on May 25. It wasn't just fun in the sun, but fun in the foam as more than 60 children and teens splashed in a giant foam pit and slid down a massive inflatable waterslide on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon. Children snacked on candy centerpieces, fresh popcorn, and homemade cotton candy before enjoying a dinner of sliders, potato chips, fruit, and veggie sticks.

Registration for MBJLC's 2024-25 year is now open! Contact MBJLC Assistant Director, Kerri Zerlin, at kzerlin@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221 for information about any of our youth or family programming.

MAZEL TOV TO THE 2024 CONFIRMATION CLASS OF CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL!



Left to right

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Rabbi Adrienne Scott
Rabbi David Lyon
Cantor Kenneth Feibush

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Carly Gosline
Beryt Scott
Samuel Rubinstein
David Scott

FRONT ROW

Kris Moriarity
Eliana Antonoff
Samantha Lepow
Kerri Zerlin

Photo by Alan Ross

BINGE WITH US THIS SUMMER!

Beth Israel New Group Engagements

Our BINGE groups (Beth Israel New Group Engagements) are fun affinity groups that promote new friendships and engaging discussions between Beth Israel members with similar interests. We encourage you to get involved with one of our thriving BINGE groups, or reach out to us with an idea for a new BINGE group!

Please note the modified summer schedule for our weekly BINGE groups below:

TORAH 101	Fridays · 11:30 AM
JEWISH MEDITATION	Saturdays · 11:15 AM
SWIMMING IN THE SEA OF TALMUD	Wednesdays · 2 PM
SHARING SUPPORT IN TROUBLED TIMES	Thursdays · 7 PM
WRITERS' CIRCLE	First & third Thursdays of each month · 1 PM

Our monthly BINGE groups will also continue to meet throughout the summer:

WHAT ARE YOU WATCHING?	First Monday of each month · 7 PM
WHAT'S HAPPENING NOW?	Meeting once on June 5 · 12:30 PM

The regular schedule will resume in August. Keep an eye on our website for updates. If you have any questions about our BINGE groups, please contact Stephanie Shargal, Membership & Engagement Manager, at sshargal@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221.

THE KIDS' MEALS SUMMER JUICE BOX CHALLENGE IS UNDERWAY!

Congregation Beth Israel, along with other local synagogues, churches, and businesses affiliated with Kids' Meals, Inc., is participating in a summer contest to collect juice boxes for Houston's food-insecure children. Help us meet our goal of collecting 2,000 juice boxes! Bring your donations to the Temple during business hours (8:30 AM-4:30 PM), before Shabbat Services, or when you volunteer at our monthly Kids' Meals lunch packing program.

Or, scan the QR code with
your phone camera to
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our online link!



HELP SUPPORT OUR COMMUNITY'S YOUTH, ONE MEAL AT A TIME

Congregation Beth Israel is proud to partner with Kids' Meals, Inc., a nonprofit organization that delivers free, healthy meals directly to the homes of hungry children. Since 2006, Kids' Meals has donated more than 13.5 million meals to food-insecure children in Harris County and Montgomery County.

Join us in packing 1,000 sack lunches for
Kids' Meals, Inc. this summer!

Wednesday, June 26 · 9:30 AM
Wednesday, July 17 · 9:30 AM
Wednesday, August 21 · 9:30 AM

Register at beth-israel.shulcloud.com/calendar

Questions? Contact Marsha Gilbert, Director of Special Events & Catering, at mgilbert@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221.



Gary Whitman and Temple Librarian, Susan Whitman



Picture your next event, here.

As a Congregation Beth Israel member, we welcome you to use our facilities to celebrate your most special simchas. Our event spaces offer a blend of spiritual warmth, sophistication, and contemporary flair, making it easy to host nearly every event imaginable. Our event spaces are commonly used for:

- Shabbat Dinners
- Kiddush Luncheons
- Rehearsal Dinners
- Weddings
- Wedding Receptions
- Bris/Baby Namings
- B'nei Mitzvah Parties
- Birthday Dinners
- Anniversary Dinners
- Meals of Condolence

Our Special Events & Catering team will go above and beyond to help you plan and perfectly execute the event of a lifetime for you and your loved ones. We invite you to tour our spaces and see for yourself why Congregation Beth Israel is the ideal location for any occasion.

Scan the QR code to take a virtual tour of our eight event spaces:



To make an appointment to see our facilities in person, or for more information about hosting an event at Congregation Beth Israel, contact Marsha Gilbert, Director of Special Events & Catering, at mgilbert@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221.

**IT'S ALL
IN THE
DETAILS**



Do we have your most up-to-date information in our system? Let's make sure before our next year of programming begins! Log in to your ShulCloud account at beth-israel.shulcloud.com, click on the Welcome tab at the top right corner, and select My Account to verify and/or update your account details.

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Your Temple Gift Shop has all of your gift-giving needs!

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When you give someone a wonderful Tzedakah Box, you encourage them to do the mitzvah of giving. Your Judaica Shop has a wonderful selection to choose from. Gift wrapping is always free.

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We are fully stocked with perfect gifts for all your upcoming life cycle events, including graduations, weddings, b'nei mitzvot, and more!

NEW SUMMER HOURS

11 AM-2 PM · Tuesday-Friday

Questions? Contact Anita Seline, Gift Shop Manager, at 713-777-4315.



CEMETERY COMMITTEE ANNOUNCES SALE OF BENCHES FOR CONGREGATION BETH ISRAEL MEMORIAL GARDEN



To continue our efforts to enhance Congregation Beth Israel Memorial Garden (Antoine cemetery), the Cemetery Committee is pleased to announce that benches are now available for sale.

There are pre-determined locations for benches based on our ability to install them, dictated by existing plots and trees. It is important to ensure the overall aesthetic of the cemetery, which is maintained at the sole discretion of the cemetery community.

Each bench costs \$7,500 (subject to price changes). Benches may be engraved on the front-facing edge with the following:

*In memory of <loved one's name>
By <purchaser's name>*



For more information, please contact Michael Kirstein, Cemetery Director, at mkirstein@beth-israel.org or 713-771-6221.

SOCIAL JUSTICE COMMITTEE

Organizes volunteer projects, food and clothing drives, and educational programs to give back to the community



Dr. Rebecca M. Pinchevsky



Max Sevilla, Rabbi Kenny Weiss, and Ally Godsil

The Social Justice Committee was busy this spring with volunteer projects and community programs. On Tuesday, March 26, the committee presented, "Antisemitism on College Campuses," a panel discussion about what college students are dealing with, how to combat campus hate, and how the community-at-large can help. The panel featured Hillel Rabbi and Executive Director Kenny Weiss, ADL's Senior Vice President of National Affairs, Max Sevilla, Southeast Regional Assistant Director of Alums for Campus Fairness, Dr. Rebecca M. Pinchevsky, and students from Rice University and University of Houston.

The committee also organized a donation drive to collect school supplies for refugee families served by Interfaith Ministries of Greater Houston, continued volunteering with formerly homeless Houstonians at Temenos and distributing food to the needy with Food & Faith Collaborative, and continued offering education around gun locks and safes in partnership with the Houston Gun Safety Campaign.

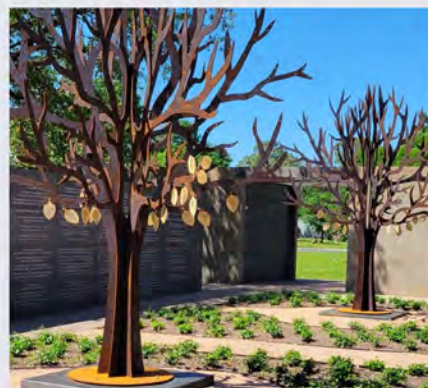
This summer, the committee's focus is on voter education and voting promotion. Stay tuned for information about our upcoming Volunteer Deputy Voter Registrar (VDVR) training.

To get involved with upcoming programs and volunteer work, contact the committee's co-chairs, Lisa Stone at lestone@aya.yale.edu and Dena Marks at denasokolow@gmail.com.

NEW MEMORIAL TREE LEAVES HONOR LOVED ONES NEAR AND FAR

The new Memorial Trees at Beth Israel Memorial Garden have the capacity to hold 700 custom metal leaves, each one engraved with the memory of a loved one. These trees are an opportunity to memorialize our congregants' family members who have passed away and are buried at this cemetery, and also to remember those who are resting elsewhere.

Visit beth-israel.org/worship-lifecycle to learn more.



WELCOME TO THE SCHACHTEL LIBRARY & ARCHIVE

Your resource for Jewish literature in Houston

VISIT OUR COLLECTION

The Library serves a broad audience with resources that address the diversity of experiences within our community. We update our collection regularly to offer contemporary titles along with our classic works. Let us help you build your summer reading list! We have everything from nonfiction titles on Jewish history and Israel and fiction by Jewish authors, to books on global Jewish communities and sacred scholarly literature.

Access the library any time, anywhere, at beth-israel.org/lifelong-learning/library. Contact Librarian, Susan Whitman, at 713-820-6410 or swhitman@beth-israel.org for assistance.

BETH ISRAEL ARCHIVE

The Beth Israel Archive tells the story of our Temple's history through historical documents, photos, and artifacts. The physical archive contains documents by former and present rabbis, early papers of the Brotherhood and Sisterhood, and records from our administration's past. Online you can search for confirmation pictures dating back to 1917 and listen to audio stories of past congregants.

SCHACHTEL LIBRARY READERS' GROUP

Our Readers' Group meets September-June on the third Wednesday of every month, in person and online via Zoom, to discuss works of fiction and nonfiction. After a short break in July and August, the new Readers' Group schedule will be posted on the Temple website and shared via email. Contact Susan Whitman to join the mailing list.

SCHACHTEL LIBRARY WRITERS' CIRCLE

The Writers' Circle is a BINGE group led by Congregation Beth Israel member and author, Miriam Friedman. The group meets twice a month to discuss creative writing, share personal work, and receive constructive feedback. Writers of all levels, published or not, are welcome. To join the Writers' Circle, contact Stephanie Shargal, Membership & Engagement Manager, at 713-771-6221 or sshargal@beth-israel.org.

MAY WE ALL BE SO BLESSED

by Tom Cole, Director of Center for Spiritual Direction

In our tradition, each of us has our own *Neshama* (soul)—a divine spark or energy that seeks to reunite with God. We are all chips off the old divine block. Yet many of us lose touch with or haven't yet experienced that piece of ourselves. Earlier this spring, I led a "Neshama" group that met for five weeks. The group aimed to help members recover their unique divine spark and find direction on life's journey. We had two ground rules: 1) you don't have to believe anything; and 2) you do have to listen deeply to others.

In the first session, I asked people to tell each other why they had joined the group, what they wanted from it, and what stood in the way. The soul, I said, is like a wild deer. We usually only catch glimpses. So, we must be patient. Have courage. I noted that sharing our suffering is often a path to becoming less constricted, more open-hearted, more joyful and compassionate. I explained that we would work with stories not texts, with metaphor and feeling, not logic and thinking. And I asked them to keep in mind these words of Martin Buber: *"It all begins with inner change."*

It was a wonderful group of people who all gave me permission to use their names: Henrietta Wolf, Laurie Selzer, Joel Levine, and Jim Sel. As we began talking, each person named the burdens and dreams they were carrying. Henrietta talked about her fear of growing old and her desire to learn to live in the eternal now. Laurie talked about recovering from trauma and learning to piece together a new self inspired by love. Joel talked about recovering from life-threatening illness, returning to Judaism, reassessing life and planning for the future. Jim talked about joining the congregation and seeking Jewish wisdom.

Jim was the only person I didn't already know. The first thing I noticed about him was the long grey curly eyebrows that announce his presence. He was 88 years old, bent over, and hard of hearing. I worried that I might not be able to help him grow.

After our first session, I received an email from Jim. He was disoriented. The interior tasks of our Neshama group, he said, were harder than any mathematical or logical problem he had encountered in all his years as a chemical engineer. Maybe he was in the wrong group. Maybe we didn't really need to go looking for our own lost souls. Wasn't it enough to lead a righteous life filled with Mitzvot?

In our next session, Jim told the group that he was deeply troubled, that the Neshama group presented the most difficult challenge of his entire life. The group was quietly supportive and reassuring. I encouraged him to be patient.

For the third session, I asked the group to write two letters: a personal letter *from* God; and a personal letter *to* God. Writing these letters cracked Jim open. In the first letter, God addressed Jim by his Hebrew name:

"Has there been any particularly special way, Benjamin, whereby you've experienced my love for you?"

In his letter to God, Jim wrote about being overcome by emotion in services at Beth Israel.

"Just this past weekend . . . and for the very first time ever in my 88-year-old life . . . I directly experienced Your presence in my life and felt 'Your face to Shine Upon Me and Be Gracious to Me.'"

These experiences flooded Jim with the light of God's love. They could not have been predicted. They could not be explained. Jim's *neshama* had come out of hiding.

I am in awe of Jim Sel. His is a late life spiritual awakening made possible by coming together, supporting each other, and paying attention to the sacred in our everyday lives.

May we all be so blessed.

Congratulations to the 5th Grade Class of 2024



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Allison & Freddy Feldman

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IN MEMORY OF
Joan E. Altsuler
Lynn & Jarrold Glazer
Kathy & Tim Knott
Corky Maltz
Melvin Maltz
Ted Milo
Mila Goldstein & Michael Milo

SECURITY FUND
Sarah Chalos & Jeffrey Leiber
Bonnie Herst

IN HONOR OF
The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Karen & Joe Chesnick
Laurie & Alan Selzer
Rabbi Lyon
Mila Goldstein & Michael Milo

IN MEMORY OF
Shirley Alter & Jack Alter
Leslie Alter
Peggy Greenbaum
Sherrie & Alan Eisenman
Joan Granoff
Sherrie & Richard Kaplan
Carl Schmulen
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Karen & Martin Skolnik
Herman Lapin
Lori & Phillip Cohen
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Sharon & Harvey Zinn
Ariel Leibovitz
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Susie & Bob Hale

Jay Marks
Dorene & Frank Herzog
Charlene Nathan
Sherrie & Alan Eisenman
Donald Podoloff
Chitra Viswanathan
Diana “Dede” Weil
Lori & Phillip Cohen
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Suzanne Landa & John

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Julie & John Gilbert
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SISTERHOOD - BERNE BLACK BIMAH FLOWER FUND

IN HONOR OF
The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Ann & Stephen Kaufman
Anita & Morton Seline
The Birthdays of Maxine & Herman^z1 Lapin
Anita & Morton Seline

IN MEMORY OF
Harriet Gertrude Malkin
Leslie Malkin-Gosdin & James Gosdin

WHEREVER MOST NEEDED
Kari Argovitz

IN HONOR OF
The 50th Wedding Anniversary of Karen & Joe Chesnick
Susan & Edward Septimus
The 55th Wedding Anniversary of Mary & Warren Rich
Susan & Edward Septimus
Thank You for Welcoming us into Your Home!
Caitlin Huisman & Scott Stegink

IN MEMORY OF
Jerry Argovitz
Thomas Weil
Deena Gordon
Beverly Barbell
Joan Granoff
Cindy & Leslie Fox
Barbara & Allen Pauly
Herman Lapin
Terry Cweigenberg
Beverly Freedenthal
Janis Goldstein
Diana Weil
Donald Podoloff
Michelle & Casey Cunningham
Ronald Robins
Barbara & Allen Pauly
Diana “Dede” Weil & “Connie” Weil
Sheri Upchurch Owen & Bob Owen

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

BABY NAMINGS

Daliah Adele Daniel
Daughter of Georgia & Shawn Daniel
Andrew Jacob Hosea
Son of Melissa & Tyler Hosea
Emmy Mendell
Daughter of Chelby & Jarrod Mendell
Zoey Stella Schneider
Daughter of Rachel & Zack Schneider
Sloane Finley & Paxton Reed Steinfeld
Children of Jordan Magaziner & Matthew Steinfeld
Marie Ziman
Daughter of Lisa Marie & Joshua Ziman

WEDDINGS

March 2, 2024
Deborah Bosakewich & Kevin Quinlan
March 9, 2024
Hayley Rauch & Zach Lessig

DEATHS

Aleksandr Borisov
Husband of Raisa Borisova; father of Elena Borisova
Marty Fenberg
Husband of Susan Fenberg; father of Barbie & Jeff Horowitz, and Cheri & Ken Frame; brother of Vicky & Marty Cooper
Deena Gordon
Sister of Iris Yoffa, Harris Yoffa, Esther & Mitchell Marsh, Nathan Yoffa & Tracy Harachi, and Sarah Yoffa
Joan Granoff
Mother of Donna & Steve Palmer, Susan Magaziner, and Mark & Elaine Granoff; sister of Bobbie Kraver
Peggy Greenbaum
Wife of Jim Greenbaum; mother of Robert Greenbaum, James Greenbaum, Jr., and Clifford Greenbaum; sister of Jean Mintz
Larry Leva
Father of David & Lisa Leva, Jonathan Leva and Andrew Leva

Herman Lapin
Husband of Maxine Lapin; father of Stephen & Debbie Lapin, Lisa & David Leva, and Allison & Mark Levine
Evelyn Laviage
Mother of Ronald & Susan Laviage; sister of Barbara Squires
Ariel Leibovitz
Husband of Doreen Leibovitz; father of Tracy & Jamie Irvine
Helen Shelia Levin
Mother of Shira Levine; sister of Debbie Morrow
Donald Maierson
Husband of Ruth Maierson; father of Shari Maierson, Mark & Tabitha Maierson, and Jeff & Ngan Maierson; brother of Allan Maierson
Jay Marks
Father of Fran & Gerald Lowe, and Lester Marks & Penelope Gonzalez Marks

Donald Miles
Father of Michael Miles & Alexandra Stevens, Stephen Miles & Lauren Scott; brother of Linda & Peter Aagard
Sofia Mileykovsky
Mother of Eugenia Mileykovskaya & Yuri Kamensky
Charlene Nathan
Mother of Zachary & Dara Nathan; sister of Jack & Linda Broodo, Marcia Sinclair, and Kenneth & Beth Broodo
Martin Nusynowitz
Husband of Susan Nusynowitz; father of Leah & Jon Gross, Russell Nusynowitz & Rose MacDougall; step-father of Kelly & Hamil Cuper, Emily & Patrick Barrow, and Christina & Tom Knight; father-in-law of Sheri & Bruce Schour
Donald Podoloff
Husband of Mary Ellen Podoloff; father of John & Jamie Podoloff, Andrew Podoloff & Wendy Lounds, Jennifer Podoloff, and Michael & Colea Podoloff
Diana “Dede” Weil
Mother of Lauren & Jeffrey Friedman, Debbie & Steven Weil, and Lenora & Ronald Weil; sister-in-law of Suzanne Miller
Albert Weycer
Father of Mark & Aileen

Weycer, Karen & David Birnbrey, and Joni & Randy Levy
Michael Wolf
Husband of Shari Wolf; father of Ashlee Wolf, Justin Wolf & fiancée Elena Levy, and Matthew Wolf; brother of Phillip & Melinda Wolf
Dorothy Zeigfinger
Mother of Cheryl & Marc Lefkowitz, and Mark & Corinne Zeigfinger

B’NEI MITZVAH

AUGUST 3, 2024
Jaycob William Cohen
Son of DaJuana Wilhelm and Jayson Cohen; grandson of Mary & Lonnal^z1 Wilhelm, Jacob A. Cohen^z1, and Charlene McKee
AUGUST 17, 2024
Ben Spieler
Son of Shelly & Marc Spieler; grandson of Ora & Charles Markowitz, Milton Spieler & Peggy Parks, Outing, MN, Barbara Spieler^z1, and Joseph Goldstein^z1

SEPTEMBER 7, 2024 - HAVDALAH
Brooke Roseman
Daughter of Ashley & Gavin Roseman; granddaughter of Barbara & Donnie Roseman, Cindy & David Senior, and Sherry Senior^z1
SEPTEMBER 14, 2024
Jordan Ansari
Son of Lisa & Amir Ansari; grandson of Betty & Michael^z1 Tapick and Fay^z1 & Hossein Ansari

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024
Hudson Hoelscher
Son of Andrea & Jon Paul Hoelscher; grandson of Cindy & Howard Schmerin, Donna & Doug Clark, and Elizabeth^z1 & Jeron^z1 Hoelscher

Please Note: The abbreviation, z”l, stands for the Hebrew words, zichrono/a livracha, may his or her memory be for a blessing.



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PLANNING FOR 2024/5785

High Holy Days

ROSH HASHANAH

Wednesday, October 2
Erev Rosh Hashanah

Thursday, October 3
Rosh Hashanah Services

Friday, October 4
Shabbat Shuvah Evening Service

Saturday, October 5
Shabbat Morning Minyan
Torah Study

Sunday, October 6
Cemetery Services

YOM KIPPUR

Friday, October 11
Erev Yom Kippur

Saturday, October 12
Yom Kippur Services