

HaShomer

JUNE/JULY 2018

Congregation Beth Shalom SIVAN/TAMMUZ/AV 5778

Schedule of Services

June/July 2018

Sivan/Tammuz/Av 5778

Friday, June 1, 7:30 pm

Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**

Saturday, June 2, 10:00 am

Bat Mitzvah of Jessica Silverberg
(at La Quinta Hotel,

825 N. Watson Rd., Arlington)

Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**

Torah: Beha'alotcha

Friday, June 8, 7:30 pm

Led by **Stephanie Posner**

Saturday, June 9, 10:00 am

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Sh'lach

Friday, June 15, 7:30 pm

Led by **Dina Lindell**

Saturday, June 16, 10:00 am

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Korach

Friday, June 22, 7:30 pm

Brotherhood/Sisterhood

Shabbat Weekend

Saturday, June 23, 10:00 am

Brotherhood/Sisterhood

Shabbat Weekend

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Chukat

Friday, June 29, 7:30 pm

Led by **Cookie Kabakoff**

and **Janet Aaronson**

Saturday, June 30, 10:00 am

Led by **Cantor Sheri Allen**

Torah: Balak



Friday, July 6, 7:30 pm

Led by **Dina Lindell**

Saturday, July 7, 10:00 am

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Pinchas

Friday, July 13, 7:30 pm

Led by **Bob Burns**

Saturday, July 14, 10:00 am

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Matot-Masei

My Two Shekels

Another school year has come to a close, and I'm sure that we are all looking forward to moving at a little slower pace during the summer. I know that I am! Our last major festival, Shavuot, has also come and gone, and the next big holiday that we all have to look forward to is Rosh HaShanah!

But the month of June still awaits, and it's an important one in our national and Jewish calendar. June is Pride Month, which honors and celebrates the LGBT community, their struggles to achieve equality and inclusivity, and the successes that have resulted.

It all started in New York City, in the summer of 1969. A police raid at the Stonewall Inn in Greenwich Village, a popular haunt for the LGBT community, quickly grew out of hand and ended in a riot that continued over the course of the next several days. It was the catalyst for the creation of advocacy groups that would fight to combat fear and secure equal rights for this marginalized community, who were so often the victims of discrimination and violence.

A year later, in June of 1970, the first gay marches took place in New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Chicago. Today, marches and other Gay Pride awareness events have been established worldwide. Every year in Dallas, I celebrate Pride at an interfaith service at Congregation Beth El Binah in Dallas, and it's moving to see the diverse faith congregations that attend.

So why, as Jews, should we care about Gay Pride? Because, as writer David Levy suggests, "The values of *achdut*, of Jewish unity, and *areivut*, communal responsibility, are woven throughout our texts and traditions. The Talmudic dictum *Kol yisrael arevim zeh bazeh* – all Israel is bound up in one another – emphasizes that and when individuals in our community are hurting, it is up to all of us to make things right."

Throughout our liturgy, we are told that we are all made "B'Tzelem Elohim," – in God's image. And that image is reflected in all of humanity, in all races, religions, gender identities and sexual orientations. And when we witness injustice which threatens the dignity and well-being of any individual or group of people, we are commanded to step in and speak out.

Although progress has been made, blatant discrimination against the LGBT community in many areas of life, including work, school, housing and healthcare, continues. I'll have much more to say about that on June 30, when I officiate at my last official Shabbat service for the summer. I invite each of you to come and celebrate CBS Pride Shabbat and learn more about what we, as a Jewish community, can do to help.

That day is also Richard and my 34th wedding anniversary, so you can bet there will be oatmeal chocolate chip cookies!

Speaking of Pride, I am very proud of CBS, as we are now included in the Jewish advocacy group Keshet's equality guide, which offers a list of synagogues across the country providing safe and sup-

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Friday, July 20, 7:30 pm

Led by **Stephanie Posner**

Saturday, July 21, 10:00 am

Led by **Ken Licker**

Torah: Devarim

Friday, July 27, 7:30 pm

Led by **Cookie Kabakoff**

Saturday, July 28, 10:00 am

Led by **Ken Licker**

Torah: Vaetchanan

From the President

Stuart Snow, during a recent Shabbat service, pointed out that current and former Executive Board members were chanting Torah (and not to mention, Stuart, who was leading services), showing how much the board cares about CBS.

And I want to thank everyone for showing how much you care by being a part of our annual Gala, the CBS-ta! We're still finalizing the totals, but it's looking to be one of our most successful fundraising events since we moved to our new building. I hope you all had as much fun as I did!

We had great food, great margaritas, fun games, and a successful auction hosted by our MC-extraordinaire, Stuart Snow. Thanks to our amazing committee who went above-and-beyond to make the CBS-ta and amazing fiesta: **Lani Gordon Aldaba, Stephanie Posner, Ruth Friedman, Laura Fleischer, Janet Aaronson, Angela Markson, Roy Aldaba, Ricki Epstein, and Jennifer Cook**. And thanks to all of you for your generous donations. Can't wait to see what the committee comes up with next year!

Summer means the weather is getting hot outside and things are cooking at CBS. We look forward to seeing our teens and many of our congregants helping out at Camp Impact, and then having the younger kids running around while CBS hosts Camp Gan Izzy.

Jazmin Huerta will be taking a holiday in June and July and **Cantor Sheri** takes a hiatus from leading services in July and August. We may have a few additional pot lucks for Kiddush luncheon, but, as always, we will have services each week and we hope you'll continue to join us.

And please join us June 22, for our first Wine and Cheese Shabbat, as part of Brotherhood/Sisterhood weekend. I look forward to spending the entire weekend with friends for prayer, education and fun interaction.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at president@bethshalom.org if you have any questions or suggestions. Have a fun and relaxing summer!

— **Pam Sudbury, President**

The Ritual Life

There are two fast days on the calendar in July; July 1st (which corresponds to 17 Tammuz) and the 22nd (which corresponds to the 10th of Av). Standing out like bookends, they represent two of the saddest days in Jewish history.

This three-week morning period marks the breaching of Jerusalem's walls, leading up to the destruction of both Holy Temples. The first is a minor fast day, beginning at sunup and ending at sundown, while the 2nd is a full 26 hours fast, just as on Yom Kippur.

From where do we trace the origins of these two tragic events? Moshe Rabbenu broke the 1st set of tablets on 17 Tammuz. Just as the tablets shattered, so did the walls of Jerusalem; leaving us terrified, vulnerable and exposed.

This culminated with the report of 10 of the 12 spies who returned from their 40-day journey through Canaan with a negative report, causing Klal Israel to lose their faith in HaShem and left sobbing overnight in their tents. According to the Midrash, G-d vowed that since they cried in vain, the 10th of Av would become a day in which many terrible tragedies would befall the Jewish people, giving them real reasons for their tears.

HaShem however, in his infinite wisdom, compassion for and love of the Jewish people, gave us hope with the promise of Moshiach and the building of the 3rd Bet HaMikdash (Temple).

This is illustrated in the following event, recorded in the Talmud, Makkot 24B-

Again, it happened that Rabban Gamliel, Rabbi Elazar ben Azaria, Rabbi Joshua and Rabbi Akiva went up to Jerusa-

lem. When they reached Mt. Scopus, they tore their garments. When they reached the Temple Mount, they saw a fox emerging from the place of the Holy of Holies. The others started weeping; Rabbi Akiva laughed.

They said to him: "Why are you laughing?" Said he to them: Why are you weeping?" Said they to him: "A place (so holy) that it is said of it, 'the stranger that approaches it shall die', and now foxes traverse it, and we shouldn't weep?" Said he to them: "That is why I laugh. For it is written, 'I shall have bear witness for Me faithful witnesses—Uriah the Priest and Zechariah.'"

Now, what is the connection between Uriah and Zachariah? Uriah was in the time of the First Temple, and Zachariah was (in the time of) the Second Temple! But the Torah makes Zachariah's prophecy dependent upon Uriah's prophecy. With Uriah, it is written: 'Therefore, because of you, Zion shall be plowed as a field; Jerusalem shall become heaps, and the Temple Mount like the high places of a forest'.

With Zachariah it is written, 'Old men and women shall yet sit in the streets of Jerusalem.' "As long as Uriah's prophecy had not been fulfilled, I feared that Zechariah's prophecy may not be fulfilled either. But now that Uriah's prophecy has been fulfilled, it is certain that Zechariah's prophecy will be fulfilled."

With these words they replied to him: "Akiva, you have consoled us! Akiva, you have consoled us!"

— **Stuart Snow**
Ritual Committee Chair

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Adult Education

The 2017-2018 school year of Adult Education events closed with a class given on May 12, by **Keith Pelusi**. This event was very well attended - first, because congregants from Saturday Sabbath service could stay for the class, and second, some of our youth added to the count, as the topic was of high interest and importance to them. The following paragraphs from **Ken Licker** and **Ellen Pincus**, respectively, are of their insights from the class:

"A new format for an educational class was tried on Saturday, May 12. Keith Pelusi led a discussion following our regular Shabbat service on the topic of the Christian church and how to deal with proselytizing. He discussed the history of Christianity as a basis for understanding the reason that Christians proselytize. Keith followed this with the potential arguments that one might be met with and how to counter them. The presentation was well received, and the format of a Saturday discussion following services gives the Education committee another opportunity to serve more of our congregants."

"Keith Pelusi delivered an extremely informative talk about Christian proselytizing, helping our older children and adult congregants to understand what it is, why it occurs, and how we can best respond to it. Arming us with fact, Keith helped us to understand the origin of Christianity and the tenets which set Judaism apart. He evoked lively participation and the respect of an appreciative audience."

Looking toward the 2018-2019 school year, **Adult Education is thrilled to welcome back Rabbi Bentzi Epstein on Sunday, October 14**. In November we hope to have Barry Schneider speak about Jews in the Military, and also in the fall, a follow-up class by Keith Pelusi. Speakers from outside our congregation are in the plans for winter and spring classes

— *Judy Pelusi, Adult Education Chair*



B'nai Mitzvah

Jessica Silverberg

David, Felice, and Ryan Silverberg invite our Congregation Beth Shalom family to join in the celebration when Jessica is called to the Torah as a Bat Mitzvah on Saturday, June 2, 2018. Services will begin at 10:00 am and lunch will be served at its conclusion.

Please note that the service will be at the La Quinta Hotel, 825 N. Watson Road, Arlington, TX.

Everyone knows that Jessica has a love of music and animals. Jessica is a 7th-grade student at the Grand Prairie Fine Arts Academy where she is in the Choir Strand. As a member of the Middle School Mixed Choir, and the all-girls choir, Bella Vochoaé, Jessica earned her second straight All Region honor and was a member of the All Region top choir. Her favorite class this year is math. She especially loves her teacher, Ms. Bergance.

As for her love of animals, Jessica, also known as "The Cat Whisperer", has volunteered at the Arlington Animal Shelter where she and Felice are being trained to work with the animals, as well as helping behind the scenes keeping the cages clean. In her spare time, Jessica has trained her cat Thriller to sit and fetch on command.

Jessica was also one of the top 20 students in the Poetry Across the Prairie contest in the Grand Prairie School district. She loves to write and wants to become an author.



Religious School

School's out for summer!!! Well, kind of but not really. After a long year of intense study, **Khalin Zadwick** has decided to have some extended classes throughout the summer. Included in that will be a field trip or two.

The kids have really enjoyed learning about the intricacies of other religions, and thanks to **Keith Pelusi** they are well-equipped to tackle some hard questions about the difference between Christianity and Judaism.

As in year's past, I will be sending a check to the Ethan Kadish Foundation from the tzedakah collected this year. This will be the fourth year we have supported this amazing young man and his family.

Plans are already under way for the 2018-2019 school year. Please remember that school fees are due in two installments. One half is due by August 31, 2018, and the balance is due December 31, 2018. Watch your emails for registration forms and the school calendar.

I am looking for a Sunday school teacher for the coming year. It is a rewarding opportunity and I will fully support you with the proper materials and curriculum you will need. If interested please call me at 817-675-4353.

Until August,

— *Stephanie Posner, Religious School Director*

Save the Date! Popular Class Returns

Elul, a Time for Reflection and Introspection

Sunday, August 5, 10:30 a.m.

Complimentary breakfast served at 9:30 a.m.

The class is free and open to all.

Instructors:

Danielle Snailer, Ken Licker, and Stuart Snow

Congregation Beth Shalom

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from Mark Lewis
In memory of Irving J. Shapiro
from Ellen Pincus
In memory of Rozsi Fleischmann
from George Fleischmann
In memory of Rose and Isidore Friedman;
in honor of Janet Aaronson's birthday
from Ruth Friedman
In memory of Les Pock
from Stuart and Andrea Snow
from Randy and Trish San Antonio
from Ellen Kaufman and Jeff Roth
In memory of William Forrest Franklin
from Steve and Marcia Franklin

BUILDING FUND

In appreciation of CBS
from the Tuesday Mahjong Group

SANCTUARY FUND

In memory of Robert Stuart
from Sorai Stuart

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In memory of Sandy Cohen
from Stuart and Donna Levin
In memory of Rabbi Isaac Wassermen
from Phil and Aimee Israel-Pelletier
In memory of Lorraine San Antonio
from Randy and Trish San Antonio
In memory of Harry Levin
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EDUCATION FUND

In memory of Florence Katz
from Sorai Stuart
In memory of Norman J. Wagner
from Hy Siegel
In memory of Ralph Glickman
from John and Karen Blair

CHEVRA KADDISHA FUND

In memory of Les Pock
from Anonymous

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In memory of Ken Sasley
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MAINTENANCE FUND

In appreciation of CBS
from the Tuesday Mahjong Group
Mazel tov to Norm and Toni Epstein on the
birth of their granddaughter, Zeldia Epstein;
mazel tov to the Sudbury family on Chloe's
adoption; in appreciation of the CBS-ta team
and their hard work in making the event a
success; in memory of Les Pock
from Jerry and Janet Aaronson

New Member Applications

If you, or anyone you know,
is interested in joining the
Beth Shalom family, please
call the CBS office,
817-860-5448

Yahrzeits - June

June 1 Bennett Dorfman*	June 17 Bernard Adinoff Lisa Lynn Gershkoff* Alvin Goldberg* Joe Goodman
June 2 Harry Cohen	June 19 Alan Handmaker Frances Weiner*
June 3 Roy Binder	June 20 Helen Brunell Edna Greenberg Samuel Rice Sam Wiener*
June 4 Eugene Egyes	June 22 Erica Hochster* Abraham Preisler* Earl Prigoff Myer Shaw*
June 5 Lee Kornitzky* Harvey Milton Millstone*	June 23 Goldie Kligman Binder* Bernard Craden Bailey Gardner* Harry Wichter*
June 6 Truitt Berrier* Isadore "Tim" Binder Samuel Kramer* Edith Lewis*	June 24 Fanny Kreisberg Harold Morgan Eleanor Posnock*
June 7 Evelyn Theodora Dube*	June 25 Aziza Abraham* Ray Bortz
June 8 Norman Bailin Norman Al Sonenthal* Ruth Weiss*	June 26 Carl Bergman Yaacov Guetta
June 9 Ruth Weiger	June 27 Ellis Shulman
June 10 Sheldon Konigsberg	June 28 Raphael Mazer
June 11 Shula Konigsberg Samuel Levy John San Antonio	June 29 Norman J. Wagner
June 13 Bert Coller Dan N. Ratner*	June 30 Steven A. Stern
June 14 Mildred Aaronson* Eleanor Schwartz*	
June 15 Samuel Needleman Shirley Wichter*	
June 16 Ellen Jane Milord Arthur Leon Rubin*	

* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

Yahrzeits - July

July 2 Arthur Allen P.D. Johnson* Abraham Kaplan Lucille Mires	July 19 Doris Feldstein* Pauline Israel* Ralph Kalisky*
July 3 Norris Dean Hellwig* Lee Hendrick	July 20 Audrey Bender David Kessler* Milton Rosenstein* Irma Grace Stewart
July 4 Bobbye Carver	July 21 Alon Amrani Oren Amrani Tali Amrani Minnie Lefer*
July 5 Zella Sobel	July 22 Stuart Flack* Rose Konigsberg
July 6 Edith Cohen	July 23 Alice Coleman
July 7 Jean Ciocci* Irving Weinstock	July 24 Stanley Jolkovskiy* Faye Lambert Merle Mitchell*
July 9 Theodore Finkelstein* Phillip Rosentraub*	July 25 Ira Udes*
July 10 Meyer Efron Jean Katz Hans Martin Kapin* Abraham Needleman Philip Rosentraub*	July 26 Joseph Hanfling Emil Polaner* Anna Saltzman Henry Saltzman
July 11 Monty Banks* Merle Golde Alpert Harry Levy Steven Zahir	July 27 Edward Posnock
July 12 Carol Coller Dora Meckler*	July 28 Lenny Wacholder
July 13 Frances Kramer	July 29 Genevieve House Adam Pyles
July 16 Isadore Diamond Dean Reynolds	July 30 Sylvia Green* Leo Grossman* Jennie Kreindler Frank Weiner
July 17 Seymour Sternstein	
July 18 Lillian Goldstein Laves	

* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

Birthdays - June

June 1	Phoebe San Antonio
June 2	Avi Nash
June 4	Shelley Jessup
June 5	Michael Kapin Ean Robertson Randy San Antonio
June 7	Janet Aaronson Toni Epstein Acacia Nash
June 8	Ryan Dickman
June 9	Andrew Richardson
June 13	Elijah Zadwick
June 19	Cookie Kabakoff Arlene Schwartz
June 25	Jonathan Mikulencak Christopher Thomas
June 27	Lily Goldberg
June 28	Sarita Cabrero
June 29	Roy Aldaba

Anniversaries

June 10	Scott & Laura Slayton
June 24	John & Karen Blair
June 30	Richard & Sheri Allen

Caring Committee

We are looking for volunteers to form a caring committee. This committee will be responsible for caring or calling and visiting our congregational families that are bereaved, sick, or injured in any way.

If you are interested in being a part of this great mitzvah, please contact the CBS office, or Joyce Atkens at any73@yahoo.com.

— *Joyce Atkens, Social Action Chair*

Birthdays - July

July 1	Darlene Dickman
July 2	Richard Posner
July 3	Cheryl Visosky
July 4	Sarah Rothschild
July 5	Kaia Posner
July 6	Joseph Mendez Felice Silverberg Sharon Wichter
July 7	Rachel Rothschild Hy Siegel
July 8	Josh Pincus
July 9	Jessica Lecoq Sheryl Robertson
July 13	Mical Self
July 16	Wendy Udes
July 17	Jeff Aaronson Sarah Hatler
July 18	Christy Fleischmann Judi Lecoq
July 19	David Mishkin
July 20	Zoe Hatler Lee Schulman
July 21	Lauren Atkens Cameron Cole
July 24	Cindy Mendez
July 27	Eric Licker
July 28	Alex Pincus
July 29	Sherryl Clark

Anniversaries

July 4	Johnny & Pam Sudbury
July 6	Stuart & Andrea Snow
July 7	Jay & Sarah Hatler
July 24	Michael & Suzi Kapin (35)



From the Cantor

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portive spaces for LGBT individuals to worship.

So let your rainbow flag fly as we join Reform congregations around the country and the world in celebrating the successes and pledging to continue fighting for equal rights for the LGBT community. We've come far, but we have a long way to go. See you on June 30th!

— *Cantor Sheri Allen*

CBS Mission Statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom is a Reform Jewish community; warm and caring, welcoming of all, rich in tradition, committed to G-d and Israel, devoted to life-long learning, Jewish programs and spiritual growth.

CBS Vision Statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom strives to be the center for strong Jewish spiritual growth in the Mid-Cities community, where our members engage in the study of Torah, the warmth and friendship that evolves through our Jewish way of life, and our commitment to Tikkun Olam.

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Cards designed for veterans by Brotherhood and religious school students



Khalin Zadwick's class. (l-r): Judah Zadwick, Hailie Posner, Jessica Silverberg, Lauren Atkens, and Joseph Atkens.



Felicia Freeman's (standing) class. (l-r): Kendall Posner, Kaia Posner, Joy Atkens, Elijah Zadwick, and Zachary Mikulencak.



Brotherhood. (l-r): Stephen Cabrero, Mike Kapin, Jordan Zadwick, Larry Goodman, Mark Lewis, and Stuart Snow.



Lori Freeman's class. (l-r): Jonathan Mikulencak, Shem Atkens, Elizabeth Whirty, Elijah Hatler, and Micah Zadwick.



Brotherhood Breakfast Series *To Auschwitz and Back: The Joe Engel Story*

Sunday, June 24, 9:30 a.m.

Complimentary Breakfast, 9:30 a.m.
Movie follows at 10:30 a.m.

Following the 50-minute movie, producer Ron Small will provide additional insights and lead a discussion of the movie.

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