



The MESSAGE

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FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 12
Candlelighting Time 7:12pm
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal
with the Amran Family
6:15pm First Shabbat Jam
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13
Parashat Ki Teizei
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
B'nai Mitzvah:
Albert & Julia Amran
9:30am Jr. Congregation
9:30am Tot Shabbat
9:30am Mini Minyan
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
7:00pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19
Candlelighting Time 7:03pm
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal
with the Rosenbaum Family
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20
Parashat Ki Tavo
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah: Oren Rosenbaum
10:00am Jr. Congregation
S'lichot Service
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
7:00pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

Selihot

DOORWAY TO THE
HIGH HOLY DAYS
STARTING 8:30 P.M.
SATURDAY, SEPT. 20

"The Disputation"

A THEOLOGICAL DEBATE BETWEEN CHRISTIANS AND JEWS



Throughout the Middle Ages, rabbis were forced to defend the teachings of Judaism in public "disputations" where the tenets of Judaism were literally put on trial. Tonight we will watch a remarkable film which illustrates one of the most famous disputations of all time, and following the film, Rabbi Rosen will reflect on Christian-Jewish dialogue today and how the issues raised in this thought-provoking film can stir us to reflect on our own understanding of Judaism's core teachings as the High Holy Days approach.

...followed by our beautiful Selihot Service in the Great Sanctuary at **10:30 P.M.** Each year, hundreds of Beth Yeshurun members join our Rabbis, Hazzan Propis and the High Holiday Choir to welcome the High Holy Days and to share in the Changing of the Torah Mantles. We would love to have you join us as we begin the process of "change" and take the first steps towards welcoming 5769.



WITH RABBI MORGEN

Preparing Ourselves for the New Year

The Jewish New Year of 5769 is just around the corner. Along with preparing for the big festive meals we will have with family and friends, it is also a time to prepare ourselves spiritually and morally. Judaism acknowledges that human beings make mistakes – we are not “perfect angels.” That is a lesson we learn from the third chapter of Genesis when Adam and Eve – the first two humans – disobey the one and only commandment God had given them, not to eat the fruit of the tree of knowledge.



Unlike angels, God has given humans a wonderful, extraordinary gift: *free will*. It is the ability to make *choices* about what we will do. Along with this marvelous gift, however, we have the challenging responsibility to use our free will wisely and choose to do things that are good and beneficial for ourselves and others. It is when we fail to choose wisely that we make mistakes and do things that are harmful to ourselves and/or hurtful to others.

That is what this time of year is truly all about. In preparing for the New Year, we are to reflect upon all the various things we have done during the past year – the good and the bad. We are supposed to ask forgiveness from those we have wronged, and try to do something to make it up to them. On the other hand, we are also supposed to forgive those who have done wrong to us – just as we would hope that others would forgive us for our mistakes. If we remember that we are only human, it should be easier for us both to admit when we have done something wrong and ask forgiveness. By the same token, it should be easier for us to forgive someone else who has hurt us in some way. The 18th Century British Poet, Alexander Pope, coined the popular proverb: “To err is human, to forgive Divine.” To this I would add that God has commanded us to imitate those God-like qualities of goodness, lovingkindness, and forgiveness. And so, while forgiveness may be Divine, it is also something we should aspire to emulate.

In doing so, I am reminded of a wise saying by the Sage Judah ben Temma:

“If you have done some minor wrong to another, consider it a serious matter, while if you have done someone a great benefit, consider it a minor thing. On the other hand, if someone has done you a minor favor, consider it a big thing, while if another has done something very bad to you, try to see it as a small thing.” (*Avot deRabbi Natan 41*).

We all have a tendency to overrate or underrate an event to suit our own near-sighted perspective. This teaching of Rabbi Judah’s helps us to balance that natural tendency. In seeking forgiveness from others for the things we did to hurt them, we should consider even the minor ones as grievous errors. At the same time, when others have hurt us, even when we felt it was a major insult or injury, we should try to minimize the pain we feel and accept the apology offered.

And so, I would like to offer my sincere apologies to all of you. I know I have done some things over the past year which upset people on one occasion or another. We all have human frailties and I certainly have at least my fair share of them. I hope you will forgive me for those things I have done which have upset you. It has not been my intention to offend or show disrespect to you.

May we all find forgiveness for our misdeeds of the past year, and may we find the strength to forgive others for whatever wrongs we might feel they have done to us. In this way, we can begin the New Year with a clean slate in our relationships, and come to appreciate and be grateful for the many blessings we receive daily from our family, friends, co-workers, and fellow congregants.

L’shanah tova tikatevu. May we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for the coming year!

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FAMILY LIFE EVENTS 2008 – 2009

Rabbi Brian Strauss & Family Life Coordinator, Bianca Wigder

Family Life Committee: Robin & Joshua Berry, Tamara & Matt Cohen, Nirayl & Brian Cororve, Taryn & Eddy Daniels, Rysse & Dr. Brian Goldfarb, Blythe & Nir Grossman, Dana & Stephen Hakimi, Michelle & Steven Hecht, Andria & Todd Frankfort, Helen & Jason Goodman, Samantha & Gil Melman, Jody & Dr. Russell Radoff, Toiee & Dr. Dan Roubein, Peta & Jason Rubenstein, Melissa & Scott Selzer, Shelly & Jeremy Sorkin, Polina & Mark Strug, Amy & Segev Zadok & Michelle & Marvin Blum.

- Saturday, Sep. 13 – 8:00 p.m. Young Families Event – parents only
- Tuesday, Sep. 30 – 10:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Children's Program
- Thursday, Oct. 9 – 10:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Children's Program
- Thursday, Oct. 9 – 7:15 p.m. Yom Kippur Havdallah Service
- Wednesday, Oct. 15 – 6:00 p.m. Sukkot Family Dinner
- Saturday, Nov. 15 – 6:00 p.m. Pajama Family Havdalah Service & Dinner
- Monday, Dec. 15 – 5:00 p.m. Pre-school Judaica Family Fun Night Hanukkah
- Sunday, Jan. 25 – 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. L'Mazel - For Expectant Jewish Parents - led by Rabbi Strauss
- Sunday, Mar. 8 – 10:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Purim Carnival
- Saturday, Mar. 21 – 8:00 p.m. Young Families Event – parents only
- Thursday, Apr. 9 – 6:00 p.m. 2nd Night Passover Seder for Young Families only
- Saturday, Apr. 11 – 11:00 a.m. Family Life Newborn Service
- Tuesday, Apr. 14 – 9:30 a.m.-Noon Noah, the Zoo and You – Program for Pre-school and Day School Families during Passover break
- Friday, May 15 – 6:30 p.m. Family Life Shabbat Dinner – Israel theme
- Weekly & monthly Family Shabbat Services Tot Shabbat, Mini-Minyan, Shabbat Yachad, Shabbat Jam & Jr. Congregation
- *More events to be added*



Need help for Rosh Hashanah?

Let Beth Yeshurun prepare your Rosh Hashanah meals

We'll do the cooking . . . You receive the compliments

Brisket Dinners * Chicken Dinners

Also available from our Dairy Kitchen:

* Spinach & Artichoke Quiche

* Broccoli & Cheddar Quiche

* Blintz Soufle * Kugel

Order forms are available with the receptionist or go to
BETHYESHURUN.ORG and look under "News" to print an order form.

* Order Deadline: Sep. 19 *

Questions? - Contact Food Services Director Eileen Pettigrew
at (713) 666-1881, ext. 368, or EPETTIGREW@BETHYESHURUN.ORG

FAMILY ALBUM

■Birth

Robin (Goetz) and Robert Chwatko of Chappaqua, NY, joyfully announce the birth of their son, **Max Wyatt Chwatko** on Aug. 5, 2008. Proud grandparents are Linda and Myles Goetz. Max's Hebrew name, Micah Isaac, is in loving memory of his maternal great grandparents, Isaac and Gussie Miriam Traiber.

■Anniversaries

- 9/7 23 Stephen & Emily Blechman
22 John & Tina Cohen
11 Robert & Janice Jucker
56 Robert & Maxine Karesh
40 Roman & Ann Niemer
63 Norman & Doris Perlberg
28 Bernard & Jan Silver
28 Saul & Adrienne Solomon
54 Adolph & Bettiruth Susholtz
9/8 43 Jack & Leorah Levin
62 Bernard & Edith Stolbun
9/9 35 Gary & Esther Polland
35 Rabbi David & Marcie Rosen
18 Ephraim & Gail Shapiro
9/10 8 Brian & Nirayl Cororve

- 19 Ken & Susan Fenson
30 Victor & Adrienne Lavis
9/12 28 Boris & Marina Aranovich
9/13 27 Emanuel & Jennifer Bodner
10 Gil & Samantha Melman
9/16 36 Aaron & Eileen Keiter
9/18 14 Benjy & Erica Levit
9/19 33 William & Brenda Goldberg
27 Stewart & Louise Rosenthal
9/20 31 Michael Lewitton & Allison Lipshultz
63 Gerald & Lila Rauch

■Mazal Tov

To **Sandra and Steve Finkelman**, on receiving the Houston Jewish Spirit Award from TORCH

■Condolences

The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of --

Joseph David Abrahms, Anne Charendoff, Alfred Freedman, William Gregerman, Jack Miller, Katalin Schonbrunn, Anne Sherman, Alan Russell Thomson, Lea Weems
May their memories be for a blessing.

■St. Luke's needs volunteers

The St. Luke's Episcopal Hospital Auxiliary needs volunteers for the family waiting areas. Assignments are available seven days a week, from 7:00 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. The minimum commitment is three hours per week. Complimentary valet parking is provided. For more information call the hospital's Auxiliary office at (832) 355-2102 or visit St. Luke's Web site at www.STLUKESTEXAS.COM.

■USCJ Hazak trip to Israel 2009

This coming January, join the USCJ as they head to Israel for a truly memorable journey. You will experience the magic of Jerusalem, the thrill of the Dead Sea and the beauty of the Galilee. Based primarily in Jerusalem, this trip includes all of Israel's must-sees, along with wonderful cultural experiences, an authentic Shabbat experience in Jerusalem, and much more.

Services include: nine hotel night accommodations (2 nights in the north/7 nights in Jerusalem), licensed English speaking tour guide and deluxe touring bus, all activity fees, two group meals/day. The total package is \$3,175.00/person in a double room (\$420 single supplement). *Note: price includes current fuel surcharges as of July 24, 2008. Price subject to rise due to additional fuel surcharges levied by the airline. Participants can secure the current price by submitting a non-refundable deposit of \$1,500. Land package only: \$1,750 /person. For full details, go to www.USCJ.ORG/SEABD or contact Jo-Anne Tucker-Zemlak at (301) 230-0801, ext. 2 or ZEMLAK@USCJ.ORG.



Junior congregation

Rabbi Steven
Morgen and
Cantor Diane
Dorf

Saturday Mornings
9:30 - 10:30
Mandel-Weiner
School Auditorium

A Saturday morning Shabbat service for elementary students and their families.

Provides a nurturing environment for students to gain necessary skills to lead services in preparation for the Bar or Bat Mitzvah.

Target age: 8 - 11 year olds

Junior Congregation Dates: SEP 13, 20, 27 OCT 4, 11, 18, 25
NOV 1, 8, 15, 22 DEC 6, 13, JAN 10, 17, 24, 31 FEB 7, 14,
21, 28 MAR 7, 28 APR 4, 18, 25 MAY 2, 9, 16

B'NAI MITZVAH



ALBERT AMRAN SEPTEMBER 12-13

Albert Yarden Amran is the son of Edie and David Amran, the twin brother of Julia and older brother of twins Rachel and Daniel. His proud grandparents are Sarah and the late Albert Grossman of Fair Lawn, NJ, and Aliza and the late Zion Amran of Petah Tikva, Israel. Albert was named after his late grandfather, Albert, a

Holocaust survivor.

Albert is an eighth grade high honors student at the Village School. He is on the Math and Science Team and in the National Junior Honor Society. Albert also participates in various school sports and enjoys computer games. This past July, Albert celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall with his twin sister, Julia, family, aunts, uncles, Savta Aliza and many cousins in Israel. For his Bar Mitzvah project, Albert and his twin sister hosted a donation drive this summer called "The Anything and Everything Drive" at the Village School for the Fort Bend County Women's Center. The Women's Center assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and their children. Albert is very proud of the Village School and the Village School Families for the vast number of donations collected for the drive. Albert is excited to share his Bar Mitzvah service with his twin sister, Julia.



JULIA AMRAN SEPTEMBER 12-13

Julia Leah Amran is the daughter of Edie and David Amran, the twin sister of Albert and older sister of twins Daniel and Rachel. Julia's proud grandparents are Sarah and the late Albert Grossman of Fair Lawn, NJ, and Aliza and the late Zion Amran of Petah Tikvah, Israel. Julia was

named after her late aunt, Janet Leah, her father's sister. Julia is an eighth grade student at the Village School. She participates in

many sports and is in Model United Nations. She also plays competitive soccer for the Albion Hurricanes and plays piano and guitar. This past summer in Israel, Julia celebrated her birthday with her brother's Bar Mitzvah at the Western Wall. The celebration included a big party with her family and friends.

For her Bat Mitzvah project, Julia and her twin brother, Albert, hosted a donation drive during the summer called "The Anything and Everything Drive" at the Village School for the Fort Bend County Women's Center. The Women's Center assists survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault, and their children. She is very proud of her school and the Village School families for the tremendous volume of donations (from clothes to computers) to the Women's Center. Julia is excited to share her Bat Mitzvah service with her twin brother, Albert.



OREN ROSENBAUM SEPTEMBER 19-20

Oren Daniel Rosenbaum is the son of Linda and Menny Rosenbaum and the brother of Eric. His proud grandparents are Mark and Raisa Nyezdlatny, of Huntington Beach, CA, and Moshe and Ora Rosenbaum of Israel. Oren is a graduate of Beth Yeshurun Day School and is currently a seventh grade student at The Emery/

Weiner School, where he enjoys playing basketball and spending time with his friends. Oren enjoys boating, jet skiing, water skiing and snow skiing. Oren is an excellent piano player and won two gold medals in piano tests over the last two years.

For his Mitzvah Projects, Oren is collecting books to donate to a local hospital. He will play piano in Seven Acres and the Goldberg Towers to entertain the elderly as part of the performance group. He will also participate in the Stop the Hunger mission and will help provide food and clothing to the homeless and the less fortunate in our city. Oren will be donating a portion of his monetary gifts to the American Diabetes Association and the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer research foundation in honor of his late great-grandmother Ester.



**THE GIFT OF ISRAEL PROGRAM.
MAKE YOUR TEEN'S ISRAEL TRIP A REALITY**



ENROLL NOW FOR THE 2008-09 SCHOOL YEAR

- ★ **GIFT OF ISRAEL** is a savings incentive program created especially for your child's future teen trip to Israel. If your child is currently in the 3rd through 7th grade, the time to enroll is NOW.
- ★ For each year you deposit \$150 into your child's Wells Fargo savings account, the Jewish Federation will also set aside \$150 annually to help fund your child's trip.
- ★ For more information, contact Ellen Ellison at (713)729-7000, ext. 328, to learn more about this exciting opportunity or download an enrollment packet via the Federation's website at www.houstonjewish.org/programsforteens.asp
- ★★ *Beth Yeshurun makes contributions to the Gift of Israel Program. Contact Lester Sternberg for details.*

AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

SISTERHOOD FALL NEW MEMBERSHIP EVENT

Tuesday, September 16 * 10:00 a.m. in Stein Hall
Featuring: *Intimacy*, a new boutique in the Galleria
Lunch to follow

\$18 by Sep. 9 or \$25 after - your check is your reservation.

We will be making care packages to send overseas to Jewish Soldiers in Iraq so please bring toiletries (razors, soaps, shampoos) to be donated to Jewish Soldiers serving in Iraq. For more information please contact membership chairs: Wendy Gold at (281) 565-4802 and Bonnie Winograd at (713) 668-5789, or e-mail at WENDYRGOLD@AOL.COM or BWINOG@YAHOO.COM.

We look forward to seeing you there!

It's a Mitzvah!

Interested in sponsoring a Chapel Minyan weekday breakfast, a Chapel or Museum Minyan Shabbat Kiddush or shalashudos in memory of your loved one? Contact Eileen Pettigrew, Food Service Manager, at EPETTIGREW@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or (713) 666-1881, ext. 368. Sponsorships will be acknowledged in service announcements.

Standard breakfasts and kiddushes are \$125 minimum. Shalashudos are \$150. Special meals may be arranged with the Food Service Department and monthly sponsorships are available. All sponsorships must be paid in advance. Dates may be reserved in the order they are received.

Recent sponsored breakfasts & kiddushes have been generously given by:

- Rhonda & Alan Clamen in memory of Rose Clamen
- Lynn & Gilbert Friedlander in memory of Cary Friedlander
- Jerry LaFleur in memory of Gale Haas LaFleur
- Margo-Ellen Gillman in memory of Racelle Rabishaw
- Margo-Ellen Gillman in memory of Ida Saltzman-Gillman
- Louis Gordon in memory of Minnie Gordon
- Marci & Mark Kellner & Family, Debbie & Rick Levinton & Family and Nancy & David Cohen & Family in memory of Maxine Cohen
- Barbara Koslov in memory of Gerald Goldberg
- Marcy Malowitz in memory of Stanley Malowitz
- Carol Osborn in memory of Bland & Fay Osborn
- A.I. Schepps in memory of Manet Schepps
- Annita & Newton Schwartz in memory of Nathan Schwartz
- Fran Spector in memory of Myer Spector
- Morris Taibel in memory of Ann Taibel Brochowitz
- Kathleen, Albert & Charlotte Wiesenthal in memory of Dr. Joseph & Mildred Wiesenthal

■BY provides supplies to Israeli soldiers

Every soldier in the Israel Defense Forces is assigned needed equipment, but when a group of young soldiers in the Palsar 401 combat unit, which includes former Houstonian Aaron Friedland, son of Alyssa and Roger Friedland, said they really needed something better than standard issue, BY responded. In return, Aaron wrote Rabbi Rosen and Hazzan Propis: "Our entire unit...wants to thank you *m'kol halev* [with all our hearts] for your contribution...which has raised the quality and level of our performance, and turned our unit into a better and stronger team of soldiers."



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HIGH HOLY DAYS SCHEDULE

MEMBERSHIP CARD AND PHOTO I.D. REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION

SERVICE SCHEDULE – HIGH HOLY DAYS 2008

SELICHOT SERVICE – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2008 – 10:30 PM

CEMETERY SERVICES – SUNDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2008

10:00 AM at Allen Parkway 11:00 AM at Post Oak 10:00 AM at Shearith Israel (Wharton)

SYNAGOGUE SERVICES

1ST NIGHT ROSH HASHANAH – Mon, Sep 29

Barg Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.
Chapel	6:00 p.m.
Freedman/Levit Sanctuary	6:00 p.m.
Museum Minyan	6:00 p.m.

1ST DAY ROSH HASHANAH – Tues, Sep 30

Barg Sanctuary	8:00 a.m.
Chapel	8:30 a.m.
Freedman/Levit Sanctuary	10:15 a.m.
Museum Minyan	9:00 a.m.
Preschool Service	9:30 a.m.
Children's Programs	10:30 a.m.
(CDO/Toddlers, Nursery, Pre-K - 1 st , 2 nd - 3 rd)	

2ND NIGHT ROSH HASHANAH – Tues, Sep 30

Barg Sanctuary	7:00 p.m.
Chapel	7:00 p.m.

2ND DAY ROSH HASHANAH – Wed, Oct 1

Barg Sanctuary	8:00 a.m.
Chapel	8:30 a.m.
Museum Minyan	9:00 a.m.

Tashlich	6:00 p.m.
Chapel Mincha	7:00 p.m.

KOL NIDRE - Wednesday, Oct 8

Barg Sanctuary (Early)	5:45 p.m.
Barg Sanctuary (Late)	8:45 p.m.
Chapel	6:30 p.m.
Freedman/Levit Sanctuary	6:30 p.m.
Museum Minyan	6:45 p.m.

YOM KIPPUR - Thursday, Oct 9

Barg Sanctuary	9:30 a.m.
Chapel	9:00 a.m.
Freedman/Levit Sanctuary	10:15 a.m.
Museum Minyan	9:30 a.m.
Preschool Service	9:30 a.m.
Children's Programs	10:30 a.m.
(CDO/Toddlers, Nursery, Pre-K - 1 st , 2 nd - 3 rd)	
Mincha/Neila (Barg)	4:00 p.m.
Mincha (Chapel)	4:45 pm

Final Blast of the Shofar

7:40 p.m.

*Want family members who belong to other area synagogues at BY for the High Holy Days?
- Consider a Dual Membership*

Are you aware that family members that maintain primary shul memberships at other local congregations can also join BY as a dual member and worship with you here, at our High Holy Days services? For more information, please contact Julie Bernfeld, Membership Relations Manager, at JBERNFELD@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or (713) 666-1881, ext. 360. For a new member to apply, he/she will need to come to the synagogue office. Office hours are 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday.

*Remember to bring both your ticket
& a photo ID to gain admission!*



A Family Guide for the High Holy Days at Congregation Beth Yeshurun

The High Holy Days are a time for building family memories with our children that can last a lifetime. In order to help make those memories positive ones, we at Beth Yeshurun have developed services and programs designed specifically for our families with children.

SERVICES

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Preschool Services

9:30 am – 10:10 am Freedman-Levit Sanctuary

Celebrate the richness of our High Holy Days in a service designed for our preschool age children and their families. The service will involve age appropriate prayers, songs and a few surprises! The service will be led by Rabbi Brian Strauss and popular song leader, Rachel Buchman.

Freedman-Levit Service

September 29th Rosh Hashanah Evening
6:00 pm – 7:15 pm

October 8th Kol Nidre
6:30 pm – 8:30 pm

September 30th Rosh Hashanah Morning
10:15 am – 1:00 pm

October 9th Yom Kippur Morning
10:15 am – 1:00 pm

A contemporary service located in the beautiful Freedman-Levit Sanctuary. It will be led by Rabbi Brian Strauss, Annette Sondock, and our High Holy Day Family Choir. This service is not designed for preschool age children.

PROGRAMS

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur Morning Children's Programs

10:30 am – 11:15 am in the school wing

Enjoy interactive programs designed for our children and led by our teachers. Four programs are available – CDO/Toddler, Nursery, Pre-K – 1st grade, and 2nd – 3rd grade.

Tashlich

Wednesday, October 1, 2008 – 6:00 pm

Join us for Tashlich as we walk to the nearest body of water (the bayou!), attach our sins to our breadcrumbs and toss them into the “sea”! You provide the sins; we provide the breadcrumbs, cold drinks and delicious ice cream bars.

Yom Kippur Havdallah Service

Thursday, October 9, 2008 – 7:15 pm (Meet in the Freedman-Levit Sanctuary)

We invite our children into the darkened Barg Sanctuary for a memorable way to end Yom Kippur. We provide the light sticks.

Babysitting Services

Babysitting is available for young children throughout the High Holy Days for those with reservations. Please contact Sharon Wilton at (713) 666-1881 for more information.

AFTER THE HIGH HOLY DAYS

Consider building your own **Sukkah** at home! Visit www.sukkah.com for more information.

Sukkot Dinners

Enjoy the beauty of Sukkot in the Beth Yeshurun Sukkah. Come both times if you can!

Congregational Sukkot Dinner

Wednesday, October 15, 2008 – 6:00 pm - Bring a dairy meal for your family and we'll provide the drinks, desserts and arts and crafts for everyone.

Young Families Sukkot Dinner

Sunday, October 19, 2008 – 6:00 pm – Bring a dairy main course for everyone to share. We'll provide the ice cream and drinks. RSVP to Gayle Schnurr 713-666-1881 and let her know what you can bring.

Simchat Torah

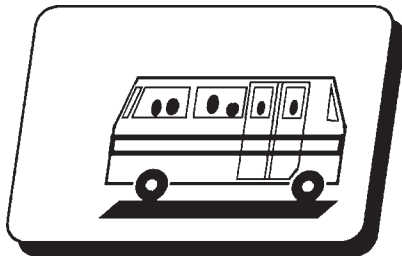
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 – 7:00 pm

Dance with the Torah and to Hakafot led by Hazzan Propis and the Beth Yeshurun Klezmer Band. Bring 100 pieces of kosher candy for the kids; we will provide flags and refreshments.

MORE HIGH HOLY DAYS INFO

■ Satellite parking and shuttle buses

As you know, we have only a fixed, limited number of parking spaces at the synagogue. We have approval for limited parking in the Aramco lot on Frankway, and unlimited parking at the Meyer Park shopping center on West Bellfort. For your convenience, shuttle buses will make rounds through any parking we secure which is not immediately adjacent to the synagogue to bring people to the Bender/Levy Lobby doors and to return them to the parking lots. A cart will make rounds through the BY parking lot. The buses and the cart will run continuously throughout the service times for the first night of Rosh Hashanah, first and second days of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre and all day on Yom Kippur.



Please note that there is NO authorized parking in the strip shopping center across Beechnut from the synagogue, NO parking in the apartment complexes across Beechnut, and NO parking in the Meyerland Professional Building. Police will use wreckers to tow any cars parked illegally in these areas. Please do not park in front of fire hydrants or in other no parking zones. Your car will be towed.

Additional parking information will be published as soon as it is available.

■ Handicapped parking

Approximately 100 temporary handicapped parking spaces will be added for the High Holy Days. There are two locations for handicapped parking – the entire driveway in front of the Beechnut doors (parallel to Beechnut) and the closest section of the main parking lot. Only cars with a “Handicapped” sticker or license plate are permitted to park in spaces reserved for the handicapped.



CARS WITHOUT APPROPRIATE HANDICAPPED DESIGNATION WILL BE TICKETED AND WILL BE TOWED!

The Beechnut entrance is the best location for dropping off persons who need assistance and cannot walk long distances. Attendants are requested to assist disabled passengers into the synagogue through the Beechnut doors. If absolutely necessary, it is permissible to “double park” a vehicle in this area for a few minutes for this purpose only.

ANY VEHICLES ILLEGALLY PARKED IN HANDICAPPED SPACES OR IN FIRE ZONES WILL BE TOWED!

■ Kost High Holy Day teleconference times

For the past five years, Beth Yeshurun, through the kindness and generosity of Norma Kost and her children, Karen and Cecil Kost and Fredell and Martin Belasco, and in memory of her husband Nathan Kost, has been able to allow those unable to come to the synagogue to listen to High Holy Day services by telephone. This program will again be provided this year through The Kost Memorial High Holy Days Telephone Connection Fund as follows:



Erev Rosh Hashanah Sep. 29: 6:00-7:15 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah 1 Sep. 30: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah 2 Oct. 1: 8:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Kol Nidre Oct. 8: 5:45-7:45pm

Yom Kippur Oct. 9: 9:30 a.m.- through the final blast of the shofar at 7:40 p.m.

All transmissions will be from the Barg Sanctuary.

Please contact the synagogue office at (713) 666-1881 for the toll-free number and code to access the teleconference.

The clergy, officers and administration of Beth Yeshurun would like to thank Mrs. Kost and her children for their generosity and dedication to the welfare of the congregation.

■ Yizkor book deadline

We want to remind you that the deadline for submitting names for the Yizkor Memorial Book is Friday, Sep. 19. Any names received after that date cannot be printed in the book, but will be included in an addendum sheet. Please submit your names to Sharon Wilton in the synagogue office.

■ High Holy Days seating



The Ushering Committee requests your help regarding the “saving of seats.” Fire ordinances prohibit the blocking of aisles, doorways or hallways. To comply with this ordinance, we ask the members who are standing along the side and back walls of the Pulaski-Rauch Auditorium to either be seated or go to one of the other services (Chapel, Freedman/Levit Sanctuary or Museum Minyan Service in Stein Hall).

Please hold only one seat per adult for no more than one hour after services begin. After one hour, no seats should be held. People receiving an honor who will be on the pulpit, please ask an usher for a “Reserved” sign. If you are aware of an empty seat, please raise your hand to let the ushers know. With your help, we can continue making this a beautiful and enjoyable service.

If you wish to volunteer as an usher, please call Dr. Irv Wishnow (713) 667-2303 or Sharon Wilton (713) 666-1881, ext. 373.

■ Please consider donating your time to . . .



Driving people to and from services. Some of our congregants, such as the elderly, nursing home residents and those who do not drive, need rides to the synagogue and home again. If you can help, please contact Sharon Wilton at (713) 666-1881, ext. 373 or e-mail her at SWILTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG.



Ushering during services. We would like to expand our Usher Corp. Please contact Sharon at (713) 666-1881, ext. 373 or SWILTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG to join the Corp.

Hosting a conversion student. If you are able to host conversion students for any High Holiday meals, please contact Gayle Schnurr (713) 666-1881, ext. 317 or GSCHNURR@BETHYESHURUN.ORG.



■ Security reminder

Please be aware that our security procedures are to provide for the security and safety of our congregants and visitors. We would appreciate your cooperation with these procedures.

You must have a ticket and picture ID (with the same name and address as on your ticket) to enter any of the High Holy Day services. Please have your ticket and picture ID ready to show at the door to gain entry into the synagogue. If you have misplaced your ticket, you will be directed to the temporary Membership Office area to obtain a one-day pass.

Minor children are not required to have tickets but should arrive at the synagogue with their parents. Children who come without their parents will have to go through the temporary Membership Office to be admitted. Full-time students are not required to have tickets but must have a current student ID and picture ID. Students without appropriate ID may need to go to the temporary Membership Office to be admitted.

Do not leave bags (purses, diaper bags, etc.) unattended. They will be considered a security risk and will be removed.

■ Arrive on time, but not *too* early!

Please pay attention to the service start times on your tickets. **For security control, doors to the synagogue will not be opened until one hour before the start of services.**

The doors will be opened for High Holy Day services according to the following time schedule:

- 5:00 p.m. on the first night of Rosh Hashanah - Sep. 29
- 7:00 a.m. on Rosh Hashanah days I & II - Sep. 30 & Oct. 1
- 4:45 p.m. for Kol Nidre - Oct. 8
- 8:30 a.m. on Yom Kippur morning - Oct. 9

Remember that if you arrive late, all the parking spaces on synagogue property – regular and handicapped – will already be taken. You may drop off your passengers at the door, but you will probably have to use satellite parking.

■ Tashlich service 6 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 1

“And they shall cast all their sins into the depths of the sea”
- The Prophet Micah

Join us for Tashlich as we walk to the nearest body of water (the bayou!), attach our sins to breadcrumbs and toss them into the “sea!” You provide the sins. We provide the breadcrumbs, cold drinks, and delicious ice cream bars.

■ Operation Isaiah



On Yom Kippur, as we gather for prayer, we ask each congregant to bring one pound of food to the synagogue for distribution to the hungry. Please bring canned, boxed or otherwise sealed foods only; no fresh fruit, produce or other perishables. Containers will be in the Bender/Levy Lobby. Thank you!



Say Happy New Year in a special way!

*Rosh Hashana
Roses*

BYB
BETH YESHURUN
BROTHERHOOD

For only \$49, a dozen beautiful, premium roses will be delivered in time for Erev Rosh Hashanah. These lovely roses will express a wonderful L'Shanah Tovah for the High Holy Days to your spouse, relatives, friends, teachers and other special people. This project is made possible through the combined efforts of Village Flowery and Houston Flowery, Paul Katz and the Beth Yeshurun Brotherhood. Roses will be delivered in the greater Houston area only.

TO PLACE AN ORDER:

Please send your name, address and phone number; the name, address and phone number of the recipient (along with any greeting you wish to send them) and \$49 per order to Paul Katz, 5740 Longmont Lane, Houston, TX 77057. Make checks payable to: Beth Yeshurun Brotherhood.

**ORDERS MUST BE
RECEIVED BY
FRIDAY, SEP. 26!**

CHILD CARE FOR HIGH HOLY DAYS

Child care will again be available this year at the time listed below at a cost of \$15.00 per session per child. Prepaid reservations are required. Please return the registration form below as soon as possible with your check, for the sessions you want to reserve. Space is limited. Please make checks payable to Congregation Beth Yeshurun and mail your check and registration form to: Congregation Beth Yeshurun c/o "Child Care", 4525 Beechnut Houston, TX 77096-1801.

In order for the child care to run smoothly, all children's belongings must be labeled. Babies will not be fed by staff - parents need to come to the child care area to feed their babies. Port-o-cribs, infant seats and disposable diapers must be provided by parents. The child's favorite toy or game can be brought, as well as a blanket that should be labeled. We would also appreciate parent volunteers to donate an hour of time during Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur to aid other parents in the hall during child care hours. If you could be so generous to volunteer some time, please check "yes" in the space below and we will inquire later as to which holiday you prefer. Please be sure to give your telephone number. Because of the use of bonded babysitters, no child will be admitted unless forms have been submitted in advance. Each child must have a registration card with a confirmation number before they are allowed to enter. No cards will be mailed after September 12th. You **MUST** come by the office to pick up your registration card after September 12th. These can be picked up at the office during normal office hours.

ONLY PARENTS MAY "DROP OFF" AND "PICK UP" CHILDREN

REGISTRATION FORM

I would like to register my child(ren)

	Age: _____
	Age: _____
	Age: _____
	Age: _____

ROSH HASHANAH: (1st Night)

Mon., Sept. 29	Time 5:45 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.	Please check one <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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ROSH HASHANAH: (1st Day)

Tues., Sept. 30	Time 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Please check one <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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ROSH HASHANAH (2ND Day)

Wed., Oct. 1	Time 7:45 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.	Please check one <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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KOL NIDRE:

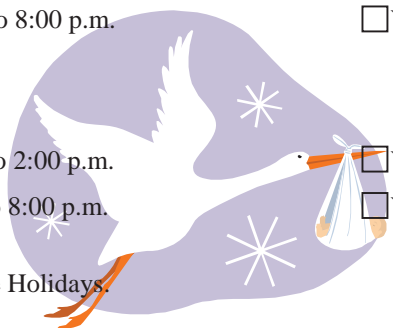
Wed. Oct. 8	Time 5:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Please check one <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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(Note: No child care for the late service on Kol Nidre.)

YOM KIPPUR:

Thurs. Oct. 9	Time 8:45 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Please check one <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Thurs. Oct. 9	Time 4:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	Please check one <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
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Yes, I agree to volunteer some of my time during the Holidays.

Enclosed is my check in the amount of \$ _____ payable to Congregation Beth Yeshurun.

In case of emergency, please administer first aid, and if needed secure medical aid. I understand that I will not hold Congregation Beth Yeshurun responsible for any injury or accident that might occur during High Holy Days child care.

Parent Signature _____ Address _____ Phone _____

Parent's information MUST be completed to be registered!

Registration Deadline: Tuesday, September 12, 2008

TOT SHABBAT/MINI-MINYAN

2008-2009 SERVICES

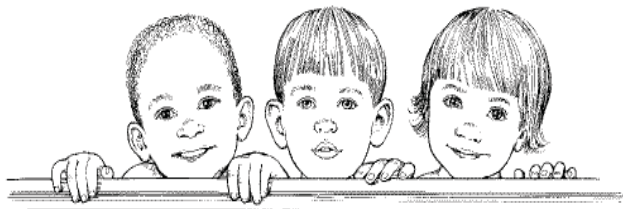
WITH MARILYN ALBERT AND EVE ZEHAVI

TOT SHABBAT is designed for youngsters four years old and younger. Our own BY legend Marilyn Albert leads our youngsters in song and dance.

MINI MINYAN Students in Pre-K through 2nd grade are invited to attend a service created just for them. Master teacher Eve Zehavi leads the students in prayer and a special interactive Torah service.

Both Tot Shabbat & Mini Minyan are held monthly (except October) from 9:30 - 10:30 a.m.

Sept. 13	Jan. 10	April 4
Nov. 8	Feb. 7	May 2
Dec. 6	March 7	



Join Us For Shabbat Dinner With Your Friends And The Rabbis

Open to all CBY High School Age Students

Friday, October 17, 2008

Beth Yeshurun - Stein Hall

Following services - 9:00 PM

Free of Charge

RSVP:

asuckow@bethyeshurun.org

by October 10, 2008

To stay up to date about other events for High School students, please e-mail your address to asuckow@bethyeshurun.org



“When Lightning Struck”

Three theological crises that changed our rabbis

It is one thing to learn in rabbinical school what Judaism teaches, but what happens when a rabbi confronts a crisis in his congregation that challenges what he was taught?

Tonight, Rabbis Rosen, Morgen and Strauss will describe such a moment in each of their lives.

Congregational Shabbat Dinner

Friday, September 26, 2008

Stein Hall

After Shabbat Renewal

RSVP to tfriedman@bethyeshurun.org by September 19th

Cost \$18 per adult, \$12 per child

Submit payment to Tammy Friedman 4525 Beechnut Houston, TX 77096



WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE J.B. GREENFIELD CHAPEL

Sep 7-12: Sun 8am, Mon-Fri 7am, Sun-Thu 7:15pm
Sep 14-19: Sun 8am, Mon-Fri 7am, Sun-Thu 7pm

Upcoming Message Deadlines:

Sep 22 for the Oct 12 issue
Oct 6 for the Oct 26 issue
Oct 20 for the Nov 9 issue