



# The MESSAGE

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## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20

Candlelighting Time 5:56pm  
6:00pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
with the Aboulafia  
& Wedelich Families  
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21

Parashat Mishpatim  
Shabbat Shekalim  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
B'not Mitzvah:  
Gabriella Aboulafia  
& Bailey Wedelich  
9:30am Jr. Congregation  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
5:30pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

## FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Candlelighting Time 6:01pm  
6:00pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
with the Penn Family  
6:15pm Shabbat Jam

## SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28

Parashat Terumah  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
9:30am Jr. Congregation  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
5:00Pm Sanctuary Service  
Bar Mitzvah: Jordan Penn  
5:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

## The Purim Carnival is coming! Sunday, March 8th 10:30 am - 2 pm



CAKE WALK  
CAROUSEL  
CORN-ON-THE-COB  
FERRIS WHEEL  
KOSHER HOT DOGS  
HUGE SLIDE

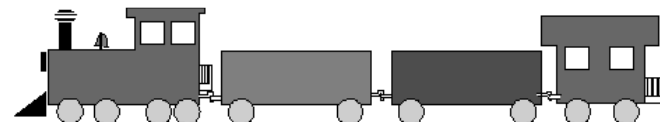
MOONWALKS  
ROCK WALL  
KOSHER SAUSAGE  
SWEET SHOPPE  
TATTOO BOOTH  
TRAINS

**New this year!!**  
Pony Rides  
3-in-1 Sports Challenge  
Mechanical Bull  
Bungee Trampoline

## Something for Everyone!



The Purim Carnival helps provide funds for our Family Life Department, which develops and sponsors programs, classes, and events for congregants of all ages. Many of the programs include education and Tikkun olam (social action) in a social environment. Your sponsorship will also help us award need-based scholarships to families who otherwise might not be able to participate in some of these worthwhile events. For more information about the carnival, please contact Family Life Coordinator, Bianca Wigder, Carnival Chairs, Dana Liss-Hakimi or Amy Zadok, Rabbi Brian Strauss, or Program Director, Tammy Friedman.



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# WITH RABBI ROSEN

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## *Making a Difference*

It's Monday, Feb. 9, when I am writing this, and I'm still "flying" from our extraordinary weekend with our Rubenfeld Scholar, Ron Wolfson.



Ron came to show us how to be a better congregation and from the moment he arrived at Beth Yeshurun, he set out to learn what makes us tick and to show us how we can do better even at things we already do well.

Our weekend together taught me something about people and the difference the right people can make.

Ron Wolfson is clearly one of those exceptional people who loves synagogues but wants to see congregations reach out more effectively to their members and to be more welcoming communities to members and guests alike.

If you came on Friday night, you might have been confused seeing this complete stranger wearing a greeter's badge and shaking everyone's hand as they entered the building. But that's Ron. He wanted to better understand both the logistics and the demographics of Beth Yeshurun, and in the course of his three-day visit, we learned as a congregation so very much about how we can be a warmer and more welcoming community.

That's the power of one man who came not only to tell us what he knows, but who took the time to really learn about our specific community and tailor his message to our needs.

But I learned something not only about Ron Wolfson this past weekend, but about the two people who sponsored his visit, Shelly and Linda Rubenfeld, who three years ago created our annual Rubenfeld Scholar weekends.

They are the kind of people who truly love being part of our Beth Yeshurun community. On any Shabbat, you will find them davening in one or more of our

concurrent minyanim, learning Torah, schmoozing with the rabbis and just generally taking advantage of everything we offer and are.

In sponsoring these annual weekends of learning, they take a keen interest each year in bringing to us the most special people we can find so that everyone can have the opportunity to learn and to grow Jewishly.

In that way, we are so lucky to have people like Shelly and Linda – and so many others in our congregation who bring not only their resources to our community but their time, their energy and their love. Without all these wonderful people, Beth Yeshurun would only be a shell of itself.



*Ron Wolfson addresses the ATID Leadership Group*

In all that Ron Wolfson said to me about our congregation, one thing in particular sticks in my mind: how lucky we are to have so many congregants who truly care, who fully participate, and who enrich our community by their questions, their passion and their big hearts.

Yes, there is much we can do better – and will! But it will not only happen because Ron Wolfson told us how, but because we have the human resources to be an even greater congregation that will always be a key destination for the celebration of Jewish life in Houston.



With **4** Ways to Celebrate on Monday night, March 9



**FOR ADULTS AND  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
AGE CHILDREN**

With Rabbi Rosen, Rabbi Morgen  
and Hazzan Propis

Abridged Reading of  
Megillat Esther by Students

Costume Parade for Kids  
and Adults!

Freedman-Levit Sanctuary  
**7:30 P.M.**

**FOR PRE-SCHOOL AND  
KINDERGARTEN CHILDREN  
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

Led by Rabbi Strauss with  
Rachel Buchman

Come in Your Purim-Character  
Costumes for our Costume Parade

Abbreviated Age-Appropriate Megillah  
Reading and Songs to Make the Holiday  
Come to Life for Our Younger Children

Freedman-Levit Sanctuary, **6 P.M.**



All services followed by  
delicious hamantaschen!

**GREENFIELD CHAPEL**

Full Traditional Reading  
of Megillat Esther - **7:15 P.M.**

**MUSEUM MINYAN**

Full Traditional Reading  
of Megillat Esther - **7:30 P.M.**



*Please note that  
service start  
times differ.*



# AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

## ■ Sisterhood Shabbat

The Annual Sisterhood Shabbat & Dinner, themed *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Candlesticks Shabbat* was attended by over 150 members and guests Friday night, Jan. 23. Sisterhood members led the contemporary service which featured 18 amazing Candlestick Stories. Each story included meaningful details of how each participant celebrates Shabbat along with a brief history of her candlesticks. The candlesticks were displayed on the bimah as members told their stories. The touching service was held in the Freedman-Levit Sanctuary.

Sisterhood President Elyse Schultz said, "Our candlesticks are our link to the past. Thanks to hours of work by chairs Joy Plantowsky and Denise Yudkin, the annual Sisterhood Shabbat had a fresh look. *The Sisterhood of the Traveling Candlesticks* has linked century old traditions with who we are today, and has forever changed how the Sisterhood will lead the Shabbat Service. I would also like to thank Hazzan David Propis who supported and encouraged our creativity and Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs, who was instrumental in constructing the service. Her efforts produced a unique, touching and memorable evening."



L-r: Denise Yudkin, Elyse Schultz, Sandra Finkelman, Cantor Diane Dorf & Hazzan David Propis

Candlestick participants included the following members: Lisa Strauss, Linda Mendeloff, Barbara Selzer, Janice Goldstein, Margie Fields, Sheila Knipe Franklin, Linda Lang, Judy Yambra, Judy Zivley, Sylvia Schultz, Bonnie Winograd, Hayley Feldman, Dianna Dushkin, Cantor Diane Dorf, Mardi Kunik, Joan Katz, Joy Plantowsky and Elyse Schultz.

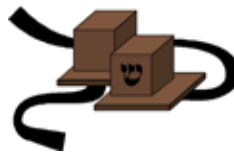
Also in attendance were new members Linda Chess, Teri Greenblatt, Debra Kerner and Ali Katz. Wendy Gold and Bonnie Winograd co-planned the evening to replace the new member event that was cancelled in September due to Hurricane Ike.

**Save - the - date**  
**April 28, 2009**

**Sisterhood Donor Luncheon & Fashion Show**  
**Featuring: Tootsie's, Harold's & Purple Mango**

## ■ Special Minyan and Breakfast Feb 22


BYB is planning the second phase of the Tefillin Collection Campaign. During the High Holidays we announced that we are collecting donated Tefillin for the purpose of increasing the pool of loaner Tefillin for the morning Chapel service. Now, our 12- to 14-year-old students and their parents are invited to attend a special Minyan and breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 22. We will start with a delicious breakfast at 9:00 a.m. Next we will move to the Chapel where our students will lead the morning Minyan. BYB members will demonstrate the proper way to wear and care for Tefillin. Every B'nai Mitzvah student and his/her parents should plan to attend this informative event. Everyone, regardless of age, is invited to participate. For more information and to RSVP please contact [PKATZ88@COMCAST.NET](mailto:PKATZ88@COMCAST.NET).



## ■ New Purim display in Kaplan Museum

For the next two months, the Mollie and Louis Kaplan Museum will feature a display relating to Purim in honor of the upcoming celebration. In addition to the many interesting and beautiful objects that have been shown in the past, we will now exhibit, for the first time, a gorgeous, illuminated 18th century Italian megilla. Illumination of a manuscript means that designs, figures and/or scenes are painted into the scroll, surrounding the handwritten work of the scribe. What is characteristic about the illumination in this scroll is the use of ornate Roman or Baroque columns separating the columns of print and the addition of fantastical animals including griffins and bird-like creatures. Please be sure to look at the exhibit next time you come into the building.





**YOUNG ADULTS WINE-TASTING**  
**FEB. 26 AT 7:30 P.M.**  
Cork Wine Bar (Across from House of Blues)  
Houston Pavilions 1201 San Jacinto,  
Suite 158, Houston, 77598

*Wine Tasting Event*

\$15 paid to Beth Yeshurun. Your check is your reservation  
Reservation Deadline: Feb 20 Mail to: Beth Yeshurun  
Attn: Tammy Friedman - 4525 Beechnut - Houston, TX 77096

# MARCH at Beth Yeshurun

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	
Akiba RS 4 <sup>th</sup> Grade Siddur Svc.  Chapel 8:00 am 6:00 pm	Security Cmte.  Chapel 7:00 am 6:00 pm	SH Board Mtg. HHS Membership Cmte  Chapel 7:00 am 6:00 pm	100 Jewish Men  Chapel 7:00 am 6:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 6:00 pm	Friday Night Alive! 6:00 PM HHS 11 <sup>th</sup> grade Shabbat Dinner  CLT: 6:06 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:00 pm	B/M: Tamar Farchy Emily Goldstein Sarah Grzebinski - MA Paige Sulvasky - SP <b>Shabbat Zachor</b> MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30am Jr. Cong. 9:30am Torah Study 11:30  Chapel 8:30 am 5:45 pm	
<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	
Daylight Savings Time Begins RS 9:30 – 10:30 am  Purim Carnival 10:30 am – 2 pm  Intro. to Judaism  Chapel 8:00 am 7:15 pm	Ta'anit Esther Megillah Reading  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Purim HHS  Chapel 6:45 am 7:15 pm	Shushan Purim  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm Shabbat Jam 6:15pm  CLT: 7:10 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Michael Hoffman <b>Shabbat Parah</b> MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30am  Tot Shabbat & Mini Minyan 9:30am Torah Study 11:30  Chapel 8:30 am 6:45 pm	
<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	
No RS Akiba  Chapel 8:00 am 7:15 pm	Budget Cmte.  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	SH Donor Kickoff No HHS Exec. Cmte Brd. of Trustees  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	YES Study Session YES Luncheon/Program No RS  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm Shabbat Yachad 6:15pm  CLT: 7:15 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Julie Stein Eric Uzick <b>Shabbat HaChodesh</b> MM 9:15 am Sanctuary 9:30 am Torah Study 11:30  Chapel 8:30 am 7:00 pm	
<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	
Akiba No RS  Chapel 8:00 am 7:15 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	HHS  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Rosh Chodesh Chapel 6:45 am 7:15 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm Shabbat Yachad 6:15pm  CLT: 7:19 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Michael Bloom MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30 am Jr. Cong. 9:30 am Torah Study 11:30  Chapel 8:30 am 7:00 pm	
<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>					
Akiba  Chapel 8:00 am 7:15 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Board Meeting HHS Graduation SH Passover Workshop  Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	Visit <a href="http://www.bethyeshurun.org">www.bethyeshurun.org</a> for details and updated times				B/M: Bar/ Bat Mitzvah CLT: Candle lighting HHS: Hillel High Sch. MM: Museum Minyan RS: Relig. School YA: Young Adults YF: Young Families SH: Sisterhood BH: Brotherhood

# PURIM CARNIVAL MARCH 8, 2009

## Purim Carnival Sponsorship Form

### BETH YESHURUN PURIM CARNIVAL

- \$1,000 SPONSORSHIP & 3 FAMILY PASSES\*
- \$500 SPONSORSHIP & 1 FAMILY PASSES\*
- \$350 \$250 LEVEL SPONSORSHIP & 1 FAMILY PASS
- \$250 SPONSORSHIP LEVEL ONLY
- \$180 FAMILY PASS PACKAGE\*

### CARNIVAL TICKET PRICES:

**Presale: \$20/60 tickets, \$40/130 tickets, Family Pass \$180**

*Available for pick up at BYDS*

**Day of Carnival: \$30/60 tickets, \$65/130 tickets, Family Pass \$200**

\*FAMILY PASSES - Includes unlimited attractions, one meal voucher and snacks for each person in the immediate family living in one household.

### SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

- |                                |                          |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Train #1 \$1,000               | Train #2 \$1,000         |
| Rock Climbing Wall \$1,000     | Mechanical Bull \$1,000* |
| Race Car Slide \$500           | Carnival Security \$500  |
| Merry-go-Round \$500           | Bungee Trampoline \$500* |
| 3 Moonwalks \$500 each         | Ferris Wheel \$500       |
| 3-in-1 Sports Challenge \$500* | Pony Rides \$500*        |
| Inside Games \$250 each        | Cupcake Walk \$250       |
| Face Painting Booth \$250      | Sandy Candy Booth \$250  |
| Sweet Shoppe \$250             | Tattoo Booth \$250       |
| Popcorn \$250                  | <i>*New this year!!!</i> |

### Individual Sponsors

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone# \_\_\_\_\_  
 E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Ride or Activity Sponsored \_\_\_\_\_  
 Full Name(s) listed on pass(es): \_\_\_\_\_  
 Amount \_\_\_\_\_

### Corporate Sponsors

Please list the information as you would like it to appear in our carnival program and press releases.

Name of Company \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 Items donated if donation is not monetary \_\_\_\_\_  
 Donation Amount or Value \_\_\_\_\_  
 Company Contact \_\_\_\_\_  
 Telephone Number and e-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Will you be using the Family Pass(es) that your donation qualifies for? Yes or No (please circle one) If yes, Full Name(s) to be listed on pass(es): \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return with your payment to:**  
 CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN  
 ATTN: PURIM CARNIVAL  
 4525 BEECHNUT HOUSTON, TEXAS 77096

Beth Yeshurun's

## Purim Carnival

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

**The Purim Carnival is  
 March 8, 2009,  
 from  
 10:30 - 2:00 p.m.**

**We need help from volunteers like  
 you to make this the most successful  
 and enjoyable carnival ever!**

**We have the following volunteer needs:**

**Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**Sunday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**

- |                       |                  |
|-----------------------|------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> shift | 10:15-11:30 a.m. |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> shift | 11:30-12:45 p.m. |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> shift | 12:45-2:00 p.m.  |

**Thanks in advance for your  
 support. Your time and  
 energy would be greatly  
 appreciated!**



**Please contact Bianca Wigder at  
[BWigder@sbcglobal.net](mailto:BWigder@sbcglobal.net) with which shift  
 you are able to volunteer !**

# FAMILY ALBUM

## ■ Anniversaries

- 2/15 19 Bryan and Carina Deaktor  
 22 Hugh and Sara Kaiser  
 22 Steven and Traci Schwartz  
 2/16 45 Louis and Joan Katz  
 13 Michael and Stacy Schwartzberg  
 2/17 63 Robert and Zelda Brown  
 13 Jacob and Maralyn Cohen  
 1 Ernest and Rachelle Hernandez  
 2/18 37 George and Ruth Burnazian  
 2/19 14 David and Hayley Jochnau  
 59 Isadore and Annie Reichek  
 59 Irving and Blanche Rose  
 3 David and Stephanie Wise  
 2/21 21 Paul and Ileen Spack  
 27 Roy and Adrienne Wagenheim  
 2/22 38 Herman and Phyllis Gordon  
 45 Solo and Esfira Kandel  
 53 Khaskel and Klara Krupnik  
 28 Adrian and Dianna Shapiro  
 5 Ron and Barbara Smoller  
 18 Abraham and Stell Yheskel  
 2/23 24 Myron and Teresa Lewis  
 1 Jacob and Rebecca Mattis  
 1 Ross and Natalie Stomel  
 2/24 1 Shiloh and Leon Davila  
 35 Bernard and Carol Gerber  
 18 Adam and Gena Miller  
 19 Joseph and Maureen Proler  
 24 Marc and Carol Winograd

- 2/25 14 Bruce and Tracy Agnich  
 58 William and Flo Fink  
 30 Gary and Linda Mendeloff  
 2/26 32 Leslie and Sara Cohen  
 20 Charles and Arlene Gaitz  
 31 Melvin and Nancy Gross  
 42 Arthur and Donna Miller  
 3 Steve and Bernice Miller  
 31 Ronald and Cindy Moore  
 2/28 22 Jeffrey and Shelley Aboloff  
 27 Michael and Minette Hiller  
 39 Richard and Ruth Hirschfeld  
 2/29 17 Scott and Jayme Morgan

## ■ Mazal Tov

To **Dr. Eduardo (Eddy) Fraifeld** on becoming President Elect of the American Academy of Pain Medicine. Dr. Fraifeld is the son of Dorothy & Bob Jenkins and the late Dr. Luis Fraifeld and the brother of Carlos Fraifeld and wife Jackie.

## ■ Condolences

*The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of--*  
 Morris Blum, Rose Cohen, Rose Faland, Mel Fine,  
 Hannah Gardner, Shellie Hersh, Pola Kimmelman,  
 Alex Klavan, Ada Krayzman, Mark Kristal, Martin Levy,  
 Lidia Lobodina, Lelya Malkina, Jerome Robinson,  
 Rose Rodenstein, Sol Rosenberg  
*May their memories be for a blessing.*



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# B'NAI MITZVAH



**GABRIELLA ABOULAFIA**  
**FEBRUARY 20-21**

Gabriella Nicole Aboulafia is the daughter of Dana and Isaac Aboulafia and the older sister of Aaron and Alexis Aboulafia. Her proud grandparents are Diane and Skip Brezner of Houston, Mary Aboulafia of Deerfield Beach, FL, and the late Israel Aboulafia of Houston. Gaby is a seventh grader at The Emery/Weiner

School and is a graduate of Kolter Elementary. She enjoys playing soccer, softball and volleyball and spending time with her family and friends.

For her Mitzvah Project, Gaby is collecting stuffed animals to donate to children at Texas Children's Hospital. This past summer, she helped pack lunches at Kid's Meals, which is an organization that prepares and delivers one meal a day to children who may otherwise not have a meal that day. Additionally, she has been a loyal participant of the Run for the Rose for 6 years and she has also volunteered at the Houston Humane Society to help feed, clean and play with unwanted or neglected animals. Gaby is donating a portion of her monetary gifts to the Marnie Rose Foundation, which raises money for brain cancer research, and to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America.



**BAILEY WEDELICH**  
**FEBRUARY 20-21**

Bailey Eve Wedelich is the daughter of Vincent and Jackie Wedelich and the sister of Jocelyn and Amanda Wedelich. Proud grandparents are Henry and Dorothea Wedelich and Earl and the late Ruth Lefkowitz. Bailey is a seventh grade student at Trafton Academy where she plays the saxophone in band and is a cheerleader. Bailey also plays

the piano and enjoys music.

For her Mitzvah Project, Bailey and her partner have collected stuffed animals to donate to the children in Texas Children's Hospital. With cash collected for animals, they went to Build-A-Bear and made an additional 50 bears. Bailey has also donated 10 inches of her hair to Locks of Love and is preparing to do so again.



**JORDAN PENN**  
**FEBRUARY 28**

Jordan Ross Penn is the son of Pam and Robert Penn and the brother of Jamie Penn. His grandparents are Jo and Byron Capito and Morris I. Penn and the late Linda Penn.

Jordan is currently a seventh grader at The Emery/Weiner School and a graduate of Beth Yeshurun Day School. Jordan is collecting video games from friends that he will give to Texas Children's Hospital so that kids might have an easier time while staying in the hospital. Jordan is also donating a portion of his gifts to the SPCA in honor of his dog Teddy, and to Holocaust Museum Houston.

## March Changes of Date

*Shabbat Jam will be held March 13*

*Tot Shabbat/Mini Minyan will be held March 14*

*Shabbat Yachad will be held March 27*



JEWISH FAMILY SERVICE  
**Alexander Institute**  
*for Jewish Families with Special Needs*

Envisioning and actively working to create a caring, inclusive Jewish community, the Jewish Family Service Alexander Institute develops and implements programs and services of the highest quality within a Jewish framework that will not only provide answers, but will also endeavor to strengthen and improve the quality of life for individuals with special needs and those who love them. It also works in partnership and collaboration with other Houston Jewish agencies, congregations and institutions. If you have any questions or the Institute may be of help to you, please contact them at (713) 667-9336 or [EPOLLAND@JFSHOUSTON.ORG](mailto:EPOLLAND@JFSHOUSTON.ORG).



**PLEASE SLOW  
DOWN!**

**- FOR YOUR SAFETY AND  
THE SAFETY OF OTHERS.**

**ATTENTION ALL DRIVERS:**

When you are driving in Beth Yeshurun parking lots, please slow down. Our posted speed limit is 10 mph. We have children, congregants, visitors - young and old - who walk through our parking lots and across our driveways. We ask you to (1) drive slowly, (2) pay attention and (3) not use your cell phones while driving - for your safety and the safety of others.

Thank you for your cooperation.

**SAVE THE DATE!**  
**2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT**  
**PASSOVER SEDER**  
**APRIL 9TH - 6:00 PM**  
**AT BETH YESHURUN**  
**FOR**  
**YOUNG FAMILIES**  
*MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW*

- \* Fun & Interactive!
- \* Led by Rabbi Strauss & Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs



**Calling All Newborns born  
April 2008 to March 2009**



Please send to Bianca Wigder at [BWIGDER@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:BWIGDER@SBCGLOBAL.NET) the following information needed for a Newborn booklet: your child's name, siblings names, parents names, grandparents names and where they live (city/state), child's date of birth and submit a photograph of your child with the e-mail. We will have a Newborn Service Saturday, Apr. 11, at 11:15 where your child will be blessed by the Rabbis at Beth Yeshurun.



**Save the Date**  
Thursday, April 30, 2009  
7pm

Beth Yeshurun Day School's Annual Dinner and Auction  
**"Share the Magic of 60 Years"**  
Celebrate the 60th Anniversary of BYDS by Honoring all Alumni of BYDS!

If you are a graduate of the Beth Yeshurun Day School, please send your name (if applicable maiden name also), address, phone number, email, and the year you graduated. We also want school photos. Please email all information and photos to Shelley Sorkin at [sbsorkin@comcast.net](mailto:sbsorkin@comcast.net). You may also mail hard copies of photos to the Beth Yeshurun Day School, Attention: Alumni.

On FaceBook, the "Beth Yeshurun Day School Alumni" group has been formed for all BYDS Alums to join!

**WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE J.B. GREENFIELD CHAPEL**

Feb 15-20: Sun 8am, Mon-Fri 7am, Sun-Thu 6pm  
Feb 22-27: Sun 8am, Mon, Thu-Fri 7am,  
Tue-Wed 6:45am (Rosh Chodesh)Sun-Thu 6pm

**Upcoming Message Deadlines:**

Feb 23 for the Mar 15 issue  
Mar 16 for the Apr 5 issue  
Mar 30 for the Apr 19 issue