



The MESSAGE

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FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Candlelighting Time 7:36pm
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Parashat Tazria-Metzora
Rosh Chodesh
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
Adult B'nai Mitzvah Ceremony
9:30am Jr. Congregation
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
7:15pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Candlelighting Time 7:40pm
6:00pm Friday Night Alive!
with the Bazarsky
& Wiesenthal Families
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, MAY 2

Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
B'not Mitzvah: Reagan Bazarsky
& Alexandra Wiesenthal
9:30am Jr. Congregation
9:30am Mini Minyan
9:30am Tot Shabbat
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
7:30pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

COME CELEBRATE WITH OUR NEW
ADULT B'NAI MITZVAH
APRIL 25, 2009 - 1 IYAR, 5769
9:30 A.M. IN THE BARG SANCTUARY



Adult B'nai Mitzvah 2009 and their instructors as pictured above:
Bottom row (l-r): Rabbi Steven Morgen, Cantor Diane Dorf, Barbie Roth, Susan Septimus & Esther Weinstein; Middle row (l-r): Joaquin Altenberg, Cindy Teitel, Marina Zuskov, Manizeh Gruber, Mona Raouf, Martine Levine, Judith Miller & Abby Donde; Top row (l-r): Rabbi Brian Strauss, Hazzan David Propis, John Santos, Patrick Hemstreet & Rabbi David Rosen; Inset: Jennifer Hanin



WITH RABBI ROSEN

Cherishing those who survived

Many years ago, I established a personal tradition that each year around Yom HaShoah, I read one of the many extraordinary autobiographies that have been written by survivors of the Holocaust.



These powerful testimonials of the spirit have never failed to inspire and uplift me. In recent years, I have been moved by Bill Morgan's compelling autobiography, *Living Longer than Hate*, and last year I was deeply affected by Sol Rosenberg's unforgettable *Sol's Story*. (Sol, who just passed away, was the father of

our member Jeannie Wermuth.) And of course, many of us looked forward each week to reading our late member Mark Leuchter's harrowing accounts of life in Poland which he published in serial form in the Jewish Herald-Voice. (Maybe one day the family will collect these wonderful columns and publish them as a book.) To read any of these accounts and so many others is to set out on an epic journey filled with harrowing stories of personal courage and sheer luck.

As Holocaust Remembrance Day is commemorated this week (April 20-21), I am not only reading yet another unforgettable book, the brilliant *Nine Suitcases* by Bela Zsolt, but I have turned to the media of film to learn the personal story of yet another member of our congregation, Wolf Finkelman.

I thought I had heard of every Nazi concentration camp until I watched an amazing documentary Wolf shared with me about the last of several camps in which he was interned, the notorious Gunskirchen Lager camp in Austria. Gunskirchen Lager is not as well known as other larger camps like Auschwitz and Treblinka, but it was as hellish as any in its dehumanizing treatment of the nearly 15,000 inmates who were ultimately liberated by the weary men of Company K, 5th Regiment, 71st Infantry Division of the United States Army in May 1945.

These American soldiers had no idea that their pursuit of German soldiers would lead them to an undocumented concentration camp in a woody area off the main road. Through a haze, the soldiers could only make out people walking around aimlessly and poorly dressed. But as the soldiers drew closer, they realized that standing before them were actually thousands of people on the verge of dying after months of starvation and beatings.



Wolf Finkelman (back row in cap) shown with other survivors of the Gunskirchen Lager camp

As Col. J. D. Pletcher later wrote: "As we entered the camp, the living skeletons still able to walk crowded around us and, though we wanted to drive farther into the place, the milling, pressing crowd wouldn't let us. It is not an exaggeration to say that almost every inmate was insane with hunger. Just the sight of an American brought cheers, groans and shrieks. People crowded around to touch an American, to touch the jeep, to kiss our arms - perhaps just to make sure that it was true. The people who couldn't walk crawled out toward our jeep. Those who couldn't even crawl propped themselves up on an elbow, and somehow, through all their pain and suffering, revealed through their eyes the gratitude, the joy they felt at the arrival of Americans."

The extraordinary documentary which was shared with me goes on to describe what these American soldiers did to bring relief to these inmates and their own heartbreak at being unable to keep more of them alive.

Among those who survived was our member Wolf, and though he has not published his life story, this film tells a story of pain and courage that everyone should hear.

It's yet another testimonial of a survivor that comes to deny the deniers and to remind us yet again what treasures we have in those who survived the Holocaust, people who made their way to forge new beginnings in new lands, raised families and never gave in to bitterness.

This year, once again, Yom Hashoah affords us an opportunity to hear their stories once more and to proudly acknowledge those who, in Bill Morgan's words, have lived longer than hate. As the survivors advance in age, we mourn the day when we will not be able to hear their stories from their own lips. But so long as we have them, let us honor and cherish them for the wonderful examples they have been to us, their children and grandchildren as exemplars of courage and hope.

AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

■ Tefillin demonstration at Beth Yeshurun

“Blessed are you Lord, our G-D, sovereign of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments and commanded us to put on Tefillin.”

Beth Yeshurun Brotherhood conducted a special Minyan and breakfast on Feb. 22 to show our Bar/Bat Mitzvah students and their parents the correct way to daven and care for tefillin.

During the High Holidays last year, Brotherhood launched a campaign to collect tefillin that is no longer being used by our



members. Our purpose is to increase the supply of loaner tefillin available during our daily morning minyans. Rabbi Danny Horwitz sorted through the donated pairs to determine which ones could be used immediately and which must be sent out for repair.

Assisting with the demonstration were BYB members Paul Katz, Arnold Rosenzweig and Bubba Silberstein. Special thanks to Kevin Lefkowitz who led the davening.

If you'd like to donate tefillin or send a cash contribution you will find tefillin collection boxes

conveniently located in the lobby at Beth Yeshurun and you may mail contributions to CBY Tefillin Fund, 4525 Beechnut St., Houston, TX 77096.



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 is \$150. Special meals may be arranged with the Food Service Department and monthly sponsorships are available. All sponsorships must be paid in advance. Dates will be reserved in the order they are received. Recent sponsored breakfasts & kiddushes have been generously given by:

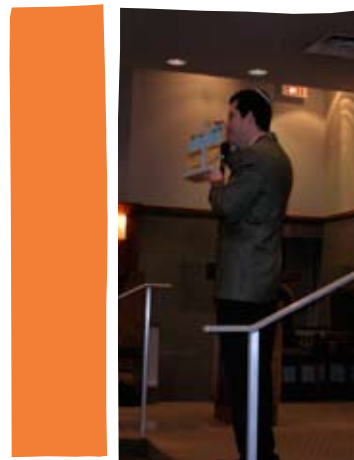
- Nancy Brand in memory of Manet Schepps
- Jay & Diane Davis and Mark & Adrienne Davis in memory of Annette Davis
- Dr. Stuart & Myra Dobbs in memory of David Shapiro
- Ana Kaye in memory of Bernard Kozminsky
- Phillip & Edith Klegman in memory of Bobby Abramson,
- Rose K. Greenburg, Gussie Klegman, Hayman Klegman,
- Albert Pravda, Harry Pravda, Ida Pravda, Issie Provada,
- Paul Pravda & Rose Pravda Schonier
- Judi & Malcolm Marcoe & Family, Alan & Judy Rosen & Family and Helen Rosen in memory of Max Rosen
- Harry & Rose Melnick in memory of Lena Zonana
- Nicholas & Marina Ostrowicki in honor of the birth of their son, Benjamin Leim Ostrowicki
- Irving Pozmantier in memory of Sidney Reba Pozmantier
- Terry Woskow in memory of Marvin Woskow

Learn with your child!

Davening with Dads

Led by Rabbi Strauss and Dan Roubein

To help Dads & their kids connect with prayer



Thursday
May 7

7-7:30am
in the
school
entryway



Dads and kids can learn to put on tefillin & learn the prayers, followed by breakfast

Email us if you are interested:

bstrauss@bethyeshurun.org

FAMILY ALBUM

■ Birth

Esa and David Madoff, and Emma and Benjamin, (three-year-old twins) are excited to announce the birth of their son and brother, **Samuel Isaac Madoff**. Samuel was born on Feb. 2, 2009. His grandparents are Enid and Fred Smith of Allentown, NJ, and Marilyn and Larry Madoff of Lake Worth, FL.

■ Anniversaries

- 4/19 23 Rich & Vikki Evans
45 William & Lynn Goldberg
4/20 35 Howard & Florence Bernstein
46 Roberto & Zully Lufschanowski
13 Eric & Melanie Marglous
4/21 13 William & Libby Baum
18 Michael & Leslie Lahar
13 Todd & Betsy Siff
4/22 7 Jay & Elaine Gerstenhaber
14 Ian & Christine Meltzer
19 Abraham & Lisa Rubinsky
4/23 3 Lee & Robbie Wright

- 4/24 5 James & Cheryl Lipshutz
4/25 24 Vladimir & Dina Shlimak
41 Perry & Bunny Radoff
4/29 8 Adam & Kimberly Siegel
36 Jacob & Marilyn Smolensky
53 Nathan & Lily Urman
4/30 10 Giancarlo & Debora Romero
47 Moisey & Liya Yoffe
5/2 10 Daniel & Robin Stein
44 Sol & Flora Wachsberg
5 Jonathan & Diane Wiener

■ Mazal Tov

To **Dan Trachtenberg** on being awarded the Joan Alexander Chesed Award by Jewish Family Service.

■ Condolences

*The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of --
Wolf Danziger, Henia Leibman, London Christian Wilson
May their memories be for a blessing.*

■ Celebrate spring and fashion at Beth Yeshurun Donor Lunch and Fashion Show

Congregation Beth Yeshurun is celebrating sisterhood and "California Chic" with its annual Sisterhood Donor Luncheon and Fashion Show. The much anticipated event will be held on Tuesday, April 28 at 11:00 am at Beth Yeshurun.

The beautiful women of Sisterhood, their husbands, children from our Day School and our clergy, along with professional models will be showing the trendy and fun clothes. Women's fashions will be from Tootsie's, men's fashions will be from Harold's in the Heights, children's fashions will be from Purple Mango and eyewear (sunglasses) will be provided by Sonik Vision.

The mother/daughter team of Joanne Epstein and Judy Zivley along with Melanie Marglous are chairing the latest donor event. Judy Zivley said, "My mom and I are from California and we love the trendy culture of our home state, so the theme of donor "California Chic", is the perfect event for us. It will be especially fun for my mom, me and my daughters to show off some great clothes and help our sisterhood at the same time!"

In the go "green" California spirit, the co-chairs have only sent printed invitations to Sisterhood members. However, all members of Beth Yeshurun and the greater Houston Jewish community are invited as well. There will be posters with the Donor Luncheon information throughout the synagogue and extra response cards are available at the front desk of both the synagogue and the Day School.

This is Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood's only major fund raiser and the money collected helps guarantee that programming is funded throughout the year. Each year Sisterhood underwrites the Passover boxes that are mailed to our college students, gifts for all brides and Bar/ Bat Mitzvah students, Confirmation gifts to all our graduates and \$500 gifts to our Hillel, Beren and Em-

ery students going to Israel. We fund camp scholarships to Jewish camps and pay for the flowers and kiddush when there is no Bar or Bat Mitzvah. We maintain and care for the needs of the kitchens including equipment, cookware and place settings. We staff and stock the beautiful gift shop. Each year we support the schools with a \$5000 donation. We contribute to the Purim Carnival, Share the Magic, the JCC Book Fair, Jewish Braille Institute, the Houston Jewish Film Festival, and Project Iraq care packages are sent to our Jewish soldiers. In addition, we provide all the beautiful flowers for the High Holidays, send Rosh Hashanah baskets to our clergy, and bake and deliver shiva cakes for families who have suffered a loss. This year we proudly donated a new grand piano to the synagogue and funded the Atid leadership program for our Rabbis. To continue all these projects, members are encouraged to become a bond donor. A \$2,500 donation, payable over five years, can really make a difference in all we do for our synagogue and community.

Gather your girlfriends, moms, aunts, sisters, grandmothers and neighbors and make a table! The cost of the luncheon and fashion show is \$72 and \$54 for seniors. For more information about the event please contact Judy Zivley at GRATEFUL13@COMCAST.NET or visit the website at WWW.BETHYESHRUN.ORG and view the invitation under the Donor event.








(Back): Elyse Schultz-Sisterhood President, (front l-r) Judy Zivley-Sisterhood Donor Co-Chair, and Debbie Greenberg-Donor Kick-Off Host



May at Beth Yeshurun



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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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	Visit www.bethyeshurun.org for event details and updated times				Friday Night Alive! 6:00 PM  CLT: 7:40 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Reagan Bazarsky Alexandra Wiesenthal MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30am Jr. Cong. 9:30 am Tot Shabbat & Mini Minyan 9:30am Torah Study 11:30 Chapel 8:30 am 7:30 pm
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RS 5 th grade Historical Trip Akiba Chapel 8:00 am 7:45 pm	Security Cmte. Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Membership Cmte. SH Board Mtg. HHS/Last session Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	RS 4 th gr. field trip Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm Congregational Shabbat Dinner With Deidre Berger Shabbat Jam 6:15pm Shabbat Jam Family Shabbat Dinner CLT: 7:45 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Stephanie Koren MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30am Jr. Cong. 9:30 am Torah Study 11:30 Chapel 8:30 am 7:30 pm
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Akiba Chapel 8:00 am 7:45 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Lag B'Omer SH Spring Program HHS Confirmation Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	100 Jewish Men  Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm Shabbat Yachad 6:15pm CLT: 7:49 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Scott & Sarah Blechman MM 9:15 am Sanctuary 9:30 am Jr. Cong. 9:30 am Torah Study 11:30 Chapel 8:30 am 7:30 pm
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Akiba Last Day of RS Chapel 8:00 am 7:45 pm	Budget Cmte. BYDS Spring Book Fair Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Exec. Cmte Brd. of Trustees BYDS Spring Book Fair Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	BYDS Spring Book Fair YES Group Study Session YES Group Luncheon Investment Cmte. Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	BYDS Spring Book Fair  Chapel 7:00 am 7:45 pm	Yom Yerushalayim Shabbat Renewal 6pm HHS All Grade Shabbat Dinner BYDS Spring Book Fair CLT: 7:53 PM Chapel 6:45 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Allison Wolgel MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30 am Jr. Cong. 9:30 am Torah Study 11:30 Chapel 8:30 am 7:30 pm
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Rosh Chodesh Chapel 8:00 am 8:00 pm 31 Chapel 8:00 am 8:00 pm	Memorial Day Syn. Ofc. Closed  Chapel 8:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Erev Shavuot Tikkun Leil Shavuot Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Shavuot I Syn. Ofc. Closed Shabbat Renewal 6pm Shabbat Yachad 6:15pm CLT: 7:57 PM Chapel 8:30 am 6:45 pm	Shavuot II Yizkor  Chapel 8:30 am 6:45 pm

CBY ANNUAL DINNER & MEETING

Over 300 congregants and guests attended the Congregation Annual Dinner and Meeting in January, with an amazing night of music, food and fun. Hazzan David Propis was honored, and in addition, our Executive Officers were re-elected (see photo), ten new Board members were elected and one constitutional amendment was passed. Adele and Steve Croft and Sherry and Ken Levy chaired the event, which was a western theme, and barbecue dinner was prepared by Gary Swartz and his outstanding crew.

Hazzan Propis was honored for his 25 years as a Cantor, 15 years at Beth Yeshurun and his upcoming election to President of the Cantors Assembly, the largest organization of Cantors in the world. After watching a short video montage of Hazzan Propis at different stages of his life (would you believe he really was a little baby once?), those attending were treated to an impromptu mini-concert by Hazzan Propis, Meir Finkelstein, Alberto Mizrahi and Steven Stoehr, all world-renowned Hazzanim. Finkelstein, Mizrahi, and Stoehr are each long-time friends and colleagues of Hazzan Propis.

Stuart Wilson was re-elected as President of the Congregation; along with Vice-Presidents Steve Croft, Olga Lara, Ken Levy and Gary Nagler; and Sandy Herskovitz was re-elected as Secretary-Treasurer. The newly elected members of the Board of Trustees are Vikki Evans, Steve Finkelman, Marilyn Hassid, Dr. Stephen Kaminsky, Richard



The 2009-2010 Executive Committee (l-r): Gary Nagler - Vice-President; Sandy Herskovitz - Secretary-Treasurer; Olga Lara - Vice-President; Stuart Wilson - President; Judy Yambra - Immediate Past President; Steve Croft - Vice-President & Ken Levy - Vice-President

Kammerman, Tom McCulloch, Sandy Rubin, Larry Selzer, Jordana Slawin and Steve Waldman.

The constitutional amendment changes the dues year from Jan. 1 - Dec. 31 to Jul. 1 to Jun. 30 of each year.

■ Friendship Walk to be held May 10



You too can help bring friendship to children with special needs. Join in the Friendship Walk May 10. Warm up and registration begins at 1:00 p.m. at JFS and departs from there at 2:00 p.m. followed by a carnival and reception at

3:00 p.m. at the JCC Merfish Teen Center. A shuttle will be available from the Merfish Teen Center to Jewish Family Service.

The Walk is in cooperation with The Alexander Institute of the Jewish Family Service and The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. The Walk benefit The Friendship Circle which brings joy to families who have children with special needs and involves them in a full range of social and Judaic experiences. For more info or to register go to HOUSTONFRIENDSHIPWALK.COM.

Friendship Circle is a branch of Chabad Outreach of Houston a 501(c)3 charitable organization, an affiliate of Chabad of Texas and affiliated partner of the Jewish Family Service Alexander Institute for Jewish Families with Special needs.

We count on seeing you there. Don't be shy... bring a friend or two!

■ Pre-planning is for everyone

The death of someone you care for, together with wanting to make the right decision – especially when you have a limited amount of time to attend to all the details – leaves many families feeling overwhelmed. Often, these decisions must be made when a family is grieving and is the least prepared. Many people have done everything they can to protect their family's future but they haven't taken care of their own funeral arrangements, leaving one of the most difficult tasks to their loved ones to figure out at a time of sadness and loss. That's why it is important to give serious thought to your personal wishes. The Beth Yeshurun Cemetery Association recommends pre-purchasing cemetery property. Pre-purchasing will give you the opportunity to discuss your wishes with your spouse and your entire family, and will allow you to include them in your plans.

Pre-purchasing cemetery lots is also cost effective. The current price of a cemetery lot for a Beth Yeshurun congregant at time of need is \$3,000, which must be paid in full. This can represent a hardship for the deceased's family. The pre-need purchase price is \$2,500 with a 20% down payment and a 24-month monthly payout with no interest.

If you would like to schedule an appointment to purchase cemetery property, please contact Arthur Miller at AMILLER@BETHYESHURUN.ORG, (713) 666-1881 or (713) 771-7962.

SHARE THE MAGIC OF 60 YEARS!

Beth Yeshurun Day School will celebrate its successful 2009 Ma'ayan Campaign at its spring gala, "Share the Magic of 60 Years," which will take place on Thursday, Apr. 30.

"We are thrilled to be celebrating Beth Yeshurun Day School's 60 Anniversary," says event co-chair Robin Berry, "It's amazing that the school opened in 1949 with 7 students, and look where we are today!" This year's event will honor all graduates of Beth Yeshurun Day School. Berry continues, "So many BYDS graduates have remained loyal and connected to the school; BYDS could not be where it is without its devoted alumni."

"Share the Magic of 60 Years" will include a fabulous silent auction, light fare, music by Maxed Out Entertainment and an exceptional raffle opportunity to win a 1.11 emerald-cut diamond pendant donated by Zadok Jewelers. Among the silent auction bidding opportunities are reserved High Holiday parking spaces, teacher/student outings, Shabbat dinners with Beth Yeshurun's clergy, several trips and many wonderful items and services donated by local businesses and supporters of BYDS.

Share the Magic raises funds to ensure that BYDS budgetary requirements are met. Additional monies raised at the event fund facility improvements, enhancements in specialty labs and implementation of innovative curriculum. Event



co-chair Jen Deutsch says, "Share the Magic is a feel-good evening designed to raise money, spirits and awareness for the best possible education and environment for our students. This year, monies raised will be used to redesign the Elementary School playground and play court, which will greatly enhance the quality of the day for both teachers and students."

Sponsorship opportunities range from \$200 to \$5000. The individual ticket price is \$80. For more information regarding event details, volunteer opportunities, sponsorships and tickets, please contact event chairs Robin Berry at ROBINBERRY@GMAIL.COM or Jen Deutsch at GEOJENB@AOL.COM.

B'NOT MITZVAH



REAGAN BAZARSKY
MAY 1-2

Reagan Faith Bazarisky is the daughter of Heidi and Bobby Bazarisky, and Kathy Bazarisky of blessed memory. Reagan is the sister of Will, Brett and Taylor. She is the granddaughter of Pam and Walter Bazarisky and Michelle and Martin Greenberg of Houston, and Gloria and Gerald Silber of San Antonio. Reagan

is also blessed to have her great grandfather, Phil Greenberg.

Reagan is a sixth grade honors student at Trafton Academy. She enjoys playing volleyball, soccer, softball and spending time with family and friends. For her Mitzvah Project, Reagan formed Reagan's Racers that participated in the Susan B. Komen Race for the Cure. She also donated her hair to the Locks for Love program which makes wigs for children in need, and tirelessly volunteered during Hurricane Ike distributing water, diapers and ice. For tzedakah, Reagan will donate a portion of her monetary gifts to the Kathy G. Bazarisky Library fund at MD Anderson as well as the

Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. Reagan is thrilled to share her Bat Mitzvah with life-long friend Alex Wiesenthal.



ALEXANDRA WIESENTHAL
MAY 1-2

Alexandra Jordan Wiesenthal is the daughter of Shelley and Michael Wiesenthal and the sister of Jared Wiesenthal. Her proud grandparents are Gail Levin, Vivian and Julian Levin, Eleanor and David Lonschein and Harold Wiesenthal. Alexandra is a graduate of Beth Yeshurun Day School and is currently a student at

The Emery/Weiner School. Alex enjoys playing on the school basketball team, dancing and socializing with her friends.

For her Mitzvah Project, Alex made Shabbat boxes for patients at MD Anderson and The Methodist Hospital. Alex will be donating a portion of her monetary gifts to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in honor of her father. Alex and her family are honored to share her Bat Mitzvah with life-long friend Reagan Bazarisky.

Shabbat

Dinner and Discussion with

Deidre Berger

AJC's Berlin Director



Anti-Semitism in Europe Today

The global economic downturn and the Gaza conflict have increased visible anti-Semitism across the European continent. The Congregation and American Jewish Committee are pleased to present a Shabbat discussion on **"Anti-Semitism in Europe Today"** with **Diedre Berger**, AJC's Berlin director, on **Friday evening, May 8 at 6 pm**. Ms. Berger will provide an overview during services and discuss the issue further during Shabbat dinner following services. **Dinner is \$18 per person.**

Ms. Berger lectures in the U.S. and Europe on a wide variety of subjects including; transatlantic affairs, European relations with Israel, anti-Semitism, the promotion of pluralism and democracy, and German-Jewish dialogue. Prior to joining AJC in 1999, Berger was a journalist for more than 20 years, with the bulk of her career spent as a correspondent and producer for National Public Radio. She also reported for the Jewish Telegraphic Agency, the Christian Science Monitor, Monitor Radio, Radio Netherlands, the Los Angeles Times and Israel's Maariv.

**Reservations are required for the dinner and discussion.
RSVP to tfriedman@bethyeshurun.org by May 1st.**



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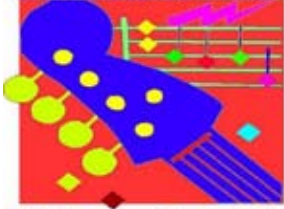
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Shabbat Jam



Where Shabbat Rocks!

*Join us for our last
Shabbat Jam Service
for the year and stay
for a special
Shabbat Dinner!*

Friday, May 8, 2009

Shabbat Jam

Barg Sanctuary at 6:15 PM

followed by a Family Shabbat Dinner

Dinner is \$25 per family

RSVP to tfriedman@bethyeshurun.org

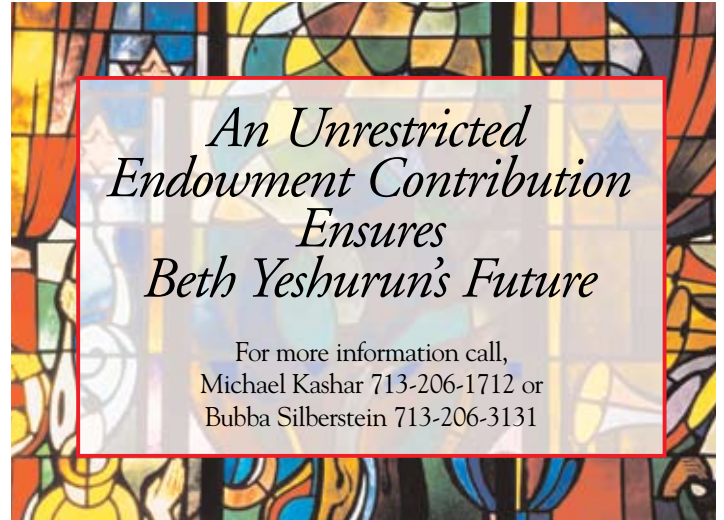
by May 1st.

Mail payment to Beth Yeshurun attn:

Shabbat Jam Dinner

*Shabbat Jam is a Family Service targeted to
children ages 5-10 and their families*

Questions? Contact Rabbi Strauss



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Michael Kashar 713-206-1712 or
Bubba Silberstein 713-206-3131

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A dynamic singing song-writing trio

Program Sponsored by: Irwin Selzer

Wednesday, May 20, 2009

RSVP by Friday, May 13, 2009



**Lunch will feature our very own
Morris Schultz's famous Bar-B-Que**

Lunch at 11:30

Program & Lunch for \$7 (\$9 at the Door)

Please write "YES" on your check

and mail to:

Tammy Friedman 4525 Beechnut Houston, TX 77096

Questions? Please call 713-666-1881 ext 312



**Join us for a Study Session
with one of our rabbis
before the luncheon and
program
10:00 AM
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WEEKDAY SERVICES IN THE J.B. GREENFIELD CHAPEL

Apr 19-24: Sun 8am, Mon-Thu 7am, Fri 6:45am (Rosh Chodesh), Sun-Thu 7:30pm

Apr 26-May 1: Sun 8am, Mon-Tue, Thu-Fri 7am, Wed 6:45am (Yom HaAitzma'ut),

Sun-Thu 7:30pm

Upcoming Message Deadline

Apr 27 for the May 17 issue

May 25 for the June 14 issue