



# The MESSAGE

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## SERVICE SCHEDULE

### FRIDAY, MAY 22

Yom Yerushalayim  
Candlelighting Time 7:53pm  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
with the Wolgel Family  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, MAY 23

Parashat Bemidbar  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
Bat Mitzvah: Allison Wolgel  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
7:30pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### FRIDAY, MAY 29

Shavuot I  
Candlelighting Time 7:57pm  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, MAY 30

Shavuot II - Yizkor  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### FRIDAY, JUNE 5

Candlelighting Time 8:01pm  
6:00pm Friday Night Alive!  
with the Zucker Family  
*Honoring Cancer Survivors*  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, JUNE 6

Parashat Nasso  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
Bar Mitzvah: Grant Zucker  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
7:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### FRIDAY, JUNE 12

Candlelighting Time 8:04pm  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
with the Thum Family  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, JUNE 13

Parashat Beha'alotcha  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
Bat Mitzvah: Brittany Thum  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
7:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

## Celebrate Shavuot With Us!

Thursday Night - May 28 at 6:45 pm

A NIGHT OF TORAH STUDY IN CELEBRATION OF SHAVUOT

# STRANGE AND TROUBLING STORIES IN THE TORAH

Free & Open to the Community  
Made possible by wonderful gifts from  
generous congregants (to be named)  
Details on page 3

Friday - May 29 at 9:30 a.m.  
Combined Sanctuary/Museum Minyan Service

Saturday - May 30 at 9:30 a.m.  
Yizkor  
Sanctuary Service  
Followed by

Shavuot Blintz Luncheon  
A gift of Shirley & Bruce Stein

FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009 AT 6:00 P.M.

# Friday Night Alive!

HONORING CANCER SURVIVORS

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# WITH RABBI STRAUSS

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## *Taking a Break from it All*

**A**s summer approaches again, we all remember what it was like at the end of last summer after the devastating effects of Hurricane Ike. Living without electricity was not easy.



But an unusual thing happened to my family after that terrible storm.

We realized that living without electricity was not the worst thing. Yes, it was inconvenient and we would never choose to do it again. But with no TV and Internet, we were spending more quality time with each other than ever before.

Maybe you felt the same?

Our tradition offers something that can give us this same experience every week of the year. Shabbat can be the way to break free from the technology that in many ways can keep us from truly bonding with our loved ones. Shabbat gives my family a chance every week to not worry about being interrupted by a TV show, cell phone ring, or instant message.

Thousands of years ago, the so called advanced cultures of Rome and Greece found the idea of Shabbat strange and foolish. How can you take time off from your work they said and waste your time doing nothing?

Today, those who keep Shabbat are still here. But the glory of ancient Rome and Greece is gone. Yet today, millions of Americans sound like the ancient Romans and Greeks.

Americans are taught to think that there is no way we can survive without having Friday night and Saturday to take care of doing our house work, running errands, shopping, and of course, staying connected with our work and the world around us.

But the reality is that our work and all of the things we think we must do everyday are actually the things that are hurting our survival. Today, over 30 million Americans suffer from sleeplessness. We are not getting enough quality time with our children and our spouses. Divorce rates are still at all time highs. And surveys say we as Americans are more unhappy than ever before. Deep down, I think many of us understand, more than ever before, we need more downtime. We do need a break.

NY Times Columnist Thomas Friedman recently wrote:

“As a wired junkie myself, there was something cleansing about time totally disconnected. It was the best antidote to the disease of our age – ‘continuous partial attention.’ Continuous partial attention is when you are on the Internet or cell phone or Blackberry while also watching TV, typing on your computer and answering a question from your kid. That is, you are multitasking your way through the day, continuously devoting only partial attention to each act or person you encounter. We have gone from

the Iron Age to the Industrial Age to the Information Age to the Age of Interruption.”

If you agree that you too need a break to reconnect with yourself, with those you love, with God, to live at least one day a week without being interrupted, then I offer you the following idea.

One upcoming Shabbat, turn off your cell phone, stay away from the computer, and unplug the TV. Try going even a step further, put your wallet away and hide the car keys.

Consider trying it once. See if it changes your perspective on life. See if you can not only survive but can actually live better with a time period each week just for you. See if you actually work more efficiently during the rest of the week with a built in time to rest. Because Shabbat goes beyond good self-care to challenge our deepest notions of success.

In America today, we tend to prize people for their productivity, but then what should be our definition of productivity? Is it GNP? Or is it a society of people who are healthy, sane and balanced and who treat each other humanely? Isn't this what we want for ourselves and those we love?

Judaism offers us one of the greatest gifts our religion has given the entire world - a command to rest. Remember, Shabbat was given to us by a God who loves us. Who wants us to enjoy life to the fullest and therefore gave us the fourth commandment – to rest on Shabbat.

No, it is not a burden to not be able to do certain things. It is a gift of freedom. Try it and I believe you will see what I am talking about because the rules of Shabbat were developed by a tradition that is in the business of strengthening families, developing our spiritual sides, and bringing meaning to our lives.

Shabbat is what our tradition calls - a taste of *Olam Habah*, a taste of the world to come.

In essence, Shabbat is an extra seven weeks plus of vacation a year.

A taste of the world to come. Extra vacation time each year. Who would pass that up? Not me! What about you?

### **One additional item -**

I want you to know about an incredible use of this idea by Rabbi Shmuley Boteach. (Rabbi Boteach, by the way, will be visiting Beth Yeshurun this fall as the opening speaker for 100 Jewish Men!) Many of you may know him from his books, radio shows or from his popular TV show “Shalom in the Home.” He is a huge advocate of family values. Recently, he has taken the idea behind Shabbat and in a way given it as a gift to all Americans. His vision is two hours of family togetherness consisting of two guests with two subjects for discussion every Friday night for all American families. I encourage you to go to his website ([HTTP://WWW.FRIDAYISFAMILY.COM](http://www.FRIDAYISFAMILY.COM)) and find out more about this exciting venture called “Turn Friday Nights into Family Nights.”

A NIGHT OF TORAH STUDY IN CELEBRATION OF SHAVUOT

# STRANGE AND TROUBLING STORIES IN THE TORAH

Thursday Night, May 28, 2009, starting at 6:45

Made possible by wonderful gifts from generous congregants (to be named)

## “How to Study Strange and Troubling Texts”

WITH RABBI STEVEN MORGEN

8:00 p.m. SHAVUOT SERVICES Freedman-Levit Sanctuary and the J.B. Greenfield Chapel



We honor the men and women who made the commitment this year to deepen their commitment to Beth Yeshurun and their Jewish heritage. We are proud of what they have done and what we have shared, and on Shavuot we salute them as they complete an extraordinary year of study.

### We Study 2 Stories *Before* the Meal

#### THE HARLOT ON THE SIDE OF THE ROAD

Looking for a strange and troubling story? How about being seduced by your daughter-in-law? That's what happened to Judah, leading to centuries of speculation on how such a thing could have happened! WITH RABBI DAVID ROSEN

#### THE DONKEY THAT TALKED

A talking donkey in the Torah? And a smart one at that! But he knew something his master didn't, and from this “smart a..., er, donkey” came centuries of commentaries about him and the guy who rode him. WITH RABBI BRIAN STRAUSS

### LIGHT FESTIVAL MEAL

In Stein Hall (*no charge, but please RSVP* [NGONZALES@BETHYESHURUN.ORG](mailto:NGONZALES@BETHYESHURUN.ORG))

### And a Final Story *After* the Meal

#### EVE, THE APPLE AND THE TALKING SERPENT

A simple story that every child learns in First Grade, but the story of Eve, Adam and the snake is one of the most troubling stories in all the Torah. And not just for Jews, but Christians too! WITH RABBI STEVEN MORGEN

### Last but Not Least

The Sweetness of Torah: Gala Ice Cream Sundae Finale

# SIMCHA TREE HONOREES

Listed below are Simcha Tree leaves which have been given this past year. We wish to congratulate all of the recipients of the leaves and acknowledge the generosity of the donors. Mazal Tov! If we have mistakenly omitted a Simcha Tree Leaf, we sincerely apologize. Please contact Marsha Weiss at MWEISS@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or (713) 666-1881, ext. 373, with the information.

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*To our beloved children and grandchildren  
Michael, Tina, John, Jason, Eric & Michelle  
Chanukah 2008  
With 100000 kisses  
"Meme and Pepe" Ann and Morris Blum*

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*In honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday of  
Sheila Sachs Davis  
With love from her loving family*

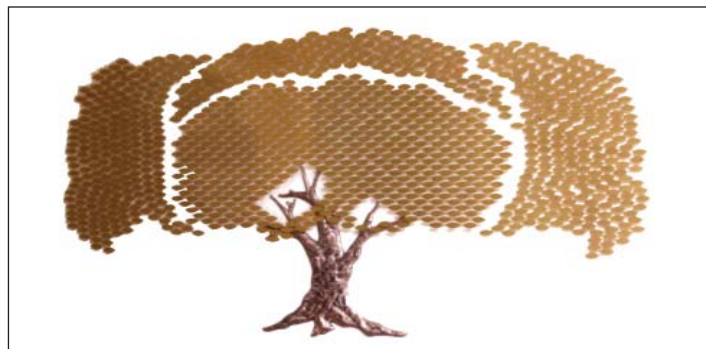
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*In honor of the 40<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Charlett and Marshall Frumin  
July 7, 2008  
We love you  
Shanky Gotfred, Sharon Beth Feldman, Susan Shavin,  
Sherry & Moshe Shemtov, Vicky & Geoff Bergman & Susan Toys*

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*In honor of the 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary of  
Gerry & Larry Wadler  
August 3, 2008  
With love from your children and grandchildren  
Donna & Paul Silverman and their daughter Meira  
Freda & Michael Wadler and their daughters Ariel and Maya  
Paul David Wadler & Rick Brown*

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*In honor of the Birth of  
Lyle Russell Weitz  
December 21, 2006*

*With love from Great-Grandma Edit, Grandma Beth,  
Parents Ethan & Sandie Weitz, Aunt Farrah & Uncle Brett Weitz*

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*In honor of the Birthday of  
Evelyn Wisenberg  
With love from her loving family*

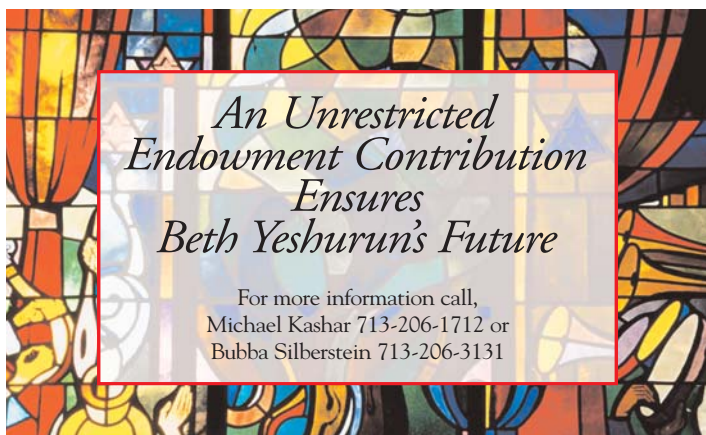
The Simcha Tree was designed by Edwin C. Balis and Associates of Donora, PA, and specially adapted for Congregation Beth Yeshurun. It has 1,000 leaves and is a collection of special events and remembrances. Leaves may be given in honor of any special occasion such as births, Bar and Bat Mitzvahs, weddings, anniversaries, birthdays, graduations...any occasion worthy of the title "Simcha." Those persons honored by a leaf will be acknowledged in *The Message* and receive a special certificate. Each leaf is \$600.

The tree would not have been possible without Abram (A.C.) Farb and his daughter Sonia Raizes. A.C. and his many friends and family dedicated the original tree in honor of his second Bar Mitzvah in 1976. Sonia worked tirelessly for many years taking care of selling leaves and administering the details of the Tree. The original Simcha Tree was retired in 2003 with the construction of BY2000.

If you would like to purchase a leaf or would like to learn more about the Simcha Tree, please contact Marsha Weiss in our synagogue office at MWEISS@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or (713) 666-1881, ext. 373. Wording for engraved inscriptions on leaves should be submitted by the donors.

## ■ Help to bring food for seniors in need

The Social Action committee supports the JCC Meals-on-Wheels which provides seniors with lunch bags containing single-serving, non-perishable items. You can make a difference! Please bring any of the following items to the synagogue: Canned tuna or chicken, soup, canned pasta, saltines or peanut butter crackers, fruit cups, juice boxes, Ensure (liquid dietary supplements), or any other non-perishable, single-serving foods. No desserts or sweets please, as most clients are diabetic.



# AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

## ■BYB Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale

Once again, Beth Yeshurun Brotherhood is offering its very successful Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale. All proceeds from this sale are directed to youth activities of our synagogue. For example, we subsidize fees for campers at Camp Young Judaea and the JCC and send contributions to Hillel and the Jewish Childrens' Regional Service. This is an excellent opportunity to send an 8 oz. jar of kosher honey to friends, family and customers. Try ordering honey as a High Holidays greeting. Each jar includes a personalized message with the appropriate prayers. The \$9 per jar charge includes shipping and handling within the U.S. There is an additional charge for shipments outside the U.S. Ordering is easy-

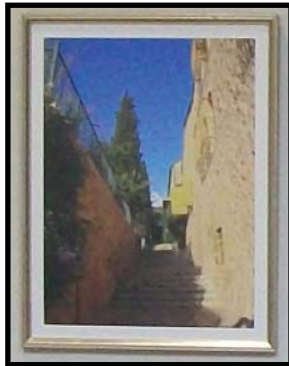


just go to [www.bethyeshurun.org](http://www.bethyeshurun.org) and click on the honey link. The deadline for ordering is July 24.



## ■Israel Exhibit in Skylight Lobby

The next time you come to Beth Yeshurun, please take the opportunity to view the newest exhibit of the Mollie and Louis Kaplan Museum of Judaica Collection. In honor of Yom Yerushalayim and Israel Independence Day, the Museum is displaying a set of photographs of scenes in and around Jerusalem. These photos were taken by David Segal, Rabbi Jack Segal's brother. They were donated to the Museum by Rabbi Segal.



## ■Cancer Survivors Shabbat Service June 5

Great news! The ranks of cancer survivors are swelling, not only at Beth Yeshurun, but nationally. In fact, there are nearly 12 million cancer survivors living in the U.S.



If you are a cancer survivor (current cancer patients included) or if you have provided care for a loved one who is a cancer survivor, please join us at our aptly named Friday Night Alive! service on June 5. Rabbi Rosen will offer a special blessing for anyone in our congregation who has survived cancer. Last year, nearly 100 members of our congregation stood to accept this tender blessing. What an inspiration!

Many members in our own congregation have effectively made it over that "bridge" to cancer survivorship. Beth Yeshurun has been a CanCare member congregation since 2001. Several of us have completed CanCare's volunteer training and are available to use our cancer experiences to support and partner with others who have been newly-diagnosed with this disease. If you are a cancer patient or caregiver, you may already have a great deal of support. However, having an experienced survivor of your type of cancer and treatment to talk with would make your journey so much easier. To strengthen your support resources, you can contact Rabbi Morgen at [SMORGEN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG](mailto:SMORGEN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG) or CanCare at (713) 461-0028 or visit their website at [WWW.CANCARE.ORG](http://WWW.CANCARE.ORG).

*Please Remember:  
Your account must be current  
as of June 30, 2009, to receive  
High Holy Day tickets!*



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# FAMILY ALBUM

## ■ Anniversaries

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|------|----|------------------------------------|------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------------|------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 5/17 | 7  | Michael & Natalie Boshernitzan     | 42   | Barry & Helena Horwitz | 22                                | Joel & Carla Cohodes       |                                    |                               |
|      | 42 | Rick & Jan Kaminsky                | 62   | Max & Helene Rudick    | 57                                | Charles & Dorothy Davidoff |                                    |                               |
|      | 22 | Jack & Maggie Sinuk                | 14   | Phillip & Lisa Turboff | 12                                | Jeffrey & Sherri Klein     |                                    |                               |
| 5/18 | 6  | Mike & Lisa Hoover                 | 5/29 | 15                     | Shirley & Alan Cohn               | 39                         | Murray & Faye Platt                |                               |
| 5/19 | 63 | Martin & Betty Rosenblatt          |      | 26                     | Jon & Lorri Feiwell               | 39                         | Allan & Diane Soffar               |                               |
| 5/20 | 14 | Timothy & Jill Ferguson            |      | 15                     | Marc & Hayley Feldman             | 11                         | Mark & Stefanie Trachtenberg       |                               |
| 5/21 | 37 | Ronald & Harriet Bormaster         |      | 15                     | Michael & Melissa Friedman        | 45                         | Myron & Roberta Wolyne             |                               |
|      | 38 | Barry & Phyllis Kalmin             |      | 26                     | Jeffrey & Fara Gaitz              | 6/8                        | 62                                 | Irving & Rose Gordon          |
|      | 37 | Jack & Karen Lee                   |      | 26                     | Jerry Gottesman & Linda Goldstein | 24                         | Hazzan David & Karen Siegel Propis |                               |
|      | 20 | Julian & Vivian Levin              |      | 15                     | Tim & Rochelle Lootens            | 34                         | Richard & Paula Stein              |                               |
|      | 3  | Scott & Angel Mossberg             |      | 21                     | Stephen & Michelle Maislin        | 56                         | Aleksander & Sarra Vdovoreize      |                               |
|      | 17 | Russ & Leslie Robinson             |      | 21                     | Arthur & Arlene Nathan            | 6/9                        | 35                                 | Arnold & Marsha Abramson      |
| 5/22 | 15 | Jeff & Iris Downing                |      | 40                     | Joe & Diane Statham               | 18                         | Scott & Darla Gardner              |                               |
|      | 26 | Steven & Mindy Finger              | 5/30 | 5                      | Adam & Robyn Burck                | 18                         | Howard & Sharon Hamat              |                               |
|      | 15 | David & Andrea Stein               |      | 10                     | Gregg & Jennifer Costa            | 36                         | Albert & Graciela Handy            |                               |
| 5/23 | 45 | Sanford & Linda Herskovitz         |      | 39                     | Dean & Cindy Gachman              | 41                         | Michael & Cheryl Nussenblatt       |                               |
|      | 10 | Joshua & Jessica Leif              |      | 26                     | Gary & Nancy Glesby               | 18                         | Gordon & Merrill Zuber             |                               |
|      | 11 | Steven & Paula Soffer              |      | 16                     | Jay & Wendy Gold                  | 6/10                       | 64                                 | Sam & Charlotte Abramson      |
|      | 5  | Hershel Swartz & Sarah Marlin      |      | 16                     | Mike & Silvia Goldstein           | 36                         | Norman & Terry Buchalter           |                               |
| 5/24 | 11 | Jerrad Bloome & Sara Castle-Bloome |      | 35                     | Frederic & Anita Hochman          | 19                         | Israel & Dora Grinberg             |                               |
|      | 28 | Arthur & Nancy Brand               |      | 16                     | Jeffrey & Barbie Horowitz         | 47                         | Eugene & Myra Kaplan               |                               |
|      | 22 | W. Kyle & Greta Drennan            |      | 22                     | Edward & Eileen Kisluk            | 19                         | Thomas & Melanie Kauffman          |                               |
|      | 17 | David & Diana Erani                |      | 33                     | Yem & Nancy Levy                  | 46                         | Jerome & Marjorie Kosoy            |                               |
|      | 28 | Steven & Pamela Rosen              |      | 10                     | Jason & Peta Rubenstein           | 36                         | Joseph & Arlene Staller            |                               |
|      | 22 | Michael & Sharon Segal             |      | 11                     | Warren & Tammy Simi               | 25                         | Thomas & Linda Uzick               |                               |
| 5/25 | 57 | Leon & Shirley Bloom               |      | 5                      | Matthew & Shelley Stein           | 19                         | Miles & Mindy Wertheimer           |                               |
|      | 6  | Andrew & Melissa Brams             | 5/31 | 22                     | Alan & Juli Scheinthal            | 6/11                       | 4                                  | Adam Miller & Michelina Cairo |
|      | 12 | Harry & Kris Edelheit              | 6/1  | 51                     | Jerry & Dorothy Lowenthal         | 37                         | David & Debbie Schwartz            |                               |
|      | 34 | Josef & Eileen Marom               |      | 23                     | Neil & Josette Rosenstein         | 21                         | Stephen & Kathie Stone             |                               |
|      | 1  | Adam & Jennifer Rosenfeld          | 6/2  | 35                     | Brian & Sandy Douglas             | 9                          | David & Annat Wolf                 |                               |
|      | 13 | Andrew & Alberta Totz              |      | 45                     | Norman & Barbara Frankel          | 6/12                       | 27                                 | Andy & Linda Burger           |
| 5/26 | 7  | Russell & Talia Diamond            |      | 52                     | Mort & Tobye Joachim              | 54                         | Meyer & Shirley Chaskin            |                               |
|      | 18 | Clayton & Beth Dreyer              |      | 13                     | Neal & Jill Kaminsky              | 49                         | David & Rita Danziger              |                               |
|      | 7  | Randy & Ricki Ebner                |      | 25                     | Jordan & Lauren Mintz             | 66                         | Sylvan & Eva Dubin                 |                               |
|      | 52 | Marvin & Renee Gerber              |      | 24                     | Ralph & Polly Robinson            | 47                         | Stanley & Barbara Hite             |                               |
|      | 7  | Stuart & Laina Miller              |      | 52                     | Sylvan & Reba Rubin               | 26                         | Mark & Patricia Rauch              |                               |
|      | 18 | Lowell & Wendy Rosenthal           |      | 13                     | Philip & Rhona Schneider          | 26                         | Randall & Marcy Uzick              |                               |
|      | 7  | Joshua & Deborah Weinstein         | 6/3  | 24                     | Brian & Barbara Thum              | 6/13                       | 16                                 | Steven & Tara Sondock         |
| 5/27 | 19 | Brent & Michelle Fredricks         |      | 36                     | Bruce & Marcia Friedman           | 38                         | Leonard & Eileen Weisman           |                               |
|      | 53 | Raymond & Sylvia Levin             |      | 47                     | Joseph & Sandra Kirk              |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 2  | Roni & Hilary Most                 |      | 64                     | Abe & Edith Schnitzer             |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 2  | Aaron & Tracy Perry                | 6/4  | 30                     | Richard & Sharla Stark            |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 19 | Brian & Dixon Schultz              |      | 3                      | Asher Aremband & Marcia Katz      |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 3  | Stuart & Jennifer Sperling         |      | 49                     | I. Norman & Midge Banchik         |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 8  | Jacob & Beverly Trachtenberg       |      | 20                     | Isaac & Connie Dvoretzky          |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 30 | Benjamin & Joy Warren              |      | 48                     | Martin & Michelle Greenberg       |                            |                                    |                               |
| 5/28 | 31 | Paul & Shirley Adler               |      | 65                     | Dan & Anne Pulaski                |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 3  | Steven & Marty Garfinkel           |      | 20                     | Owen & Stacy Sonik                |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 3  | Howard & Lisa Getz                 | 6/5  | 12                     | Noam & Tal Bizman                 |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 14 | Jeffrey & Jeryl Golub              |      | 43                     | Milton & Ricki Frankfort          |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 9  | Adam & Debra Greenberg             |      | 49                     | Maurice & Jackie Lewis            |                            |                                    |                               |
|      | 26 | Paul & Stephanie Gustafson         |      | 27                     | Adam & Wendi Olszewski            |                            |                                    |                               |
|      |    |                                    | 6/6  | 33                     | Alan & Debra Paull                |                            |                                    |                               |
|      |    |                                    | 6/7  | 50                     | Henry & Renee Bickart             |                            |                                    |                               |

## ■ Mazal Tov

To **Meryl Cohen** on receiving the McGovern Award for Community Contributions and Activism.

## ■ Condolences

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

Dora Horwitz, Cheryl Roder,  
Dr. Isaac Roubein, Elaine Schindel,  
Sarah Schwartz, Dr. Sanford Smith  
*May their memories be for a blessing.*

# B'NAI MITZVAH



**ARIEL BROWN**  
MAY 8-9

Ariel Beth Brown is the daughter of Toby and Gregg Brown and the sister of Ryan Brown. Her proud grandparents are Nina and Joe Brown of Houston, Rose Holland of El Paso, TX, and Moe Holland of blessed memory. Ariel is also the great-granddaughter of Sam Proler of Conroe, TX and of Jeanette Proler

Frankfort, of blessed memory. Ariel is currently an honors student at The Emery/Weiner School. She enjoys dancing, attending camp and traveling with her family.

For her Mitzvah Project, Ariel decorated Shabbat boxes through the Jewish Family Service Shabbat Box Program. Her boxes were delivered to Jewish patients at MD Anderson and Methodist Hospital every Friday. Ariel will be donating a portion of her monetary gifts to Jewish Family Service and to Texans for Advancement of Medical Research (TAMR).



**STEPHANIE KOREN**  
MAY 8-9

Stephanie Lynn Koren is the daughter of Fara and Marc Koren. Her proud grandparents are Charlotte and Kenneth Croft of Houston and Susan and Samuel Koren of Portland, ME. Stephanie attends Johnston Middle School where she participates in the Gifted and Talented program and Kick Start Mar-

tial Arts Program. She enjoys singing, dancing and spending time with her family and friends.

For her Mitzvah Project, Stephanie has dedicated her time to the Friendship Circle at the Chabad House where she works with disabled children and teenagers to help them learn and have fun in a positive Jewish environment. This volunteer work has become a real passion for her and she hopes to continue using her special talents with this program and other similar programs that help children with Down's Syndrome, Autism and other challenges. As a participant in the Rabbi's 10% giving program, Stephanie will donate five percent of her gifts to the Friendship Circle and five percent to the Beth Yeshurun Religious School Scholarship Fund in memory of Devora Urkowitz.



**ALLISON WOLGEL**  
MAY 22-23

Allison Nicole Wolgel is the daughter of Julie Landis and Fred Wolgel, and the younger sister of Brian Deitch. Her proud grandparents are Dr. Gilbert and Irma Landis of Plano, TX, Ruth Landis of Houston and the late Joseph and Edythe Wolgel of Chicago, IL. Allison is a seventh grade student at The Emery/

Weiner School and is a graduate of Beth Yeshurun Day School. Allison enjoys acting, writing and any activities related to the creative arts.

For her Mitzvah Project, Allison helped deliver meals to seniors for the Jewish Community Center's Meals-on-Wheels program. She also has chosen to participate in "Remember Us," the Holocaust B'nai Mitzvah Project. Additionally, Allison is donating a portion of her gifts to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in honor of her grandmother Ruth and in memory of her grandmother Edythe, and the Parkinson's Disease Foundation in honor of her grandfather Gilbert.



**GRANT ZUCKER**  
JUNE 5-6

Grant Zucker is the son of Noya and Brad Zucker, and the brother of Nicole Zucker. His proud grandparents are Sheila and Carl Zucker, and Malie and Dan Luss. Grant is a graduate of Beth Yeshurun Day School and is completing the seventh grade at The Emery/Weiner School. Grant enjoys playing baseball, basketball

and socializing with his friends.

For his Mitzvah Project, Grant made heart pillows for Heart Hugs. Heart Hugs is a volunteer organization which provides heart-shaped pillows used for rehabilitation with children who have had heart surgery at Texas Children's Hospital. Grant still has the special pillow he received in June of 2000. Grant will also be donating a portion of his monetary gifts to the Cardiology Department at Texas Children's Hospital.

## ■Do you know someone hospitalized?

Due to privacy rules, hospitals are no longer able to provide Beth Yeshurun with a list of Jewish patients. Please contact Gayle Schnurr at (713) 666-1881, ext. 317, or [GSCHNURR@BETHYESHURUN.ORG](mailto:GSCHNURR@BETHYESHURUN.ORG) if one of our members is in the hospital - our rabbis are very dedicated to their hospital ministry and do not want to miss anyone.

## SYNAGOGUE OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, May 25  
Memorial Day  
&  
Friday, May 29  
Shavuot I



# 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:

- \*Mike & Ruth Cohen in honor of the upcoming wedding of Lindsay Weinstein & Adam Cohen
- \*Gil & Lynn Friedlander and Fonda & Gary Gossen in honor of the 87<sup>th</sup> birthday of Jerry Davis
- \*Emily Jackson in honor of the anniversary of the 2<sup>nd</sup> Bar Mitzvah of Louis Gordon
- \*David Jonas in memory of Hana Jonas
- \*Marty & Rabbi Matt Michaels in memory of Franne Ruth Michaels
- \*Carol, Roger & Robert Murdock in memory of Abe Najer

## ***BIG CHANGES ARE COMING!***

Watch for BIG CHANGES in  
The Message  
The Shavuon  
Making donations to Beth Yeshurun

All to be announced in the  
June 14<sup>th</sup> issue of The Message

***WATCH FOR THEM!***

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## Jan Sings Jazz



Lead singer for the Ed Gerlach Society orchestra



Singer with trio for Marriott Corporation working Winter Season in Acapulco and touring other Marriott hotels during other months.

**Wednesday, June 17, 2009**  
**RSVP by Friday, June 10, 2009**

## Jan Ross



### 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  
Zubowski B**

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

May 17-22: Sun 8am, Mon-Thu 7am, Fri 6:45am (Yom Yerushalayim), Sun-Thu 7:45pm

May 24-29: Sun 8am (Rosh Chodesh), Mon 8am (Memorial Day), Tue-Thu 7am, Fri 8:30am (Shavuot I), Sun-Thu 8pm

May 31-Jun 5: Sun 8am, Mon-Fri 7am, Sun-Thu 8pm; Jun 7-12: Sun 8am, Mon-Fri 7am, Sun-Thu 8pm





### Upcoming Message Deadline

May 25 for the June 14 issue



# June 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>B/M:</b> Bar/ Bat Mitzvah <b>CLT:</b> Candle lighting <b>HHS:</b> Hillel High Sch. <b>MM:</b> Museum Minyan <b>RS:</b> Relig. School <b>YA:</b> Young Adults <b>YF:</b> Young Families <b>SH:</b> Sisterhood <b>BH:</b> Brotherhood	Security Cmte.          Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Membership Cmte.          Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Friday Night Alive! 6:00 PM  Honoring Cancer Survivors   CLT: 8:01 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Grant Zucker MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30am      Chapel 8:30 am 7:45 pm
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
Chapel 8:00 am 8:00pm	    Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm          CLT: 8:04 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	B/M: Brittany Thum MM 9:15am Sanctuary 9:30am      Chapel 8:30 am 7:45 pm
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
Chapel 8:00 am 8:00 pm	Budget Cmte.          Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Exec. Cmte. Brd. of Trustees          Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	YES Group Study Session YES Group Luncheon          Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	    Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm          CLT: 8:06 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	MM 9:15 am Sanctuary 9:30 am      Chapel 8:30 am 7:45 pm
<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
Chapel 8:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 6:45 am 8:00 pm	Rosh Chodesh          Chapel 6:45 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Shabbat Renewal 6pm          CLT: 8:08 PM Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	MM 9:15 am Sanctuary 9:30 am      Chapel 8:30 am 7:45 pm
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>				
Chapel 8:00 am 8:00 pm	    Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Chapel 7:00 am 8:00 pm	Visit <a href="http://www.bethyeshurun.org">www.bethyeshurun.org</a> for event details			