



The MESSAGE

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FRIDAY, AUGUST 22
Candlelighting Time 7:37pm
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal
with the Gruber Family
6:15 Shabbat Yachad Resumes
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 23
Parashat Eikev
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
Bat Mitzvah: Ranya Gruber
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
7:15pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

FRIDAY, AUGUST 29
Candlelighting Time 7:29pm
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal
with the Reichek Family
6:15 Shabbat Yachad
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, AUGUST 30
Parashat Re-eh
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah: Aaron Reichek
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
7:15pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 5
Candlelighting Time 7:22pm
6:00pm Friday Night Alive!
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 6
Parashat Shoftim
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15am Museum Minyan
9:30am Sanctuary Service
11:30am Weekly Torah Study
6:00pm Sanctuary Service
Bar Mitzvah: Stephen Proler
7:00pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel



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Have you visited our new web site? You will find everything you are looking for including a complete calendar of events, chapel and daily minyan service schedules, program and event details and much more. We also have an improved online donations section on the website allowing donors to make multiple donations on one credit card transaction. Feel free to explore the pages and after you have looked it over we hope you agree that it was worth the wait! We also welcome your comments, any suggestions or ideas to improve our site. Please send your thoughts to FEEDBACK@BETHYESHURUN.ORG.



HIGH HOLY DAYS PROCEDURES

The following are policies and procedures for High Holy Days.

This year, 2008, Erev Rosh Hashanah begins sundown Monday, Sep. 29. Rosh Hashanah is Tuesday and Wednesday, Sep. 30 and Oct. 1. Kol Nidre begins at sundown Wednesday, Oct. 8 and Yom Kippur is on Thursday, Oct. 9. All members and guests will be required to have a picture ID that matches the name on their ticket when entering the building for any of the High Holy Days services. Please Note: Tickets will be mailed or issued **only** through the Business Office.

We urge you to read the information below, note the deadlines and plan ahead if possible. Please contact Julie Bernfeld, Membership Services Manager, at (713) 666-1881, ext. 360, if you have any questions.

1. High Holy Days tickets will be issued to members who are:
 - In Good Standing (members whose dues and obligations are current through June 30, which includes payment in full for any pre-2008 outstanding balance)
2. Tickets are **not** required for:
 - Children of members (under 18)
 - Any person age 19 and above who is a full-time student or active military personnel. They must show their **current** school or military ID.
3. Complimentary tickets will be issued to the following people: Please Note: Tickets are available only upon request and are issued through the business office. Proper and current identification must be presented when attending services.
 - Beth Yeshurun Conversion class students
 - New Residents of Houston (6 months or less)
 - Caretakers of elderly members
 - Guests visiting from other countries (valid passports must be presented)
 - Guests who live farther than 90 miles from Houston and belong to a synagogue in their area must ask their home synagogue to send a "Letter of Reciprocity" no later than Sep. 22 to fax (713) 666-7767 Attn: Julie Bernfeld or e-mail JBERNFELD@BETHYESHURUN.ORG
4. High Holy Day tickets are available to anyone who resides 90 miles or more from Houston for a required donation of \$180 per ticket. There is no reduction in the donation for services not attended. Guests under age 18 accompanying their parents do not require separate tickets. The deadline to obtain tickets is Sep. 22, 2008. Tickets will not be processed without the required donation.
5. Persons who live within 90 miles of Houston must join Beth Yeshurun as full or dual members to receive tickets. When applying for regular membership on or after Aug. 1, 2008, three months' dues payment is required with application.
6. Persons wishing to apply to Congregation Beth Yeshurun for

membership in time to receive tickets should do so no later than Sep. 22, 2008, to enable the Membership Committee sufficient time to process all applications.

7. Members of other Houston area synagogues with tickets and identification, may attend Beth Yeshurun services on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur **after** Yizkor. Such tickets will **not** be honored on the first night of Rosh Hashanah, the first day of Rosh Hashanah, Kol Nidre, or Yom Kippur morning through Yizkor.
8. Members whose tickets are being held for the reason of non-payment of dues and obligations will be mailed notices in writing by Aug. 20, 2008. Such members must make satisfactory arrangements with the Membership Committee no later than **Sep. 5, 2008** to receive their tickets in the mail. Otherwise, the tickets will be held in the office until financial arrangements have been made. Contact Julie Bernfeld at (713) 666-1881 to schedule an appointment.
9. Members who are in arrears and have not made financial arrangements by **Sep. 25** will not be issued a ticket to enter High Holy Days services. Membership Committee representatives will not have access to these tickets on Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur. Committee representatives will be available those days **between** Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur to discuss financial arrangements.

IMPORTANT 2008 HIGH HOLY DAYS DATES TO REMEMBER

- Aug. 11 Notification sent to members if account is not current*
 - Sep. 5 Tickets mailed to members if account is current
 - Sep. 7 Cut-off date to make financial arrangements to receive tickets in the mail
 - Sep. 22 Deadline for:
 1. application for Membership to receive tickets
 2. office to receive Letters of Reciprocity from out-of-area synagogue
 3. obtaining tickets for \$180 donation
 - Sep. 25 Deadline to make financial arrangements – tickets will be held for Rosh Hashanah
 - Sep. 29 Erev Rosh Hashanah
 - Sep. 30 Rosh Hashanah
 - Oct. 2–7 Membership Committee representatives available to discuss accounts between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur
 - Oct. 8 Kol Nidre/Erev Yom Kippur
 - Oct. 9 Yom Kippur
- *Your account must be current through June 30, 2008 to receive High Holiday tickets.

■ Improvements in online donations!

Thanks to the hard work of many people, especially Steve Croft, we have an improved ONLINE DONATIONS section on the Beth Yeshurun website. Donors can now make multiple

donations (up to ten) on one credit card transaction. Each donation is still a minimum of \$10 and is acknowledged separately by e-mail. Although they have always been secure transactions, we have also improved the credit card security, in keeping with new federally recommended guidelines. Please check it out!

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.

■ Help to bring food for seniors in need

The Social Action committee is taking action in support of the JCC Meals-on-Wheels Grocery Donation Program. To fill this need, the Meals-on-Wheels program is providing seniors with lunch bags containing single-serving, non-perishable items. You can make a difference!

Please bring any of the following items when you come to the synagogue or to the school: Canned tuna or chicken, soup of any kind, spaghetti and pasta sauce or 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.

Watch for more High Holy Days information in the next issue of Beth Yeshurun's The Message!



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

High Holiday services in Freedman/Levit

A Message from Rabbi Strauss and Annette Sondock

It is hard to believe that summer is almost over, school will be starting in the next few weeks, fall is not far behind and before we know it the High Holy Days will be here. Plans for this year's Freedman/Levit Sanctuary Service are already underway and Rabbi Strauss and Annette Sondock are inviting you to participate.

The unique idea in the Freedman/Levit Sanctuary Service of members of families participating in the service by being part of the choir is fast becoming our tradition and is enjoyed by congregants as well as the families who are participating themselves. We have had tremendous success with the inclusion of family members of all ages and promise you a very enriching experience. We have new beautiful music and will continue our innovative approach to providing you with a service that is meaningful, warm and inspirational.

We hope that you will consider being a part of this fulfilling and spiritual experience, and encourage any of you who would like to experience full participation in the holidays to consider being a part of the choir. It has turned into a fun and bonding time for the children as well as their parents and other family members. Join us as a participant in the choir in the Freedman/Levit Sanctuary Service and you will not be disappointed.

Rehearsals will begin on Sunday, Aug. 24, from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in Stein Hall. Our pattern is to rehearse on Sunday afternoons from 3:00-4:30 or 5:00 p.m. and on Monday and Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:00 p.m. Annette promises to begin and end on time.

If you are interested in being part of the choir or have questions, please call Beth Yeshurun at (713) 661-1881 or e-mail Annette at ASONDOCK@AOL.COM and leave your name, telephone number, e-mail address and number of people that will be participating. Nothing would please Annette and Rabbi Strauss more than to have another large and enthusiastic choir again this year.

We look forward to your celebrating the Holidays with us,
Rabbi Brian Strauss, Rabbi, Freedman/Levit Sanctuary Service
Annette Sondock, Shaliach Tzibbur, Freedman/Levit Sanctuary Service



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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 Flowerery and Houston Flowerery, 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!**



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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 available with receptionist * Order Deadline: Sep. 19

Questions? - Contact Food Services Director Eileen Pettigrew

at (713) 666-1881, ext. 368, or EPETTIGREW@BETHYESHURUN.ORG


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Here's What's Happening at Beth Yeshurun

September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 Labor Day Synagogue Office Closed Rosh Chodesh Elul Chapel 8:00 am 7:30 pm	2 12:00 Sisterhood Board Mtg. 7:00 pm Membership Cmte. Mtg. Chapel 7:00 am 7:30 pm	3 Chapel 7:00 am 7:30 pm	4 Chapel 7:00 am 7:30 pm	5 6:00 pm Friday Night Alive! 7:00 pm Atid Shabbat Dinner Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	6 B/M: Stephen Proler Chapel 8:30 am 7:00 pm	
	7	8 7:00 pm Security Mtg. Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	9 Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	10 Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	11 Chapel 7:00 am 7:15 pm	12 Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	13 B/M: Albert & Julia Amran Jr. Congregation Tot Shabbat Mini Minyan YF event -offsite Chapel 8:30 am 7:00 pm
14	15 7:00 pm Budget Cmte. Mtg. Chapel 7:00 am 7:00 pm	16 10:00 am Sisterhood New Member Event 6:00 pm Exec. Cmte. Mtg. 7:30 pm Board Mtg. Chapel 7:00 am 7:00 pm	17 YES Luncheon Chapel 7:00 am 7:00 pm	18 Chapel 7:00 am 7:00 pm	19 Chapel 7:00 am 6:45 pm	20 B/ M: Oren Rosenbaum Jr. Congregation 10:00 pm S'lichot Service Chapel 8:30 am 7:00 pm	
21	22 Chapel 6:45 am 7:00 pm	23 Chapel 6:45 am 7:00 pm	24 Chapel 6:45 am 7:00 pm	25 Chapel 6:45 am 7:00 pm	26 Chapel 6:45 am 6:45 pm	27 Jr. Congregation Chapel 8:30 am 6:45 pm	
28	29 Erev Rosh Hashanah Chapel 6:45 am 6:00 pm	30 Rosh Hashanah Synagogue Office Closed Chapel 8:30 am 7:00 pm					



Visit www.bethyeshurun.org for complete details of all events

AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

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YES Group Committee Members: Top row (l-r): Sig Altman, Harry Bloom, Jack Alter, Willie Isaacs, Lester Rosen and Morris Schultz. Bottom row: Shirley Alter, Beverly Bloom, Sylvia Schultz, Winnie Isaacs, and Shirley Rosen.
Not pictured: Pearl Altman

The Youthful, Energetic Senior "YES" group is celebrating its 11th year of success catering to seniors 60 to 106 with outstanding programs featuring great entertainment and fabulous lunches prepared by our very own chef and kitchen staff. Programs are usually held the third Wednesday of each month from September through August. This past season, members of our synagogue plus guests from the entire community attended YES programs. We have been honored to have notable speakers including Congressman Ted Poe; Senator Florence Shapiro; Houston Chronicle editor Jeff Cohen; Paul Berlin, Leon Hale and Rabbi Jimmy Kessler. Musical programs have featured our very own Hazzan David Propis, Rob Landes, Prime Tyme, the Jazz Sisters, and members of the Houston Grand Opera.

We are looking forward to another year filled with fantastic programs and great entertainment. We kick off the year Wednesday, Sep. 17, 2008, featuring Rob Landes - a favorite of all. Lunch is \$7 paid in advance or \$9 at the door. Lunch is at 11:30 followed by the program. Come earlier and join the rabbi for a study session from 10:00 - 11:00 am. Monthly reminder cards are mailed with details for each program. If you would like to be added to our mailing list, please e-mail Tammy at TFRIEDMAN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or call (713) 666-1881, ext. 312.

■ Wine Tasting Party Saturday, Sep. 13



Got wine? The Beth Yeshurun Family Life Committee invites you to an adults only Wine Tasting Party on Saturday, Sep. 13, at 8:30 p.m. The party will be hosted by Jessica & Garth Beinart and Tamara & Matt Cohen and will be held at 4320 Vivian in Bellaire. Light noshes and sweets will be served. Please bring a bottle of your favorite red wine under \$15. If you wish to attend, please RSVP by Sep. 8 to Tammy Friedman at [TFRIEDMAN@](mailto:TFRIEDMAN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG)

[BETHYESHURUN.ORG](mailto:TFRIEDMAN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG).

If you would like more information, please contact Bianca Wigder or Rabbi Strauss.

■ From Sisterhood President, Elyse Schultz

With the lazy days of summer, your Sisterhood has still been busy making a difference in our synagogue and our families. Polly Robinson and Bonnie Winograd and their crew have been baking and delivering cakes through our Shiva Project for our families sitting shiva. Linda Brandt has represented us well at the Women's League Conference in Colorado Springs and will soon be off to New York's market to stock our beautiful gift shop. Karen Robinson, Dianna Margolin and our gift shop ladies have been busy all summer greeting customers, and our high school teens are enjoying trips to Israel and Jewish Camps with our sisterhood scholarships. Laura Alter has been busy keeping all our ducks in a row as our new treasurer and our financial secretaries Jan Shoss, Sharon Segal, Margie Fields and Robin Fleschler have been busy updating our lists and sending out fall member statements.

Bonnie Winograd and Wendy Gold have been working hard on our exciting new membership event in September and our V.P.'s: Tricia Rauch, Denise Yudkin, Joy Plantowsky, Hedy Spiegel, Dianna Dushkin, Judy Zivley, Melanie Marglous, Linda Lang and Sheila Franklin have been meeting and planning our exciting calendar for 2008-2009. Quietly behind the scenes, past President Ann Rogers has been guiding us along. So as the summer days wind down we hope you are refreshed and look forward to having you join us. If you are not a Sisterhood member, we would love for you to join us by becoming a member. Just contact our link on the Beth Yeshurun Web Site or contact Elyse Schultz at (713) 660-8650. We have fantastic programs in store for you and I look forward to being your new Sisterhood President.

Elyse Schultz

SISTERHOOD 2008-2009 CALENDAR

Sep. 16 - New Member Program	Jan. 23 - Sisterhood Shabbat
Nov. 11 - Torah Fund	Mar. 17 - Donor Kickoff
Dec. 16 - Scholar in Residence	Mar. 31 - Passover Workshop
May 12 - Spring Installation	

■ Sisterhood new member event Sep. 16

Suffering from ripple lines? Panty lines ruining that perfect look that you are trying to achieve? As seen on *Oprah*, *The Today Show*, *The CBS Morning Show* and *TLC's What Not To Wear*, **Intimacy** will be the featured program for Sisterhood's fall new membership event, Tuesday, Sep. 16. **Intimacy**, a new boutique in the Galleria, can help women feel more confident and beautiful and has the secret answers to looking great in your clothes! The program will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Stein Hall with lunch following. The experts from **Intimacy** will show us how to fix our "problem areas," eliminate fashion *faux pas*, and present the latest fashions and the newest "must-haves" in undergarments. **Intimacy's** perfect fit starts with a personal consultation and a unique inventory of bras and undergarments to complete your look, no matter what your size. We will also be making care packages to send overseas to the Jewish Soldiers in Iraq, so please bring a bag of toiletries for men (razors, soaps, shampoos) to be donated to Jewish Soldiers serving in Iraq. Questions? Please contact membership chairs Wendy Gold, (281) 565-4802, or Bonnie Winograd (713) 668-5789, or WENDYGOLD@AOL.COM or BWINGO@YAHOO.COM. Look for your invitations to be coming soon. We look forward to seeing you there!

B'NAI MITZVAH



RANYA GRUBER AUGUST 22-23

Ranya Sheral Gruber is the daughter of Manizeh and Nelson Gruber and the sister of Aryeh Gruber. Her proud grandparents are Mehroo and Wajid Mirza and Ann and Haskell Gruber and the late Rosalind Gruber. Ranya is a graduate of The Shlenker School and is currently entering the eighth grade at T.H. Rogers Middle School in the Vanguard Program. She is on the school's soccer and volleyball teams,

Honor Roll and a member of the National Junior Honor Society. She loves to read, sing, write song lyrics, play soccer and spend time with her family and friends.

For her Mitzvah Project, Ranya has been volunteering for the past two summers as a camp counselor at her school in Camp MI Way to assist and guide the multiply impaired students who attend camp. She also helps to coach soccer at TOPSoccer at the JCC, a program geared toward young people with disabilities. This spring, she organized a team of runners, "-Ranya's Runners" to participate in Run For The Rose, and raise funds for The Dr. Marnie Rose Foundation to support cancer research. Ranya will be donating a portion of her monetary gifts to The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society in loving memory of her grandmother, Rosalind Gruber, and to Camp MI Way in honor of multiply impaired children.



AARON REICHEK AUGUST 29-30

Aaron John Reichek is the son of Martin and Cindy Reichek and the older brother of Ashton and Aidan. Aaron's proud grandparents are Phyllis and Barry Kalmin, Joel Reichek, Judy Opper and the late David Opper of San Antonio, and William and Gloria Quintanilla of Richmond. Aaron is the great-

grandson of Phillip and the late Bertha Dattle, the late William and Henrietta Reichek, all of Houston, Hortense King and the late John King, Margaret Quintanilla and the late Leo Quintanilla, all of San Antonio.

Aaron is entering eighth grade at Pershing Middle School where he is in the Gifted and Talented program and a member of the advanced musical theatre group. He enjoys all types of sports, especially baseball where he has been a member of the Westbury Little League All Star team for the last 4 years. Aaron created a panel for the Alzheimer's Foundation of America's "Quilt to Remember" that has traveled around the world in memory of his great-grandmother, Bertha Dattle. He was the youngest to participate and the foundation honored him by using his panel in their 2008 Calendar for the month of April.

For Aaron's Mitzvah Project, he has delivered meals through Meals-on-Wheels and is donating time at Seven Acres during the Arts and Crafts mornings. He helps the residents with their art projects and is even teaching them how to play Wii as part of a rehabilitation program. In August, Aaron plans to volunteer at Chabad Outreach Center through the Friendship Circle, which is an interaction between teenagers and children with special needs. In addition to his service, donations will be made to the Alzheimer's Foundation of America in memory of his great-grandmother Bertha and to the American Cancer Association in memory of his late grandfather David.



STEPHEN PROLER SEPTEMBER 5-6

Stephen Daniel Proler is the son of Maureen and Jody Proler, and brother of Benjamin. His proud grandparents are Paula and Everett Weinstein and Bitsy and Jackie Proler, all of Houston. He is especially blessed to be the great-grandson of Helen Fagin Steinberg. Stephen is a seventh grade honor student at Trafton Academy and a member of the basketball team. He enjoys playing many sports and

just being with his friends. Stephen was selected as a participant in the Duke Talent Search. For his Mitzvah Project, Stephen collected books for the children who visit Texas Children's Hospital.

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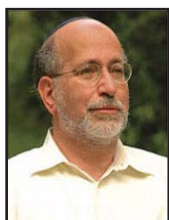
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100 Jewish men is a group of men dedicated to improving themselves and each other as men, fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, friends and Jews. Through controversial, thought-provoking speakers and small group discussions, we will explore what usually remains unspoken in men's lives at work and at home. We have an incredible year planned and we hope you choose to be part of it.



We start off the year with **Rabbi Joseph Telushkin** on **Wednesday, October 29, 2008**. Rabbi Telushkin was named by *Talk Magazine* as one of the 50 best speakers in the United States. He is the author of *Jewish Literacy: The Most Important Things to Know About the Jewish Religion, Its People and Its History*, hailed by leading figures in all the major movements of Judaism. Arrangements for this speaker made through the B'nai B'rith Lecture Bureau.

On **Wednesday, November 19, 2008**, **Richard Justice**, Houston Chronicle lead sports columnist and local radio talk show host on 1560 **The Game**, will take us on an exciting journey of those sports heroes who exhibit the qualities we too would wish to instill in ourselves.



Spend an evening with **Sarge** and your significant other on **Wednesday, December 10, 2008**. Sarge is one of the highest energy, multi-talented acts in show business today. Not only a hilarious stand-up comedian, Sarge can sing in his own voice as well as a dozen others including, Harry Connick Jr., Sammy Davis Jr., Lionel Richie and Stevie Wonder just to name a few. You don't want to miss an evening that will have you and your significant other laughing all night long.

On **Wednesday, January 14, 2009**, **Rabbi Elie Spitz** will present Judaism's views of the afterlife and his own experiences, that have led him to develop a belief in survival of the soul. Among the topics he will explore are near-death experiences, mediums, resurrection of the dead and reincarnation. He has served on the Conservative Movement's Committee of Jewish Law and Standards for over a decade and was also one of Rabbi Strauss' teachers in Rabbinical School.



Did you know that over ninety percent of all face-to-face communication is nonverbal? Thus, the silent messages of the body often reveal more than the spoken word. On **Wednesday, February 11, 2009**, **Jan Hargrave** will offer a wealth of detailed information concerning the "hidden messages" of the people around you as well as yourself. Jan is an accomplished writer as well as a distinguished educator. She has appeared as a talk-show

guest of The Lifetime Channel, Fox News, The Maury Povich Show, The Montel Williams Show, Great Day Houston, E-Entertainment Television and The Ricki Lake Show. She is presently CEO of Jan Hargrave & Associates, a Houston-based consulting firm.

How is it that some men never take no for an answer and instead always overcome any obstacle put in their way? What advice can we learn to help us succeed as men, husbands, and fathers in today's world? **Charles Martin Wender** (known to most as "Marty") was selected as one of five "Visionaries" by the San Antonio Business Journal for his vision and accomplishments.



On **Wednesday, March 4, 2009**, Marty will discuss how never saying no has led to his accomplishments. Marty is co-founder and chief executive officer of Wender & Hall, LLC, a company active in real estate, which includes the 3,500 acre Westover Hills development - home to Sea World of Texas and the Hyatt Regency Hill Country Resort Hotel.



Join us **Wednesday, April 1, 2009** for the first ever 100 Jewish Men's Model Passover Seder led by **Rabbi Brian Strauss and Hazzan Propis**. Learn, share and discuss topics based on a new Haggadah entitled "The Men's Seder." Come together to eat, laugh, and share a night of fraternity and brotherhood mixed with a little matzah!



Together we'll celebrate our freedom as Jews and as men.

We conclude our year on **Wednesday, May 13, 2009**. **George Kronman** will explore what lessons an observant Jew can learn from traveling through Islamic lands? George explores the attitudes, observations and prejudices of traveling through Middle Eastern and North African countries from a personal Jewish perspective. George is a senior geological advisor in the International New Ventures group for Hess. He has worked with several oil companies over the past 28 years to find and develop new oil and gas deposits in over 40 countries worldwide, including many in the Middle East and North Africa.

All dinners are served (\$12 at the door) at 6:30 pm and all the programs follow at 7:00 pm.

100 Jewish Men Member Registration Form

To Become a Member of 100 Jewish Men, mail this form along with a check for \$125 (financial assistance available) made out to Congregation Beth Yeshurun, by **September 26, 2008** to: Rabbi Brian Strauss, 4525 Beechnut, Houston, TX 77096.

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NEW FACES AT BETH YESHURUN

■BYDS welcomes new Head, Tom Elieff



Beth Yeshurun is very happy to welcome Tom Elieff (pronounced *ee-luff*) as the new Head of School for the Beth Yeshurun Day School. Gary Swartz, the School Board and the Search Committee, headed by Willy Goldberg, are commended for finding and hiring Tom, who began his tenure as Head of School in July. Tom served as Head of The Jewish Day School of Metropolitan Seattle from 2005 to 2008. Prior to leading the day school in Seattle, Tom served a full range of leadership responsibilities in two nationally recognized independent schools over nineteen years. From 2001 to 2005, Tom served as Head of Upper School at St. Mark's School of Texas in Dallas. Between 1986 and 2001 at Lake Forest Academy, Tom held a variety of administrative positions, including Dean of Studies, Dean of Faculty, Assistant Headmaster and became the school's Interim Headmaster in 2000. For several years he served on the staff of the ISACS New Teacher Institute, was the Co-Chair of the Midwest Diversity Committee, and chaired the Independent Schools Coordinating Council. Tom is a multiple National Endowment for the Humanities grant recipient. He earned his bachelor's degree from Brown University and his masters in English from Northwestern University, and in 2005, he became an inaugural

member of Project Sulam, an Avi Chai-funded, two-year learning project for Jewish day school leaders. Tom's wife of twenty-two years, Eden, graduated from the University of Chicago, and has degrees from DePaul University, Trinity College in Dublin, Ireland, and Bennington College in Vermont. Their daughter Lydia, ten, loves singing and playing violin. She will be entering fifth grade at Beth Yeshurun.

We wish Tom and his family lots of mazal in Houston and especially at Beth Yeshurun.

■New Family Life Coordinator, Bianca Wigder



Beth Yeshurun is proud to welcome Bianca Wigder as our new Family Life Coordinator. She has been a member of Beth Yeshurun for many years. Along with her husband Matt, they are the proud parents of Makayla and Alex. She will work with Rabbi Strauss and our Family Life Committee to plan programs for our young families. This year, we have many programs in store including holiday dinners and celebrations, family education programs and special Shabbat services for our children.

For more information, feel free to contact Rabbi Strauss or Bianca (BWIGDER@SBCGLOBAL.NET).



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David Bloome, Rabbi Brian Strauss, and Steven Sheldon

FAMILY ALBUM

■ Birth

Felicia and Benjamin Lewin joyfully announce the birth of their daughter, **Chloe Jocelyn Lewin**, born Aug. 21, 2007. Chloe weighed seven pounds, six ounces, and measured 19 ¼ inches. Chloe was welcomed to the world by her big brother, Zachary, who turned four years old the day before Chloe was born. Proud grandparents are Marie and Gerson Cweren and the late Regina and Werner Lewin, all of Houston. Chloe was given the Hebrew name Rena Ya'akova. She was named in loving memory of her paternal grandmother, Regina Lewin, her maternal great-great-aunt Jennie Reiches and her maternal great-uncle Joseph Cweren.

■ Anniversaries

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| 8/17 | 33 | Larry & Esther Chess |
| | 11 | Robert & Marris Goldberg |
| | 56 | Sheldon & Justina Goldstein |
| | 22 | Ronald & Diana Hecht |
| | 5 | Avner Ramu & Sheryl Levin |
| | 22 | Kevin & Jordana Slawin |
| | 28 | Steve & Gayle Waldman |
| 8/18 | 45 | Allen & Rhoda Clamen |
| | 45 | David & Janice Gerber |
| | 34 | Albert & April Hiller |
| | 38 | Ivan & Enid Knobler |
| | 20 | Yury & Elena Potylchansky |
| | 34 | David Steffen & Agnes Schonbrunn |
| 8/19 | 19 | Carl & Olga Bassewitz |
| | 35 | Marvin & Myrna Cohen |
| | 46 | Aaron & Pat Fradkin |
| | 35 | Stephen & Miriam Rosenbloom |
| | 13 | Mauricio & Danielle Schumer |
| | 24 | David & Jill Siller |
| 8/20 | 69 | Joseph & Anne Charendoff |
| | 30 | David & Charlene Joachim |
| | 8 | Gary & Arlene Lassin |
| | 30 | Mitchel & Diane Levy |
| | 19 | Rabbi Steven Morgen & Cantor Diane Dorf |
| | 30 | Joseph & Bernice Potvin |
| | 30 | Steve & Georga Rudoff |
| | 47 | Samuel & Barbara Sakowitz |
| 8/21 | 43 | Michael & Susan Bloome |
| | 9 | Ben & Jennifer Cowan |
| | 42 | Melvin & Shirley Kapell |
| | 47 | Bob & Judy Komorn |
| | 25 | Tom & Elissa Varadi |
| 8/22 | 54 | Seth & Thelma Harwood |
| | 9 | Micah & Jean Kessler |
| | 37 | Alan & Diane Levin |
| | 44 | Abram & Ellen Rosenberg |
| | 27 | Charles & Lea Weems |
| 8/23 | 41 | Jack & Ruth Alpert |
| | 38 | Abe & Sharon Charski |
| | 44 | Woody & Esther Fox |
| | 27 | Ben & Lori Herzog |
| | 21 | Matthew & Lisa Kornhauser |

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| | 55 | Stanley & Norma Siegel |
| | 44 | Edward & Brenda Yosowitz |
| 8/24 | 56 | Jacob & Miriam Lefkowitz |
| | 22 | Ronnie & Julie Stein |
| 8/25 | 6 | Don & Melanie Blake |
| | 51 | Alan & Marlene Finger |
| | 24 | Edward & Maryann Hoffer |
| | 17 | Isaac & Susana Johary |
| | 40 | Kenneth & Sandra Kopel |
| | 43 | Chaim & Lea Steinberg |
| 8/26 | 18 | Melvin & Susan Cweren |
| | 35 | Harold & Martine Levine |
| | 7 | Benjamin & Felicia Lewin |
| 8/27 | 8 | Geoff & Jeanette Bedine |
| | 26 | Sam & Anna Feinhandler |
| | 44 | Buddy & Lorraine Horwitz |
| 8/28 | 20 | Jonathan & Terry Gorosh |
| | 53 | Marvin & Shirley Rich |
| 8/29 | 24 | Andrew & Wendy Bernstein |
| | 43 | Benard & Ethel Nelkin |
| | 26 | H. Todd & Lori Roggen |
| 8/30 | 56 | Bernardo & List Fromer |
| | 27 | Ira & Miriam Winsten |
| 8/31 | 56 | Maurice & Inez Eskowitz |
| | 5 | Micah & Sarah Hirschfield |
| | 56 | Phillip & Edith Kligman |
| | 11 | Bryan & Eleonora Leibman |
| | 5 | Mikhail & Anna Lisin |
| | 56 | Harlan & Marjorie Stein |
| | 22 | Neil & Jill Wasserstrom |
| | 22 | Sheldon & Debra Weisfeld |
| | 5 | Segev & Amy Zadok |
| 9/1 | 34 | Sandy & Susan Baum |
| | 51 | Sam & Sandra Chaskin |
| | 40 | Sam & Elissa Dubinsky |
| | 40 | Michael & Ruzena Gordon |
| | 18 | Steven & Jackie Powers |
| | 51 | Bernard & Bernadean Rosenblatt |
| | 34 | Lionel & Marsha Schooler |
| | 17 | Jeff & Robyn Shkolnick |
| | 45 | Lawrence & Annette Sondock |
| | 12 | Scott & Judith Zivley |
| 9/2 | 1 | Geoffrey & Janice Berg |
| | 7 | Loren & Lynn Chorn |
| | 36 | Stuart & Myra Dobbs |
| | 24 | Joseph & Laura Freudenberger |
| | 36 | Elliot & Suzi Gerstenhaber |
| | 1 | Michael & Vicky Richker |
| | 18 | Harold & Celia Weinstein |
| | 36 | Martin & Denise Yudovich |
| 9/3 | 30 | Gordon & Linda Franklin |
| | 30 | Michael & Linda Friedberg |
| | 13 | Eric & Lauren Kugler |
| | 13 | Logan & Melissa Ratner |
| | 19 | Alan & Sandy Rubin |
| | 30 | Ned & Rochelle Stein |
| | 47 | Fred & Sue Teller |
| | 8 | Michael & Marla Weinstein |
| | 58 | Alvin & Marilyn Wexler |
| 9/4 | 25 | David & Lisa Aaronson |
| | 59 | Robert & Charlotte Abrahms |
| | 3 | Brian & Lori Abramson |
| | 15 | Norman & Melinda Berkman |
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| | 14 | Duane & Alysa Graves |
| | 59 | Isaac & Sarah Kleinman |
| | 3 | Marc Schecter & Becca Passman Schecter |
| | 25 | Frank & Anne Schlueter |
| | 14 | Stuart & Veronica Zisman |
| 9/5 | 4 | Martin Berson & Robin Nirken |
| | 15 | Eric & Lisa Cohen |
| | 60 | Sol & Seema Davis |
| | 9 | Allen & Jennifer Deutsch |
| | 4 | Aaron & Staci Pickelner |
| | 9 | Blake & Rachel Present |
| | 15 | Andy & Katherine Weiner |
| 9/6 | 21 | Michael & Susan Bono |
| | 48 | Harold & Sandra Fields |
| | 32 | Alan & Susan Hirshman |
| | 10 | Kenny & Sonya Johnson |
| | 10 | Stephen & Shari Kammerman |
| | 45 | Sherwin & Louise Kershman |
| | 27 | Lawrence & Jeanie Krim |
| | 26 | Richard & Marion Smith |
| | 36 | Allan & Julia Steinberg |
| | 49 | Jerome & Sylvia Wilkenfeld |

■ Mazal Tov

To **Lorraine Horwitz** on being elected President of Seven Acres.

■ Condolences

The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of --
Bracha (Brenda) Allon, Anna Asarch, Evelyn Berkman, Joe Berzak, Edythe Beychok, Bernard Coane, Shirley Epstein, Sarah Freilich, Jacob Goldberg, Stuart Goldfield, Goldie Halfant, Sylvia Kaufman, Sadie Leder, Goldie Levin, Fannie Rochkind, Sam Rosenzweig, Renee Rubenstein, David Schwartz, Sol Staller
May their memories be for a blessing.

Thank you from Rabbi Segal

Toby and I would like to thank all our friends and members who wrote personal letters to Raven Kazen, of the Victim's Services Division, in Austin requesting that parole NOT be granted to Richard Charles Robinson who shot our son Michael when he was a student at the University of Texas. We were informed this week that parole was DENIED.

However, we are quite positive that next year he will be up for parole again and I will be obliged to return to you and ask for your help by once more writing a letter.

Thanks again for being so helpful. We are deeply indebted to you.

Rabbi Jack Segal



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Shabbat Yachad



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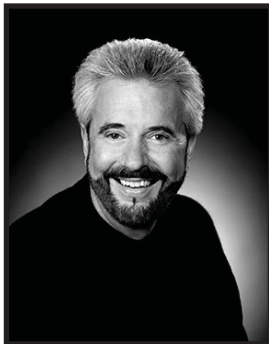
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