



# The MESSAGE

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### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

Candlelighting Time 6:55pm  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Parashat Nitzavim  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
9:30am Jr. Congregation  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
6:30pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 3

Candlelighting Time 6:46pm  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad  
6:45pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 4

Parashat Vayalech  
Shabbat Shuvah  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
10:00am Jr. Congregation  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
6:15pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10

Candlelighting Time 6:38pm  
6:00pm Shabbat Renewal  
6:15pm Shabbat Yachad  
6:30pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel

### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11

Parashat Ha'Azinu  
8:30am J.B. Greenfield Chapel  
9:15am Museum Minyan  
9:30am Sanctuary Service  
10:00am Jr. Congregation  
11:30am Weekly Torah Study  
6:15pm J.B. Greenfield Chapel



*As the High Holy Days begin,  
may the New Year bring  
happiness to your heart  
and peace to your soul.*

Rabbi David and Marcie Rosen  
Rabbi Steven Morgen and Cantor Diane Dorf  
Rabbi Brian and Lisa Strauss  
Rabbi Jack and Toby Segal  
Rabbi Danny Horwitz and Tobi Cooper  
Hazzan David and Karen Propis  
Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs and Kevin Jacobs  
President Stuart and Frida Wilson  
Executive Director Lu and Robin Dorfman  
Head of School Tom and Eden Elieff  
The Officers, Board and Staff of Congregation Beth Yeshurun



### New addition to The Message

You will find something new in this month's edition of The Message. We have created an all in one Beth Yeshurun calendar for you to reference all of the great happenings here at Beth Yeshurun. Look for the colorful pull out and be sure to keep it handy! For complete details and updated times, you can always reference our web site [WWW.BETHYESHURUN.ORG](http://WWW.BETHYESHURUN.ORG).

# WITH RABBI ROSEN

## *Deferred Maintenance*

**I**'m a big fan of Noah ben Shea, author of 18 wonderful books and a weekly email on life called "Noah's Window." Several years ago, he wrote a thoughtful column entitled "Deferred Maintenance," which I'd like to share with you this month. When I read it, I thought it would be a wonderful way to begin preparing ourselves for the High Holidays. I'm happy to reprint it here with Noah ben Shea's permission.



Whether we're young, or old, or getting older we've all got to deal with deferred maintenance. We've all got stuff we need to do and haven't done. We've all got stuff we said we would do, crossed our hearts,

promised under a summer moon, and still have not done, and summer turns to fall. Promises deferred promise to haunt us in any season of our lives.

Deferred maintenance for some is mowing the lawn, and for some it is cutting out cigarettes. For some it is washing the car, and for some it is scrubbing away an old attitude. For some it is finding something that has been lost, and for some it is losing an old grudge. For some it is dealing with a stack of bills, and for all of us it's about time we dealt with ourselves. We can blame circumstances and others for what we haven't done but most of us eventually have to look at why we did what we haven't done.

To maintain takes day to day maintenance. Day in and day out. We may have the best of intentions about deferred maintenance, but events, ranging from the best to the worst in life, are seldom deferred by our intentions. What we put off is sometimes put right on top of us. What we ignore doesn't necessarily ignore us.

Crisis crosses all of our paths. Sometimes we get no warning. Sometimes we ignore all the warnings. A man wakes up for years with hair on his pillow and then one morning is

surprised to wake up bald. A great deal that surprises us is no surprise. Defer what you need to deal with emotionally, intellectually, physically, financially or spiritually and eventually you don't have maintenance, you have a mess. There are some things in life that finally getting around to on a Sunday afternoon can't fix. Some stuff broken for too long is going to stay broke.

Maintenance is just that. Maintenance is different from a make over. Maintenance is not about transforming yourself but dealing with the day to day which is already transforming. Because we decide to defer dealing with things doesn't mean things are going to be patient with us. Life stuff doesn't stand still. It runs away from us, toward us, or over us. Life is dynamic, and change is the only constant. Defer the lube job on your Chevy, your fears, your plans, your heart, or your hopes for too long and it's too bad, too late.

Defer dealing with love, lovers, and how you love and the question isn't what you will learn but how much it will hurt when you do. If we defer maintenance in our relationships, whether it's parenting or passion, what we don't do has already done something. People fall in love every day and

fall out of love day after day. We're all ready to buy into love but less of us are ready to give it the day to day maintenance love requires. If we're smart we'll work at love. Love isn't only about intentions but attention.

Promises we break can break our spirit. Maintenance deferred can be a source of depression. Where we want to go and don't, what we know we need to do, promise we will do and don't can be two

steps backward.

Take a moment to watch the shades of sky. Take a moment to enjoy a stranger's passing smile. Take a moment to cool down when things heat up. Take a moment to hold on and take a moment to let go. Take a moment to make something that doesn't matter, matter more. Take a moment to listen when someone tells you that you matter. Don't defer living and loving. Life is over in a moment and every moment needs maintenance.



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# WITH LU DORFMAN

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## *Hurricane Ike Update*

**T**he completion and publication of this issue of *The Message* was delayed by Hurricane Ike. By the time you receive this, we will be in the middle of the Yamim Norim, between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Many of you are aware of the damages to the synagogue by the hurricane, and many of you are not. Let me summarize them for you here. Let me also let you know that we recently had renewed our property insurance and are sufficiently covered.



Depending upon your definition, the building sustained light to moderate damages, certainly not heavy, and there is no structural damage. As I write this, most of the damages

have been repaired, and what remains is only cosmetic and does not affect our ability to provide a safe and comfortable setting for our congregants, students and visitors for religious services, school and other events and activities. Although we initially had to close the building and cancel some events, we were open for business one week after the hurricane and are now on "full schedule."

Hurricane Ike hit us on Friday night, Sep. 12. As you did at home, we lost power sometime during the storm. Inspection teams toured the synagogue and school immediately, beginning Saturday afternoon, Sep. 13. At that time and over the next 2 to 3 days we observed numerous roof leaks, water intrusion through most of our exterior doors, ceiling damage, wet/damp carpets (mostly damp), some gutter and flashing damage, two sections of broken stained-glass, outside debris and some damaged/missing signs (traffic and directional signs). Power was restored on Monday morning, Sep. 15, one of the earliest in the city. This was critical to our being able to make repairs promptly and prepare the building for services, school and other operations.

Most of the damages were roof leaks and resulting ceiling damage. The roof leaks have all been repaired. The worst leaks were in the school, over the Music Room and Library. Although there were three areas that leaked in the Library, all of the books were saved by the foresight of our Librarian Monica Woolf to cover the stacks with plastic. Because we had power, we were able to dry out all of the carpets, except the Music Room. The carpet in the Music Room was

destroyed and had to be ripped up and thrown out. It has not been replaced yet; we are waiting for adequate replacement carpeting. We got our computer and telephone systems restored within a week.

We know that some of you have had power restored at home by now, and some of you have not had power restored. We know that some of your homes had structural damage, but we are not aware of any serious injuries, thank G-d. Some of you are living in hotels or with friends. We know that most of you who got power back early, or who had generators, assisted your neighbors and friends and invited them to your homes to share meals and cooler temperatures. Since we had power and all services at the synagogue, we helped our neighbors, too, hosting the JCC Bertha Alyce Preschool and individual congregants who needed electricity to charge cell phones, or just get into some air conditioning and out of the heat. We offered some of our limited space to other organizations who, for various reasons, went elsewhere.

I want to publicly thank our staff members who returned to work within days, many on the first Monday, even though they had issues at home to deal with, just like you did. They put the building back together, made it ready for Rosh Hashanah, and kept the office operating, doing regular business plus assisting you with High Holy Days needs. By name, alphabetically, they are:

Victor Bermudez, Julie Bernfeld, George Bruno, Jerrod Byrd, Jean Walner Cameau, Amparo Collazo, Valeria Collazo, Jude Coris, Clemente Dautin, Rios Dupiche, Sultamene Dupiche, Sandra Flores, Tammy Friedman, Cesar Garza, Norma Gonzales, Diane Gordon, Immacula Guerrier, John Houston, Bruce Jackson, Cornelius Jackson, Sheila Jackson, Diane Larsen, Cristino Lazo, Earnest Lewis, Carl Newman, Hilary Nitsun, Alexandra Olmedo, Eileen Pettigrew, Mary Lou Robinson, Gayle Schnurr, Kaysone Sengvong, Ruth Skinner, Janice Spencer, Tonya Steagall, Lester Sternberg, Charlton Thomas-Townsend, Lisa Unsell, Antoinette Vixamar, Sharon Wilton and Monica Woolf. Please thank them personally when you see them.

Life has gone on. Happily, babies were born, and brit milahs were held. Sadly, friends have died and been buried. We also thank G-d at this time for sparing us from worse damage and protecting us from harm. L'Shana Tova. May G-d seal you in the Book of Life and grant you a year of blessing and peace.

*Lu Dorfman*

### ■ Ben Adam L'Chaveiro Fair

On Sunday, Oct. 5, United Orthodox Synagogues will host a *Ben Adam Lechaveiro* fair in conjunction with Congregation Beth Yeshurun and other local synagogues and organizations. The goal of the fair is to raise awareness for various social justice causes and to promote community togetherness. The words *Ben Adam Lechaveiro* mean 'between thy fellow man' in Hebrew, and represent the idea of doing good for others.

Causes that will be represented at the fair include: Gulf Coast Regional Blood Center Blood Drive, Domestic Abuse Awareness, Halachik Organ Donation, City of Sderot (a city in Israel that has been bombarded with kassam rockets sent from the Palestinian controlled Gaza Strip), Houston Jewish Connections (a new social initiative to connect Jewish singles), JobKatif (an organization that

helps displaced Israelis find employment), Letters of Israeli and US troops, Canned Food Drive and Sandwich Making for a homeless shelter.

According to tradition, Yom Kippur is the day that G-d sits in judgment of mankind, and therefore during the days and weeks preceding Yom Kippur it is customary to engage in charitable activities to invoke the mercy of G-d for mankind.

Admission "fee" to the fair is either a donation of two canned foods, blood donation or donation to one of the represented charities. All participants will receive a free lunch, and there will be fun activities for the children. The fair will be on Sunday, Oct. 5, from 11:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at 9001 Greenwillow, Houston. If you would like more information, or to schedule an interview, please contact United Orthodox Synagogues at [RABBIDAVIS@UOSH.ORG](mailto:RABBIDAVIS@UOSH.ORG) or (713) 723-3850.

# CELEBRATE

**WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2008**

**Congregational Sukkot Dinner 6:00 PM**

Open to the entire Congregation

Bring a dairy meal for you and your family and we'll provide the drinks and desserts for everyone. There will be arts and crafts for the children!

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2008**

**Young Adults Dinner in the Sukkah 6:00 PM**

Drinks, Dinner and Live Music

**Free of Charge**

Open to all YOUNG ADULTS without children

RSVP to [tfriedman@bethyeshurun.org](mailto:tfriedman@bethyeshurun.org) by

Monday, October 6th

Questions? Contact Rabbi Strauss or  
Tammy Friedman (713) 666-1881

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2008**

**Young Families Annual Sukkot Pot-Luck Dinner**

**6:00 PM Beth Yeshurun Sukkah**

Bring your favorite vegetarian or dairy dish to share, we'll provide drinks and desserts.

RSVP to [bwigder@bethyeshurun.org](mailto:bwigder@bethyeshurun.org) by  
Monday, October 13 and let her know  
what you will be bringing.

Questions? Contact Rabbi Strauss or  
Bianca Wigder, Family Life Coordinator



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It's the  
Best Little  
**SIMHAT  
TORAH**  
in Houston!

*(and it's at Beth Yeshurun!)*

TUESDAY NIGHT, OCT. 21, 7 P.M.

Dance around the Barg Sanctuary to the music of

**The Beth Yeshurun  
Klezmer Band**

Bring one bag (per family) filled with approximately  
100 individually-wrapped pieces of candy to be distributed  
during the Hakafof (processions).

We'll provide flags, music, desserts and dancing!

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WEDNESDAY MORNING, OCT. 22, 8:30 A.M.

The celebration continues Wednesday morning  
with a combined Sanctuary/Chapel/Museum Minyan service  
with Hazzan Propis and all our Rabbis—and you!

# FAMILY ALBUM

## ■ Anniversaries

9/21 62 George & Lillian Wernick  
 9/24 41 Allen & Linda Rosenzweig  
 9/28 32 Jacob & Judith Crisman  
 51 Saoul & Alexandra Ryvlin  
 11 Simon & Audrey Wachsberg  
 9/30 23 Mikhail & Irina Digilov  
 43 Marcel & Muriel Meicler  
 13 Scott & Joy Plantowsky  
 48 Shaya & Betya Trakhtman  
 10/1 20 Shimon & Linda Atzil  
 10/2 25 Alan & Pamela Reingold  
 10/3 39 Leonid & Talina Zilberfayn  
 10/4 44 Gerson & Marie Cweren  
 58 Jack & Germaine Lalouf

10/5 33 Steven & Eileen Lee  
 28 David & Karen Wolf  
 10/7 29 Jeffrey & Kathryn Brown  
 1 Ryan & Hydee Kagan  
 52 Gerald & Elaine Kisluk  
 13 Marc & Fara Koren  
 17 Myron & Suzanne Rosenberg  
 10/8 58 Morris & Ann Blum  
 14 Paul Horwitz & Denise Rashti  
 2 James & Ronit Mele  
 40 Floyd & Kochana Nichols  
 42 Julius & June Sadowsky  
 10/10 59 Schmul & Liya Feldman  
 15 Ronnie & Cynthia Mark  
 9 Max & Rae Uzick

## ■ Mazal Tov

To **Cantor Francyne Davis Jacobs** and her husband, **Kevin Jacobs**, on the birth of their daughter Halle Rebekah.

To **Cantor Marshall Kapell** on being chosen the Best Cantor in the Greater Washington, DC, area.

To **Paula Pozmantier** on receiving the Eleanor Roosevelt Award from the National Jewish Democratic Council.

## ■ Condolences

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

Hilmer Frank, Murray Getz, Malka Lamdan, Ethel Richter, Sidney Slavin

*May their memories be for a blessing.*

## Rabbi Rosen Wants to Write Your College Student!

*Help me correspond with your child (or grandchild), wherever he or she is studying. I also want to send my special holiday packages! My list is rebuilt from scratch every year, so you must send me a new card for your student to be included this year. **Most of my communications are via email, so be sure the email address is clearly written.** Thanks!*

*Rabbi David Rosen*

FIRST STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND STUDENT'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL \_\_\_\_\_

MAILING ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_ @ \_\_\_\_\_

Name and phone number of person we can contact if we have a question: \_\_\_\_\_

## ■ Keep our seniors "connected"

Dear Congregants,

As you may know, the FCC has mandated that all television broadcasters be converted to a digital signal by Feb. 2009. The majority of viewers in our city have cable or satellite service and will not be affected. However, there are many, many of our senior citizens who still use analog televisions and antennas, and may not be aware of the FCC mandate and what it means to them.

To that end, I am requesting that members of our community assist by registering online for the Federal DTV coupon program. Each of us can apply for two certificates, free of charge. Please do this immediately. When you receive yours, bring them to the synagogue and put them into the DTV Box that will be located in the reception area. This is a time-bound project - the coupons have expiration dates so it is very important that you apply TODAY for your certificates and then bring them to the synagogue as soon as you receive them.

The goal of this collaborative project is to collect as many as 4,000 coupons. HEB has agreed to accept the coupons in trade, which means that there will be no cost to the seniors or any organization. Once the coupons have been collected volunteers will install them in the seniors' homes. Please apply online at [www.dtv2009.gov](http://www.dtv2009.gov), or 1-888-DTV-2009 or download an application and fax it to 1-877-DTV-4ME2 or mail it to P.O. Box 2000, Portland, OR 97208. If you are interested in bringing the boxes to senior's homes and installing them, you can register online with Volunteer Houston who is coordinating this effort, by clicking on their Digital TV Senior Initiative link.

With your help I know we can provide a valuable service and keep our seniors connected to their world.

Sincerely,

*Rabbi David Rosen*

# Akiba Class Schedule Fall 2008



## SUNDAYS

**1<sup>st</sup> Term:** October 19, 26 November 2, 9, 16, 23 December 7, 14, 21

*\*Invitation to Judaism also meets Sept. 7, 14, 21, Oct. 12, Mar. 8, Apr. 12*

*\*Beginning Hebrew also meets Sept. 7, 14, 28, Oct. 12, Mar. 8, Apr. 12*

*\*Adult B'nei Mitzvah Hebrew also meets Sept. 7, 14, 28*

Class	Instructor	Location
9:00 – 10:00 <b>Invitation to Judaism</b>	Morgen	Stein East
10:00 – 11:00 <b>A Rabbi Looks at Jesus</b>	Rabbi Rosen	Stein East
<b>Nuts &amp; Bolts II</b>	Rabbi Strauss	Zubowski A
<b>Beginning Hebrew</b>	Cantor Dorf	Zubowski B
<b>Understanding God's Creation</b>	Rabbi Horwitz	Board Room
11:00 – 12:00 <b>Adult B'nei Mitzvah Hebrew</b>	Cantor Dorf	Zubowski A
<b>Discovering the Power of Prayer</b>	Rabbi Horwitz	Stein East
<b>Recipe for Holiness</b>	Rabbi Nimchinsky	Zubowski B

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS FOR CLASSES:

**Invitation to Judaism with Rabbi Morgen:** This is a yearlong course geared especially for those thinking about conversion to Judaism. Major beliefs, holidays, life cycle and other practices will be discussed.

### **A Rabbi Looks at Jesus with Rabbi Rosen**

**Nuts & Bolts II with Rabbi Strauss:** Reconstruct your understanding of Judaism. This is the second year of a two-year course which will survey Jewish beliefs, holidays and life-cycle events. It is designed to enrich your understanding of the Jewish way of life and thought. It will also serve as the second year of the Adult B'Nei Mitzvah program.

**Beginning Hebrew with Cantor Dorf:** Hebrew for the absolute beginner. Learn to recognize and read the alphabet, develop fluency in reading and jump into reading of Hebrew prayers in the Siddur.

**Understanding God's Creation with Rabbi Horwitz:** Explore how our sages interpreted the Book of Genesis using the text Bereshit Rabbah. Copies will be available at the first session.

**Adult BM Hebrew with Cantor Dorf:** For those participating in the Adult B'Nai Mitzvah program, this course will teach you how to lead the prayers for Shabbat morning and to read your Torah and Haftarah portions.

**Discovering the Power of Prayer with Rabbi Horwitz:** Uncover the deeper meanings of the prayers we recite on Shabbat and weekdays. In addition, by learning a very small vocabulary of Hebrew words and a pinch of grammar, students will suddenly find that the Hebrew of the prayerbook has come alive with meaning. **Course fee \$25 includes required text:** *Prayerbook Hebrew the Easy Way.*

**Recipe for Holiness with Rabbi Nimchinsky:** In this engaging class, Rabbi Nimchinsky will examine the holiness code of Leviticus through the lens of several classical commentaries.

# AROUND THE SYNAGOGUE

## ■ Attention Sisterhood members



*Sisterhood's Advisory Board assembling care packages for Jewish soldiers serving in Iraq: seated (l-r) Janice Goldstein, Barbara Golub and Sheila Franklin; standing (l-r) Helen Brounes and Evelyn Schorr*

Your Sisterhood has been hard at work. Thanks to the time and effort of Sheila Franklin and the Advisory Board of Sisterhood, holiday care packages were sent out to Jewish soldiers serving in Iraq. This first mailing had a Rosh Hashanah theme and was filled with bags of dried apples and nuts, kosher salamis, travelers' prayers and Shanah Tovah cards from Sisterhood and our Rabbis. This project was inspired by Rabbi Segal and co-funded by Rabbi David Rosen, Rabbi Steven Morgen, Rabbi Brian Strauss, Rabbi Jack Segal and Hazzan David Propis, as well as generous donations of nuts and apples by Houston Pecan Company's Leon, Shirley and Tobi Cooper. This is now an ongoing project of our Sisterhood and we plan on Hanukkah and Passover mailings later in the year. To donate to this project, or help out, please contact Sheila Franklin at [KNIPESHEILA@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:KNIPESHEILA@SBCGLOBAL.NET) or (832) 754-9906.

Dec. 16, 2008, is the date for the Sisterhood Scholar-in-Residence program and luncheon. Part of the program will be honoring Sisterhood members that volunteer at hospitals. We want to take this opportunity to recognize you for the wonderful mitzvahs you perform. If you are one of these special ladies, please let us know. You can e-mail Dianna Dushkin at [DIANNARD@SBCGLOBAL.NET](mailto:DIANNARD@SBCGLOBAL.NET) or Hedy Spiegel at [HEDY1234@AOL.COM](mailto:HEDY1234@AOL.COM) or call Hedy at (713) 461-9172. We need your name, the hospital where you volunteer and how long you have been a volunteer. Please contact us by Nov. 10, 2008. We look forward to hearing from every hospital volunteer.

Our new member event was cancelled because of Hurricane Ike. Bonnie Winograd and Wendy Gold are rescheduling the event and will set a new date.

We look forward to seeing all Sisterhood members at our next function Nov. 11 – Torah Fund. Be looking for your invitation in the mail soon.

## ■ Visit the museum during High Holy Days



*Museum central displays*

During this season of High Holy Days, spend some time with the artifacts of your Jewish heritage. Although many of our displays are permanent, we are often making small changes or even switching items entirely! Daniel Musher has been working diligently to update the information that explains our pieces. Both he and Sidney Aron have created displays to interest and inform our congregants and visitors, while Myrna Rudolph and Jerry Kaplan, along with other volunteers, have worked hard to keep all of our silver items polished to look their best. When you are taking a break from services this year, the Museum Committee invites you to spend some time exploring your past.

## ■ Spotlight on Congregation Shearith Israel

On Apr. 27, 2002, the last religious service was held at Congregation Shearith Israel in Wharton, TX. In consideration of a gift to Congregation Beth Yeshurun, the members of Shearith Israel became members



*Congregation Shearith Israel in the Heritage Room*

of Beth Yeshurun and Shearith Israel's history became a part of Beth Yeshurun's history. A section of the Heritage room has been dedicated to preserving the story of the life of Shearith Israel and the Wharton Jewish Community. Come learn about the first Jewish families in the area, the establishment of the synagogue and its life cycle including its declaration as a historical building. The Heritage room is open to all visitors during synagogue hours.

## ■ Lulav and Etrog for sale

The synagogue is again making available lulav and etrog sets to be used in celebration of Sukkot at shul and home. All sets are kosher and cost \$50. Sets must be ordered in advance by contacting Sharon at (713) 666-1881, ext. 373, or [SWILTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG](mailto:SWILTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG).

**Orders must be placed by  
Friday, Oct. 3!**



# YOM KIPPUR MINHAH TEEN SPEAKERS

This year, Beth Yeshurun was very proud to host the following Teen Speakers at the Yom Kippur Minhah Service:

- Ryan Berdinis - son of Steve and Susan Berdinis
- Ben Rice - son of Joe and Laura Rice
- Cara Rosenthal - daughter of Stewart and Louise Rosenthal

Eric Berdinis, 17, is a senior at St. Johns School where he has been attending classes since the 6th grade. A graduate of Beth Yeshurun Day School, he has remained close to the synagogue through its Hebrew School, Hillel High School, and through service to the community. In 2005, he and his friend Ben Rice founded Count Me In, a community service project designed to help families during the Hanukkah season, which was incorporated as a non-profit in 2006. Eric and Ben spoke about their summer experience attending an initiation program of Camp Ramah in the Rockies.



Ryan Berdinis

Ben Rice, a senior at St. Johns school, has been attending Beth Yeshurun schools since Mother's Day Out. He has become very involved in BBYO as both a regional and chapter board officer, but perhaps the biggest amount of his time is devoted to the non-profit he co-founded called Count Me In, the Houston-wide Hanukkah gift drive. This summer, he spent five days at Camp Ramah in the Rockies at a seminar where he learned about all of the opportunities and possibilities that the program can offer to members of the American Conservative movement.

Cara Yetta Rosenthal is the daughter of Stewart and Louise Rosenthal. She is the sister of Michael and her twin sister, Jaelyn. Cara is a graduate of the William S. Malev Day School and Emery Weiner Middle School and is a senior student in Beth Yeshurun's



Cara Rosenthal

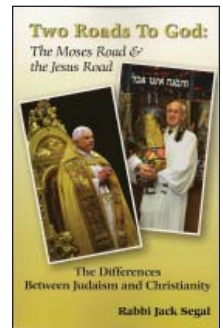
Hillel High School. She is highly active in BBYO, including past n'siah (president) of BBG #63 chapter. Cara is the current sweetheart for Shapiro AZA. Cara is a senior honor student at Bellaire Senior High School where she is a senior writer for the school's newspaper and a 3 year varsity lacrosse player. Cara plans to attend college next year and hopes to pursue a career in secondary education.

We wish to acknowledge these wonderful students who are helping us to understand how the next generation of leaders are being formed and informed.

Thank you Ryan, Ben and Cara!

## ■ Rabbi Segal publishes *Two Roads To God*

*Two Roads To God: The Moses Road & The Jesus Road, The Differences Between Judaism and Christianity* discusses the differences in: The definition of God; Are we responsible for the sins of our ancestors; Which is more important...creed or deed; Does God require blood for forgiveness; Are evil thoughts the same as evil deeds; Must a religious person always forgive someone who has hurt them; Is there such a thing as heaven or hell, life after life; What, or who, is the Messiah?; Attitude toward sex; Embryonic Stem Cell Research, etc. Order a book for \$25 by contacting Rabbi Segal at: 4039 Falkirk, Houston, TX 77025, (713) 664-9989 or RABSEGAL@AOL.COM. You may also order from the Gift Shop (713) 666-1881.



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# MORE HIGH HOLY DAYS INFO

## ■ High Holy Days greeters needed

High Holy Days greeters are needed for Erev Rosh Hashanah, Rosh Hashanah (1st day), Early Kol Nidre, Late Kol Nidre and Yom Kippur Day services. Greeters welcome members and guests and also help our Security Officers identify those who may not belong at our services. Each greeter will work one 90 minute slot beginning one hour before a service. There will be one 15 minute training session. Please email your name, phone number and the service you can work to [SECURITY@BETHYESHURUN.ORG](mailto:SECURITY@BETHYESHURUN.ORG) or call Sharon Wilton at (713) 666-1881.

## ■ Please consider donating your time to . . .



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



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

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



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

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

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

## ■ Operation Isaiah



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

## ■ Thank you to our HHD ticket stuffers



Beth Yeshurun sends a millions thanks to our 2008 High Holy Days ticket stuffing team! These special congregants save the synagogue staff many hours (and probably days) of work by volunteering to take on this huge task. This year, there were even more envelopes to stuff as each ticket was mailed separately. It is hoped this change will cut down on possible errors in mailing.

The 2008 team, shown above (l-r), consisted of Michael Richker, Vicky Richker, Hedy Spiegel, Barbara Piller, Margie Cohen, Abner Morris, Dave Kaminsky, Nancy Israel, Susan Penn, Doris Kalmans, Bennett (Buddy) Kalmans, Lester Rosen, Toby Rosen, Beverly Bloom and Harry Bloom. Not shown: Susan Piller.

Yasher Koach, team!

## ■ Kost High Holy Day teleconference times

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

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

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

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

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

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

All transmissions will be from the Barg Sanctuary.

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

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



# 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

### **1<sup>ST</sup> 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.

### **1<sup>ST</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	

### **2<sup>ND</sup> NIGHT ROSH HASHANAH – Tues, Sep 30**

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

### **2<sup>ND</sup> 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 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> - 3 <sup>rd</sup> )	
Mincha/Neila (Barg)	4:00 p.m.
Mincha (Chapel)	4:45 pm

### **Final Blast of the Shofar**

**7:40 p.m.**

*Want family members who belong to other area synagogues at BY for the High Holy Days?*

*- Consider a Dual Membership*

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

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

**COME SHOP 'TILL YOU DROP**

**Have lunch, too!**

**Beth Yeshurun PTO Holiday Bazaar**

needs you

**Wednesday, November 5, 2008**

**Pulaski-Rauch Auditorium**

**8am-6pm**

We've got all your holiday needs right here!

Bring a friend and come help support  
the Schools of Beth Yeshurun

Don't forget to try your luck at the great PTO Raffle. Raffle items are donated by the vendors, as well as; Bath Junkie, Dave and Buster's, Main Street Theater, Kenny and Ziggy's, The Oceanaire, The Houston Museum of Natural Science, Flip N Out, Kroger, California Pizza Kitchen, Mad Potter and many more!

Cash and Checks only

Lunch and Snack also available for purchase

Security Procedures will be enforced and bags may be subject to search.

For more information or to reserve a booth contact Beth Yeshurun Day School at (713) 666-1884.



**Beth Yeshurun  
Affaire Extravaganza**

Pulaski Rauch Auditorium

Tuesday, October 28

7 - 10 p.m.

Over 25 vendors provide expertise for  
all your Simchas

Weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvah,  
Bris/Baby Namings, Anniversaries,  
Birthdays, Retirements

Plus Beth Yeshurun Catering Samples!

**Junior** congregation

**Sukkot Service**  
9:30-11:00 AM  
Tuesday  
October 14th

**Simchat Torah Service**  
8:30-10:30 AM  
Wednesday  
October 22nd

Looking for something special to do when the kids are out of school?

Join Rabbi Steven Morgen, Rabbi Brian Strauss and Cantor Diane Dorf  
for two very special Junior Congregation events!

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

Sep 21-26: Sun 8am, Mon-Fri 6:45am, Sun-Thu 7pm

Sep 28-Oct 3: Sun 8am, Mon, Thu-Fri 6:45am, Tue-Wed 8:30am, Sun, Thu 6:45pm, Mon 6pm, Tue-Wed 7pm

Oct 5-10: Sun 8am, Mon-Wed 6:45am, Fri 7am, Sun-Tue 6:45pm (Please see inside for High Holy Day times)

**Upcoming Message Deadlines:**

Oct 6 for the Oct 26 issue

Oct 20 for the Nov 9 issue

Nov 3 for the Nov 23 issue