

# HaShomer

AUGUST 2019

Congregation Beth Shalom

TAMMUZ/AV 5779

## Schedule of Services

August 2019

Tammuz/Av 5779

Friday, August 2, 7:30 pm

Led by **Dina Lindell**

Saturday, August 3, 10:00 am

Shabbat Service

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Matot-Masei

Friday, August 9, 7:30 pm

Led by **Barry Goldfarb**

Saturday, August 10, 10:00 am

Shabbat Service

Led by **Ken Licker** and **Judy Pelusi**

Torah: Devarim

Friday, August 16, 7:30 pm

Led by **Martine Thomas**

Saturday, August 17, 10:00 am

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Vaetchanan

Friday, August 23, 7:30 pm

Led by **Stephanie Posner**

Saturday, August 24, 10:00 am

Shabbat Service

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: E'kev

Friday, August 30, 7:30 pm

Led by **Bob Burns**

Saturday, August 31, 10:00 am

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Re'eh



## Torah Study

Monday mornings at  
10:30 a.m. at the home  
of Marian Feld, 1411  
Glasgow Drive, Arlington  
(817-465-9507).

Food will be collectively  
offered and shared by all.

RSVP to Marian at:  
[marianfeld@gmail.com](mailto:marianfeld@gmail.com)

## My Two Shekels

*I am looking forward to celebrating my 10 years with Congregation Beth Shalom in just a few weeks. I can't believe how fast this decade has gone, and how much has happened, both in my own life and within this congregation! I'll be sharing my thoughts with you on that next month when we come together again for the High Holy Days. In the meantime, I wanted to share with you this blast from the past: my very first HaShomer Article, written 10 years ago this month. Enjoy!*



Our children were very young when we moved to Texas 16 years ago. Our youngest was six months, and our oldest was beginning kindergarten at the Fort Worth Hebrew Day School.

I remember waking up in our new home that first morning, going outside to get the paper on what was probably a 100 degree day, and thinking, "What are we doing here?" My husband is a native New Yorker, I'm a Chicagoan, and we had lived the last eight years of our lives in Los Angeles.

There was only one bagel place here at that time, and the men painting our house told us they didn't even know what a bagel was. I had three children under the age of six, no family here, and no decent bagels. How would we survive?

Much has changed over the past 16 years. Our youngest will be a Senior in high school, and our oldest will be graduating college. The Fort Worth Hebrew Day School no longer exists, but I can finally find decent bagels (although I no longer eat them, because now that I'm 16 years older, I've got to watch my carb intake.)

And professionally, I am beginning a new chapter in my life, as I move ever closer to earning the title of Cantor, and stepping up on the Bimah in August to lead you in prayer. And although this marks another new chapter in the life of Congregation Beth Shalom, I feel that I'm just another link in the chain of its history, because although I'm a new face to many of you, I also have a 16 year history with Beth Shalom.

I have been privileged to have had a unique relationship with each of your former Rabbis. **Rabbi Stern** helped me co-lead a service I developed many years ago called Minyan Mishpacha This was a travelling family service that rotated between our three area synagogues on a monthly basis. In fact, back in December of 1996, the Star-Telegram did a full page article on the service, complete with a large picture of Rabbi Stern holding up the Torah, with about 100 children and adults watching in awe.

When **Rabbi Kaye** and his family came to town, we became fast friends. Our children all attended the day school together, and we were in the same Havurah. When they left, their oldest son Ilan flew down for our son Jeremy's Bar Mitzvah.

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## From the President

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer and sharing some of your time with us at CBS. We started the summer with an AMAZING Gala! It was so wonderful dressing up and spending time with friends.

I was beaten out of every auction item I bid on, but it didn't deter from the festiveness of the evening. And we exceeded our financial expectations, so thank you to all for participating. And a special thank you to **Lani Gordon, Stephanie Posner**, and their committee for putting on another absolutely special event.

We finished June with a very special Shabbat service featuring Arlington Police Chief **Will Johnson**. I could tell from his first "Hello" that he cares about our community and will do everything in his power to keep us safe. He stressed the importance of building relationships with our neighbors so we all keep an eye out for each other. Physical security can only take us so far. This is something that our Security Committee will discuss and determine if there is any outreach we can do in the future.

We are light on activities for the remainder of the summer months, but that doesn't mean the office and your Board aren't busy. June 30 marked the end of the fiscal year. Although we are still in good financial health, we did not meet all of our financial goals. One of the ways we achieve these goals is by our members support through their fair share commitment. If you have not been able to complete your fair share payments for the 2018-19 fiscal year, it's not too late. You can make payments online or contact Thressa to make arrangements.

And if you have not submitted your fair share renewal forms yet for the 2019-20 fiscal year, please do so soon. Please consider increasing your fair share amount this year, if you are able. Also consider making your monthly payments through an automatic credit card payment. Well... it's not technically an automated payment (yet), but the office can process your credit card payment monthly, if noted to do so on your fair share form. Regardless of your fair share amount or payment method, we are happy that you continue being a member of our CBS family.

Ben and Thressa are extra busy this summer migrating our current Account Management tool from ShulSuite to ShulCloud, which will offer us more features to help support you better. The new software will allow for those automated payments I mention in the previous paragraph (that's the "yet" part) and we will be able to make improvements to our Website. Your feedback as we make these updates is appreciated, so we can make our Website valuable for our members.

We end the summer with another special event – celebrating Cantor Allen's 10th anniversary with CBS on Sunday, August 18th. How blessed we are to have Cantor with us all these years. She has taught our children to be the best they

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## The Ritual Life

This summer has been a busy time for the Ritual Committee. Thanks to the foresight and subsequent approval of your board, we signed a five-year agreement with Sofer on Site to maintain the Kashrut status of our most important and valuable asset; our three Torah scrolls.

You may recall that this is the company that initially koshered our scrolls in February 2016. In the image below, you will note **Rabbi Menachem Bialo** carefully inspecting one of our scrolls while on our campus June 5th. The fact that this occurred just a few days before Shavuot made this process that much more meaningful to me.



As I am writing this article in early July, I am hopeful that the promised improvements to Gan Shalom have been addressed and the lack of drainage issues that previously existed, are no more. You will recall receiving an email letter (also in early July) laying out the action plan and timeline for these improvements to occur. Below you will note the entrance to our section, now landscaped with edging and crushed granite with the shrubbery neatly trimmed.

The Ritual Committee recently met to designate honors for the upcoming High Holy Days. Please be on the lookout soon for an email letter if you received an honor, responding promptly if you can accept, or allowing enough time to find a replacement if not.

Services continue every Shabbat thanks to the continued efforts and dedication of our lay leaders. I wish to thank **Barry Goldfarb, Martine Thomas, Stephanie Posner, Bob Burns, Janet Aaronson, Cookie Kabakoff, Dina Lindell, Ken Licker, Judy Pelusi** and yours truly for not skipping a beat during our Cantor's sabbatical. This would not be possible without their commitment!

Finally, I hope that you will join our community in showing our appreciation for Cantor Allen's 10 years of service to Beth Shalom, by attending the luncheon in her honor Sunday August 18th and by placing a congratulatory message in the Tribute Book.

We are a more Torah-true congregation because of our Cantor's teachings, guidance, inter-faith efforts and moral compass. Borrowing a line from President Sudbury, "Congregation Beth Shalom is the little engine that could", in large part because of Cantor Allen directing our train.

— **Stuart Snow**  
**Ritual Committee Chair**



## Sisterhood

Sisterhood welcomed their 2019-2020 board with an installation ceremony and elegant brunch at the Sanford House. The event was arranged by Leslie Schulman.

### The 2019-2020 Sisterhood board is:

President - **Dorit Mikulencak**  
 VP Fundraising - **Lisa Rein** and  
**Lynda Friedensohn-Feinberg**  
 VP Social Action - **Joyce Atkens**  
 VP Membership - **Cathy Frisinger** and  
**Yael Sasley**  
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**Laura Slayton**  
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 Corresponding Secretary - **Christine Posnock**  
 Treasurer/Financial Secretary - **Stephanie Posner**  
 Parliamentarian - **Rochelle Bekerman**  
 District Liason - **Dina Lindell**

Sisterhood supports Congregation Beth Shalom in multiple ways, including Saturday onegs, High Holy Day meals, and direct financial support for Beth Shalom. Last year, sisterhood paid for a new microwave, a new copier machine, and generously supported the Gala and Camp Impact.

In addition to supporting CBS, sisterhood provides numerous social opportunities for members, and conducts social action projects in the local community and beyond.

We urge all women who are members of Congregation Beth Shalom to join Sisterhood. We have fun, and you don't want to miss out!

Membership forms will be mailed out soon. Please send your completed form and check to: Cathy Frisinger, 5615 Hunterwood Lane, Arlington, TX 76016.

— **Cathy Frisinger**  
*CBS Sisterhood*

## From the President

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can be, and she has taught all of us that Judaism and social action go hand-in-hand. Although I know **Richard Allen** is thinking about retiring, I hope Cantor isn't thinking of the same! Cantor Allen – we appreciate all you do. You and your family will always have a home at CBS.

As always, please don't hesitate to contact me at [president@bethshalom.org](mailto:president@bethshalom.org) if you have any questions or suggestions. Have a great month!

— **Pam Sudbury**  
*President, Congregation Beth Shalom*

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 or by appointment - Contact the  
 CBS office: 817-860-5448

## Religious School

It's time to get ready for school!

Happy words for adults and, I hope, for many of our kids as well. I am personally excited for the 2019-20 school year to begin. We have all of our teachers returning with the exception of **Bennie Sudbury**. I wish him well as he embarks on his Freshman year of college.

We are adding two new teachers this year. **Janeen Nicholas** will be teaching our 3rd graders Judaica, and **Lauren Atkens** will be part of our Wednesday Mid Week Hebrew program. Welcome to both of you!

Please join me on August 23, for services, where I will be honoring all of our teachers and staff for their dedication to the children of our congregation. We will have a special oneg in their honor.

On Sunday August 25, we will have our annual Back-to-School Celebration. Plans are in the works and details will follow. In the meantime stay cool, have fun, and stay safe.

Anxiously awaiting your return,  
 Stephanie Posner

— **Stephanie Posner**  
*Religious School Director*

## Adult Education

Please mark your calendar for Sunday, **September 22, from 10:00 - 11:30 a.m.**, for the panel discussion on the topic of *Coping with the Christian Proselytizer*.

This presentation is open to youths and adults, and will address issues commonly presented by the proselytizer. These include: heaven vs hell, what being "saved" means, and viewpoints of the Messiah.

Attendees will come away from this discussion with a greater understanding of both, why Christians proselytize, and the Jewish faith.

— **Judy Pelusi**  
*Education Committee Chair*



### CBS Mission Statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom is a Reform Jewish community; warm and caring, welcoming of all, rich in tradition, committed to G-d and Israel, devoted to life-long learning, Jewish programs and spiritual growth.

### CBS Vision Statement:

Congregation Beth Shalom strives to be the center for strong Jewish spiritual growth in the Mid-Cities community, where our members engage in the study of Torah, the warmth and friendship that evolves through our Jewish way of life, and our commitment to Tikkun Olam.

## Donations (Received prior to July 15)

### GENERAL FUND

In memory of Rozsi Fleischmann  
from George Fleischmann  
In honor of the B'nai Mitzvah of Joy and Joseph Atkins  
from Pat Rubins  
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from Barry Schneider  
In memory of Samuel Levy  
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In memory of Eleanor Posnock  
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In honor of the birth of my grandson,  
Aron Julian Epstein  
from Ricki Epstein  
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In memory of Samuel Leve Narrett  
from David Narrett

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In honor of Ricki Epstein's new grandson,  
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Donation from Patricia Cushman  
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### PRAYER BOOK FUND

In memory of Obbie and Edith Lewis  
from Mark Lewis



**Thank you to Marty and Debbie Goldsmith for their donation of a shredder to the CBS office**

## Birthdays

### August 1

Aaron Lewis

### August 2

Judy Blumberg  
Joshua Goldfarb

### August 4

Carolyn Licker

### August 5

Benjamin Jessup

### August 7

Rachel Rein

### August 8

Sherwin Rubin

### August 9

Joyce Atkins

### August 10

Ricki Epstein

### August 11

Jackie Snailer

### August 12

Daniel Blumberg

### August 13

Sheri Allen

### August 14

Elan Cabrero

Ellen Pincus

### August 15

Raissa Boura

Alex Weiss

### August 18

Jeremy Weiner

### August 20

Pat Rubins

### August 22

Karen Blair

### August 31

Brett Jeffreys

## Anniversaries

### August 12

Alec Weiss & Juli Hobdy (35)

### August 15

Ben & Fran Weiger

### August 25

Michael & Lisa Rein

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In memory of Norris Hellwig  
from the Bushlow family  
In memory of Reuben Blumberg  
from Elliott and Loesje Blumberg

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In memory of Aghdas Rafi Mayeri  
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In memory of Samuel Leve Narrett  
from David Narrett

## Yahrzeits



### August 1

Dora Meckler\*

### August 2

Frances Kramer

### August 5

Isadore Diamond  
Dean Reynolds

### August 6

Seymour Sternstein

### August 7

Lillian Goldstein Laves

### August 8

Doris Feldstein\*  
Pauline Israel\*  
Ralph Kalisky\*

### August 9

Audrey Bender  
David Kessler\*  
Milton Rosenstein\*  
Irma Grace Stewart

### August 10

Alon Amrani  
Oren Amrani  
Tali Amrani  
Minnie Lefer\*

### August 11

Stuart Flack\*  
Rose Konigsberg

### August 12

Alice Coleman

### August 13

Stanley Jolkovsky\*  
Faye Lambert  
Merle Mitchell\*

### August 14

Ira Udes\*

### August 15

Joseph Hanfling  
Emil Polaner\*  
Anna Salzman\*  
Henry Salzman\*

### August 16

Edward Posnock

### August 17

Lenny Wacholder

### August 18

Adam Pyles

### August 19

Sylvia Green\*  
Leo Grossman\*  
Jennie Kreindler  
Frank Weiner

### August 21

Israel Goldberg\*  
Leon M. Halbert  
Russell David Kreiger\*  
Ellie Stricklin\*

### August 22

Reuben Blumberg  
Max Minton

### August 23

Fredda Rothlein\*  
Leonard Schulman  
Jesse Sternblitz\*

### August 24

Zelda C. Schnee\*  
Gloria Schwartz\*

### August 25

Mike Kornitzky

### August 26

Sadye Lackman\*\*

### August 27

Norman Davidson

### August 28

Susan Gardner

Ralph Jackson

Hyman Rosen

Arie Vicente

### August 29

Abraham Kamien\*

Bertram Levy\*

Bernard Levy\*

### August 30

David Mandel\*

\* Memorial Plaque in Sanctuary

*Please contact any of our board members if you have any questions, suggestions, or want to participate on their committees.*

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## My Two Shekels

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And it's been an honor to get to know and co-lead High Holy Day services with **Rabbi Soltz** over the last several years. I've often told him that I've been so grateful to work with a Rabbi who has a respect for and appreciation of Hazzanut, the musical artistry of the Cantor.

He has been so supportive of me and my cantorial journey as well, and Richard and I miss Rabbi and Mary, and wish them all success as they embark on the next chapter of their life together.

So although I don't know all of you, I'm certainly comfortable in a place that I have been involved with and which has made me feel so welcome over the past 16 years.

And I'm looking forward to getting to meet each member of this congregation, and involving each of you in its life and future. You are and have always been the foundation of Beth Shalom.

Each Rabbi has put their own individual stamp on it, but you are its backbone. And you will determine the direction that it will take. Our challenge will be preserve the best that each Rabbi has brought to Beth Shalom, while moving forward and infusing it with renewed energy and commitment.

Ben Zoma wrote, "Who is wise? One who learns from all persons, as it is written, 'From all my teachers have I gained understanding' (Ps. 119:99)." May we cherish what we have been privileged to learn from the former leaders of Beth Shalom, and look forward to what we are all about to learn from each other. Shalom,

— Sheri Allen  
*Cantorial Intern of the Cantors Assembly*

**Social Action Project "Sixty & Better", Senior Event held on Wednesday, June 26.**  
This was an annual residents cookout at the Magnolia Senior Housing community in Arlington.



(l-r): Joseph Atkins, Ellen Pincus, Shem Atkins, Lauren Atkins, Joy Atkins, Joyce Atkins, Andrea Snow, Stuart Snow, Janet Aaronson, Jerry Aaronson, Laura Slayton.

# Beth Shalom Gala 2019

## CBS Chai School Prom

Thank you to all those who helped make the 2019 Gala, *Moonlight and Roses*, such a wonderful success! The event was chaired by our creative, hard-working Fundraising/Programming Chair, **Lani Gordon Aldaba**, ably assisted by **Stephanie Posner, Pam Sudbury, Dorit Mikulencak, Mark Lewis, Yael Sasley, and Jennifer Whirty**. About 70 guests, in stunning prom attire, attended.

A lovely dinner was served in our beautifully decorated sanctuary where a DJ provided prom dance music. Memories were captured at two different glittery photo booths. **Brian and Klila Caplan** were voted prom king and queen on the very day of their 50th wedding anniversary!

The evening was a successful fund-raiser and also a lot of fun. Thanks so much to those who helped sponsor the event and secure donations and auction items. And thank you to all who joined us for such a memorable evening.

— *Ellen Pincus*

## 2019 Gala Sponsors

***Moonlight Level:*** Aimee and Phill Pelletier, Carla Gordon, Dr. Carol Rogers, Cathy and Jim Frisinger, CBS Brotherhood, CBS Cigar Club, Clearfork Foods, Fran and Ben Weiger, The Heizman Family, JBS Solutions, Karen and Bob Burns, Michele and Jeff Rothschild, Sherwin Rubin, SLS Sports Consulting Inc, and Toni and Norm Epstein

***Roses Level:*** Alyssa McCarley, The Gant Family, The Gordon Family, Janet and Jerry Aaronson, Jewish War Veterans Post 755, Ken Licker, Kim and Bob Goldberg (in honor of Lani, Dorit, and Danielle), Laura and Larry Fleischer, Lynda and Jay Feinberg, Rick Weil, Rochelle and Joe Beckerman, and Stephanie and Richard Posner

## Prom King and Queen



(l-r): Klila and Brian Caplan



(l-r): Ricki Epstein, Mike Kapin, Suzi Kapin



(l-r): Stuart Snow, Andrea Snow, Stephen Cabrero, Sarita Cabrero



(l-r): Marian Feld, Dub Horn



We rely on you to let us know when a member of Beth Shalom has celebrated a simcha, endured a loss, or is ill. Please call the office 817-860-5448, or email to [info@bethshalom.org](mailto:info@bethshalom.org).

