

HaShomer

January 2022

Congregation Beth Shalom

Tevet/Shevat 5781

Schedule of Services

Friday, December 31
Led by **Stephanie Posner**
Saturday, January 1
Led by **Stuart Snow**
Torah: Vaera

Friday, January 7
Led by **Barry Goldfarb**
Saturday, January 8
Led by **Cantor Allen**
Torah: Bo

Friday, January 14
Led by **Cantor Allen**
Saturday, January 15
Led by **Lisa Rein**
Torah: Beshalach

Friday, January 21
Led by **Stephanie Posner**
Saturday, January 22
Led by **Cantor Allen**
Torah: Yitro

Friday, January 28
Led by **Martine Thomas & Ruth Friedman**
Saturday, January 29
Led by **Cantor Allen**
Torah: Mishpatim



Torah Study



Monday Mornings
10:30 AM
on Zoom

RSVP to
stusnow@aol.com

My Two Shekels

Back in December during Hanukkah I spoke about 8 of my favorite Jewish charities, (one for each night of the holiday). And what better way to ring in a new (albeit secular) new year with an act of Tzedekah! So for those who missed it, here's my 8 top picks. Feel free to check them out, or simply give to one of your chosen charities. Wishing you all a happy, healthy 2022!

- *Cantor Sheri Allen*



Anti-Defamation League (ADL)

The Anti-Defamation League, or ADL, has been tracking, monitoring, and responding to antisemitic acts, discrimination, and hate around the world since 1913. Their mission statement proclaims: "ADL has worked tirelessly 'to stop the defamation of the Jewish people, and to secure justice and fair treatment for all. They do this through tracking and exposing acts of antisemitism throughout the world, and engage in outreach and education around Israel, race and racial justice, criminal justice reform, education and women's equity, voting rights, the rights of LGBTQ folks, immigrants and refugees, bullying and cyberbullying prevention, and interfaith relations. They will be presenting a program highlighting their work at CBS on Dec. 12, and that same evening at 7pm you can zoom in to their Concert against Hate, featuring performances by Gloria Estafan and Josh Groban. [Concert Against Hate](#)

American Jewish World Service (AJWS)

A leader in the work of Tikkun Olam, repairing the world, the AJWS works in Africa, Asia, Latin American & The Caribbean, and the US, to protect vulnerable communities from Covid-19, provide relief and recovery measures to countries struck by natural disasters, advocate for the civil and political rights of the powerless, and lobby for reproductive rights and protections for women, climate justice, and ending child marriage. [AJWS](#)

B'Chol LaShon

Hebrew for "in every language," B'chol LaShon "strengthens Jewish identity by raising awareness about the ethnic, racial and cultural diversity of Jewish identity and experience. They are deeply involved in the work of civil rights and racial justice, and provide diversity training workshops and resources that enlighten others about different cultural practices within Jewish communities all over the world. They have also created the "only multicultural overnight camp that teaches about global Jewish diversity, builds community leaders and inspires a love of Judaism. [B'Chol LaShon](#)

The Blue Card

The Blue Card exists for one purpose: to provide financial help to Holocaust survivors who are in dire need of many interventions. They state, "Of the nearly 3,000 Holocaust survivor households the Blue Card serves, three-quarters are over the age of 76 and nearly 70% live alone. Many of these survivors struggle to afford basic needs, such as adequate food and healthcare; more than half of them fall 200% below the federal poverty line, meaning their income is less than \$24,980 annually.

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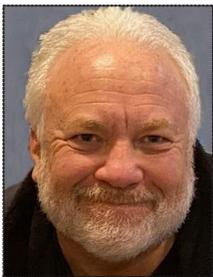
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BETH SHALOM

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From The President

Our New Board

Thank you to everyone attending the annual meeting for voting in our new governing Board and entrusting me to be your next President of Congregation Beth Shalom this coming January, our Hebrew year 5782. I am sad to say goodbye to Randy San Antonio and Judy Pelusi, who will be coming off the Board as Controller and Trustee – Chair of Adult education, respectively. The Congregation thanks you both for the years of service given from your heart. The new controller will be Darla Shaw, and Adult Education will now be chaired by puck glass. Additionally, the Board welcomes Lisa Rein, who brings years of Board experience to her new role as Vice President.



The Congregation has much gratitude for Stuart Snow as he finished his second term as President and continues for another year on the Board as Past President. Stuart is a dear friend, mentor, teacher, and colleague. For the past two years, Stuart and I communicated almost daily on the Congregation, Board, and outreach to the community. His faith in Judaism always guided Stuart's focus and the belief in the people around him that would ensure that Beth Shalom remained a center of Jewish Culture in Arlington and the mid-cities. When the world became unraveled by COVID, Stuart rallied his Board to lead, to persevere when we could not meet on campus. In Stuart's mind, foremost was maintaining communication amongst the Board members, Cantor, Congregation, and peripheral community. Under his leadership, the Board and Committee Chairs accomplished many things that kept Beth Shalom vital during a difficult pandemic [Those who were unable to attend the annual meeting can request from me a copy of the slides, redacted of confidential information]. Beyond all the committee contributions, Stuart established the COVID-19 committee that provided timely recommendations to the Board to secure the safety of the congregants. Beyond the boundaries of Beth Shalom, Stuart helped found the Tarrant County Presidents council that included Beth Shalom, Ahavath Shalom, Beth EL Congregation, and Congregation Beth Israel. The Presidents Council meets monthly to discuss common issues and solutions amongst the synagogues that are beneficial. Though arguably the most challenging period of our 40 plus year history, Stuart continued his Jewish Studies and tirelessly contributed by leading Shabbat services and weekly Torah study. A previous congregant of the year and recipient of the David and Marian Memorial Achievement Award, the Congregation celebrates the contributions that Stuart has made.

Vision for the Future

As Stuart used the metaphor of a stool to define his vision of the Congregation at his acceptance speech two years ago, I, too, will adopt the same metaphor for our new administration and view of the Congregation but defined a little differently.

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From The Past President

Dear Stuart,

I am sorry we cannot be with you this evening as you end a very successful term as President.

You have led our congregation through one of the most difficult periods in our history. Your leadership brought strength and wisdom both spiritually and educationally as we adapted to the reality of Covid 19. Your weekly messages kept us connected while helping us deal with our personal anxieties and loneliness during the lock down. You were and are the voice of Beth Shalom! As you know I am involved at various levels with the other congregations in Tarrant County. You and your team did a superior job compared to all the others.

Reflecting back some ten years ago as we began our time together, we knew very little about each other. There was some concern about whether our leadership styles would mesh. Could we even work together as an effective team? Would we be able to get along personally? I think we soon formed an inseparable bond. Your understanding of our membership and the internal dynamics of the congregation were invaluable to me as they have been for all the Board members you served.

For more than two decades you have faithfully and energetically served on the Board. The congregation watched as you pursued your personal quest for knowledge and understanding of Judaism. Those who attend your weekly Torah study classes find you to be a dynamic and insightful instructor. Those who attended Shabbat morning services were equally inspired by your explanation of the Parsha and ritual practices.

As you begin your final year on the Board as Past President, again, I know that you will continue to be an inspiration to those around you. As you continue your pursuit of knowledge, may your love of Judaism lead us to study more and learn more about our great heritage. May the coming years bring you and your family a full measure of love, blessings and nachas.

*Mazel Tov and love,
Barry & Charwynne*

Hashomer

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From The President

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In my way of thinking, the stool's seat is 'who we are,' best represented by our 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.

The legs that hold the seat up represent my vision and desired focus of the Board. Simply, the three legs that I will address include 1. Commitment to supporting our mission; 2. Growing our membership base; and 3. Ensuring a secure environment. Let me explain further.

The first leg of the stool is our personal and congregational commitment to fulfilling our mission. It represents being participatory in Judaism, whether religious services or programs, giving of ourselves to fulfill our commitment to God and Israel. This leg embodies the three elements that Stuart spoke about two years ago, including our relationship with Judaism, connecting with our community, and making a deeper connection with each other. The Board will address this topic shortly.

The second leg of the stool is membership, referring to the body of families and individuals that sustain our Congregation both spiritually and monetarily. While our membership has been relatively stable for the past few years, at a level of 80-90 member families, our capital needs for the continued growth of the Synagogue are outpacing its current membership base. Our Congregation is visibly aging and will require a larger membership base to sustain us in years to come, especially in the category of younger families with children. Therefore, I have applied the membership label to this second leg as a focus of the new administration. To drive membership up, all Board members will now work with other congregants to serve on the Membership Committee led by Stephanie Posner. Since the summer, the membership committee has actively met to set goals and tasks. We will continue updating our Congregation on our progress in the months ahead.

In my current vision, our third leg of the stool is Security and addresses the changing world we live in. According to various sources, including the regional ADL director who addressed our Congregation a couple of weeks ago, anti-Semitism and hate crimes locally, nationally, and worldwide are at an all-time high. Incidents of hate and terror are documented every day by the ADL, including shootings, vandalism, and social media posts. Our Congregation, working with the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, the other major regional synagogues, and the Secure Community Network, agree that fortification and safeguarding our rights as a Jewish Community is paramount to our existence. No one should feel unsafe coming to shul to pray to G-d or participate in any Jewish program.

Our last Board established the Security Committee as a Standing Committee per our Bylaws. Under Phil Kabakoff as chairperson, this committee has created a Security Policy and Manual, actively trained members of our Congregation on various security and safety topics, interfaced with other security committees of synagogues in Tarrant County, and led Board discussions on recommendations for improving security at...

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Feld Lifetime Achievement Award

On December 19th, at our annual meeting, Congregation Beth Shalom posthumously honored Marian and David Feld, OBM, with its prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award. The Felds were beloved founding members of our congregation. In fact, the idea of a synagogue and religious school in Arlington was conceived at a meeting in their living room in May of 1980. The Feld's children, Brian and Ilene, and their grandchildren, Cameron, Hannah, David and Adam, were in attendance as a plaque and lovely portrait of their parents was unveiled. These will be proudly displayed in the building they helped to create. David was honored with Beth Shalom's Lifetime Achievement award in 2008, having served our congregation for 27 years. Marian was similarly honored this year, as the award's name was changed to the *Marian and David Feld Lifetime Achievement Award*.

Marian Feld was a driving force in the inception of Congregation Beth Shalom and held many roles over her 40 years as a member. She was an early service leader, religious school director, sisterhood president, congregation president, and Hebrew and Sunday school teacher. She and David taught 7th grade Sunday school to nearly all of our children and helped them to understand complex issues including the Holocaust. Marian and David were also very active in the Jewish community and were the B'nai Brith Person of the Year in 1982.

The Feld's were a model of kindness and generosity, inviting those who had no place to go for the holidays into their home. Marian was a mother to all, whether she was cooking latkes with her students, auctioning brisket at our gala, or preparing her trademark Star of David mock chopped liver for many a Beth Shalom event. She did have one pet peeve: *Do not refer to our congregation as CBS she would say. CBS is the name of a television network, not a synagogue!*

Marian often felt like the keeper of our congregation's goals and dreams. She knew who we were, where we came from, and where we needed to go. She was always guided by what was best for Beth Shalom.

Marian and David's love and commitment to each other, to their own family, and to our Beth Shalom family, was a source of inspiration to us all. Their memories will forever be a blessing.



Erika Sanchez, Cameron Lizun, Ilene Feld, Brian Feld, Hannah, David & Adam Feld, Lizette Feld

Yahrzeits



January 1
Harold "Hesh" Weiner

January 2
Florence Baronoffsky*
Coston Gardner*
Dr. Samuel M. Posnock*

January 3
Ada Jolkovskoy

January 4
Lorean Gardner*

January 5
Alan Chait
Alice Coplin*
Trudie Sobel

January 6
David Poster*

January 8
Leo Berman*
Jeanette Bushner*
Beatrice Vogel Goodman

January 9
Jodie Ward Starr

January 11
Lillian Blumberg
Ilse Brunell

January 12
Yachmiel Sheftel Caplan*
Naomi Pincus Fisher
Ann Grossman
Morris Lefer*

January 14
Louis Dickman*
Neal Williky*

January 15
Irwin Lackow
Skippy Reynolds*
Ben Rubin*

January 16
Alfredo Cabrero*
Harry Dearing, Sr.
Barbara Freeman

Gertie Strausberg*
January 17
Ivan Goldfarb*
Jack Kirshbaum*
Reva Lustig*
Renee Romano*
Billie Schneidkraut*

January 18
Lenora Freedman
Beatrice Kohn*
Jean Mandelkorn

January 19
Morris Bekerman
Henry Burger
Eve Glickman
Jack Lefer*

January 20
Rosalie Russell*

January 21
Harold Mandel*

January 22
Marilyn Bloch*

January 23
Bernard Ciocci*
Elsa Greenwald
Sidney Steinberg

January 25
Abraham Lefer*

January 26
David Henry Rubin*

January 27
Mary Alice Jolkovskoy
Philip Needleman

January 28
Brenda Smith
Brian Smith

January 29
Gonen Epstein
Brenda Landrum
Anna Levy
Mildred Rein*

My Two Shekels

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78% have difficulty performing daily activities of living; 77% are women; 67% cannot leave their homes without assistance.” And because Holocaust survivors are more likely to suffer from debilitating health problems as a result of surviving under inhumane conditions, they often are unable to afford the medical care that they desperately need and so greatly deserve. [Blue Card Fund](#)

Hadassah

“Otherwise known as the Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Hadassah was founded by Henrietta Szold over 100 years ago, and currently has 300,000 members in 700 chapters throughout the country. Their mission statement: (Hadassah) is a volunteer organization that inspires a passion for and commitment to the land, the people, and the future of Israel. Through education, advocacy, and youth development, and its support of medical care and research at Hadassah Medical Organization, Hadassah enhances the health and lives of people in Israel, the United States and worldwide.

Hadassah Hospital in Israel treats 1 million people a year, regardless of race, religion or nationality, and has Youth Aliyah program that, since 1934 has graduated 300,000 students from 80 lands. They also help fund anti-hate education in schools, established the Young Judea Summer Camp program, and advocate for women’s health equity. [Hadassah](#)

HIAS

Formerly known as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society, HIAS was born over 100 years ago in NYC, helping Jews fleeing Eastern Europe. Today, they not only help fellow Jews, but also refugees all over the world. Their mission: “Drawing on our Jewish values and history, HIAS provides vital services to refugees and asylum seekers around the world and advocates for their fundamental rights so they can rebuild their lives.” They help secure resettlement and job security, provide legal assistance and protection, psychosocial care, and and advocate to create government policies that support all people who seek refuge in this country. They also focus on “economic empowerment of vulnerable groups such as LGBTQ, young women, and survivors of gender-based violence.” [HIAS](#)

Keshet

For those in the LGBTQ community that have felt marginalized or unseen in Jewish spaces, Keshet is a lifeline. Their mission statement: “Keshet works for the full equality of all LGBTQ Jews and our families in Jewish life. We strengthen Jewish communities. We equip Jewish organizations with the skills and knowledge to build LGBTQ-affirming communities, create spaces in which all queer Jewish youth feel seen and valued, and advance LGBTQ rights nationwide. Through advocacy professional development, education, programming, and a vast wealth of resources, Keshet provides the tools to empower LGBTQ Jews to become leaders in their communities, and teaches institutions what it means to be inclusive and welcoming. [Keshet](#)

CBS Annual Meeting



Congregant of the year - Brent Sasley



Gift for Stuart Snow



Ilene and Brian Feld accepting the

David & Marian Memorial



Special Acknowledgement to Lisa Rein



Special Acknowledgement to Judy Pelusi



Special Acknowledgement to Randy San Antonio



Portrait of David & Marian Feld

From The President

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Congregation Beth Shalom. As Phil discussed, our Nonprofit Security Grant Program submission was not approved in 2021, and we will improve upon and resubmit it in 2022. In addition, the new Board will take up the urgency of building a wrought iron fence, electronic gate, protective glass film, and possibly additional parking on the campus side of the gate and the means to pay for it. The Board will determine which of these items will be submitted for in our 2022 Nonprofit Security Grant Program Application and which items we will ask for donations or even consider a capital campaign. Our Synagogue is also working with the Federation and SCN for another grant opportunity being introduced by the Jewish Federation of North America. The Board will communicate more information as this opportunity develops.

The relationship amongst the three legs should be apparent. Having a secure campus will facilitate growing our membership, and membership growth will provide the dollars necessary for hardening our campus. Membership growth and security will support our personal and congregational commitment to fulfilling our mission at Congregation Beth Shalom.

In addition to the three areas of focus, we will do other things to enrich our Synagogue. The Board will establish an ad hoc committee to beautify our sanctuary further. This will include opening the back wall of the sanctuary to the social hall. The committee will also assess new artwork and an inscription laid on the eyebrow over the Bimah. Those interested in serving on this committee should reach out to Mark Lewis, the House Committee chair.

In your commitment to our Synagogue, please consider working on our other committees. Additionally, reach out to Cantor Allen for participation in course topics you would be interested in taking. Right now, Cantor Allen is reaching out to our Congregation for those interested in taking a Torah trope course.

In closing, I promise to have an open door to all those members interested in discussing matters that pertain to Congregation Beth Shalom. I am so fortunate to be surrounded by a governing body of remarkably talented individuals that will lead Congregation Beth Shalom for years to come.

- **Michael Kapin**
President, Congregation Beth Shalom



Leah White (L), the Associate Regional Director of ADL, Texoma Region, and her assistant Stacey Cushing (R).

Birthdays



January 3

Kitty Mata

January 4

Linda Elsenbaumer

January 5

Joseph Atkins

January 7

Michael Fleischer

January 8

Jared Snow

January 10

Andrew Robertson

January 11

Michael Dickman

Ruth Friedman

Jeff Rothschild

January 13

Preston Allen

January 17

Bennie Sudbury

January 18

Ben Weiger

January 20

Paul Abkowitz

January 21

Philippe Lecoq

Stuart Snow

January 23

Shelby Snow

January 24

Stephen Cabrero

January 25

Dorit Mikulencak

January 31

Rebekah Posner

David Rein

Adult Education

The program presented by Leah White, Associate Regional Director, and Stacy Cushing, Deputy Regional Director of the Anti-Defamation League (ADL) Texoma Region at CBS on Sunday morning, December 12th, left congregants with more understanding of ADL's history, its purpose locally and work around the world, and how we can help with its mission "to stop the defamation of the Jewish people, and to secure justice and fair treatment to all". This well presented and informative program has inspired at least one attending congregant into action! For anyone who would like to learn more, please go to the [ADL website](#)

Please note upcoming Adult Education programs:
Sunday morning January 30th at CBS – Presentation given by Brent Sasley on the topic of the current status of religion in Israel

Sunday morning March 27th at CBS - Presentation given by David Narrett on Jewish history (details forthcoming)

- **Judy Pelusi**
Adult Education Chair

Donations

Received thru December 20th

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

In Memory Of Franklyn Longoria
From Frank Longoria

General Fund

In memory of Annette Lackman
Sandra & Fred Kline
Sherwin Rubin
Cathy & Jim Frisinger
Loren K. Waldman
Robert & Maxine Kaplan
Julie H. Kosnik
Rick & Linda Goyne
Matthew Eastus
Bob Weltman & Family
Joe & Rochelle Bekerman
Colleen & Peter Bowler
Mary Kay & Larry Guevel
Jim Stanton
Stephanie Klein
Raman Gill
Robert Doggett
Fern Roos

In Memory Of Annette Lackman, Moshe
Epstein, Irwin Ginsburg & Sarah Levy, Elliott
Blumberg, Ann Ferguson & Lena Pack
From Steve & Alice Ginsburgh

In Memory Of Nevin Levy
From Stephanie Hensley

In Memory Of Nancy Massaro

From Ellen Pincus
In Honor Of Jared & Rachel's wedding
From Anonymous

Donation from Jim Stanton
In Memory Of all of my loved ones with
Yahrzeits or who have passed this year.
From Martine Thomas

In Memory Of Moshe Epstein
From Joe & Rochelle Bekerman

In Memory Of H.J. Cobbel
From Sharon & Marty Wichter

In Memory Of Debbie Weinbaum
From Steve & Shelley Sternblitz

Congrats to Barry Goldfarb on his upcoming
retirement

Congrats to Thressa Lobel on 10 years of
service to CBS

Wishing success to the incoming Board of
CBS

Thank you to the outgoing Board of CBS
Wishing our Congregational family a healthy
New Year – 2022

From Janet & Jerry Aaronson

In Memory Of Michael Kornitzky
From Elaine Kornitzky

In Honor Of Stuart Snow, for his leadership
as CBS President over the past 2 years

In Honor Of Mike Kapin as he begins his
Presidency

From Anonymous
In Memory Of Morris Bekerman
In Honor Of Barry Goldfarb's retirement
From Joe & Rochelle Bekerman

Memorial Board Fund

In Memory Of Annette Lackman
Ryan Rayburn

Education Fund

In Memory Of Skippy Reynolds
From Marty & Debbie Goldsmith
In Memory Of Eve Glickman
From John & Karen Blair

Maintenance Fund

In Memory Of Dirk Hellwig
From The Bushlow Family

Security Fund

In Memory Of Annette Lackman
Ben & Fran Weiger
In honor of Stuart Snow's retirement as
President of Beth Shalom
From Dr. Carole Rogers

Caring/Tsedakah Fund

In Memory Of Annette Lackman
From Anonymous

Oneg/Kiddush Fund

In Memory Of Nevin Levy
From Stephanie Hensley



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Andy McCarthy
Sherwin Rubin
Stephanie & Richard Posner
Stephen & Sarita Cabrero
Steve Weiss
Stuart & Andrea Snow

My Two Shekels

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Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger

Mazon's mission statement is clear and straightforward: "Inspired by Jewish values and ideals, Mazon: A Jewish Response to Hunger is a national organization fighting to end hunger among people of all faiths and backgrounds in the United States and Israel." Founded in 1985 by Leonard Fein and Theodore Mann, OBM, Mazon has been in existence for over 36 years, training and providing resources to organizations helping to end food insecurity in this country. They advocate for legislation that promotes these goals, and focus on relationship building with Jewish clergy and synagogues to encourage congregants to make ending hunger in their communities one of their most important priorities. [Mazon](#)