

HaShomer

July 2021

Congregation Beth Shalom

Tammuz/Av 5781

Schedule of Services

Friday, July 2 - 7:30 pm

Led by **Dina Lindell**

Saturday, July 3

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Pinchas

Friday, July 9 - 7:30 pm

Led by **Lauren, Joseph & Joy Atkins**

Saturday, July 10

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Matot-Masei

Friday, July 16 - 7:30 pm

Led by **Stephanie Posner**

Saturday, July 17

Led by **Judy Pelusi**

Torah: Devarim

Friday, July 23 - 7:30 pm

Led by **Janet Aaronson & Cookie Kabakoff**

Saturday, July 24

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: Vaetchanan

Friday, July 30 - 7:30 pm

Led by **Martine Thomas & Ruth Friedman**

Saturday, July 31

Led by **Stuart Snow**

Torah: E'kev



Torah Study



Monday Mornings

10:30 AM

on Zoom

RSVP to

stusnow@aol.com

My Two Shekels

I am on hiatus for the next 2 months, and offer you this walk down memory lane. When I wrote it, I had just completed two years at CBS. And now I've just completed twelve years. So yes, a lot has changed in the last 10 years! And I'm looking forward to continuing our journey and creating new memories.....

HaShomer, July 2011

What a difference a year makes. And what a year we've had. As I finish up my second year at Beth Shalom, I'd like to review what were, in my opinion, the highlights (in no particular order):

1. We paid off the mortgage. Now we can concentrate on envisioning an exciting future for our congregation. And thanks to the fearless Sharon Wenakour, we will have a new President when Barry Goldfarb's term ends.

2. We've seen an increase in synagogue attendance at services, especially on Saturday mornings. Although it's been touch and go a few times, for the most part, we've made a minyan, for which I am grateful. This is due in large part to the dedicated efforts of Stuart Snow, who made it his priority to make sure honors were filled when he graciously led services in my absence, as well as to those of you who prepared delicious lunches and onegs!

3. The Gala. Lynda Friedensohn and her committee did a spectacular job putting together a truly impressive, well-attended event.

4. The Purim Spiel. Our congregants flexed their creative chops and delivered a musical megillah that went far beyond anyone's expectations! And we had a record-breaking celebration.

5. Five truly wonderful Bnai Mitzvah. It was truly a collaborative effort between parents, students, myself, and Danielle Snailer, the student's caring and committed tutor. It was a privilege working with and getting to know all of them.

6. Our family services and dinners. From the dedicated Sisterhood chefs, to the Parashah Plays, to our energetic human "jumping beans" that added a kick to the Veshamru, we are creating memories of joyful Shabbatot for our children.

7. Our adult Service Leaders/Trope class. Three dedicated students, Dina Lindell, Stuart Snow, and Randy San Antonio, stuck it out and studied with me on Wednesday nights all year in order to develop the leadership and technical skills needed to lead our services in my absence, and take on the daunting task of chanting Torah. You'll be able to witness the fruit of their efforts on June 25th.

8. Our adult education classes. Shirley Sassoon worked hard to put together a series of truly informative, interesting learning opportunities that were enjoyed by all who attended.

9. The work of our amazing Education Director, Stephanie Posner, who is one of the most caring, dedicated, compassionate people I know. There is nothing she wouldn't do for our kids.

10. Getting to know you. After leading this congregation for two years, I feel like I am beginning to forge a personal connection with those of you with whom I have had the privilege of working. I have been truly grateful for the support you've given me, for the confidence you have in me, and for the opportunity to continue our journey together for another year.

- Cantor Sheri Allen



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From The President

We did it! Almost 30 people came to celebrate the reopening of our campus, and celebrate we did. The air was electric and the mood ecstatic. We fist bumped, hugged, kissed and reveled in the ability to connect in person once again. Cantor Allen's voice was melodic, filled with emotion; lifting us ever higher. I can not describe the feeling of hearing everyone singing together rather than watching lips move on a Zoom screen.



The pinnacle for me, however, was the Torah service, which has eluded us for well over a year. Watching the Torah scroll taken out of the Ark, lovingly held by Richard Allen, being undressed, and placed on the bimah, filled me with goosebumps! Hearing the Gabbi call individuals up to chant the Torah blessings, chanting once again from the scroll, and hearing others chant Torah and Haftarah, moved me in a way that I have not felt for some time.

This service was further affirmation that we are returning from out of the darkness and into the light. I feel like one who has been imprisoned and therefore feel it appropriate to say Birchat Hagemel, the bracha that is said upon recovery from illness, imprisonment or escape from danger:

Baruch ata Adonai, Eloheynu Melech HaOlam, ha-gomeyl l'ha-yavim tovot, sheh-g'malani kol tov. Praised are you, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe, who bestows good beyond our deserving, and who has dealt graciously with me.

I wish to remind you that as this was Cantor Allen's last service for the summer, we are lay leader led for the rest of the summer. Please support our lay leaders by attending and participating in services as frequently as your schedule permits. Let us continue to sustain the momentum and inspiration sparked June 12th.

Summer is also the time that we ask you to reaffirm your commitment to Beth Shalom by renewing your membership. This year, we hope to make it easier than ever. If you plan on renewing at the same Fair Share amount as before, all that is required is to email or call Thressa and say, "sign me up!" Thressa will take it from there. No need to fill out an application with the same information again. One call does it all!

This will be of great benefit to our board as we finalize our budgets and planning for the coming fiscal year. Do it today! In the words of former Sisterhood president Martine Thomas, "Without you, we are one member short!"

See you on campus!

*- Stuart Snow
President, Congregation Beth Shalom*

Federation

After spending six years as a board member of the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County, I feel sad to see my second term end. The people are a joy to work with. The organization is strong and well-functioning. The mission is more urgent now than ever. It's a wonderful place to make a contribution.

I am grateful to have had the opportunity to further the Federation's goals by helping to develop the curriculum for the second Young Leaders group, by serving on the Audit and Finance Committee, by leading the budgeting process, by performing doc review for the lawsuit (okay, this wasn't exactly fun), and by working on the Executive Committee as Treasurer.

More importantly, I hope that I will be remembered as someone who promoted kindness and respect for all members of our community.

*- Lisa Rein
Federation Liaison*

ANNOUNCEMENT 

As long as all attendees are vaccinated, the CBS campus is open to all activities!

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Yahrzeits



July 1 Bobbye Carver	Irma Grace Stewart
July 2 Zella Sobel	July 18 Alon Amrani
July 3 Edith Cohen	Oren Amrani
David Robideau*	Tali Amrani
July 4 Jean Ciocci*	Rosa Djavaheeri
Irving Weinstock	Minnie Lefer*
July 5 Renee Singer Beim*	July 19 Dr. Stuart Flack*
July 6 Theodore Finkelstein*	Rose Konigsberg
July 7 Meyer Efron	July 20 Alice Coleman
Jean Katz Hans	July 21 Stanley Jolkovsky*
Martin Kapin*	Faye Lambert
Abraham Needleman	Dr. Merle Mitchell*
Philip Rosentraub*	July 22 Ira Udes*
July 8 Merle Golde Alpert	July 23 Joseph Hanfling
Harry Levy	Emil Polaner*
Steven Zahir	July 24 Edward Posnock
July 9 Carol Coller	July 25 Harvey Gordon
Dora Meckler*	Lenny Wacholder
July 10 Frances Kramer	July 26 Adam Pyles
July 13 Isadore Diamond	July 27 Sylvia Green*
Dean Reynolds	Leo Grossman*
July 14 Seymour Sternstein	Jennie Kreindler
July 15 Lillian Goldstein Laves	Frank Weiner
July 16 Morton "Mort" Heide*	July 29 Israel Goldberg*
Pauline Israel*	Leon M. Halbert
Ralph Kalisky*	Russell David Krieger*
July 17 Audrey Bender	Ellie Stricklin*
David Kessler*	July 30 Reuben Blumberg
Milton Rosenstein*	Max Minton
Leslie Schulman*	July 31 Leonard Schulman
	Jesse Sternblitz*

Birthdays



July 1 Darlene Dickman	July 13 Jacob Moon
July 2 Richard Posner	Mical Self
July 4 Sarah Rothschild	July 16 Wendy Udes
July 5 Kaia Posner	July 17 Jeff Aaronson
July 6 Joseph Mendez	Sarah Hatler
Felice Silverberg	July 18 Ron Elsenbaumer
Sharon Wichter	Christy Fleischmann
July 7 Rachel Rothschild	Judi Lecoq
Hy Siegel	July 20 Zoe Hatler
July 8 Josh Pincus	July 21 Lauren:) Atkins
July 9 Jessica Lecoq	Cameron Cole
Sheryl Robertson	July 24 Cindy Mendez
July 11 Iriana Garrison	July 27 Eric Licker
	July 28 Stephen Karten
	Alex Pincus

Anniversaries



July 4 Pam & Johnny Sudbury
July 6 Andrea & Stuart Snow
July 7 Jay & Sarah Hatler
July 24 Suzi & Michael Kapin

Donations

Received thru June 18th

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Donation from Larry Goodman
In Appreciation Of Cantor Allen
From Mark & Jill Shear

General Fund

In Memory Of Harvey Milton Millstone
& Shirley Wichter, Harvey Wichter and
Ruth Heidi
From Marty & Sharon Wichter
In Memory Of Eleanor Posnock
From Gene & Christine Posnock
In Memory Of Evelyn Kabakoff
From Marty & Debbie
Goldsmith
In Memory Of Evelyn Kabakoff
From Sherwin Rubin
In Memory Of Evelyn Kabakoff & Reah
Feinartz Hohman
From Anonymous

In Memory Of Jacob Bekker & Reah
Feinartz Hohman; Speedy recovery to
Ken Licker; congratulations on the
conversions of puck glass & Ori
Lockridge

From Cookie & Phil Kabakoff
In Memory Of Isidore "Tim" Binder
From Sherwin Rubin
In Honor Of the graduations of Lauren &
Joyce Atkins
From Stephen & Sarita Cabrero
In Memory Of Lucille Mires
From Ginette Mires

Education Fund

In Honor Of puck glass' conversion
From Anonymous

Security Fund

In Memory Of Joe Goodman
From Larry Goodman

In Honor Of Andrea Snow's retirement
From Stephen & Sarita Cabrero
In Honor Of the graduations of Lauren &
Joyce Atkins
From Ben & Fran Weiger

Torah Fund

In Memory Of Edith Lewis
From Mark Lewis & Ivy Gold

Library Fund

In Memory Of Norris D. Hellwig
From the Bushlow Family