CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN

The Message

April 2022

Check out what's happening on and around campus!
Young Family Havdallah, Purim Megillah Reading,
and Young Professionals Pacman Purim.

Message from Rabbi Brian Strauss

Before I even came to Beth Yeshurun twenty-one years ago, Meir Finkelstein was a name that every rabbinical student and rabbi in America knew. His talents, creativity, and love for Jewish music have been known for decades throughout the Jewish world. I could never have dreamed of working with such an incredible cantor. He has brought so much life, passion, and creativity to all of our worship services for eight years. Cantor Finkelstein has uniquely touched our lives through worship, lifecycle celebrations, children's choirs, counseling in troubled times, our B'nai Mitzvah program, and his amazing music.

To lead others in music, particularly music dedicated to glorifying God and our Jewish tradition, is a distinctive and cherished blessing. We have been fortunate at Beth Yeshurun to have Cantor Finkelstein lead us in prayer. His musical genius is incomparable, and it is without question that we will sing his melodies for generations to come.

Cantor Finkelstein is a pleasure to work with no matter what we do. I am honored to call him a close friend. I know you join me in thanking Cantor Meir Finkelstein for his extraordinary dedication to our synagogue over the past eight years. We will miss him greatly and wish him and his wife Monica much happiness in Florida. Please join me for Shabbat services on Friday, April 29, and Saturday, April 30, to say our goodbyes.

Beth Yeshurun continues to be the largest Conservative synagogue in the United States with a strong membership, staff, clergy team, and leadership. One reason is that exceptional cantors have blessed us since the inception of our congregation. We are confident that Cantor Rachel Goldman will continue our rich and profound musical tradition at Congregation Beth Yeshurun. I look forward to welcoming her this summer.

Wedding Anniversaries

4/1	38	Carolyn & David Axelrad
	22	Roberta & Robert Bernstein
	16	Barbara & Ronald Brounes
	27	Karla & Bruce Miller
	38	Therese & Richard Rubin
4/2	22	Julia & Jonathan Axelrad
	22	Janis & David Goldstein
	6	Jennifer & Evan Varadi
4/3	17	Melissa & Marty Peskin
	18	Joy & David Turkel
4/4	51	Sarah & Denis Braham
	41	Sherry & Ken Levy
4/5	38	Sharlene & Lawrence Barris
	41	Teri & Richard Reinitz
	13	Morgan & Kevin Steinberg
4/6	54	Roberta & Robert Arkus
	8	Angie & Todd Staller
4/7	3	Erin & Gilad Lutfak
4/8	38	Barbara & Paul Stern
	49	Glenda & Terry Waldman
4/9	22	Simone & Matthew Berry
	11	Caroline & Adam Funk
	17	Jennifer & Douglas Rosenzweig
4/11	41	Joanne & Louis Nash
4/12	41	Carolyn & David Karesh
	31	Lyubov Kovtun & Ilya Yun
4/13	53	Madelyn & Edward Bernstein
	19	Paula & Irving Pozmantier
	27	Sharan & Jack Schlossberg
4/14	31	Brindley Lieberman & Christopher King
4/15	38	Jane & Stuart Weil
4/17	34	Lori & Jay Dushkin
	34	Marjorie & George Leventon
	22	Trina & Edward Schukar
4/18	24	Cathryn & Stephen Mellon
	51	Pat & Howard Sussman
4/19	58	Lynn & William Goldberg
4/20	48	Florence & Howard Bernstein
	59	Zulema & Roberto Lufschanowski
4/21	26	Betsy & Todd Siff
4/22	32	Lisa & Abraham Rubinsky
4/23	16	Robbie & Lee Wright
4/24	18	Cheryl Lipshutz & James Lerdal
	23	Jacqueline & William Schwartz
4/25	12	Suzanne & Stuart Solomon
	7	Jennifer & Carlos Valdez
4/27	16	Joanne & Grayson Bush
	15	Amanda & James McIngvale

Welcome New Members

We are pleased to welcome the newest member to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to new comers as the become a part of our community.

Joanie and Matt Dillingham, Erik & Alexander
Judy and Howard Kahn
Fredric and Elena Pelsinger

Know someone interested in becoming a part of our community? New to town? Looking to connect with us? Contact Mindi Stern at **MSTERN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG** or 713.666.1881 x 360.

It's a Mitzvah!

Interested in making a donation towards the Chapel Minyan weekday breakfast, or a Chapel or Museum Minyan Shabbat Kiddush in memory of your loved one or in honor of a simcha? Please contact Eileen Pettigrew at **EPETTIGREW@BETHYESHURUN.ORG** or 713.666.1881, ext. 368.

IN MEMORY OF
Ella Backrack by Irving Rose
Marvin Curland by Joanne & Louis Nash
Myra Kaplan by Gene Kaplan and Family
Isadore Reichek by Sue & Kenneth Reichek
Blanche Rose by Irving Rose
Darlyne Rose by Irving Rose
Lester Rosen by Marcie & Rabbi David Rosen
Morris & Blanche Uzick by Jack, Max & Rae Uzick

IN HONOR OF
Chapel Committee by Joanne & Louis Nash

Condolences

The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Nova DeLoach Chapuis, Lotty Spinner, and Celia R. Turner

May their memories be for a blessing.

A Notice About Bereavement Communications
Bereavement notices for our synagogue family are distributed with the permission of the deceased's family, and the timing of these notices is dictated by the family's request. Of course, each family grieves in its own way, and we are grateful for our congregation's patience and understanding with different families' preferences about how their loss is publicized.

Family member or friend in the hospital or nursing care?

The CBY Clergy and/or Hospital Visiting Group members are happy to reach out to them with spiritual comfort.

Please contact Lisa Unsell at LUNSELL@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or 713.255.8017 to request a phone call (or visit in person, if possible) for your loved one.

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!

Ellie Alyse Rosenblatt (April 1-2) daughter of Robyn & Kevin Rosenblatt; sister of Talia and Ian; granddaughter of Amy Kapiloff & David Kapiloff$^{z"l}$ and Bernadean Rosenblatt & Bernard Rosenblatt$^{z"l}$.

Jacob Sheinbein (April 8-9) son of Lindsey and David Sheinbein; brother of Daniel and Benjamin Sheinbein; grandson of Teri & Lee Straus, Suzanne & Don Kooi, and Marc L. Sheinbein$^{z"l}$.

Morgan Leigh Kaplan (April 29-30) daughter of Julie & Michael Kaplan; sister of Garrett; granddaughter of Donna Bloom and Shelly Bloom$^{z"l}$, Gary Shafer$^{z"l}$, and Gene Kaplan and Myra Kaplan$^{z"l}$.

Join Lisa and Rabbi Brian Strauss in Jerusalem this summer for the Shalom Hartman Institute's Community Leadership Program (CLP) June 22-29, 2022!

Leaders and learners from around the world come together for an exhilarating week of deep text study, experiential learning, field trips, and critical discourse on how we can shape a constructive conversation on the future of Zionism for North American Jews.

HARTMAN.TFAFORMS.NET/4718054

The Museum Minyan is taking a look back at its first 25 years and is eager to know YOUR stories, memories and best times surrounding our community. Maybe you met your significant other while being called up for an aliyah or learned to leyn Torah for the first time to celebrate a simchah... We want to know! Share your stories with us by emailing **LEAHSTOLAR@GMAIL.COM**

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CONGREGANTS OF FIRST IMPRESSION

Do you consider Beth Yeshurun your home away from home? Are you looking for a new way to volunteer and make a contribution to synagogue life?

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Worship Schedule

FRIDAY EVENINGS

April 1, 2022
Parashat Tazri-a | Shabbat Hahodesh | CL 7:23PM
5:00 PM - Tot Shabbat with Miss Cathy!
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal
6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

April 8, 2022
Parashat Metzora | Shabbat HaGadol |CL 7:27PM
5:00 PM - Story Time with Rabbi Fort
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal
6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

April 15, 2022
Pesach | CL 7:31PM
6:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

April 22, 2022
Pesach | CL 7:36PM
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal
6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

April 29, 2022
Parashat Aharei Mot | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 7:40PM
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Farewell Shabbat
6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

SATURDAY MORNING
8:30 AM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel
9:15 AM - Museum Minyan Service
9:30 AM - Main Sanctuary Service
11:30 AM - Torah Study

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES
April 2, 2022 | 7:15 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel
April 9, 2022 | 7:15 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel
April 16, 2022 | 6:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel
April 23, 2022 | 7:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel
April 30, 2022 | 7:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES
Mornings: Sun 8:00AM, Mon-Fri 7:00AM*
*Ta'anit Bechorot: April 15TH 6:45AM
*Chol Hamoed Pesach: April 18TH-22ND 6:45AM
Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 6:30PM**
**Pesach: April 15TH 6:00PM

Visit **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CHAPEL** to view the complete schedule for Daily Chapel Service.

Join us in person or virtually on our website, Facebook page, and/or YouTube channel.

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A big THANK YOU to all those who helped make the purim carnival a success!

The Sisterhood and 100 Jewish Men

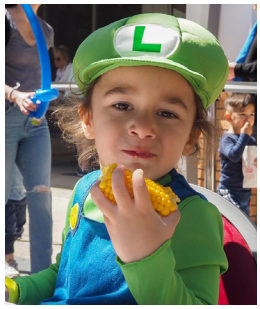
Inclusion Sponsors: The Shirley & Bruce Stein Family, Lillie & Ben Hurwitz, Sharon & Richard Kammerman, Anita & Allen Mattis, Maxine & Bubba Silberstein, and Rachel Zuckman

Gary Swartz and his crew of Grill Masters.

Our Adult and Teen Volunteers

Our Photographer Daniel Bissonett

Our Administrative, Kitchen, and Maintenance Staff



Friday, April 29th - Saturday, April 30th

**Optional Saturday night extension*

Beth Yeshurun Family Retreat returns with a new location at Moody Gardens in Galveston! Spend Shabbat with your Beth Yeshurun clergy and Jewish country musician Joe Buchanan, then explore all the activities and attractions Moody Gardens has to offer. From Jewish learning and Shabbat services to a paddle-wheel boat ride, visiting the aquarium, or relaxing by the pool, there is truly something for all ages and interests.

----------Cost----------

Room Rate (either 1 King or 2 Queens):
$200 including taxes per night

Food/Activity Fee (Per Person):
Ages 13+ $185 | Ages 2-12 $120 | Under 2 $40
Includes all group activities and meals
Complementary self-parking

------ Registration is now Open! ------

The retreat is open to all Beth Yeshurun Members and Beth Yeshurun Day School Students and their families.

Financial assistance is available

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/FAMILY-RETREAT

The Breakfast Club

Join us for Morning Minyan... *stay and learn Torah with our Clergy!*

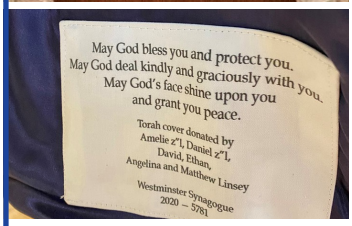
Tuesdays: Wisdom of Torah with Rabbi Strauss
Held in memory of Steve Rudoff z"l. Breakfast is sponsored by: Larry Finder, Stephen Tew, Gordon Zuber, & Jack Uzick

Wednesdays: Voices of Torah with Rabbi Morgen
Breakfast is sponsored by: Trudi & Max Esses, Larry Finder, Barbara & Dell Coleman, and Rachel & Andrew Toubin

Thursdays: Jewish Mysticism & Ancient Cultural Beliefs with Rabbi Fort
Breakfast is sponsored by: Anonymous and Courtney Zubowski-Haas & Eric Haas

Saturdays: Weekly Torah Portion with Rabbi Horwitz

Torah Cover Dedication Opportunity



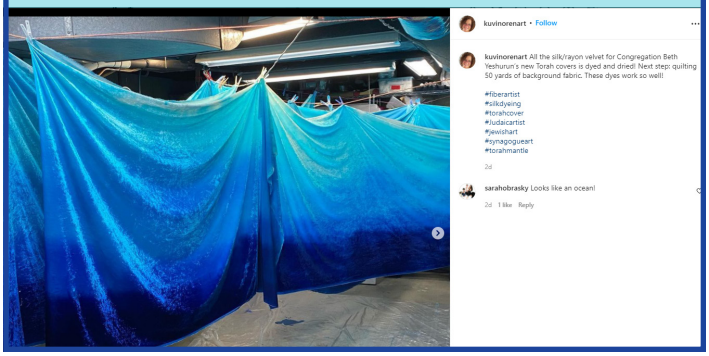
Upon the opening of the Ark, we are greeted with our sacred Torahs. With gratitude to Sarah Braham, Andrea Stein and Arlene Staller, we are updating our Torah covers with one-of a-kind, beautiful, coverings made specifically for Congregation Beth Yeshurun. Each Torah cover represents one of the seven species and are handmade by Jeanette Kuvin Oren on individually hand-dyed velvet.

Dedicating a Torah cover is a meaningful way to honor an individual or memorialize a loved one with an enduring testimonial that will stand as a living tribute. Dedication opportunities include a personalized message sewn inside of a Torah cover.

The number of possible opportunities is extremely limited and the deadline for all dedications is July 1, 2022. Funds raised benefit the Congregation's Torah ReJEWvination project, which strives to repair and maintain our Congregation's precious Torah scrolls. Over time, a number of our Torahs have been rendered not kosher due to separation between the Torah's parchment and seams; discoloration or cracking of the ink used by the Sofer to scribe the Torah; or detachment of the Eitz Chaim. Torah ReJEWvination contributions ensure continued maintenance and repair to all of Congregation Beth Yeshurun's scrolls, ensuring that we fulfill the commandment to show great respect and sanctify our Torahs.

For more information, please contact Jennifer Sutton at **JSUTTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG** or 713-666-1881 x 315

Follow Jeanette Kuvin Oren's process on Instagram @KuvinOrenArt



Haroset and Healthy Tips for a Happy Passover

Join Sisterhood a fun and informative workshop!

Sunday, April 3, 2022 at 10:30AM

Dena Stoler, a local nutritionist, will share with Sisterhood a few unique and healthy Haroset recipes. Together we will make a sampling of Haroset to taste and take home (recipes will be provided). Dena will also speak to us about how to make Passover meals delicious and healthy. She will share tips and suggestions on how to maintain healthy cooking and eating during Passover and throughout the year.

Refreshments will be served.

The event is free, but please register so that we have supplies for everyone.

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Women's Chocolate Seder

Sunday, April 10th at 2:00pm

Join other Jewish women for a special retelling of the Passover story through chocolate, highlighting the many important roles of women along the way. Our Chocolate Seder is a special way to get ready for Passover, and reminds us that freedom is sweet!

For Jewish women (Bat Mitzvah and older)
$18 per member | $25 per non-member
Register by Thursday, April 7TH at Noon

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Passover to Go

A fully kosher meal for your Passover Seder

Members: $38 per person; Public: $42 per person | $13 per seder plate

Choice of main entree:
Slow Roasted Brisket with Carrots & Potatoes | Roasted Salmon in a Lemon Sauce | Vegetarian Stuffed Pepper with Marinara Sauce

Each meal also includes:
Matzah Ball Soup, Gefilte Fish served on Bib Lettuce, Carrot Garnish & Horseradish, Passover Dessert, and Matzah

Seder Plate will include:
Roasted Shank Bone, Parsley, Charoset, Boiled Egg, Horseradish, Lettuce, Matzah

All meals are supervised by HKA

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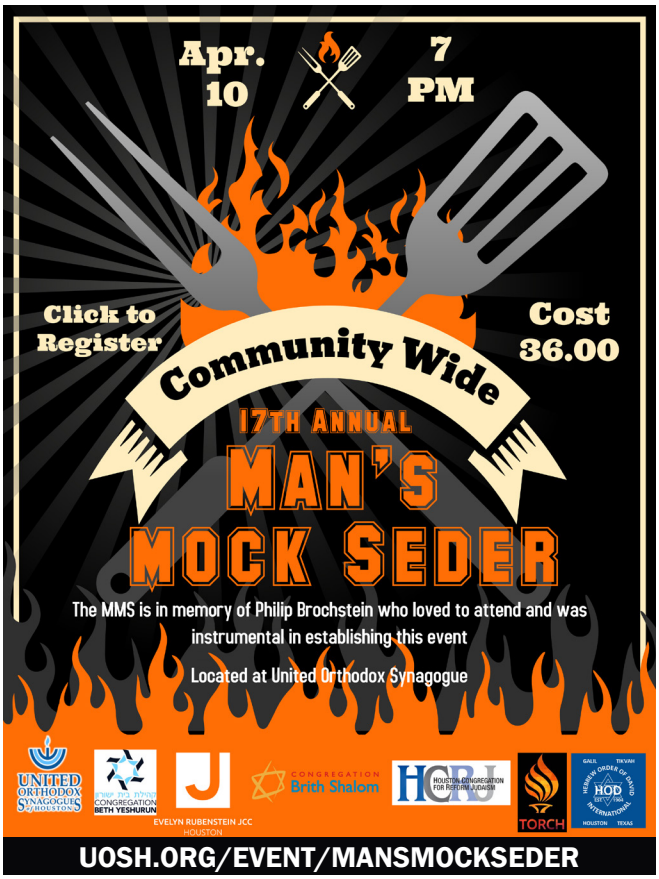

Big Bread Burn

THURSDAY, APRIL 14, 2022
5:00-6:00PM

COME BURN YOUR CHAMETZ!

Stay for a free pizza dinner, dessert, crafts, and a fire truck!

In Memoriam

Yizkor Service Saturday, April 23RD

Yizkor is soon approaching, a time when we honor the memory of our loved ones. To ensure that the names of your loved ones are memorialized in our 5782 Yizkor Book Addendum, please complete the online Yizkor Book form. Names received after April 15 might not be printed on the Passover addendum, but will be included in the online version of the book available on our website as well as the Shavuot addendum.

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Help us Welcome a Rescued Holocaust Torah

Generously Sponsored by Barbara and Dell Colman

Shabbat Morning, April 23, 2022 in the Freedman-Levit Sanctuary

A Holocaust Torah rescued from Moravia has found its new home in the J.B. Greenfield Chapel. This Kabbalistic Torah was originally brought to the United States by Rabbi Sholom Alchanan Singer of Congregation B'Nai Torah in Highland Park, IL.

Barbara Coleman's parents, Cecil Levine Berman and Dr. Alex Martin Berman of blessed memory, were actively involved in maintaining this Torah as well as its silver and mantels. As the Ritual and Music Committee Chair, Dr. Berman meticulously oversaw its upkeep, including the preservation of the original German identification tag which accompanied the Torah while it was housed at the Moravian Synagogue.

The Memorial Scrolls Trust granted Beth Yeshurun special permission to house this important historical Torah in the Ark of our J.B. Greenfield Chapel. Barbara and Dell have generously sponsored its kashering and relocation. With its original mantles, the Torah is dressed with beautiful rimonim, a yad and breastplate, in tribute to the people of Hrance, Moravia.

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Upcoming Events

4/3 RS/Sulam/JLP Classes Meet
Haroset and Healthy Tips for a Happy Passover
Archaeology Now @ Allen Parkway Cemetery
Making Memories Grandchildren & Grandfriends
4/5 Raising Jewish Kids
ScholarStream: Renewing our Resilience
4/6 Women in Diplomacy
4/7 Fasting & Feasting in Abrahamic Faith
4/8 Story Time with Rabbi Fort
Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing
4/10 RS/Sulam Classes
Women's Chocolate Seder
Community Wide Man's Mock Seder
4/12 ScholarStream: Renewing our Resilience
4/14 Big Bread Burn
4/15 Ta'anit Bechorot (Fast of the First Born)
1st Night Seder
4/16 2nd Night Seder
4/21 Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly
Talking to God with Rabbi Steven Morgen
4/23 My Shabbat
4/24 RS/Sulam/JLP Classes Meet
Young Parent Play | Date
Community Yom Hashoah Program
4/28 The Gathering Place
Stuff You Never Learned in Hebrew School
4/30 Shabbat Refreshed
5/1 RS/Sulam/JLP Classes Meet
5/15 Annual Meeting
5/18 100JM & Sisterhood: Comedian Joel Chasnoff

Ongoing: Breakfast Club - Morning Torah Study with Clergy; Wednesdays: Jewish Meditation

For information about these dates and more visit BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CALENDAR also make sure you are receiving our weekly emails!

ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, May 15, 2022

We will elect our synagogue board of directors, discuss the accomplishments of the previous year and share what is in store for the coming year. Please make plans to attend this is important business meeting.

Time sensitive material - please deliver promptly!

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