

The Message

JANUARY 2023



SHABBAT IS BACK AT BETH YESHURUN BY RABBI BRIAN STRAUSS

There is an old joke about an atheist who goes to shul every Shabbos and sits next to his friend Ginsburg. One day, someone asks the atheist why he keeps coming to services if he doesn't believe in God. He replies, "Ginsburg goes to shul to talk to God. I go to shul to talk to Ginsburg." Whatever the reason, members like you are rushing back to Shabbat services at Beth Yeshurun. I believe there are several reasons.

One, we are blessed to have Cantor Rachel Goldman. Cantor Goldman's selections of melodies are upbeat and engaging. She has added new prayers that encourage participation for members of all ages. Finally, she works beautifully with our B'nai Mitzvah students. Through her team's efforts, our students are more prepared, resulting in more beautiful and inspiring services.

Two, ultimately, I know that no matter how good the service is, what people want is a good Oneg. According to the prophet Isaiah, the "Sabbath shall be a delight." By having something good to eat, delight is added to Shabbat. Under the direction of our Catering Department Director, Marco Alvarado, the food on both Friday nights and Saturday mornings has never been better. Our catering department provides delicious kosher foods, desserts, and drinks.

Three, Shabbat is different from other days of the week when we rush to get to our next activity. We can take our time meeting and greeting other community members on our day of rest. The pandemic has forced us to painfully experience that the lack of any community can be psychologically poisonous. Today, more than ever, we have come to appreciate that Judaism was designed to be lived with others. Praying alone at home or listening to a sermon online can only go so far. Now we know that the feeling of togetherness genuinely inspires and moves us.

Every Friday evening, we come together as a community with our Shabbat Renewal service from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m. On Saturday mornings, our services begin at 9:30 a.m., followed by a Shabbat lunch open to everyone. Of course, we are also blessed with our J.B. Greenfield Chapel and Museum Minyan Minyanim. Please check our website for a full prayer schedule. There truly is a destination for everyone at CBY.

In Hebrew, a synagogue is not called a "house of worship" but a Beit Knesset - "A house of gathering." I hope to gather and engage with you soon at an upcoming Shabbat service.

Check out what's happening on and around campus!

Celebrating the 4th night of Hanukkah with Houston Astros Alex Bregman and KPRC Sports Reporter Ari Alexander



WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

1/1	11	Emily & Joseph Spinner
	73	Leslie & Scott Stange
1/2	24	Lisa & Rabbi Brian Strauss
	35	Jackie & Vincent Wedelich
1/3	42	Deborah & Joseph Freilich
	42	Claudia & Sergio Soroka
1/4	9	Marisa & Jonathan Nowitz
	42	Linda & Jay Rosen
1/5	15	Taryn & Dan Braun
	4	Emily Caulfield & Lance Morton
	21	Amy & Daniel Ferber
	4	Yarden & Robert Finder
	15	Lauren & Joshua Vogel
	43	Dory & Nestor Yudelevich
1/6	10	Jennifer & Joel LeVine
	32	Lisa & Robert Suvalsky
1/7	30	Juliana & Stephen Tew
1/8	45	Ellen & Barry Croft
	19	Julie & Michael Kaplan
	17	Dorian & Jason Taibel
1/10	19	Ginger & Grant Marblestone
1/11	3	Julie Getz-Flores & Eduardo Flores
1/12	15	Nicole & Jeff Dobbs
	43	Amy & Michael Merkin
	37	Julie & Steven Scheinthal
	20	Andrea & Yosef Winard
1/13	38	Jan & Michael Pappert
1/14	33	Judy & David Bell
	44	Sherry & Lenny Dubin
	39	Tyann & Marc Nathan
	34	Linda & Bruce Ruzinsky
1/15	42	Fortuna & Rafael Esquenazi
	45	Susan & Michael Klaiman
	39	Elyse & Howard Schultz
	11	Rina & Leon Trakhtenberg
1/16	18	Amira & Bradley Staller
	29	Paula & Nathan Ticatch
1/17	19	Randee & Howard Berman
	13	Sharon & Jonathan Levy
	53	Norma & Saul Szub
1/18	19	Rona Milbauer & Gerald Levit
	25	Laurie & Jeffrey Rosenberg
1/21	28	Lisa & Cory Birenbaum
	11	Julie & Evan Davis
1/22	23	Staci & Jason Beinart
	40	Reina & Scott McMillian
1/24	52	Joan & Blaine Land
1/25	16	Bonnie & Steven Schultz
1/27	10	Allison & Michael Burger
	16	Melanie & Elan Levy
1/30	48	Margot & Michael Barnard
1/31	14	Jessica & Joshua Samet

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Jayden Nathaniel Eisenberg (January 20-21) son of Michelle Eisenberg and Michael & Allison Eisenberg; brother of Gabriel and William; Grandson of Joyce & Martin Oppenheimer^{z"l}, Zipora Eisenberg and Larry Eisenberg^{z"l}.



Hailey Rose Lane (January 27-28) daughter of Donna and Robert Lane; sister of Jack and Natalie; granddaughter of Sara & Abraham Glaiach and Helaine & David Lane.

BETH **YES** HURUN
Youthful Energetic Seniors



Wednesday, January 18, 2023

11:30am - Lunch

12:00pm - Entertainment!

\$10/pp

Enjoy lunch with friends, then head to the Freedman Levit Sanctuary to hear one of our favorites - The Ziggy Band!

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/YESJANUARY2023

PLAY PICKLEBALL

9am - 12pm | Most Sundays

You can register as a single, double, or foursome. Note that if you register as a single there is no guarantee there will be players to pair up with. We have limited supplies, so players, please bring your own paddles if you have them.

To register visit: **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CALENDAR**

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 Marco Alvarado at **MALVARADO@BETHYESHURUN.ORG** or 713.666.1881 x368.

IN MEMORY OF

Eileen Berger by Robin & Lu Dorfman

Hanni Curland by Joanne Nash & Family

Morris Dorfman by Robin & Lu Dorfman

Michael Dziengel by Esther & Woody Fox

Blume Jackie Fox by Esther & Woody Fox

Toby Gold by Irving Gold

Gotsdiner, Garfinkel & Manning Families by Sam Gotsdiner

Joseph Horwitz by Dr. Kenneth Horwitz and Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sondock

Leo & Leona Kuper by Carol & David Neider

Olga Mordo by Harvey & Mireille Katz

Henry & Sharla Wertheimer by The Wertheimer Family



FRIDAY, JANUARY 27, 2023

Every year we like to take the opportunity to offer a special welcome to our new members from the past year.

New Members: You should have received a special invitation from our Membership Director, Mindi Stern, to a meet and greet with our clergy, Executive Committee, Membership Committee, Board of Trustees, and Executive Staff. If you haven't received it yet please let us know!

If you're joining us in person for Shabbat Renewal this evening, please take a moment to introduce yourself and welcome a new congregant!

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.

Your Sisterhood Giftshop is here for all your Judaica needs!



Open Tuesday-Thursday 10am-4pm; Friday 10am-2:30pm; Sunday 10am-1:00pm; Closed Saturday & Monday.

Call them at 713.255.8021 or email GIFTSHOP@BETHYESHURUN.ORG

The Breakfast Club

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

Condolences

The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Bella Bergman, Louis Berman, Dianna Dushkin, Jacqueline Leone, Sonia Monk, and William Haskell Nelkin

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.

Worship Schedule

FRIDAY EVENINGS

January 6, 2023

Parashat Vayishlach | CL 5:20PM

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

January 13, 2022

Parashat Sh'mot | CL 5:26PM

5:00 PM - Tot Shabbat!

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

5:30 PM - Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Sisterhood Shabbat

January 20, 2022

Parashat Vaera | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 5:32PM

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

January 27, 2022

Parashat Bo | CL 5:38PM

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - New Member Shabbat

February 3, 2022

Parashat Beshalach | CL 5:44PM

5:00 PM - Tot Shabbat

5:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

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

January 7, 2022 | 5:15 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

January 14, 2022 | 5:15 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

January 21, 2022 | 5:15 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

January 28, 2022 | 5:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

February 4, 2022 | 5:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

*Mornings: Sun 8:00AM, Mon-Fri 7:00AM**

Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 5:00PM

**Rosh Chodesh Shevat, January 23 6:45AM*

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



We invite you to share with us your simchas - births, engagement, weddings, or award and recognitions. Fill out our Mazel Tov form with your information a picture and share your great news with the rest of the congregation.

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/MAZELTOV



ROSH CHODESH

A NEW WOMEN'S GROUP LEAD BY
RABBI SARAH FORT WHERE WE WILL
EXPLORE JEWISH WOMEN'S ISSUES,
WITH PARTICULAR EMPHASIS ON PERSONAL
SPIRITUALITY, RITUAL, AND CELEBRATION.

\$18 per session

Open to all Jewish adult women (Bat Mitzvah or older)

Register by visiting the calendar dates below!

OUR THEMES FOR THE YEAR:

Sunday, January 22 at 4:00pm

Shvat: Love Your Mother (Earth)

Sunday, February 19 at 4:00pm

Adar: Rituals

Sunday, March 19 at 4:00pm

Nisan: From Narrowness to Freedom

Sunday, April 16 at 4:00pm

Iyar: Israeli Feminism

Sunday, May 21 at 1:30pm

Sivan: Shavuot



JEWISH MEN

100 Jewish Men is a group of men dedicated to improving themselves and each other as men, fathers, husbands, brothers, sons, friends, and Jews. Through controversial, thought-provoking speakers and small group discussions, we will explore what usually remains unspoken in men's lives at work and at home. We have an incredible year planned, and we hope you choose to be part of it.

\$110 members | \$135 non-members

Dinner at 6:30PM \$12/p | Programs begin at 7:00PM

Open to members and non-members

- 2022-2023 GUESTS -

Wednesday, January 11

Michael Wiesenthal: "My Journey with Mental Illness"

Wednesday, February 8

Brian T. Smith - Sports Columnist for the Houston Chronicle

Wednesday, March 8

Dena Marks, Senior Associate Director, ADL Southwest:
"Recognizing and Responding to Hate Incidents and Hate Crimes"

Wednesday, April 2

18th Annual Man's Mock Seder at UOS

Wednesday, May 17

100 Jewish Men and CBY Sisterhood present: Adam Grove Quiz Show

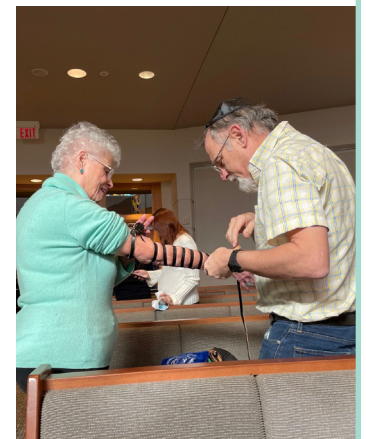
We have an engaging series of speakers lined up for the year!

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/100JM

Start your super bowl Sunday with a prayer and let's wrap & roll!

Sunday, February 12, 2023 | 9:00AM

Conservative Jewish men and women around the world will celebrate the Mitzvah of Tefillin at their morning minyanim, joining thousands of other men and women in the annual "World Wide Wrap." Rabbis and trainers will be available to teach you how to daven with tefillin. Bring your own tefillin or borrow a set from our loaner supply. Stay and join us for breakfast sponsored by 100 Jewish Men after we wrap!



Celebrating the 4TH night of Hanukkah | Wed. December 21ST



- HIGH SCHOOLERS -
JOIN YOUR CLERGY FOR

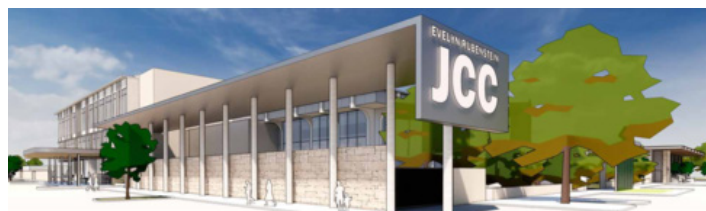
Shabbat Dinner

FRIDAY, JANUARY 20

6:00PM Shabbat Renewal

Dinner to follow for teens only and free of charge

Join us for Shabbat Dinner with the clergy and other teens. Teens will receive a separate invitation in early January, where you will RSVP. If you don't hear from us or have questions, please let us know!



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FOR JEWISH SINGLES OVER 50

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22 | 10AM - 12PM

EVELYN RUBENSTEIN JCC | SAMUELS COMMUNITY PAVILION

TOUR THE "NEW" J AND LEARN ABOUT ALL THE WONDERFUL PROGRAMS THE J HAS TO OFFER!

REGISTER FOR THE MORNING AND YOUR 2-DAY COMPLIMENTARY PASS.

RSVP AT BETH-ISRAEL.SHULCLOUD.COM/CALENDAR

QUESTIONS? BETTERTOGETHER@BETH-ISRAEL.ORG

SHARED LEGACIES

The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance

Shared Legacies:

The African American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance (2020)

Film & Discussion on Sunday, January 15 at 4:00pm

The crucial historical lessons of Black-Jewish cooperation are revisited and revived in this utterly fascinating, urgent call to action.

Common cause was found in the turbulent '60s Civil Rights era, as Jewish leaders backed Dr. King's efforts at racial equality and harmony. Yet, the relationship has frayed in recent years, as a once mighty bond of support and respect has seemingly faded, been forgotten, or ignored.

Pivotal events come alive through a treasure trove of archival materials, narrated by eyewitnesses, activists, Holocaust survivors, and leaders of the movement, including prominent Atlantans such as Congressman John Lewis, Amb. Andrew Young, Rabbi Alvin Sugarman, Rabbi Peter S. Berg, Oscar-winning actor Louis Gossett Jr., members of the King family, and many others.

With divisive seeds of hate taking root anew in the American landscape, a new generation also affirms their pledge to actively promote the values of social justice. This potent, inspiring story of unity, empathy and partnership validates the ubiquity of the human experience, and how freedom and equality for all can be achieved only when people come together.

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LISTENING FORUM

GENERAL COMMUNITY

JANUARY 12 | 7-9 PM

CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN - STEIN HALL

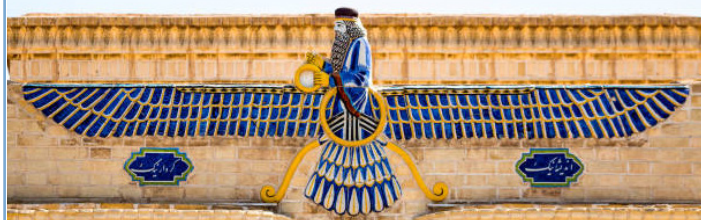
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What is Zoroastrianism?



Sunday, January 29th 11:00AM

Zoroastrianism is one of the world's oldest organized faiths, dating back to the 6th century BCE in Iran. Join us as we welcome **Kaemerz Dotiwala**, one of the founding members of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston.

He will give us an overview of Zoroastrianism, including:

- Some context of the world just before the advent of Zoroastrianism
- Asho Zarathushtra's unique view of the world and concept of God
- A person's relationship to God
- Religious festivals and initiation ceremony of a Zarathushi child (similar to a Bar Mitzvah)
- Concepts of eschatology and Heaven and Hell



Kaemerz Dotiwala is the President of Mazda Yasni Zarathushti Dar-E-Meher Funds, a not-for-profit organization established to construct the first consecrated Dar-E-Meher (Temple) in the Western World.

Kaemerz has been a resident of Houston Texas since 1975. He is one of the founding members of the Zoroastrian Association of Houston and has served on its Executive Committee for many years. Kaemerz has been instrumental in founding the Zoroastrian Association of Houston Youth Group and is a teacher of Zarathushti Sunday school to students from middle to High School. Kaemerz was a Founding participant of FEZANA, the first ZAH representative to The Federation of Zoroastrian Associations of North America (FEZANA). Kaemerz was the first Chairperson of FEZANA'S Zarathushti, Unity and Welfare Committee. This committee was instrumental in resettling Zarathushti refugees from Iran in North America.

Kaemerz is active in interfaith activities. He has appeared on radio talk shows, delivered lectures at the Second North American Gatha Conference, The Foundation for Contemporary Theology, and various other scholarly and multi-faith gatherings. Kaemerz has worked for the Protocol Office of the City of Houston, where he was responsible for programming the visits of guests of The United States Government with the rank of ambassador and above.

Kaemerz firmly believes that the Zarathushti religion is a grass-roots religion with a unique view of the world which encourages tolerance and seeks unity in diversity rather than in uniformity.

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Shul Sisters

A CANTORIAL TRIO

Thursday, March 23, 2023 at 7:30PM
BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CANTORSconcert

We invite you to join us as we honor Toby and Rabbi Jack Segal with an evening celebration featuring performances by The Shul Sisters, a cantorial trio starring Cantor Laurie Akers, Cantor Rachel Brooks, and our very own Cantor Rachel Goldman. Chaired by Lori Herzog and Dana Katz, produced by Chris Hardin and directed by Richard Brown, this incomparable musical experience will take place in the Barg Sanctuary.

Please note your calendars for this special evening as seating will be limited. Club purchases, which can accommodate a party of 10, are available at three levels. Cantor Herschel Fox, our favorite funny cantor from California, will entertain underwriters at an outstanding kosher feast, just prior to the show, in Pulaski-Rauch from 5:30-7:15pm!

Club Tickets

All club level tickets include
premium seating, dinner for 10, and valet for 5.
\$7,500 Producer's Club
\$5,400 Composer's Club
\$3,600 Cantor's Club

Individual Tickets

\$360/pp Premium Seating, Valet, and Dinner
\$180/pp Premium Seating with Valet for 1
\$54/pp General Admission

Tribute Book for Toby & Rabbi Jack Segal

\$3,600 Full Page with Photo \$2,800 Half Page
\$1,200 Quarter page \$720 Eighth Page
\$36 One line (80 Characters)

To purchase a Club ticket package, please contact Lori or Dana or you may contact Jennifer Sutton at the synagogue: 713-666-1881 x 315 or JSUTTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG.



SHUL OF ROCK

Join us for A WEEKEND FULL OF ROCK & ROLL!

SAVE THE DATE

Rock Shabbat | Friday, March 3

Purim Carnival | Sunday, March 5

Megillah Reading & Shpiel | Monday, March 6

Light up the Night!

Hanukkah celebrations | Sun. December 18th



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Upcoming Events

- 1/8** Dr. Elizabeth Bryant Denham: 4-Part Series
1/11 100 Jewish Men: Michael Wiesenthal:
"My Journey with Mental Illness"
1/12 Hineni Houston @ Beth Yeshurun
1/13 Tot Shabbat
Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing
Sisterhood Shabbat
1/15 Film & Discussion - Shared Legacies: The African
American-Jewish Civil Rights Alliance
1/18 YES Lunch - The Ziggy Band
1/19 Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly
Reconciling Judaism & the Rainbow:
Education & Advocacy
1/20 Teen Dinners with CBY Clergy
1/21 MyShabbat
1/22 Rosh Chodesh Program
1/26 The Gathering Place
Sisterhood Installation
1/27 New Member Shabbat
1/29 Zoroastrian Speaker
Pickleball for Jewish Singles over 50
2/1 Coffee & Canasta
2/3 Tot Shabbat!
2/8 100 Jewish Men: Brian T. Smith - Sports
Columnist for the Houston Chronicle
2/9 YES Lunch
2/10 Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing
JDAIM Shabbat
2/12 World Wide Wrap
2/16 Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly
2/17-19 Scholar-in-Residence: Dr. Robert Harris
2/19 Yom Limmud hosted by Beth Israel
Rosh Chodesh Program
2/23 The Gathering Place
2/24 Go Texan Shabbat
2/26 Jews of Color: Black Jews in Africa, Israel, & US
Pickleball for Jewish Singles over 50

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

For information about these dates and more visit
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also make sure you are receiving our weekly emails!

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