

# The Message

JULY 2021



## CLERGY MESSAGE | RABBI SARAH FORT

Vaccinations have made our world safer. One of the many perks of that safer world is the ability to travel again. For a group of our teens, that meant the realization of a dream a long time coming: to travel to our homeland of Israel.

Kehillah High is a multi-denominational post-Bnai Mitzvah educational program. A joint effort of Beth Yeshurun, Brith Shalom and Beth Israel, Kehillah High is the opportunity for 8th-12th graders to come together weekly to explore their burgeoning Jewish identities. Every grade has a special trip or experience. Last year was going to be an especially exciting year: the inaugural Israel trip for the 11th & 12th grades. But Covid put a swift end to that. So many teens looking forward to experiencing the beauty of Israel were deeply disappointed.

Then, with the blessing of extensive vaccination and testing in Israel and here, and through the hard work and dedication of Kehillah High Director Danielle Alexander, our teens were told that their trip would finally happen, 12 months later! The excitement was palpable. It wouldn't be easy—there would be testing, quarantine, more testing. But our teens and dedicated staff were willing to put in the effort if it meant that their dream of exploring Israel together could happen.

Our Beth Yeshurun teens and the rest of their Kehillah High cohort landed in Israel on June 14th. Soon after they were out of quarantine and off to explore our holy land for three amazing weeks! They went to the Kotel on Shabbat and had dinner on Ben Yehuda; hiked Masada and swam in the Dead Sea. Most importantly, they experienced Israel with other 10th-12th graders and made memories and connections with each other and the land of Israel that will last a lifetime.

Thirteen Beth Yeshurun teens participated: Ben Beinart, Zachary Fingeret, Sam Goldfarb, Victoria Hoffman, Sarah Lootens, Elliot Newman, Alexa Schwartz, Serena Schwartz, Josh Sherman, Aaron Stein, Hannah Stein, Madeline Strug, and Hanna Sweeden. The trip was led by Danielle Alexander. Sarah Goldberg, Beth Yeshurun Program Associate, was one of the staff.

Many thanks to the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, RootOne, and some very generous Beth Yeshurun and other community members for their assistance and funding in making this trip possible. Kehillah High is one of the 20 RootOne grantee organizations traveling with more than 4,000 teens to Israel this summer; the first in-person teen trip to go to Israel since the pandemic began!



## JULY WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

7/1	42	Judy & Michael Feinstein
	37	Martha & Donald Freedman
	20	Rysse & Brian Goldfarb
	37	Gayle & Scott Hoffer
	26	Lauren & Ronald Karkowsky
7/2	26	Patricia & Jonathan Kagan
	44	Esther & Lynn Levine
	21	Robin & Evan Melamed
7/3	10	Amy & Adam Mincberg
	33	Sylvia & Martin Mintzer
	13	Amanda & Jason Staller
7/4	39	Cathy & Robert Binstock
	51	Deborah & Marvin Crane
	17	Annette & Mark Goldberg
	47	Linda & Zvi Schiffman
	47	Ilona & James Thomson
7/6	46	Sharon & Arnold Kagan
	18	Susan & Gary Whitman
7/7	21	Sabrina & John-Patrick Clubb
	64	Josie & Joseph Diamond
	53	Charlett & Marshall Frumin
	9	Carolyn Rubenstein & Greg Lerner
	30	Cynthia & Barry Weinberger
7/8	31	Donna Cohen & Mitch Sirotkin
	31	Linda & Alan Rosen
	42	Helen & Stanley Spinner
7/9	54	Helene & Steven Gould
	54	Marilyn & Herman Litt
7/11	6	Leslie & Cory Itkin
	39	Esther Jonas & Sherman Nagler
7/12	29	Shannon & Danny Sheena
7/13	51	Sue & John Goott
	41	Cindy & Barry Weinstein
7/16	43	Louise & Charles Goldberg
	21	Ali & Jeff Kalina
7/17	65	Raisa & Boris Glekel
	16	Erin & Jeffrey Newman
7/18	29	Renata & Leon Nelkin
	28	Phyllis & Robert Nelson
7/19	51	Karen & Edwin Freedman
	51	Sheryl & Larry Smith
7/20	69	Pauline & Edward Sheinberg
7/21	19	Sandra & Bernard Sugar
7/24	27	Edie & David Amran
	38	Susan & Randal Farber
	28	Shara Fryer & Barry Silverman
7/25	13	Abigail & Joel Davis
	39	Carol & Leonard Hershkowitz

7/26	57	Pamela & Walter Bazarsky
	23	Madeline & Robert Bresalier
	57	Sheryl & Bernard Feldman
7/27	41	Rhonda & Ariel Bass
	35	Rodi & Robert Franco
7/28	53	Marsha & Martin Block
7/29	14	Ronna & Mandel Selber
	10	Deborah & Matthew Strauss
7/30	64	Larisa & Michael Kaliya
	43	Brena & Howard Moglovkin
	49	Rochelle & Irwin Novak
	10	Meghan & David Stein
7/31	45	Candace & Arnold Lipp

## Condolences

*The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of:*

Gabriel "Gaby" Braun, Filmore C. Cohen, Revenn Nancy Edelstein, Gerald Fleishman, Martin H. Harris, Bettie Heyman, Pearl Levin, Kimberly Saghian, and Larry Wainer

*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.



For the 8th year in a row (with a small interruption due to the Covid19 Pandemic) Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood will be collaborating with JFS and The Celebration Company in the assembly of the Honey-less Honey Cake Project.

The Celebration Company provides life skills and meaningful employment to individuals with disabilities who, with joy and purpose, provide services and create products that celebrate the good life.

We will be assembling 500 bags of the Honey-less Honey Cake Mix on **Tuesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 9-11am** at Beth Yeshurun. We are counting on 50 volunteers!

To sign up, email Syma Levy at **HONEYCAKEPROJECT@GMAIL.COM** and include your name and phone number.



# The Battle for the Jewish Soul! Are the Missionaries Winning?



Join Rabbi Tovia Singer  
for an exciting Friday  
evening lecture and Q & A

**Beth Yeshurun**  
Friday, July 23rd, 6:00pm  
Barg Sanctuary



**Rabbi Tovia Singer**

Author of *Let's Get Biblical*  
Director of Outreach Judaism

After Shabbat Renewal  
Rabbi Singer will host a Q&A session  
Followed by our Shabbat Oneg

No registration necessary, free of charge

## HIGH HOLY DAYS 5782

We want to share the exciting news with you that we will be open for the upcoming High Holy Days. As in previous years, High Holy Day tickets will be mailed to all members in good standing later this summer. We will share more information about any necessary procedures in August.

EREV ROSH HASHANAH - SEPTEMBER 6  
ROSH HASHANAH - SEPTEMBER 6-7  
KOL NIDRE - SEPTEMBER 15  
YOM KIPPUR - SEPTEMBER 16

## Worship Schedule

### FRIDAY EVENINGS

**July 9, 2021**

**Parashat Matot-Masei | Rosh Chodesh Av | CL 8:08PM**  
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal  
6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**July 16, 2021**

**Parashat Devarim | Shabbat Hazon | CL 8:06PM**  
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal  
6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**July 23, 2021**

**Parashat Vaetchanan | Shabbat Nachamu | CL 8:03PM**  
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Rabbi Tovia Singer  
6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**July 30, 2021**

**Parashat Eikev | CL 7:59PM**  
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal  
6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

**August 6, 2021**

**Parashat Re'eh | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 7:53PM**  
6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal  
6:45 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

### SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

**July 3, 2021 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**  
**July 10, 2021 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**  
**July 17, 2021 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**  
**July 24, 2021 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**  
**July 31, 2021 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**  
**August 7, 2021 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel**

### WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

Mornings: Sun 8:00AM, Mon-Fri 7:00AM\*  
Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 7:30PM

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

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

**COVID UPDATE** In light of the news from the CDC, our local officials, and our medical advisors, we are adjusting our COVID protocols in the synagogue and anticipate that these will be our synagogue protocols through the summer months:

- If you have been fully vaccinated, you now have the option to remove your mask in the synagogue building. If you have not been fully vaccinated and are in the synagogue building, we ask that you continue wearing a mask and encourage you to get vaccinated if eligible. We will continue to offer virtual programs and services.
- In our sanctuaries we are suggesting a distance of 3-feet between congregants that are not in the same pod.
- Registration for Chapel and Main Sanctuary services are no longer required.
- Any individual experiencing symptoms of illness, we ask you to stay home and return to the synagogue when you are free of symptoms.

**Please note that these protocols apply only to the synagogue and not the Religious School or Day School, which will continue with their existing protocols. As guidelines from the CDC, local officials, and our medical advisors change we will continue updating our protocols. For latest information visit our website and subscribe to our weekly email.**

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## Upcoming Events

- 7/5** Independence Day Observed - Admin Offices Closed
- 7/11** JMCTX Summer Retreat
- 7/15** Kids Meals/SEARCH Bag Assembly
- 7/23** Guest Rabbi Tovia Singer
- 7/27** Sisterhood Honey-less Honey Cake Project
- 8/4** JMCTX Book Club

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

**View the July Menu Today!**

# CBY Meals To-Go

## KOSHER WEEKDAY AND SHABBAT MEALS

**BETHYESHURUN.ORG/CBYMEALSTOGO**

**We would love to have you join us in Religious School,  
Sulam, or Kehillah High for the upcoming year!**

Registration is completed online by logging in to your account through the membership portal. Details about the program and online registration can be found on the Beth Yeshurun website, [BETHYESHURUN.ORG/REGISTRATION-INFORMATION](http://BETHYESHURUN.ORG/REGISTRATION-INFORMATION)

For more information, contact Education Director, Sheryl Eskowitz,  
at [seskowitz@bethyeshurun.org](mailto:seskowitz@bethyeshurun.org) or 713-255-8034

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Find all the information  
about our programs  
and how to register by  
using the QR code!  
or visit [www.bethyeshurun.org](http://www.bethyeshurun.org)  
then hover on "Learning" and  
click "Religious School."



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Proceeds benefit the children of our synagogue



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