CONGREGATION BETH YESHURUN

The Message

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Message from Rabbi Steven Morgen

JUNE 2022

On the 5th and 6th of June we will celebrate the Festival of Shavuot. This holiday commemorates the dramatic experience at Mount Sinai when the Ten Commandments were revealed to Moses and the Israelites. Every year on the eve

of Shavuot we conduct a Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – a program of Jewish text study – to celebrate this momentous occasion.

This year, we are joining together with several other Houston congregations to hold a joint Tikkun which will be hosted by Congregation Brith Shalom. Rabbis Strauss, Fort and I will be presenting talks at this event.

Our Sages had many wonderful tales about what the experience at Sinai must have been like. These midrashim are usually based on some peculiar wording of the Hebrew text. My favorite midrash is based on the very first words uttered by God in the Ten Commandments. In Hebrew it says: "Anokhi Adonai Elohekha." Which means: "I am YHVH your God." But in modern English "your" can be plural or singular. In Hebrew it is clearly singular. That is, it is not – as we say in Texan – "I am YHVH y'all's God."

But God was speaking to all the Israelites gathered at Mount Sinai. According to the Torah that would be some 600,000 men of fighting age (20 years or older) plus women and children – perhaps around 2 million people! Why does God use the singular "your God" instead of the plural "y'alls God?"

Rabbi Levi said: The Holy One appeared to [Israel at Sinai] as though He were a statue with faces on every side so that a thousand people might be looking at the statue, but they would be led to believe that it was looking *directly at each one of them*. So, too, when the Holy One spoke, each and every person in Israel could say, "The Divine Word is addressing me." Note that the Scripture does not say, "I am the LORD *your* [plural] God," but I am the LORD *thy* [singular] God. Moreover, said R. Jose bar R. Hanina, the The Divine Word spoke to each and every person according to his particular capacity.

What this astonishing Midrash is teaching us is that God communicates with each one of us in a way that we can particularly understand. And we may not "hear" exactly the same thing as our neighbor or friend. Our relationship with God is unique to each one of us.

What is amazing to me is that this remarkable interpretation was not created in the 21st century by a radical Rabbi, but rather was probably written down around the 5th or 6th century in a collection of midrashim called *Pesikta d'Rav Kahana*.

As we celebrate the giving of the Ten Commandments, may we be inspired with the wisdom of the Torah and the brilliance of our sacred tradition. And perhaps we, too, can sense God's "words" to us while we imagine ourselves standing at Sinai.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/1	42 36 48	Sandra & David Kronman Josette & Neil Rosenstein Sandy & Brian Douglas	6/15	19 47 19	Amy & Gage Mueller Carol & Eric Samet Brenlee & David Selchen
6/2	58 65 26	Barbara & Norman Frankel Tobye & Mortimer Joachim Neal & Jill Kaminsky	6/16	15 66 37	Donna & Robert Lane Sheila & Marvin Rosenberg Dale & Alan Simon
	38 4 37 65	Lauren & Jordan Mintz Leah & Blake Nommensen Polly & Ralph Robinson Reba & Sylvan Rubin	6/17	21 16 43 55	Michelle & Jeremy Fingeret Lindsey & Jesse Hirsch Lillie & Ben Hurwitz Karol & Daniel Musher
6/3	49 60 43	Marcia & Bruce Friedman Sandra & Joseph Kirk Sharla & Richard Stark	6/18	33 55 28	Diane & David Naggar Toby & Richard Newman Shari & Daniel Spier
6/4	61 33	Michelle & Martin Greenberg Stacy & Owen Sonik	6/19	62 45	Bayla & Marvin Abrams Deborah & Jim Adler
6/5	56 40	Ricki & Milton Frankfort Wendi & Adam Olszewski		46 34	Susan & Scott Bender Cari & Jack Brandt
6/6	40 24	Aliza & Lynn Circle Stephy & Mario Reimers		21 28 34	Janice & Lawrence Finder Shelley & Stephen Roseman Judy & Alan Rosen
6/7	7 35	Talya Arbisser & Joel Gluskin Carla & Joel Cohodes	6/20	23	Rebecca & Joshua Baranoff
	52 24	Diane & Allan Soffar Stefanie & Mark Trachtenberg	6/21	35 52	Rhona & Bruce Caress Robin & Luis Dorfman
6/8	8 47	Tiffany & Jacob Siegel Paula & Richard Stein		41 41	Elyse & Randall Frapart Marion Rifkind & Mark Krasnov
6/9	48 31 49 54 31	Marsha & Arnold Abramson Darla & Scott Gardner Graciela & Albert Handy Cheryl & Michael Nussenblatt Merryl & J. Gordon Zuber	6/22	47 36 47 54 48 70	Rita & Vadim Tunitsky Nora & Christopher Brown Linda & Joel Chess Sharon & Kenneth Goodgame Lisa & John Torry Marcia & Irving Wishnow
6/10	49 38 32 59 49	Terry & Norman Buchalter Robin & Jordan Davis Dora & Israel Grinberg Marjorie & Jerome Kosoy Arlene & Joseph Staller	6/23	26 31 48 51	Connie & Douglas Dotan Barbara & J. Rael Elk Joyce & Stephen Fadem Lindy & Sanford Kahn
	38 1 32	Linda & Thomas Uzick Linda Vega & Jeffrey Simon Mindy & Miles Wertheimer	6/24	32 38 17	Toby & Gregg Brown Lisa & David Fleishman Jami & Howard Kammerman
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6/12	56 40 39 39	Laurel & Dennis Brown Linda & Andrew Burger Patricia & Mark Rauch Marcy & Randall Uzick	6/25	44 44 65 50 50	Susan Gumbiner & Alex Weisselberg Linda & Paul Metter Ryva & Burton Reckles Barbara & Leonard Roth Melanie & Barry Shoss
6/13	29 12	Tara & Steven Sondock Brooke & Gavin Wagenheim	6/26	61 39	Rena & Harvey Zidell Lisa & Joel Bender
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6/15	42 5	Cindy & Jeffrey Abrahams Lisa & David Garb	6/27	43 57 23	Andrea & Richard Brody Orit & David Maley

WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

6/28	35	Esther & Steven Bethke
6/29	75 53	Helen & Martin Mark Linda & Jerry Paine
	48 59	Faina & Ilya Shnur Karen & Samuel Shoss
6/30	48 37 43	Harriet & Arnold Eisenstein Mindy & Barry Levinson Jan & Stanford Shoss

Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Juan Pablo Vallarta (June 10-11) son of Ari and Sarai Vallarta; brother of Hugo, Santiago and Emilio; grandson of Ariel Ortiz & Sandra Macias and Rodolfo Vallarta & Susana Rendon.

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 x368.

IN HONOR OF THE

Bat Mitzvah of Rachel Paull by Dr. Keith & Sherrel Paull

IN MEMORY OF

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Condolences

The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Elaine J. Altschuler, Milton Faigen, Dr. Gertrude Goetz, Evelyn Bank Sandler, and Inez Rachel "Rae" Silberman

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 June 3, 2022

Parashat B'midbar | CL 8:01рм 6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Mental Health Awareness 6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

June 10, 2022

Parashat Naso |CL 8:04рм 6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal 6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

June 17, 2022

Parashat B'ha alot'kha | CL 8:07рм 6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal - Father's Shabbat 6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

June 24, 2022

Parashat Sh'lah L'kha | Shabbat Mevarchim | CL 8:08рм 6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal 6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

July 1, 2022

Parashat Korah | CL 8:09рм 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 11:30 AM - Torah Study

SATURDAY EVENING SERVICES

June 4, 2022 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel June 11, 2022 | 7:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel June 18, 2022 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel June 25, 2022 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel July 2, 2022 | 8:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES

Mornings: Sun 8:00AM, Mon-Fri 7:00AM* *Shavuot Day I & II: June 5[™]/6[™] 8:30AM *Rosh Chodesh Tammuz: June 30[™] 6:45AM Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 7:30PM** **Shavuot Day 1 & Yizkor: June 5[™]/6[™] 8:00PM

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.



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**



SERVICE SCHEDULE EREV SHAVUOT - Saturday, June 4 7:45PM Chapel

SHAVUOT I - Sunday, June 5 8:30AM Chapel & Main Sanctuary | 8:00PM Chapel

SHAVUOT II (YIZKOR) - Monday, June 6 8:ЗОам Chapel | 9:ЗОам Main Sanctuary | 8:ООрм Chapel

STANDING AT THE FOOT OF THE MOUNTAIN: A Shavuot Program

7:00 pm | June 4, 2022 Congregation Brith Shalom 4610 Bellaire Blvd, Bellaire, TX 77401

Our annual community-wide Shavuot program returns with rabbis and educators from Houston area congregations leading 18-minute sessions on a variety of Jewish topics.

We will hear from: Rabbi Gideon Estes, Rabbi Josh Fixler, Rabbi Sarah Fort, Rabbi Steve Gross, Rabbi Oren Hayon, Cantor Mark Levine, Rabbi David Lyon, Rabbi Steven Morgen, David Scott, Cantor Rollin Simmons, Rabbi Brian Strauss, and Rabbi Ranon Teller

RSVP at bethyeshurun.org/event/shavuot2022

Young professionals are invited for special sessions from 7:30-9:00 pm. *Babysitting will be provided if needed from 7:30-9:00.





The **Gathering Place** provides a free of charge loving, safe and fun environment for care partners experiencing memory loss due to Alzheimer's, Parkinson's, stroke or other forms of dementia.

The Gathering Place meets once a month, at Congregation Beth Yeshurun. The meetings combine physical movement, socialization, music, and other memory-stimulating activity in a safe and comfortable 2 hour time block, enabling caregivers to attend to their personal needs without worry. A professional staff member attends each Gathering Place to provide expert support and assistance to the volunteers. The Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood is a proud suporter of the Gathering Place.

For more information please contact our coordinators:

Lillie Hurwitz at LILLIEHUR@GMAIL.COM or Hedy Spiegel at

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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**

Mazel Tov to the Classes of 2022!

Beth Yeshurun Day School

Kehillah High





ISRAEL-A-PALOOZA

The Religious School recently held their annual ISRAEL-A-PALOOZA, which was once again generously sponsored by Joyce and Arthur Dauber. Religious School families enjoyed coming together to participate in a variety of activities celebrating Israel. The 5th and 6th graders competed in an interactive Israel-themed game show.



Torah Cover Dedication Opportunity



Follow the process on Instagram @KuvinOrenArt

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-akind, 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^{sr}. A portion of the funds raised will 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 713-666-1881x315



Join us this Shabbat Renewal to talk about mental health and hear from Michael Wiesenthal as he shares with us "My Journey with Mental Illness."

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

For more information, contact Education Director, Sheryl Eskowitz, at **seskowitz@bethyeshurun.org** or 713-255-8034

"The William S. Malev Schools for Religious Studies at Congregation Beth Yeshurun affords our daughter the opportunity to nurture her connection to Judaism with lifelong friends in a creative and safe environment. We are thankful to the leadership for their thoughtful approach to virtual and in-person learning during the pandemic." - Lynnie and Jason Roth



information about our programs and how to register by using the QR code! or visit <u>BETHYESHURUN.ORG</u> then hover on "Learning" and click "Religious School."

Find all the





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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.



HONEY SALES HAVE BEGUN!

Don't wait! Each year we have several folks who miss the ordering deadline and have to pay an additional \$5.50/jar for a late fee. Remember, the vendor sets the price and the deadline date.

A jar of Kosher honey makes an excellent High Holidays greeting. Consider sending honey to family,

friends, teachers, customers and colleagues. Each package includes an 8 ounce jar of honey along with the appropriate prayers and a gift card from you. Honey will be delivered prior to Erev Rosh Hashanah.

All proceeds from this sale benefit the students of our Shul and School.

Just go to **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/HONEY**. Fill in the name and address and the greeting for each jar. All orders must be placed on the order-entry system. No paper orders will be accepted.

Cost \$13/jar includes shipping anywhere in the USA. There is an additional fee for international orders. Order by August 1st to avoid a late fee.

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^{2'1}. 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



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Father's Shabbat! Our fathers will be blessed by Clergy.

TEACHERS WANTED

We're looking for Religious School/Sulam teachers for the 2022 - 2023 school year! The Religious School/Sulam (Pre-K - 7th Grade) meets on Sunday mornings and on Wednesday afternoons. If you're interested in sharing your love of Judaism with our children and have time on Sunday mornings and/or Wednesday afternoons, this might be for you! To learn more about available positions, please contact Sheryl Eskowitz, Education Director, at 713-255-8040 or SESKOWITZ@BETHYESHURUN.ORG.

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Upcoming Events

- 6/1 ScholarStream: Israel Models of Resilience
- 6/3 Mental Health Shabbat
- 6/4 Erev Shavuot
- 6/5 Shavuot (Day I)
- 6/6 Shavuot (Day II/Yizkor) Admin Office Closed
- 6/16 Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly
- 6/17 Father's Shabbat
- 6/23 Gathering Place
- 7/4 Independence Day Admin Office Closed
- 7/21 Kids Meals/SEARCH Bags Assembly
- 7/28 Gathering Place

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!



for more information 713.666.1881

> We are looking for volunteers to help with receptionist desk coverage and other general administrative tasks.

Time sensitive material - please deliver promptly!

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