# The Message

SEPTEMBER 2023



## WHAT DID YOU DO WITH THE PAST YEAR OF LIFE? BY RABBI BRIAN STRAUSS

September is the most exciting time of year for every congregational rabbi. I must prepare for High Holiday services and complete my sermons, all while starting classes, programs, and a new B'nai Mitzvah class. Therefore, I was thrilled when some friends gave me a book entitled "Words Once Spoken" by Rabbi Charles A. Klein. Rabbi Klein was a longtime pulpit rabbi in Merrill, New York. His book is full of wonderful anecdotes and inspiring stories. I want to share one story that gave me a lot to consider.

As we reach another High Holiday season, we have been blessed with another year of life. What did we do with the past year? This question is the subject of a story told by the wise rabbi known as the Chofetz Chaim. The Chofetz Chaim told the story of a man named Moshe who approached his friend Chaim for a loan prior to Rosh Hashanah. Moshe told Chaim that with the loan of just a few hundred dollars he could begin the new year debt-free. He promised to repay the loan in short order. Chaim responded and said, "No problem. You'll pay it back whenever you can." So Chaim lent Moshe five hundred dollars. The time passed; first a year, then two, and still no payment. They happened to meet in the street and that gave Chaim the opportunity to say to Moshe, "I don't mean to pressure you, but I think you still owe me the money I lent you almost two years ago." Moshe said, "Oh, I'm sorry. Thanks for reminding me. Come home with me now and I'll give you the money that I owe you." They went to Moshe's home and Moshe took out the original check that Chaim had written. Chaim said, "You didn't even use the check. What was the point of me lending you five hundred dollars?"

The Chofetz Chaim shared this story with his people hoping to teach them an invaluable lesson about life. He said, "We are like Moshe. Last year we prayed to God for another year of life. God gave us what we asked for. On Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we come back with the identical request. What disappoints God is that too many of us come back with the identical life; not enough of us did something different during the year. Few of us made the changes God was hoping we would make. So what was the point of giving you another year of life?"

This timeless message of the Chofetz Chaim presents us with a set of yearly questions. What have we done with our life in the year that has passed? Where could we have done better? Did we keep all of our promises? Did we make any changes at all?

I look forward to seeing you over the High Holidays when we can answer these all-important questions together. Shanah Tovah Umetukah – A Good and Sweet New Year for us all!

#### Check out what's happening on and around campus!

Teen & Tweens go to the Astros, YES Group plays BINGO, High Holy Day Mailer Volunteers













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#### **Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood Giftshop Summer Hours**

Open Tuesday-Friday 10am-1pm; Closed Saturday-Monday

Call them at 713.255.8021 or email **GIFTSHOP@BETHYESHURUN.ORG** 



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** 

#### Mazel Tov to our B'nai Mitzvah!



Sydney Farrah Abramson (September 1-2) daughter of Lori & Brian Abramson; sister of Ethan and Charley; granddaughter of Mark & Diana Phillips, Cathy & Hartley Chelin, and Marsha & Arnold Abramson; great-granddaughter of Rae & Buddy Gerson.



**Lindsey Ruth Cersonsky (September 1-2)** daughter of Kelly & James Cersonsky; granddaughter of Cathy & Hartley Chelin, Diana & Mark Phillips, Eileen & Leonard<sup>z"L</sup> "Swede" Cersonsky.



Blake Lewis Stomel (September 8-9) son of Natalie & Ross Stomel; brother of Avery; grandson of Jan & Howard Stomel and Sandi & Barry Uretsky.



**Reid Noah Taibel (September 8-9)** son of Dory & Jason Taibel; brother of Maddie; grandson of Cindy & David Senior, Linda & Morris Taibel<sup>z\*l</sup>, and Ronny Bass<sup>z\*l</sup>.

#### 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

**Cecil and Alex Berman** by Barbara & Dell Coleman **Anne Okner Charendoff** by Sandra & Chris Rich **Esther & Gerald Goldberg** by Barbara & Geoffrey Koslov and Family

Dr. Michael Gordon by Ruzena Gordon and Family William Heartsill by Adrian & Dianna Shapiro Dina Melnick by Harry Melnick and Family Lynette Brown Proler by Laurel & Dennis Brown Mia Rubenfeld by The Rubenfeld Family Edward Shapiro by Adrian & Dianna Shapiro Lea Krell Weems by Judy, Mark, and Marshall Mucasey, Evan & Maryn Mucasey, Ariel, Steven, Lily, and Ben Becker, Gary, Sunni, Abbie, Brooke, and Casey Markowitz and Ruth Krell Steinfeld

**Sol Bernard Weiner** by Linda Weiner & Susan and Michael Klaiman

Avrohm I. Wisenberg by Evelyn R. Wisenberg and Family

#### **Worship Schedule**

#### **FRIDAY EVENINGS**

September 1, 2023

#### Parashat Ki Tavo | CL 7:27pm

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

#### September 8, 2023

#### Selichot | Parashiyot Nitzavim-Vayeilech | CL 7:18pm

6:00 PM - Erev Rosh Hashanah Services

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

#### **September 15, 2023**

#### Rosh Hashanah | CL 7:10PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

#### **September 22, 2023**

#### Parashat Ha'Azinu | Shabbat Shuva | CL 7:01PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

6:30 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

#### **September 29, 2023**

Sukkot | CL 6:53PM

6:00 PM - Shabbat Renewal

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**

September 2, 2023 | 7:15 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel September 9, 2023 | 7:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel September 16, 2023 | 7:00 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel September 23, 2023 | 6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel September 30, 2023 | 6:45 PM - J.B. Greenfield Chapel

#### **WEEKDAY CHAPEL SERVICES**

Mornings: Sun 8:00AM, Mon-Fri 7:00AM\* Afternoon/Evenings: Sun-Thu 6:30PM

\* Selichot, September 11-15 & 18-22 at 6:45AM

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

#### Condolences

The congregation extends its sincerest condolences to the families of:

Taghi Hajizade, Relda Finger Hoffer, Rita Leidner, Leona Odensky, and Lila Joan Prager

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.



# High Holy Days 2023 | 5784

#### **ROSH HASHANAH**

Friday, September 15 - Sunday, September 17

#### **KOL NIDRE**

Sunday, September 24

#### YOM KIPPUR

Monday, September 25



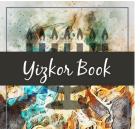
All members are receiving this mailer. We hope this preview excites you to be with us this High Holy Days and the new program year. Members in good standing will find enclosed a **BLUE ENVELOPE** with your High Holy Day tickets. If you do NOT have a **BLUE ENVELOPE**, please contact Mindi Stern at MSTERN@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or call 713.666.1881, ex. 360 to resolve any outstanding account issues.

If you have questions about anything in the mailer, don't hesitate to contact us. If you need help deciding who to reach out to, please email help@bethyeshurun.org, and we will put you in contact with the right person. We look forward to sharing High Holy Days 5784 with you! G'mar Chatimah Tovah - May we all be sealed in the Book of Life.

Gratitude

Education

All of these High Holy Day forms and resources can be found by visiting: **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/HHD** 



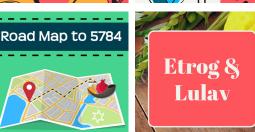






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We sincerely appreciate your generous support of our synagogue. Together, at Beth Yeshurun, we strive to foster a spirit of collective strength where we uplift one another and our Jewish community.

This year we are honored to expand our High Holy Day Appeal with the creation of the *Toby and Rabbi Jack Segal Education Initiative*, which will support vital Jewish experiences and resources for children, teens and adult members of Congregation Beth Yeshurun to enhance their spiritual and intellectual connections to Judaism. With the strong support of Rhona and Bruce Caress, we are excited to launch this meaningful tribute, and upon reaching our Appeal goal, a portion of funds raised for the Chai Appeal will be allocated to the *Toby and Rabbi Jack Segal Education Initiative*, thereby allowing us to utilize this fund now and for years to come.

We are especially grateful for the members of the Tzedakah Society, a group of members who are standing together to double the impact of your donation by matching Appeal pledges and contributions dollar for dollar.

Supporting the Appeal with a portion of allocated proceeds towards the *Toby and Rabbi Jack* Segal Education Initiative sustains Beth Yeshurun with your meaningful donation. Because of your generosity as well as the compassion of the members listed above, the impact of your donation is doubled by their matching contributions. If you are interested in joining the Tzedakah Society, please contact Jennifer Sutton at 713-666-1881 x 315 or JSUTTON@BETHYESHURUN.ORG.

Thank you for ensuring that Beth Yeshurun is strong and resilient. In gratitude, Brian Strauss, Senior Rabbi and Lori Herzog, President

2023|5784 High Holy Days

A kosher meal prepared by our Catering Department

#### **Registration Deadlines:**

Rosh Hashanah: Tuesday, September 5th at 3:00p Curbside Pickup on Friday, September 15th from 9:00-10:00a

Yom Kippur: Tuesday, September 19th at 3:00p Curbside Pickup on Sunday, September 24th from 9:00–10:00a

## Menus

#### ROSH **HASHANAH**

## **BREAK FAST**

#### **Herb Roasted Chicken** Member \$26.95 | Public \$29.95

Herb Roasted Potatoes and Green Beans with Tomatoes and Onions

**Braised Brisket** Member \$26.95 | Public \$29.95

Potatoes and Carrots and Green

**Mushroom Wellington** Member \$26.95 | Public \$29.95

Herb Roasted Potatoes and Green Beans with Tomatoes & Onions

Each meal includes: Honey Cake with Diced Apples and Apples and Honey

Each order (1-6 meals) also includes: a set of Candles and a Round Challah

#### **A la Carte Options**

Fried Chicken Tenders House Side Salad Side Dishes Honey Cake with Diced Apples Yom Tov Upgrade

#### Salads

\$4.99 per person

Tossed House Salad; Southwest Kale Salad; Tuscan Pasta Salad; Fresh Cut Fruit Salad

#### **Trays**

1/2 (16 pcs.) \$52.95 | Full (32 pcs.) \$94.95

Baked Blintzes served with Preserves & Sour Cream; Sweet Noodle Kugel; Southwest Quiche served with Fresh Salsa; Mushroom, Spinach & Artichoke Quiche

#### **Bagel & Lox** \$16.99 per person

Approx. 2 oz. of Smoked Salmon served with (2) Cocktail Bagels, Cream Cheese, Capers, Onions, & Lemons

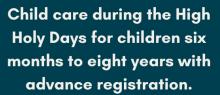
#### **Famous Traditional Tuna**

\$12.95/Pint or \$21.95/Quart

#### **White Fish Spread**

\$16.95/Pint or \$31.95/Quart

# HIGH HOLY DAY



\$10 per child, per session

ROSH HASHANAH DAY I DEADLINE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 8TH

YOM KIPPUR **DEADLINE** 

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15TH 卷

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#### **New for 5784**

#### **Family Programs Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre** in Stein Hall from 6:00-7:00PM



Hosted by Rabbi Fort, preschool and elementary children and their families are invited to join us on Erev Rosh Hashanah and Kol Nidre at 6:00pm for age-appropriate activities.

#### **Community Yizkor Service on Yom Kippur** in the Freedman Levit Sanctuary at 3:00<sub>PM</sub>

Rabbi Fort will lead our service where members and non-members are welcome to remember their loved ones. Tickets are not required to attend this service at 3:00<sub>PM</sub> on Yom Kippur, but those without tickets will not be able stay and attend Mincha or Neilah services.

#### HIGH HOLY DAY RESOURCES

**Live Stream** The viewing box for streaming the Main Sanctuary Services can be found in the middle of our home page as well as on our streaming video page. All services will be archived to be viewed later at your convenience.

**Technical Support** Our goal is to make your High Holy Day experience as easy as possible. Members of our staff will be available an hour prior to services beginning as well as during services to help you connect! Please call us at 713.666.1881 or email **HELP@** BETHYESHURUN.ORG for Support.

**Dedicated Spaces** For those who need to step away from services, we have several dedicated spaces this year. The Main Sanctuary Service will be live streamed in each of the indoor spaces so that those utilizing them can still be a part of the service. To help keep babysitting secure, Stein Hall is now available to our teens and tweens. The preschool playground will be open for parent-supervised play for young children. A sensory calming room for those with sensory sensitivities returns this year children will need to be chaperoned by their parents. Parents have access to a Mother's **Room,** with limited refrigeration, to feed their infants in comfort without worrying about distractions.

# Family Selichot Program

Saturday, September 9 | 5:30-6:30рм | \$18 per Family

Preschool & Elementary families, kick off the High Holy Days with us and the Jack Segal Academy at Beth Yeshurun with some chag-friendly crafts and playground fun! We'll enjoy a deli dinner and caramel apple dessert bar! Open to the community.

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#### **Saturday, September 9 | 8:45-11:00**PM

We begin with a dessert reception followed by a panel discussion moderated by Jerrad Bloome on "Tough Questions about the High Holy Days." Hear from Rabbi Strauss, Rabbi Morgen, Rabbi Fort, and Rabbi Teller from Congregation Brith Shalom. Afterwards we'll welcome the High Holy Day Choir for a beautiful service and change the mantles of our Torah scrolls to their High Holy Day white.

We are delighted to invite Congregation Brith Shalom to join us this year for our Selichot Program.

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#### Sunday, September 10 | 1:00-3:00 PM

Prepare for the High Holy Days by spending a few private minutes with our clergy before the open Ark in the Sanctuary. Clergy member will offer a special prayer for you to say together before the Ark. What better way to get in the right mindset to begin the High Holy Day season!

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Sunday, September 10 | 10:00 - 11:30AM Willow Water Greenway 11350 Ricecrest, 77035

At Tashlich we cast our "sins" into the water to begin the new year. At "Reverse Tashlich" we clean up what others have cast away. Join us at Willow Water Hole Greenway for breakfast and a mitzvah - cleaning up at one of our local, hidden green spots.

Tucked away in the southwest Houston neighborhood of Westbury just south of Meyerland is a stunning gem of nature still relatively unknown to Houstonians. Willow Waterhole Greenway is a 300-plus-acre network of lakes, prairie, marsh, islands, native plants, wildlife, and park amenities. This unusual urban setting is designed to protect against Houston's inevitable flooding and to bring the community together for conservation, education, and recreation.

At 10:00am we will meet for bagels & coffee, then at 10:30am we will pair up and head out to clean up around the area. Wear comfortable clothes and walking shoes; bring gloves; and if you have a picker-upper for trash, bring that too!

This event for Young Professionals is open to the community - please share! There is no cost, but please register to join us so we have breakfast and supplies for everyone!

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/REVERSETASHLICH2023

My family and I want to thank all of you from the bottom of our hearts for helping us get through this most difficult time. The hundreds and hundreds of letters, cards, contributions, calls, texts and emails telling stories of how Jack touched your lives over almost 60 years brought tears and smiles to each of us. The rabbinate was not just his profession but it was truly a calling for him. We loved him for being the most wonderful husband, father, grandfather and now great grandfather one could ever hope for. But to know so many of you loved him for his kindness through difficult times, joy through happy times, knowledge he shared with you over the years has meant more to us than you will ever know. His life was so full and happy and for this he will always be a blessing and never forgotten.

Toby Segal, Jeff & Shelley Segal, Mike & Sharon Segal, Lisa & Matt Kornhauser, and Scott and Dena Segal

#### **Chag Sameach**

SUKKOT, SHEMINI ATZERET & SIMCHAT TORAH

Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood's annual

#### **ROBYN SHKOLNICK "SISTERS IN THE HUT"**

Thursday, September 28 from 5:00-7:00PM



Welcoming All Houston-area Synagogue Sisterhoods for this intergenerational Sukkah celebration!

In honor of our "sister," Robyn Shkolnick<sup>z\*</sup>, we welcome all Houston-area synagogue Sisterhoods to join us in the Beth Yeshurun sukkah for lite bites while we create canvas panels to decorate the walls of the sukkah. The event is free and all generations welcome!

Please register by Tuesday, September 26 at noon: **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/SISTERSINTHEHUT2023** 

## MEXUKKAH!

Celebration in the Sukkah

#### Sunday, October 1 | 5:30pm | Beth Yeshurun Sukkah \$30 per Family | \$12 per Individual

Congregants of all ages, celebrate Sukkot in the Beth Yeshurun Sukkah! Shake the lulav and etrog and enjoy a fajita dinner and activities for everyone!

A "Family" is parent(s) and children. We hope you will include grandparents, too, but please register them as individuals!

Deadline to register is Tuesday, October 3 at noon: **BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/MEXUKKAH2023** 

# / sports bar in the sukkah /

#### Thursday, October 5 | 7:30 pm | Beth Yeshurun Sukkah \$18 per person

Join us in the Beth Yeshurun Sukkah for pub food and drinks, along with some sports on TV (Astros playoff game? Fingers crossed!) This event is open to Young Professionals in the community, so please share with anyone that would like to join us!

Deadline to register is Tuesday, October 3 at noon:

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/EVENT/ SPORTSBARSUKKAH2023



#### Thursday, September 28

Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood's annual "Robyn Shkolnick Sisters in the Hut": 5:00pm

#### Friday, September 29 (Erev Sukkot)

Sanctuary: 6:00<sub>PM</sub> Chapel: 6:30<sub>PM</sub>

#### Saturday, September 30 (Sukkot I)

Chapel: 8:30AM | 6:45PM Main Sanctuary: 9:30AM Museum Minyan: 9:15AM

#### Sunday, October 1 (Sukkot II)

Chapel: 8:30<sub>AM</sub>\* | 7:00<sub>PM</sub>

Mexukkah! Congregational Sukkot Dinner: 5:30pm

#### Monday, October 2 (Chol Hamoed)

Chapel: 6:45AM | 6:30PM

#### **Tuesday, October 3 (Chol Hamoed)**

Chapel: 6:45AM | 6:30PM

#### **Wednesday, October 4 (Chol Hamoed)**

Chapel: 6:45AM | 6:30PM

#### **Thursday, October 5 (Chol Hamoed)**

Chapel: 6:45AM | 6:30PM

Young Professionals Sports Bar in the Sukkah: 7:30PM

#### Friday, October 6 (Chol Hamoed)

Chapel: 6:45<sub>AM</sub> | 6:30<sub>PM</sub> Main Sanctuary: 6:00<sub>PM</sub> Tot Shabbat!: 5:00<sub>PM</sub>

#### Saturday, October 7 (Shemini Atzeret & Yizkor)

Chapel: 8:30<sub>AM</sub> | 6:30<sub>PM</sub> Main Sanctuary: 9:30<sub>AM</sub> Museum Minyan: 9:15<sub>AM</sub>

Main Sanctuary Service Erev Simchat Torah: 7:30PM

#### **Sunday, October 8 (Simchat Torah)**

Chapel: 8:30<sub>AM</sub>\* | 6:45<sub>PM</sub> \*One service with the Main Sanctuary, Chapel, and Museum Minyan

## 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.

#### **Welcome New Members**

We are pleased to welcome the newest members to our congregational family. Please be sure to introduce yourself to newcomers as they become a part of our community.

Chaia Beckerman & Rabbi Joel Berman Monica & Gabriel Kramer, Nina and Jesse Elizabeth & Edgardo Vallerin Jennifer Varadi

Courtney & Steven Waldman, Crisstopher and Brooklyn Ella & Eran Weinberg, Leo, Lev, and Eliya

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

#### Mind the Museum



Of course, you've seen this cute little engine every time you walk through the Museum! But look closely! It's a silver Havdalah spice box and candle holder. The body is open filigree, with 2 stacks, one at each end with one flared and open to hold a candle; the other top is rounded. The spokes of the wheels are made by 5-pointed stars. This locomotive shape commemorates the arrival of the railroad to Russia in the late 19th century.

Come visit the Kaplan Museum of Judaica, housed at Congregation Beth Yeshurun. Contact Lisa Unsell at 713-255-8017 or LUNSELL@BETHYESHURUN.ORG to arrange a visit. Group tours available upon request.

### MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION

Transportation to medical appointments is now available for members in good standing who are in need of assistance. This includes rides to the doctor's office, dentist's office, hospital, or any medical office that provides health care services.

To request a ride, please complete the waiver and call 346-833-8371 at least two workdays before your appointment or scheduled activity and mention any unique needs including wheelchair, lift, or a walker.

346-833-8371 transportation@bethyeshurun.org



Rae & Buddy Gerson Chesed Fund

#### **Opportunities for Enlightenment**

Jewish Practice with Rabbi Brian Strauss: Explore questions that are fundamental to Jewish practice such as "What is the system of mitzvot trying to accomplish?" and "How does the sanctification of time, space, and body lead to holiness?" Join for this year-long lunch and learn series begining October 11.

Jewish Learning Project: Sunday mornings offer a variety of learning opportunities, including Invitation to Judaism and Prayerbook Hebrew with Rabbi Morgen and Cantor Dorf; 2 year-long classes with Rabbi Horwitz: Judaism 2.0 and Lessons from Chasidic Inheritors; plus limited-series with clergy and local guest speakers.

Scholars in Residence: Our theme for the year is Israel at 75. Author-comedian Joel Chasnoff joins us December 7-9 to share his comedy and unique take on Israel, including his new book Israel 201. In 2024 we welcome retired Ambassador Yoram Ettinger, February 16 and 17, author of the weekly The Ettinger Report covering US-Israel and Middle East affairs.

Interfaith Programming: Throughout the year we'll collaborate with community faith leaders. Look for a fall program about Diwali and Hanukkah and a winter program examining the 10 Commandments from the Jewish and Muslim perspectives, plus other educational and social action opportunities during the year.

4525 Livel: This series, moderated by Rabbi Brian Strauss and Steven Sheldon, shines a light on how and where innovators in our community find inspiration. We hope their stories inspire others to accomplish their goals. October 26; January 25; March 28; May 23



Our 22™ Year of programming kicks off Wednesday, October 11™ with guest Dr. Doug Dow, "Understanding Prostate Enlargement, Prostate Cancer, and Treatments"

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.

This year each event is a stand-alone program. There are no annual fees; you pay per program that you attend.

#### **Beth Yeshurun Members:**

Program Only \$12 | Dinner & Program \$25

#### **Non-Members:**

Program Only \$25 | Dinner & Program \$38

To register and view this year's lineup visit:

BETHYESHURUN.ORG/100JM



Join Beth Yeshurun Sisterhood and our Social Action team to assemble snack bags for Kids Meals and SEARCH. New volunteers are always welcome to join in this ongoing monthly project We generally meet the 3rd Thursday of the month.



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. They meet once a month, at Congregation

Beth Yeshurun, and a professional staff member attends providing expert support and assistance to the volunteers. The meetings combine physical movement, socialization, music, and other memory-stimulating activity in a safe and comfortable 2 hour time block. 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 and Hedy Spiegel at HEDY1234@AOL.COM



Friday, October 6™ at 5:00pm in the Sukkah Courtyard

Toddlers & Preschoolers, join Congregation Beth Yeshurun and Beth Yeshurun Day School for a musical Shabbat with Rabbi Sarah Fort and Hailey Arnold, followed by challah and more fun! Meet in the Sukkah Courtyard for a short, musical, interactive service followed by snacks and crafts.

Tot Shabbat is open to the community - invite a friend!





#### RABBI BRIAN STRAUSS & STEVEN SHELDON

Field of Dreams - From sports fanatic to industry trailblazer

Our first guest of the season, Jeff Rosenberg, truly exemplifies the adage that if you follow your passion, good things will come.

#### October 26<sup>™</sup> at 7:00<sub>PM</sub>

Rosenberg is one of the foremost experts in the world in sports autographs and memorabilia and owns one of the finest collection of one-of-a-kind pieces of sports memorabilia including the finest known Babe Ruth signed baseball (PSA 9.5), Tom Brady's 1st Game Used NFL helmet and much more. As a member of the State Bar of Texas with a Juris Doctor from South Texas College of Law. Rosenberg possesses the knowledge and communication skills associated with the legal profession combined with a unique knowledge of the sports collectibles field from his years of experience as president and founder of TRISTAR Productions, Inc., as well as other related companies.

#### Let's make Connections!

Save the date for these new opportunities to connect with old friends and hopefully make a few new ones! We look forward to welcoming you for these social events beginning this fall!

Open Game Play: Join us most Tuesday mornings at 9:00<sub>AM</sub> for open play with coffee and a light breakfast. We will provide a number of games to choose from, or you can bring your own. Begins on Tuesday, October 10.

Book & Movie Club: We kick off this new discussion group with the ERJCC Book & Arts Festival book club author. After we'll alternate a book and movie. November 2; December 14; February 8; March 7; April 11; May 9

4th Friday Happy Hour: Stop in to the Skylight Lobby before our Friday Shabbat Renewal every 4th Friday for some lite bites, a glass of wine, and a little schmooze. All ages welcome! August 25; September 22; October 27; November 24; December 22; January 26; February 23; March 22; April 26; May 24



TIME --CHECK-IN
8:00 AM
SCRAMBLE
9:00 AM

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#### Gold Underwriter \$4,000

- (4) Complimentary Players
- Premium Player Gift
- Special Recognition in Bimah Announcements
- Extra-Large company logo on tournament materials, signage, and golf carts\*
- (1) Hole sign with Logo and QR Code
- Promotional item included in Player Gift Bag

#### Silver Underwriter \$2,500

- (4) Complimentary Players
- Premium Player Gift
- Large company logo on tournament materials, signage, and golf carts\*
- (1) Hole Sign with Logo and QR Code
- Promotional item included in Player Gift Bag

#### Bronze Underwriter \$1,200

- (4) Complimentary Players
- Medium company logo on tournament materials and signage at tournament\*
- (1) Hole Sign with Logo and QR Code
- Promotional item included in Player Gift Bag

#### **Hole Underwriter \$600**

- Name on tournament materials\*
- (1) Hole Sign with Logo and QR Code
- Promotional item included in Player Gift Bag

#### **Other Sponsorship Opportunities**

Includes: (4) Complimentary players, large logo on tournament materials, signage, and golf carts; signage on respective hole/cart.

Beverage Cart Sponsor: \$3000 Driving Range: \$3000 Lunch Sponsor: \$3000 Putting Green: \$3000

Includes: Medium logo on tournament materials, signage, golf carts; recognition on respective hole/table.

Ball Sponsor: \$1000 Closest to the Pin: \$750 Snack Sponsor: \$750

Longest Drive: \$750 Breakfast Sponsor: \$750 Awards: \$500

Tournament proceeds support necessary repairs and restoration of some of our sacred Torah scrolls.

This is a long-term project, ReJEWvination, and your support helps with that effort.

For more information about sponsorship and to register visit BETHYESHURUN.ORG/YIDDISHEKUP or contact Jennifer Rosenzweig at JROSENZWEIG@BETHYESHURUN.ORG or 713.666.1881

\*Commitments made by September 12<sup>™</sup> guarantee inclusion in advertisements over the High Holy Days



9/4 Labor Day - Administrative Offices Closed

9/8 Tot Shabbat!

Moment at the Ark: Prayers for Healing

9/9 Family Selichot Program Selichot Program & Service

9/10 Invitation to Judaism with Rabbi Steven Morgen Pickleball for Jewish Singles over 50 Reverse Tashlich for Young Professionals

Private Time at the Ark

**9/15** Erev Rosh Hashanah Family Program for Rosh Hashanah

9/16 Rosh Hashanah Day I

9/17 Rosh Hashanah Day II Tashlich

9/22 Fourth Friday Happy Hour!

9/23 MyShabbat!

9/24 Kever Avot Kol Nidre

Family Program for Yom Kippur

9/25 Yom Kippur Community Yizkor Service

9/28 Sisterhood: Robyn Shkolnick Sisters in the Hut

9/29 Erev Sukkot

**10/1** Mexukkah! Celebration in the Sukkah

**10/5** Sports Bar in the Sukkah

10/6 Tot Shabbat!

**10/7** Shmini Atzeret/Yizkor

Simchat Torah in the Barg Sanctuary

Ongoing: Breakfast Torah Club 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!

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<sup>2'l</sup>. 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: Looking at Torah with Rabbi Fort & Special Guests

Breakfast is sponsored by: Anonymous and Courtney Zubowski-Haas & Eric Haas

**Saturdays: Weekly Torah Portion with Rabbi Horwitz** 

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