

The *BuzZ* at BZ

News From B'nai Zion Congregation in Shreveport, LA

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From Rabbi Jana

What Are You Going To Do?

commit to eating healthier, or exercising more, or break away from bad habits. As we approach the Jewish New Year we focus more on finding ways to make our life more meaningful. The secular New Year may have us thinking about how to make more money, or get ahead. The Jewish New Year should have us thinking about how to make a difference in this world.

The month of Elul is the perfect time to begin thinking about ways to enhance our Jewish practices. We are getting ready to start our "Spiritual Season" and are starting to feel inspired to do more Jewish things. Some of us will resolve to learn more. I hope that some of what you will learn will be things that enhance your Judaism. Or perhaps we can commit to more Social Action activities. We try to do a better job at taking care of others and taking care of our world.

One of the ways that we can find meaning in the world is by joining with others at services. There are so many benefits from worshiping together. We have opportunities to join with others who share our values – or who appreciate sharing differing opinions on values. We get to feel part of something so much bigger than ourselves – we get to feel connected to everyone throughout history who has shared these words and thoughts, and everyone throughout the world who sings these songs.

A recurring comment I hear is that coming to services are especially helpful for people who aren't sure where they fit in. The words inspire each of us in different ways, yet we feel united with others who are searching for answers like we are.

Our new sanctuary is a warm, inviting space. When we gather together and share our voices in prayer and song on Friday nights, it is truly an uplifting and inspiring experience. We also love sitting together around the table on Saturday mornings, when the more casual service in front of the parlor window truly refreshes our souls. We love sharing challah and wine/grape juice after every Shabbat service.

Find a way to make a difference each day. Refresh and "re-Jew-venate" with us on Shabbat. Set aside time to study and expand your mind.

What will you do to make your life more meaningful? What can I do to help?

I can't wait to see what our world will be like next year when we enter Elul, if we truly commit to these things for this coming year. I have high hopes for this new year...

Bivrachah (with Blessings),

Rabbi Dr. Jana De Benedetti

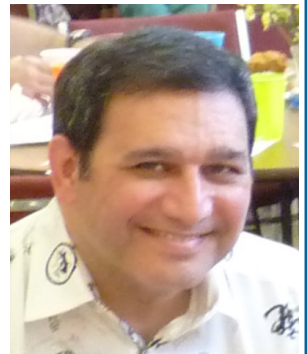
The month of Elul begins in the middle of August this year. That means that we are getting close to the New Year. When January 1st comes we often think about resolutions to improve ourselves. We try to



From our President, Donald Posner

Well summer is almost over. I hope everyone has survived the heat and humidity. I love living in Louisiana but can do without the weather of August and early September. But, that just reminds us that our High Holy Days are fast approaching.

A lot has been happening at B'nai Zion this summer. I was even able to lead services on a Friday night in July while the Rabbi was attending a summer camp reunion and Helaine was celebrating a milestone birthday. Thanks for the honor!



The Rabbi is leading adult classes again. If you missed the classes she held on Wednesday nights on general Jewish topics and beginning Hebrew, you can watch them on YouTube. I strongly encourage all to watch for her future classes, and attend and participate.

Many of our youth attended Henry S. Jacobs, and other Jewish summer camp. Thanks to all of you for supporting this by donating to our Scholarship Fund. Without this assistance they would not have been able to attend.

Our next project will be to clean, paint and upgrade the playground equipment. Garrett Brainis has taken on this project to fulfill his Eagle Scout requirement. We welcome any input as well as financial assistance.

Our donor wall plaques have arrived and we hope to have them installed before the holidays. Thanks again for your assistance in renovating our sanctuary. What a wonderful place to worship!

We are in the process of getting bids to upgrade our security system. We want to keep you safe. I think it's terrible that we even have to consider this, but we do.

Your board has been on vacation this summer. Our next meeting will be August 18, 2015 at 6:30 pm. If you have any concerns, please let me or any of the board members know. We will be happy to address them.

As always, find out what's happening at B'nai Zion by reading our bulletin or going on-line. There is something for everyone!

Shalom Y'all,
Donald



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From our Educator

August greetings to all parents, grandparents, and friends of our Religious School. We are taking advantage of the early start of Caddo Schools (Aug. 11) to resume our educational program on Sunday, August 23. We will have two Sundays *before* Labor Day to prepare for Rosh HaShanah, which begins on Sunday night, September 13.



There are some exciting additions and changes to our program. First, we welcome Cantor Neil Schwartz who has moved to Shreveport to serve Agudath Achim as their Spiritual Leader. Cantor Schwartz will be a valuable resource for our school. Second, we are pleased to introduce a new post-B'nai Mitzvah experience for our 8th and 9th grade students. Their Religious School classes have been re-structured to include elective units to be chosen by each student as well as a combined class study of world Jewish communities. We are excited about working with regular teachers and others of you who may be willing to teach short, focused units on a variety of topics. Third, we hope to grow our high school program with opportunities for monthly discussions and field trips and social action.

In addition, our classrooms and our playground will take on a new look this year as we update old equipment and furniture. We may not have everything in place by August, but 2015-2016 will be the year for a much-needed facelift. We are grateful to the North Louisiana Jewish Federation for its willingness to help us achieve our goal.

We are looking forward to seeing all of our returning students and we are fortunate to have some new students this year – some from families long associated with B'nai Zion and Agudath Achim and some from families who are newer, even brand-new to our city. Please make an effort to get to know them and make them feel welcome. We are also fortunate to have a very experienced faculty returning to guide our students: Sharon Goldman and Goldy Marrus with preschool K-3 and K-4; Bill Braunig with K-5 and 1st; Jodi Hyman and Bethany Sorkey with 2nd; Amy Turner with 3rd and 4th; Diane Dufilho with 5th; Rebecca Austin with 6th and 7th; Kathy Brodnax and Barbara Joseph with 8th and 9th. Christina Muslow (art) and Alison Bath (cooking and administrative help) round out the faculty that will also include Rabbi Jana and Cantor Neil.

Our ISJL partnership is stronger than ever. Seven people from our Religious School staff attended the outstanding Education Conference held at the end of June, and we are ready to help Religious School families live and grow Jewishly in the next school year. We are thrilled that Abby Klionsky will return for another year as our Education Fellow. If you missed getting to know Abby, you have another chance! She is a gifted teacher, mentor, and overall resource for our Jewish community.

We will also start a new Chai Mitzvah program in the fall, for people of all ages who have not participated before and who want to DO as well as LEARN. In addition, we invite you to join our Jewish community book club, The People of the Book. Contact me for more information.

When you hear from me next, Bill and I will have returned from a Baltic cruise that will take us to some historic Jewish communities. We hope to have much to share with you. See you on opening day, Sunday, August 23.

L'shalom,

Helaine Braunig



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Simcha Shabbat

It is such a blessing for us to celebrate happy events together. Please join us each month when we bless and honor those who will be celebrating a **birthday** or **anniversary** during the month. If your birthday or anniversary is in **August** we will celebrate and honor you **August 7, 2015** during services and have a special Oneg Shabbat following services.

If your birthday or anniversary is in **September** your Simcha Shabbat will be **September 4, 2015**.

Please make sure that the office knows your birthday and anniversary dates. If you are not on our birthday and anniversary list in the bulletin, it means we do not have your information.



Grow Your Judaism: Chai Mitzvah



Our monthly Chai Mitzvah meeting will be **7 p.m. August 20**. If you did not join this group — we plan to start another one in the fall. Please contact the office so that we know you are interested. For more information contact Rabbi Jana or Helaine. You must also register online at www.ChaiMitzvah.org.



Tikkun Olam at B'nai Zion

Over the past few months one special congregant has been trying to do Tikkun Olam at B'nai Zion by doing things to improve how B'nai Zion looks or fix little things around the property. For example, you may notice that the benches in the Schuster Meditation Garden have been cleaned and painted. While he prefers not to publish who he is, he suggests that you may want to think of ways that you can help B'nai Zion. Contact the office if you want to help.



Before



After Power Wash

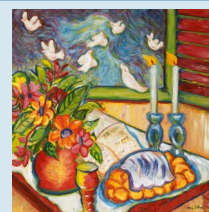


Repaired and Painted

Candles and Kiddush Blessers

We do not assign blessers during the summer months. However, if you have a special occasion you would like to share with the congregation, please let us know and we will be happy to honor you with blessing the candles or wine.

During the month of August we try to set up our Blessers for the coming year. If you have special occasions when you know you will be joining us at services, please let us know so that we can honor you as a Blesser that evening. For example, important times for you to be at services include around your birthday or anniversary, when you have a Yahrzeit for a loved one you want to honor, when you have relatives visiting, etc. Contact the office or Harriette Glazer to request a specific date.



Special Birthday Celebration Oneg Shabbat



*A Special Time to Celebrate
Please join Harriette and Mitch
for our Birthday Oneg Shabbat following services on
Friday, August 28, 2015
Hosted by Harriette & Jay Glazer
and Mollie & Mitch Newstadt*



*Your presence is your gift
Donations only please*

North Louisiana Jewish Federation



The North Louisiana Jewish Federation will resume Sunday office hours beginning Sunday, August 23. Kathy Plante, the Executive Director, normally maintains regular office hours the same Sundays Religious School is in session. Office hours during the week vary but meetings with the Director can be arranged by making an appointment by calling 318-868-1200.

Jewish Young Adults



The JYA group has an open invitation to have Shabbat meals at Sarida Muslow's house during the month of August. Please contact her directly, or get in touch with Conner Brown or Rabbi Jana or the B'nai Zion office to get details about where to go. Please let her know you are coming – you do not need to bring anything, except maybe another friend. Watch your emails and the JYA Facebook page for more summer events.

Remember for September

Rosh Hashanah begins the evening of September 13. A complete schedule of our services will be posted online and printed in the September bulletin.

You do not need tickets to attend services at B'nai Zion, but if you are travelling to another city, congregants from B'nai Zion may be eligible for reciprocal complementary tickets at other synagogues, if you contact our office ahead of time.

Families: Remember to make reservations for childcare at B'nai Zion

Remember to request school absence notes for Rosh Hashanah September 14 and Yom Kippur, September 23.

Watch the mail for the Memorial Book packet which will be sent to you some time in August. The deadline to submit the forms to the office will be the end of August.



B'nai Zion Playground

Hi, my name is Garrett Brainis and I'm a Life Scout in NORWELA Council Troup 14. As my Eagle Scout project, I have chosen to build a new playground for our Jewish Community Religious School. This project has been fully funded through the support and generosity of the North Louisiana Jewish Federation. However, if you wish to add additional funds to this project to make it even better, your kindness is more than welcome.

I have chosen the colors blue and white as the primary colors to represent Israel and brown on the decking to hide any dirt.

This particular model I recommend is for ages 2-12 years old and can accommodate 60-65 children, according to the manufacturer. It should not only make for a great Religious School playground but I think it would be a great place to have a birthday party, too.

Some of the old pieces of playground equipment have been removed. Their age had made them increasingly more dangerous. The scrap was brought to special recycle places, and we got \$141.10 for the metal.

If you have any questions, comments, or concerns, please contact the B'nai Zion office.

Yours in Scouting,

Garrett Brainis



Kroger Rewards



An easy way for B'nai Zion to continue to receive hundreds of dollars each year from Kroger store purchases is by registering in its Community Rewards Program. In order to help to earn money for B'nai Zion you must register or re-link online by going to: www.krogercommunityrewards.com and enter **B'nai Zion's unique code number, 83728**. If you do not have a computer, please come in or call the office and we will help register or re-link you for the program. We no longer use the UPC code to register our purchases.

For the quarter 3/01/15 through 5/30/15 we received a check for \$107.02 with 17 families participating. We look forward to being able to continue to report our earnings, and hope that everyone – even your friends – who shop at Kroger registers with B'nai Zion's code.

Thank you for your help in this easy fundraising opportunity for B'nai Zion.

August Birthdays

1. Donald Rosen
2. Yale Rosen
2. Ian Weiss
4. Margy Ray
9. Amy Morris
10. Libbie Abramson
10. Abry Cahn, Jr.
12. Nell Cahn
12. Peggy Nuckolls

13. Benjamin Maxey
14. Rochelle Goldsholl
15. Cecile Murov
17. Aron Gillum
20. Henry Elaine Dreyfuss
20. Shirley Seligman
21. Harriette Glazer
21. Ethan Weiss

22. Deb Collier
24. Amy Brainis
24. Lory Ann Evensky
25. Scott Gillum
31. Bobby Baskind
31. Mitchel Newstadt
31. Alyssa Rhine
31. Helen Weisman



August Anniversaries

8. Deb and Joe Badt
18. Sharon and Elliott Goldman



We give thanks for life, for health, for all that sustains us, and for this joyous day.

**If you are not on the above list for current birthdays or anniversaries
it means that the office does not have your information.
Please provide the office with the appropriate month, date, and year to complete our data.**

Mazel Tov to

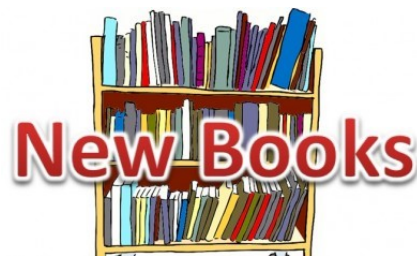


- ☆ **Lindsey Toys** married Walter Gaskins. She is the daughter of **Georgette and Craig Toys**.
- **Lee Ann Blaufuss** married Bill Evans She is the daughter of Phil Blaufuss.
- **Rochelle Goldsholl** was awarded the Beverly Sills Service award 2015 from The Shreveport-Bossier Opera Guild.

BZ Library News

The B'nai Zion library is grateful to everyone who has donated books, music, movies, or money this past year.

We are proud that our library has such a rich collection of Jewish materials for every age and interest, and hope that you avail yourself to our collections.



Welcome Cantor Neil Schwartz to Agudath Achim

Congregation Agudath Achim
Requests the honor of your attendance at a special event
Welcoming our new Spiritual Leader



Cantor Neil Schwartz

Congregation Agudath Achim

Sunday, August 16, 2015
2-4 PM

A light dinner will be served

Please RSVP to 318-797-6401 before August 3, 2015

Camp Chai 2015

The Campers and Staff of Camp Chai all had a wonderful time.



Tributes

BUILDING & GROUNDS FUND

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Mitch Newstadt
Kathy Plante
Nell & Abry Cahn
Kathy Plante

In Memory of:

Dortha Anderson
Lory Ann & Larry Evensky
Karen & Miles Holladay
Ann & Pat Maxey
Steven Harris Slutsky
Shirley Seligman
William Joseph Otto
Shirley Seligman

CEMETERY FUND

In Memory of:

Sam Handel
Edwin Handel

GENERAL FUND

In Honor of:

B'nai Zion
Bernard C. Backer

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Abry Cahn, Jr.
Marcia Katzenstein
Henry Brenner
Marcia Katzenstein
Nell Cahn
Marcia Katzenstein
Pauline Murov
Marcia Katzenstein

In Memory of:

Ansel W. Harris
Ansel W. Harris, Jr.
Bill Otto
Deb Collier
Dortha Anderson
Marcia Katzenstein
Maurice Scheinberg
Mimi Meriam

MUSIC FUND

For the Complete Recovery of:

Bethany Sorkey
Shirley Seligman
Bette Ann Manhein
Shirley Seligman
Carolyn Murov
Shirley Seligman

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In Honor of:

Peace for Israel
Cornerstone Bible Ministries
Rabbi Jana
Tim Mills

In Honor of the Naming of:

Kyah Hunter
Audra Muslow & Alan Hicks

In Memory of:

Bobette Abramson Oken Kamins
Sandy Kallenberg & Fred Phillips
Carolyn Hirsch
Marjorie Meyer
Donald Weiss
Marion Weiss
Dortha Anderson
Susan Nelson
Janet & Steve Ward
Karol Birchfield
Cliff Birchfield
Pinkie Allen
Deb Collier
Virginia Sheehee
Herman Van Os



RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FUND

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Bethany Sorkey
Barbara & Curtis Joseph
Sharon Goldman
Kathy Plante

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Helaine Braunig
Kathy Plante
Pauline Murov
Shirley Seligman

RENOVATION FUND

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Mimi Hussey
Nell & Abry Cahn

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Henry Brenner
Nell & Abry Cahn

In Memory of:

Bill Otto
Angie Noelani
Dortha Anderson
Mollie & Mitch Newstadt
Peggy & Leroy Nuckolls
William Joseph Otto
Mollie & Mitch Newstadt

SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In Honor of the Birthday of:

Henry Brenner
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel
Sylvia Goodman
Dorothy & Bernard Lobel

In Memory of:

Art Weiss
Lory Ann & Larry Evensky
Daniel Sinclair Bugg
Alana Howard

WE CARE FUND

In Memory of:

Dortha Anderson
Debbie Caminker & family

While care was taken to compile these lists, errors may have occurred. If you notice any omissions, misspellings, or names in the incorrect category, please accept our apologies and notify the office so that we may correct our records. Please note that donations made after the bulletin deadline will appear in the next month's bulletin.

B'nai Zion Schedules

Shabbat Schedule

Friday Evening Service - 6:00 PM
Saturday Torah Study - 9:45 AM
Saturday Morning Service - 11:00 AM



Summer Office Hours

Monday through Friday 9 AM-Noon
No Business on Shabbat or Holidays
Call for appointment to meet with the Rabbi

Yahrzeits

July 26-August 1

Helen Badt *
 Alfred E. Bailey
 Leo Friedman
 Rosina Willer Gamm
 Alisa Ginsburg
 August Goldstein
 Fannie B. Heilperin *
 Bessie Nossek Herold
 Kate Kahan *
 David Kessler
 Irene K. Kessler
 Ned Michael Lazarus
 Lillian Levy
 Minnie P. Manasseh *
 Abraham Schlinsky
 Ben Sour
 Boris Weinstein *

August 2- 7

H. Mandel Abramson
 Joe Abramson
 Anne Lamberton Belser
 Lila Bernstein
 Alphonse Brenner *
 Harry Brezner *
 Joan Marie Spitzer Hockaday
 Sara R. Kaplan *
 Jimmy Laudeneimer
 Rabbi Charles Mantinband
 Lillian Winter Michaelson
 Thelma Mills
 Anita Ott
 Eva S. Rosen
 Hymen Rosen *
 Bertha Segall
 Irving I. Selber *
 Lena Spring
 Louis Stein
 Nathan Weis
 Florence L Wiener *
 A L Winer

August 9-14

Hamilton R. Benson
 Isadore Bluestein
 Louis Lane Childs, Jr.
 Ben Goldstein
 Bertha Klein *
 Maurice Earl Kreisman
 Samuel Levy
 Mrs. Selma Mittenthal
 Sarah Nelbert
 Nancy Planchard
 Charles Jack Schulwolf
 Aaron Selber, Jr. *
 Morton L Simon
 Frances Spetter
 Meyer Zwick

August 16-22

Jennie Baker
 William M. Braunig, Sr *
 Joseph Gardsbane
 Benjamin Greenberg *
 Jessie Stark Grossman
 Joseph August Hafter
 Abraham Heiman
 Xhanyth Jones
 Sylvia S. Katz *
 Helen F. Katzenstein *
 William R. Law
 August L. Loeb
 Leah Manhein
 James M. Manhein, II *
 Kenneth Pittman
 Jimmy Rosenbloom
 Mildred Schultz
 Louis Selber *
 Ann Rosen Susman
 Norman Martin Trieff
 Seymour Wagner
 Ethel Weis Zelinsky
 Gussie Zelinsky

August 23-29

Reva Baskind
 Stanley Baskind *
 Louise Braunig *
 Barbara Werner Cullick
 Neal E. Dlin
 Lottie Goldstein
 Mrs. Hanna Kahn Haas
 Leona Lande *
 Minnie Lipshitz
 Sara Lena Shapiro *
 Isie Toys

August 30-September 5

Ivan Binder
 Jennette Ginsburg Desmonde
 Nathan Goldstein *
 Harry Goodman *
 Sidney L. Herold
 Morris Horn
 Leonard H. Hyman
 Carroll Lahourcade
 James M. Manhein *
 Esther Morris
 Goldie Morris
 Louise Shaw Olive
 Mr. Marvin Rabinowitz
 Isadore Rosenfield
 Sam Taub
 Lewis Weinstein, ESQ. *



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Family and Friends of

★ *Dortha Anderson, mother of Nancy Abrams*

May Her Memory Be A Blessing

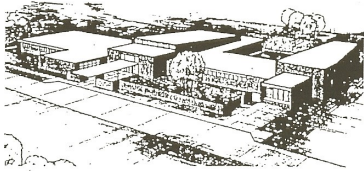
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9 24th of Av	10 25th of Av	11 26th of Av	12 27th of Av	13 28th of Av ISJL Education Fellow Visits with teachers	14 29th of Av BULLETIN  Service 6 PM 7:42 🕯️🕯️	15 30th of Av Re'eh Deut. 11:26-16:17 Isaiah 54:11-55:5 ROSH CHODESH ELUL Torah Study 9:45 Service 11 AM 8:17 🕯️
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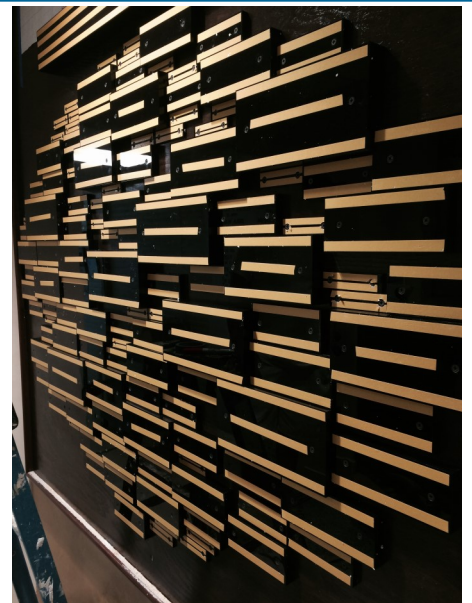
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It is the fulfillment of a promise.

It connects our past to our future.

You will receive information about its "debut."

No peeking until then...



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