President’s Message

When the gavel comes down for the first Beth-El Board of Trustees meeting for the 2016-17 calendar, the gesture will carry deep symbolic meaning. Milton Halpern used this very gavel to call the Trustees to order as President of Beth-El from 1969-1970. 1969 happens to be the year I was born. And Milton was my grandfather on my mother’s side. He came to San Antonio from the Bronx before heading overseas to serve in World War Two. When he returned from Europe after seeing the scourge of Nazi Germany, Beth-El became an important part in his life as a Jewish man among those in the first generation of his family born in the United States. He even met my grandmother at a USO dance right here in San Antonio.

The torch has been passed. Or in this case… the gavel. Milton personified the Greatest Generation. He worked for one company for more than 50 years. And he selflessly provided for his family with an old-school dedication to truth, honor and community. The fiscal responsibility of the Temple was always important to him as he spent his career in the finance business. My grandfather died in 2002. I feel confident he would be proud to see his legacy of community honored by the congregation of Beth-El and embraced by your new President of the Board of Trustees. In my new role at Beth-El, I will work hard to grow our family commitment to this community and to be a role model for my daughters Katherine (17) and Ally (14).

I believe one of the tenets of excellent leadership is an awareness of the breadth of needs of an organization and ultimately to ensure that the right people are in the right places to serve those needs. So, I feel we need a strong core of lay leaders in all areas of our Temple service. Today, we have 19 standing committees with more than 175 members serving. Those numbers do not even reflect the many volunteers who serve Beth-El in a variety of capacities. Whether it be cooking dinner for our Beth Elders, supporting Temple youth or setting up chairs at a Battle of Flowers Parade. To this end, we will be holding another committee fair in the fall, which we hope many of you will attend to consider where you would like to serve. I also encourage you to reach out to the excellent Temple staff, volunteers and clergy for ideas and input. They are very aware of the needs of our community. We will not rest and will continue to make sure that we offer the right programming, the best services and make every effort to attend to the varied needs of our membership of more than 2,100 congregants.

I especially would like to thank our past President Joshua Sutin and the entire board for their leadership. Our new board inherits a Temple community which is fiscally sound and on the rise just like our great City of San Antonio.

I look forward to an incredible two years, and I hope to have meaningful interactions with each and every one of you.

David Adelman, President

Armed Forces Shabbat July 1

On Friday, July 1, at 6:30 pm, in the Wulfe Sanctuary, we will observe Armed Forces Shabbat. During the service, all current and former U.S. military personnel will be called to the bimah to receive a special blessing before the open Ark. Military personnel are encouraged to attend in uniform. Rabbi Yergin and Cantor Berlin will officiate. Veterans of War Post 753 will usher.

Temple’s WWII Flag to be on Display

The Temple’s WWII flag, which has a star with each member’s name who served in that war, will be on display in the Wulfe Sanctuary during the service. The flag, kept in the Temple archives, was originally dedicated in 1942 and was rededicated in 2010.

Candy Gardner found this photo gem — from the flag’s dedication. On the left is her grandfather, Sid Katz. Do you know who the other two gentlemen are? If so, let Geri know.
The Rabbi Speaks
Marking the Holiness in Time….

Transitions are a necessary part of life and springtime is generally full of them. And as our programmatic year winds down and we prepare for our quieter summer season, we can appreciate how Judaism does a particularly good job of ritualizing transitions on the communal and individual level.

In just a few weeks we will observe the 3rd of our pilgrimage festivals — Shavuot — celebrating our eleven confirmands as they ‘receive Torah’ and confirm their commitment to a Jewish future for themselves and their families. The Torah refers to the festival of Shavuot and the other two festivals of Sukkot and Passover as Mo’adai Adonai (fixed times to God). They are also proclaimed as Mikrei kodesh, (sacred occasions).

What does this mean? From the agricultural perspective of the Torah, mo’adim Adonai framed the seasons and the lives of the Israelites in a practical way marking fall, spring and summer — all times of harvest. But the actual fixed times are only the framework with which to mark sacred occasions — mikra kodesh. As it says in the Torah text: “These are my fixed times… the fixed times of Adonai which you shall proclaim as sacred occasions.” (Leviticus 23:2)

Mo’adim are particular times we can count on but it is the mikrei kodesh, the sacred occasions that create the connection with God. Judaism may be a religion of time, but its aim is the sanctification of that time.

We’ve been quite fortunate to celebrate many sacred occasions as of late.

Larry and I had the great honor and privilege of celebrating our son Isaac’s bar mitzvah late last month surrounded by family and friends from near and far. Our Temple Beth-El community did so much to truly make this moment a mikra kodesh, a sacred occasion for us. I know that Larry joins me in sharing our most heartfelt thanks to the many, many people who did their part to make everything just perfect. Our family feels incredibly welcomed and loved. Thank you.

Our congregation also celebrated the end of one president’s term while installing a new leader at our helm. We should not take for granted the strength and talent of our leaders past, present and future.

It has been a blessing to have Joshua Sutin as my sacred partner in Congregational leadership these past two years. With his energy, charisma and insights he has given our community a great gift. I also look forward with much anticipation to working with David Adelman and witnessing the many talents and gifts that he too will bring to our Temple community. Along with a strong and diverse Board of Trustees we have a wonderful consortium of gifted and talented leaders dedicated to bringing out the sacred in all that Temple Beth-El is and can yet be.

The verb Mikrai can mean occasion but it can also mean to proclaim or to summon and invite. So rather than reading mikra kodesh as sacred occasions, we can also see them as sacred assemblies or convocations. It is coming together with those we love that creates the sense of sacredness. Though things will be a little quieter here at Temple Beth-El in June and July, know that your clergy and staff as well as your leadership are here for you when you need us. Our Temple is not only a sacred space but the place you can always come to, for marking sacred occasions large and small.

With gratitude and hopes for a restful and rejuvenating summer,

Mara S. Nathan, Senior Rabbi

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Erev Shavuot Worship
Saturday, June eleventh
seven o’clock in the evening
in the Wulfe Sanctuary
Join us on this joyous occasion as we celebrate

The Confirmation
Class of 5776/2016

and honor their commitment to their Jewish studies.

A reception will follow the service hosted by the parents of the Confirmands in honor of their children.

Noble David Cohen
Hannah Madeleine Eichelbaum
Gabriel Austin Epstein
Isaac McIntire Goldstone
Ethan Samuel Gurwitz
Mason Zane Hockersmith
Ethan Karl Kabbe
Samuel Grey Metersky
Zoe Anne Perloff
Brittany Leeanne Schur
Benjamin Morton Wulfe

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Shared Ramadan Dinner at Raindrop Turkish House

Join Rabbi Nathan for a shared iftar Ramadan Dinner on Wednesday, June 15, at 7:45 pm at Raindrop Turkish House, 4337 Vance Jackson #203. This is an opportunity for Jews and Muslims to share, eat together, and learn more about each other.

Only 30 seats available – the first 30 to respond to Iris Berman-Smith at iris@beth-elsa.org or 733-9135, ext. 106.
### Shabbat Services

**Friday, June 3**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service  
*Bar Mitzvah of James Sayre Goldblatt*

**Saturday, June 4**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Bar Mitzvah of James Sayre Goldblatt*  
10:30 am Chant and Meditation Service  
*Torah Portion: Bamidbar*

**Friday, June 10**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

**Saturday, June 11**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
Temple Beth-El and Congregation Beth Am  
*Torah Portion: Naso*

**Friday, June 17**  
6:30 pm Lay Led Shabbat Worship Service  
*Bar Mitzvah of Shayna Nicole L’Homme*

**Saturday, June 18**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Bar Mitzvah of Shayna Nicole L’Homme*  
*Torah Portion: B’haalot’cha*

**Friday, June 24**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service—Celebrating Pride Diversity

**Saturday, June 25**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Torah Portion: Sh’lach L’chah*

**Friday, July 1**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service—Celebrating Our Armed Forces  
*Bar Mitzvah of Alexandra Winfield Grimm*

**Saturday, July 2**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Winfield Grimm*  
10:30 am Chant and Meditation Service  
*Torah Portion: Korach*

**Friday, July 8**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

**Saturday, July 9**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Torah Portion: Chukat*

**Friday, July 15**  
6:30 pm Lay Led Shabbat Worship Service  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

**Saturday, July 16**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Torah Portion: Balak*

**Friday, July 22**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

**Saturday, July 23**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Torah Portion: Pinchas*

**Friday, July 29**  
6:30 pm Shabbat Worship Service

**Saturday, July 30**  
10:30 am Shabbat Morning Worship  
*Torah Portion: Matot*

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### B’nei Mitzvah

**We Congratulate Those Who Will be Called to the Torah in June & July**

**June 3-4**  
James Sayre Goldblatt, son of Lori and Jeff Goldblatt, grandson of Jo and Glenn Seiden, Cherry and Ken Goldblatt

**June 17-18**  
Shayna Nicole L’Homme, daughter of Miriam and Leo L’Homme, granddaughter of Deanna and Dr. Allan Pincus, Irma L’Homme and the late Leo L’Homme, Jr.

**July 1-2**  
Alexandra Winfield Grimm, daughter of Rhonda Grimm, granddaughter of Sandra and Bob Grimm.

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### Kiddush Hosts

The congregation unites for one Kiddush in the Barshop Auditorium after Shabbat Eve Services.

- **June 3** Ken and Cherry Goldblatt in honor of their grandson, James’ Bar Mitzvah
- **June 17** Dr. Allan and Deanna Pincus in honor of their granddaughter, Shanya’s Bat Mitzvah
- **July 1** Rhonda Grimm and her Mah Jongg friends in honor of her daughter, Allie’s Bat Mitzvah

- **June 10 & 24,** and **July 8,** 15, 22 & 29  
Temple Beth-El Sisterhood

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**Big Birthday?**  
**Milestone Anniversary?**  
**Joyous Occasion?**  
**Extra-Special Accomplishment?**

If you wish to be blessed on the bimah to commemorate any of these moments, please call Iris Berman-Smith at 733-9135, ext. 106, or iris@beth-elsa.org to make arrangements.
@TBE20s30s

@TBE20s30s, Temple Beth-El’s group for people in their 20s and 30s, is dedicated to creating Jewish community by connecting to Judaism, arts and culture, spirituality, tradition, the city of San Antonio, and to each other! We create authentic Jewish experiences through social, intellectual, spiritual, and recreational programming based on what YOU want. We strive to enhance our leadership skills, develop our Jewish identity, and improve our world by tikkun olam (repairing our world), all while having fun!

As part of the Temple Beth-El community, we follow their mission “to create a welcoming and vibrant” environment. @TBE20s30s is committed to this warm atmosphere and encourages everyone to attend events and/or take on a leadership role.

In order to be able to have active participation, programming YOU want, and new members, we need to hear from you! Feel free to contact @TBE20s30s at TBE20s30sSA@gmail.com, or Rabbi Marina Yergin (myergin@beth-elsa.org). Don’t forget to frequent our Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/TBE20s30s to see our upcoming events in real time!

We can’t wait to have you join us at one (or more) of our upcoming events!

Torah on Tap

@TBE20s30s is pleased to invite all congregants to participate in Torah on Tap. It will be sponsored and led by @TBE20s30s, but anyone is welcome to attend a session.

Upcoming events for @TBE20s30s

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot – June 11 and 12
Temple Beth-El and IHOP

Join the congregation in “The Making of a Mensch” adult ed with ice cream sundae bar. Then we will move to another location in the building and continue the tradition of studying all night as 20s30s. We will do more interactive text study and conversation into the night, but not ALL night!

Then, in the morning we will meet up for breakfast at IHOP (3820 Broadway Street, San Antonio, TX 78209) at 8:45 am. This will be a fun hangout to continue spending time with each other before we head to Shavuot Morning Services (with Yizkor) at 10:30 am.

Dessert and Discussion – June 18
7:00 pm at Yergin Residence

Join us for a potluck dessert feast and town hall style meeting! It’s been awhile since we’ve had one and since so much has changed with @TBE20s30s in the past year, we figured it’s time to reevaluate!

Everyone bring a dessert dish to share and we will hang out, talk about @TBE20s30s, have dessert, do Havdallah together, and continue to hang out!

@TBE20s30s Parlor Meeting – Tuesday, July 12
7:00 pm at Yergin Residence

Please join Rabbi Yergin and Dave Yergin in their home for an intimate conversation with Rabbi Nathan and President, David Adelman. They will share thoughts on where the Temple lies today, highlight upcoming priorities, and explain our new commitment structure. No solicitations will be made. We hope you can join us.

A formal invitation will be forthcoming!

Tubing on the Guadalupe River – Sunday, July 31

Join us for a fun day of tubing on the Guadalupe River!! We are planning on an early morning meet up with some tubing before it gets too hot and then a picnic lunch together! We will have more details coming soon!

Note: Stay up to date with upcoming community and Temple Beth-El’s events and please join us!!

Pride Shabbat
Friday, June 24

6:30 pm in the Wulfe Sanctuary

Rabbis Nathan and Yergin and Cantor Berlin will lead a service celebrating diversity in our community. Temple Member and Communications Director of Equality Texas, Deanne Cuellar-Cintron, will speak.

Join our Temple community to celebrate Pride and to consider how we can make every day pride—a day to celebrate and embrace diversity and to nurture an inclusive environment.

Security at Both Cemeteries on Father’s Day

On Father’s Day, Sunday, June 19, security guards will be on duty at both Temple cemeteries from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.
Have a great Summer.
We’ll be on a hiatus for June-August but save

Thursday, September 1
When we’ll begin another great year of TBE30s40s+ gatherings!

TBE60s+ Singles
Spanish Food & Flamenco!
Saturday, June 25, beginning at 4:00 pm
in the Barshop Auditorium and Kitchen of the Temple

Chef Tim McGrath will teach and demonstrate Spanish food, and we will enjoy an early dinner together. Afterwards, we will enjoy Flamenco & Ballet Folklorico dancing by the Champion Dance Studio Dancers!

Cost: $25 per person (full and partial scholarships available)
RSVP & pay online at https://beth-elsa.org/TBE60splusSingles or contact Geri Gregory at 733-9135, ext. 120.

TBE60s+ Singles is to renew old friendships, make new friends, and enrich our synagogue life, while adhering to the “3 Es” of Entertainment, Education, and Eating.

SAVE THE DATE!
August 20, 6:30 pm
Hawaiian Luau & Pool Party at the home of Mel Cohen
Watch for details in our weekly email and August Bulletin!

Bulletin Deadline
The deadline for the August Temple Bulletin will be

Monday, July 11, at 12:00 pm. All articles and photos must be submitted by that time. Articles and photos may be submitted via email to geri@beth-elsa.org. Articles may not exceed 250 words.

Generous Grants Awarded
Temple Beth-El is once again the grateful recipient of generous grants from Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services (GMJSS), helping us partner together to enhance the quality of life for Jewish Seniors in our community.

GMJSS awarded the Temple four grants for the following programs during the 2016/17 programmatic year: Our Shabbat Seniors Havurah is a continuation of a successful program bringing seniors and volunteers together monthly for a meal and cultural program. Zaken is a new program that will provide seniors in our community an opportunity to develop meaningful connections with our bar/bat mitzvah students. The goal is for our senior community to build lasting connections with our students as they cultivate skills in working with seniors. Another grant will support our newly formed TBE60s+ Singles group which strives to renew old friendships, make new friends, and enrich our synagogue life, while adhering to the “3 Es” of Entertainment, Education, and Eating. GMJSS will also support a Senior Volunteers Initiative for our Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp for food insecure children in our neighborhood.

In addition to these four grants, GMJSS continues to support our seniors by providing transportation to and from the Temple for worship services, social, and educational events. The transportation service is invaluable to many of our seniors who would otherwise not be able to participate in activities at the Temple and within the broader Jewish community.

Altogether, GMJSS will be supporting Temple seniors with approximately $20,000 in funding throughout the year. Their support of the Temple and other San Antonio organizations continues to have a tremendous positive impact for San Antonio’s Jewish seniors.

Shabbat Lunch Havurah
Saturday, June 4 • after Shabbat Service (approximately 12:00 pm)
in the Block Conference Center
Lunch first – Southern Comfort Food!

Continuing our discussion of Jews in the South, we will watch the PBS movie, The American Experience: Freedom Riders. This inspiring documentary is 2 hours long, so plan to stay a little longer than usual. This is an astonishing testament to the accomplishment of youth (many of them Jews) and what can result from the incredible combination of personal conviction and the courage to organize against all odds.

Those 65 and older are free; those under 65 are only $5. RSVP for the lunch to geri@beth-elsa.org or 733-9135, ext. 120.

Thanks to Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services for making this event possible.
Youth Corner

Shalom!

I’d like to take a moment and more formally introduce myself to all of you; my name is Joel Swedlove and along with my wife, Stephanie, and our 18 month old son, Ethan, I am thrilled to make San Antonio our new home. Over the next few months, I look forward to getting to meet all of you and building a really wonderful youth program together. I welcome any and all thoughts you may have about what has worked in the past, what could have been better, and what might work moving forward.

Nevi’im, the Book of Prophets, contains the passage; “The old shall dream dreams, the youth shall see visions.” The adult community (I won’t call any of you old) has dreams of what this community can become, and the youth have visions of making this community their own.

My job is to find a way to turn those dreams and those visions into realities, to combine the needs of today with the ideals of tomorrow so that our community’s youngest members become its foundation for years to come.

I look forward to creating this future with all of you.

B'Shalom,

Joel Swedlove

Now Registering for the 2016-2017 School Year

Grades Preschool (age 3) – Post Confirmation (grade 12)

http://bethelsa.formstack.com/forms/rsreg

Something for Everyone!

• Inclusion Specialist for children with special needs
• Family Programs and Adult Education
• Director of Youth Engagement and youth programming
• Grades 3-6 Hebrew Classes meet Sundays and either Tuesdays (JCC Campus) or Wednesdays at Temple Beth-El

Opening Day Celebration

Sunday, August 28 • 9:00 am – 12:00 pm

Leah Apothaker

Director of Congregational Learning

Registration Information

contact Sara Planto

733-9135 ext 108

sara@beth-elsa.org

Registration deadline is August 1. $25 late fee for registrations after August 1.
GFC Faculty Schedules this Summer

Cantor Julie and Rabbi Alan Berlin
Week 1 – June 13-19

Rabbi Mara Nathan
Week 3 – June 26 – July 3

Rabbi Marina Yergin
Week 5 – July 17 – 24

Joel Swedlove
Week 5 – July 17 – 24

Staff Concert
May 15
**Sisterhood News**

**Sisterhood:**
The Original Social Network

**June Book Club**

The Sisterhood Book Club will discuss *Just Kids from the Bronx: Telling It the Way It Was: An Oral History* by Arlene Alda on June 22, at 10:00 am in the Block Conference Room. This is the last scheduled discussion until further notice.

In vivid oral histories, Arlene Alda reveals what it was like to grow up in the place that bred the influencers in just about every field of endeavor today. Her own memories were the jumping-off point from which to reminisce with a nun, police officer, an urban planner, and with Al Pacino, Mary Higgins Clark, Carl Reiner, Colin Powell, and many other leading artists, athletes, scientists and entrepreneurs—experiences spanning six decades of Bronx living. If you are from or lived near this interesting area, we would welcome your comments and memories. For information contact Felice Feldman at frfeldman@yahoo.com.

**It Adds Up**

Carole Kerman, Sisterhood president, presented the Temple Beth-El board with a check for $3900 at the congregation’s Annual Meeting in May. The funds are for the 26 shabbat onegs sponsored by Sisterhood in 5776.

**Mark it on Your Calendar**

June 12 will be the Sisterhood Board Development Day—plan to be there! Details will be sent out via email.

**Brotherhood News**

Do you know what is so great about summer? Traffic is finally bearable during the lunch hour. Make plans for lunch with friends and people you would like to have as friends.

In case you didn’t know, the Temple Beth-El Brotherhood meets at noon the First Friday of each month for lunch. We meet at the China Inn Restaurant (2241 N.W. Military Hwy, 78213).

Whether you are a member of the Brotherhood or not, come and have lunch with us Fridays, June 3 and July 1. The only thing better than the food is the company.

**Join Temple Beth-El Sisterhood**

**Sip & Schmooze**

**Wednesday, June 1 at 5:30 pm**

**Quarry Hofbrau & Beer Garden**

7310 Jones Maltsberger

Reservations encouraged, contact Gayle Kipp at gkipp@sbcglobal.net.

**July 6 TBD - check FB for update**
(http://tinyurl.com/S-TBE-FB)
In the Temple Family

We congratulate those celebrating life’s joyous occasions...

Emily and Rob Kaufman, on the marriage of their daughter, Lindsey to Dan Palan, son of Kate and Earl Palan on April 2 in New Orleans. They reside in Brooklyn, NY.

Iris and Warren Lieberman, on the birth of their grandson, Nikolai Crusoe Darnowsky Lieberman, born to Nina and Mark Lieberman.

Karen and David Palans, on the birth of their granddaughter, Eliza Rose, born to Jessica and Brian Palans, in Houston.

We congratulate those who have achieved something extra-special...

Cheryl and David Levinson, whose son, Brian, received his Master of Science degree in Education.

Jonquil and Marc Feldman, whose son, Jake, graduated with an M.D. from the University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. Jake and his wife, Katy, will move to Tulsa, OK for his residency in Emergency Medicine.

We congratulate those celebrating milestone birthdays in June...


We congratulate those celebrating milestone anniversaries in June...

10 Years: Melissa and Michael Baumholtz
20 Years: Jennifer and Thad Bartlett; Aliza and Dr. Willie Cantu
25 Years: Susan and Mark Roomberg; Stacey and Jamo Rubin
40 Years: Karen and Thomas Delavan; Elaine and Steve Kovner
50 Years: Drs. Robert and Marjorie Brody; Buddy and Candy Gardner; Mary Sue and Maurie Kern; Chickie and Leo Rose
62 Years: Dr. Marcia and Martin Epner; Liana and Marvin Barenblat; Harriet and Sam Neuman
64 Years: Charlotte and Larry Rosenberg; Joci and Joe Straus, Jr.; Sylvia and Dr. Hugh Wolff
65 Years: Marilyn and Gerald Dubinski

We congratulate those celebrating milestone birthdays in July...

Lynne Aranda, Marion Ayers, Hannah Berlin, Amanda Bezner, Elsa Franco, Henry Franco, Audrey Henkin, Dr. Jeffrey Hoffman, Betty Indyk, Michael Kaplan, Gayle Kipp, Jean Kolovson, Andie Lachman, Lauren Mandel, Morris Miller, Frank Patton, Dr. Richard Pollak, Stanley Rosenberg, Karen Rosson, Fanya Rud, Stephen Schnitzer, Susan Siegel, Annabelle Spezia-Lindner, Dr. Paula Vogel, and Cameron Woo.

We congratulate those celebrating milestone anniversaries in July...

10 Years: Stephanie and John Nagy; Elisabeth and Anti Patricia
25 Years: Drs. Carmen Garza de Levcovitz and Henrique Levcovitz
30 Years Drs. Gemma Kennedy and Brad Kayser; Drs. Teresa and Gary Kurzban
40 Years: Harriet and David Pinansky; Sara and Richard Planto; Jocelyn and Peter Selig
50 Years: Carole and Bill Bornstein; Meryl and Leslie Collins
73 Years: Rose and MGEn. Abe Dreiseszun

Yizkor Elohim

We note with sorrow the passing of our member...

Judy Jeschke
wife of John Jeschke

Gloria Silber
wife of Gerald Silber, mother of Brent (and Renee) Silber

The Congregation extends its sincere condolences to the families of...

Dr. Martin Castelbaum
father of Dr. Amy (and Dr. Richard) Benedikt

Tina Gardner
sister-in-law of Buddy (and Candy) Gardner and cousin of Steve (and Kathy) Baum

Richard Gehl
father of Mary (and Gordon) Weiner

Darren Mensch
brother of Melissa (and Steven) Fiero

Valene Mae Parrott
grandmother of Stefano (and Alex) Iacano

Gertrude Scharff
cousin of Buddy (and Candy) Gardner

“May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life.”

Keep the Temple Informed

We rely on our Temple members, their friends and family to let us know when someone is hospitalized or suffering any illness or bereavement, or would just enjoy a call or visit from the clergy or a member of the congregation. The clergy would also like to hear good news, such as celebrating a birth or other simchah. Since the privacy laws have changed, local hospitals no longer release information when we ask for a list of Jewish patients. In order to better serve the congregation, please share this information with our clergy by calling Iris Berman-Smith at 733-9135, ext. 106.

The patient or immediate family is often not able to make this call, so please let us hear from you.

Temple Beth-El Ombudsperson

If you have a question or concern about Temple policy, process, etc., and would like confidential assistance in having your query answered, please call Marty Epner at 862-1500.
Summer is the Hungriest Time of Year

In the summertime, schools are closed and regular school meals disappear. For the past six years, Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp has helped to alleviate hunger and provided a fun and safe camp in our neighborhood. Take in the following 2015 Texas facts from the National Food Research and Action Center, the US Census Bureau, and the USDA:

- Over 2 million kids in Texas qualify for free meals during the school year.
- Only 12% of Texas kids from low-income families are receiving summer meals.
- 40 to 50% of San Antonio children live below the poverty level.
- For many children, the breakfasts and lunches served at Summer Feeding Sites (like Temple Beth-El) are the only meals they get in a day.
- 78% of the children who live in ZIP code 78212 (Temple vicinity) qualify for meal assistance.

This summer, won’t you help us make a difference by volunteering your time, or donating money and/or supplies? Volunteering once, twice, or regularly is one of the most rewarding experiences you can imagine. You will be paid by smiles and the knowledge that your time and participation or donation has improved the lives of children in our own neighborhood.

Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp starts June 6, and runs Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 12:30 pm through July 29.

Contact one of our Camp Co-Directors, Kathi Kardon or Robyn Rosen, at BFFSummerDayCamp@gmail.com or call 849-6082 to see how you can help or how you can donate much-needed supplies.

Supplies Needed for BFF Summer Day Camp

Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp needs your help! This eight-week free Summer Day Camp for food insecure and at-risk children relies on donations of supplies. While not limited to the items listed, please consider donating the following:

- Crafts supplies
- Paper – white, colored, construction
- Markers
- Books – ages 3 to 14
- Costumes (for dress-up)
- Board games – ages 3 to 14
- Water toys and/or kiddie pools
- HEB gift cards and general gift cards

Sign up online at http://tinyurl.com/TBE-BFF, email BFFSummerDayCamp@gmail.com or call 849-6082 to see how you can help or how you can donate much-needed supplies.
We Thank Our Generous Summer Day Camp Donors

We want to take this opportunity to thank those generous individual donors who made Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp a reality this year!

David and Sharon Adelman
Drs. Amy and Richard Benedikt
Craig and Elise Boyan
Rick and Leslie Selig Byrd
Barry Chasnoff
Laura and Alan Chesler

Joe and Julie Dubrof
Millie Ehrenberg
Toni and Richard Goldsmith
Kathy Hamilton
Dr. Barry and Lisa Menick
Morris and Deborah Miller

We also thank those who participated in The Big Give SA to benefit BFF Summer Day Camp:

Anonymous
Iris Berman-Smith and Charley Smith
Trent Boarnet and Mark Ingram
Jane Rice Bye
Rick and Leslie Selig Byrd
Rosa Cavazos
Jerry Cohen and Jeff Moorehead
Dr. Mel Cohen
Susan Cook
Clarence Dickinson
Jen and Mark Eichelbaum
Jennifer and Rob Eichelbaum
Marlene and Mel Eichelbaum
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Drs. Lisa and Brad Gurwitz
Evette and Andy Kabbe
Debby Kalk
Michele and Alan Krapf

Marsha Krassner and Dr. David Spener
Iris and Warren Lieberman
Judy Lackritz and Bill Long
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Jason Miller
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Temple Beth-El Sisterhood offers you a sweet way to send Rosh Hashanah greetings to friends and family. We will send a festively wrapped, 8 oz. jar of 100% pure and raw locally produced Texas honey along with a personalized New Year’s greeting and an explanation of the significance of the tradition for only $12.50 (includes shipping within continental US).

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If you would like to participate in our worship service by reading Torah or by offering the D’var Torah please contact Cantor Berlin at jberlin@beth-elsa.org.

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Thank you! Proceeds from this sale benefit TBE Sisterhood charitable endeavors.

2016 President’s Service Award Recipients

Temple Beth-El is proud to announce that eleven individuals and/or families have received President Barak Obama’s Volunteer Service Award for various volunteer opportunities in the past year or over a lifetime. Most of these awards were presented at Shabbat Eve Services on Friday, April 8.

In the Teens category (ages 11-15), Ashley Rosen, daughter of Robyn and Scott Rosen, received a Gold Award for serving over 100 hours in various volunteer opportunities throughout the year.

In the Young Adults category (ages 16-25), Hannah Eichelbaum, daughter of Jennifer and Rob Eichelbaum, Autumn Sparks, daughter of Lisa and Eugene Sparks, and Benjamin Wulfe, son of Amy and Perry Wulfe, received the Gold Award for serving over 250 hours this past year.

In the Adults category (26+), Rhonda Grimm, Kay Stein, and Joshua Sutin received the Gold Award for serving over 500 hours this past year.

In the Group category, the Kressbach Family — Gary, Robin, Benjamin, Jonathan, and Michael, received the Gold Award for serving over 1,000 hours, with each individual contributing at least 25 hours toward the total this past year.

The Lifetime Achievement Award, called the “President’s Call to Service Award,” was presented to Ruth Chafetz, Fred Kanter, and Amy Strickland, for serving over 4,000 hours throughout their lifetimes, both within and outside the Temple and Jewish communities.

Mazel Tov to all Award recipients, for dedicating their lives to helping others!

Temple Beth-El is a certified organization for distributing and verifying The President’s Volunteer Service Award. If you would like further information or to nominate someone to receive this award, please contact Geri Gregory at 733-9135, ext. 120, or geri@beth-elsa.org.

Now Streaming in HD

When you cannot be at the Temple in person for services, join us online! We recently upgraded our equipment and are now streaming in HD. Follow the link at www.beth-elsa.org to watch streaming live or view recently archived services. You can watch on your computer, tablet, phone, or even on Roku.

We are grateful to Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services for a generous grant which supported our streaming upgrades.

As always, you can also listen to services on the telephone by calling 733-9135 and following the prompts.
We Get Letters

To Temple Beth-El:

A big thank you to Temple Beth-El and Golden Manor for sponsoring the Dessert Seder at ADANTE. It was exciting to see so many residents — many of them not Jewish. Mr. Gonzalez’s enthusiasm, explanations and humor added to the enjoyment of the Seder. The desserts were delicious and I was also impressed by the easy to understand and attractive Haggadahs. Thanks again for all you do for our residents. The San Antonio Jewish community gets an A-plus from me.

Harriet Shpiner, ADANTE

P.S. I also love Lynn and Rabbi Sam Stahl and her parents – they’re more than special.
Community Seder

165 people gathered at Temple Beth-El for 2nd Night Seder — It was a warm and wonderful family evening.
We Gratefully Acknowledge the Contributions of Our Members and Friends

Contributions received in the Temple office by Friday, July 8, will appear in the August Temple Bulletin. Contributions received after July 8 will appear in the September Temple Bulletin. Contributions are welcome to any of our funds at any time. For a list of Temple funds and their descriptions, go to the Temple website at http://www.beth-elsa.org/Funds. You may also make a contribution online at http://www.beth-elsa.org/Donations.

**RABBI NATHAN’S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

**IN APPRECIATION**
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**Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp Needs You**

Sign up online at [http://tinyurl.com/TBE-BFF](http://tinyurl.com/TBE-BFF), email BFFSummerDayCamp@gmail.com or call 849-6082 to see how you can help or how you can donate much-needed supplies.

**8:00 am – 12:30 pm daily**

**Beth-El Food & Fun Summer Day Camp**

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- **August Bulletin Deadline:** July 11, at 12:00 pm
- **July 11, 2016**
  - 12:00 pm **Brotherhood 1st Friday Luncheon**
  - 6:30 pm Armed Forces Shabbat Worship Service
  - Bat Mitzvah of Alexandra Grimm
  - 8:00 am – 12:30 pm daily

**Temple Beth-El Bulletin – June/July 2016**

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Mission Statement of Congregation Beth-El

The mission of Congregation Beth-El (also known as “Temple Beth-El”) is to create a welcoming and vibrant house of God that inspires a community of Reform Jews committed to meaningful worship, spiritual growth, tikkun olam, and outreach within and beyond our Congregation.

Shavuot Services

**Saturday, June 11, 7:00 pm**
In the Wulfe Sanctuary
**Erev Shavuot — Confirmation**
Rabbis Nathan and Yergin and Cantor Berlin will officiate. Following services, a reception, hosted by the parents of the Confirmands in honor of their children, will be held in the Barshop Auditorium.

**Sunday, June 12, 10:30 am • In the Wulfe Sanctuary**
Morning of Shavuot
Rabbis Nathan and Yergin and Cantor Berlin will officiate. The service will include a brief *Yizkor*-Memorial ritual.

Tikkun Leyl Shavuot

Come and join Rabbi Marina Yergin as she discusses “The Making of a Mensch”
**Saturday, June 11, 9:15 pm**
Block Conference Center
An ice cream sundae bar will be provided. *Shavuot* is the celebration of the Jews receiving the 10 Commandments from God. We know we are to follow those laws, but how does that influence our everyday lives? How can we become better people – *mensches*? Join Rabbi Yergin in an interactive, reflective text study, where each person will discover their character strengths and how that relates to Judaism.

2016/5777 High Holy Days Dates

**Selichot** ................................................................. Saturday, September 24
**Erev Rosh Hashanah** .............................................. Sunday, October 2
**Rosh Hashanah Day** ............................................... Monday, October 3
**Erev Yom Kippur (Kol Nidrei)** ................................ Tuesday, October 11
**Yom Kippur Day** .................................................. Wednesday, October 12
**Erev Sukkot** ........................................................... Sunday, October 16
**First Day of Sukkot** ............................................... Monday, October 17
**Erev Atzeret-Simchat Torah (Consecration)** ........... Sunday, October 23
**Atzeret-Simchat Torah Day** ...................................... Monday, October 24