Sukkot Services

**Wednesday, October 4**

*6:00 PM—Erev Sukkot Service at the Nathan Residence, 2907 Ivory Creek*

Join Rabbi Nathan and her family, along with Rabbi Yergin and Cantor Berlin, for a participatory outdoor service and dessert reception.

**Thursday, October 5**

*10:30 AM—Sukkot Morning Festival Service in the J.Y. Golden Sukkah.*

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Atzeret-Simchat Torah

**Wednesday, October 11**

*6:30 PM—Erev Simchat Torah Service*


The names of babies born in the last year will be read.

Complete unrolling and re-rolling of the Torah in Temple aisles, with interactive Torah readings. **Hakafot** (Parade of the Torah Scrolls). **Oneg** in the Barshop Auditorium.

**Thursday, October 12**

*10:30 AM—Atzeret-Simchat Torah Morning Festival Service with Yizkor-Memorial Prayers in the Wulfe Sanctuary*

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Consecration Service

**Sunday, October 15**

*11:15 AM—We welcome all children beginning Religious School in a special Consecration Service in the Wulfe Sanctuary. A reception will follow in the Dreeben Family Pavilion.*

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and so much more...
As I explained in my High Holy Day sermon, we had a busy summer this year with our Conversations and Coffee sessions. We spoke to over 200 congregants ages 13 and up as they answered the questions “How do you experience the brokenness of the world?” and “What keeps you up at night?” by sharing their personal stories. The results were fascinating and gave us great direction for our next steps. The stories we heard the most frequently surrounded a loss of civility in people today. This is difficult to make an actionable item as there is no clear direction to go within the community at large.

However, we have a few things that we are doing at Temple Beth-El. One of the main things that arose is a fear of not teaching our children how to be able to have conversations with one another, but we are doing that in our religious school. Our ISJL curriculum allows for thoughtful discussion and room for a diversity of ideas. We focus on Jewish values and ideals while allowing students to discover their own views on Israel, God, Reform Judaism, and current events—no name a few. We even expand this with our family education sessions which all center on a different Jewish value each year, allowing our families to learn and discuss together.

For the adults, we are once again having a Social Advocacy Shabbat Potluck on November 3 with a panel discussing civil discourse and the ways we can accomplish it. (To learn more about the panelists and RSVP for the event, see the article below.) We hope that this panel is only the start to continuing dialogue regarding how we can make sure we are honoring others’ opinions, develop a more loving community, and how we can help others by recognizing their humanity.

Besides the subject of a loss of civility, many people shared moving stories about their lives. One congregant shared how their mother was in a tough situation regarding health care because of her age, pre-existing conditions, and socio-economic status. At our teen only session, a number of teens shared stories about dealing with anti-semitism, the pressures of being a teen, and the lack of understanding they can get from peers and adults about feelings of suicide. Another congregant shared their struggles with mental health issues and how they struggled in fitting in to a Jewish community (before finding, Temple Beth-El, of course). These are only a few of the many powerful stories our congregants shared with myself, our facilitators, and other congregants.

Now that you have heard your stories, the question becomes, what now? The first answer is to come to our Social Advocacy Shabbat Potluck as we join together to talk about civil discourse, something many people talked about in our Conversations and Coffee sessions. The second answer is that we will have the opportunity to prepare for the next step of our process, which is the research phase. This phase will allow us to be a part of collective research process in which we can begin deciding on research action and developing lists of strategic partners. That way we will know how we can make a difference and what we can do from here. If you are interested in being a part of this phase, but unable to make it to the Social Advocacy Shabbat Potluck, please contact me at myergin@beth-elsa.org. We hope to see you on November 3!

Rabbi Marina Yergin

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**Social Advocacy Shabbat Potluck Dinner**

**Friday, November 3 | Following Shabbat Service**

The Social Action Committee will host its annual Social Advocacy Shabbat Potluck dinner. Following Shabbat services, join us for a potluck and panel discussion with Gavin Rogers, Youth Minister at Christ Episcopal Church and creator of “Pub Theology,” Bill Mitchell from TPR’s Dare to Listen Campaign, and Rabbi David Segal, the new Reform Texas Organizer located in Houston, with Temple member and moderator Dan Klein. They will explore how we, as Temple members, can create and foster civil discourse with one another, our neighbors, friends, and family, even if we hold different viewpoints. This evening is certain to stimulate ideas about how each of us can actively practice one of Judaism’s basic tenets of tikkun olam—repairing the world.

Please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Temple will provide brisket and turkey as well as beverages. A $5 donation is requested to offset the cost of entrée. RSVP and pay online at [https://www.beth-elsa.org/SocialAdvocacyPotluck](https://www.beth-elsa.org/SocialAdvocacyPotluck). We hope to see you there!

Gavin Rogers currently works at Christ Episcopal Church in San Antonio. Alongside his job at CEC, he is very involved in interfaith dialogue through his weekly group Pub Theology San Antonio (facebook.com/pubtheologySA) and various city affairs. In 2013, Gavin was selected as the Young San Antonian of the Year (an annual award given since 1931 to a person under 40) for his work with the homeless and working poor. He is a graduate of Duke University (M.Div.) and Baylor University (B.S. Education) and was born in The Woodlands, Texas.

Bill Mitchell. Ph.D., coordinates the “Dare to Listen” community outreach initiative for Texas Public Radio. He retired from UTSA as a Professor of Marketing, and was previously a Vice President of Administration for...
B’nei Mitzvah

We Congratulate Those Who Will be Called to the Torah in October

October 20-21
Cheney Margaret Davidson, daughter of Keli and Charles Davidson, granddaughter of Kay Flynn and Patrick Flynn and the late Mae and Ralph Davidson.

October 27-28
Paulena Claire Jie Edelman, daughter of Lisa and Jesse Edelman, granddaughter of Mary Kay and Arnold Vidis and the late Yolanda and Leonard Edelman and goddaughter of Rene and Marty Wender.

Oneg Shabbat Reception

October 6, 13: Temple Beth-El Sisterhood
October 20: Keli & Charles Davidson in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Cheney Margaret Davidson
October 27: Lisa and Jesse Edelman in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter, Paulena Claire Jie Edelman

Social Advocacy Shabbat Potluck Dinner

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a major Chicago retail firm as well as the Director of Marketing for the Straus-Frank Company headquartered in San Antonio.

Rabbi David Segal was born and raised in Houston, TX and has lived in Arlington, VA; Jerusalem, Israel; New York City; and Aspen, CO. He studied Classics and Judaic Studies at Princeton University (2003) and was ordained by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion (HUC-JIR) in New York in 2010. From 2010-2017, he was the rabbi of the Aspen Jewish Congregation, serving the Roaring Fork Valley of Western Colorado. His wife, Cantor Rollin Simmons, was his co-clergy. Now he lives in Houston, TX, where his wife is the cantor at Congregation Emanu El. He is teaching, writing, and doing interfaith social justice work. As of August 2017, he has begun an exploratory phase with the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism, based in Washington, DC, to test the potential for building a statewide organization in Texas.

Shabbat Services

Friday, October 6
6:30 PM Shabbat Worship Service
Accompaniment by Kol Simchah

Saturday, October 7
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
10:30 AM Chanting and Meditation
Torah Portion: Sukkot III

Friday, October 13
6:15 PM Family Shabbat Service and Dinner
6:30 PM Shabbat Worship Service
6:30 PM Lay Led Service

Saturday, October 14
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Torah Portion: B’reishit

Friday, October 20
6:30 PM Shabbat Worship Service
Dr. Sam Gruber, Scholar in Residence will speak on Torah and Sacred Space: The Bible as Building Manual
Bat Mitzvah of Cheney Margaret Davidson

Saturday, October 21
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Cheney Margaret Davidson
10:30 AM Chanting and Meditation
Torah Portion: Noach

Friday, October 27
6:30 PM New Members Shabbat Worship Service
Worship Works—What is Nusach?
Accompaniment by Temple Band
Bat Mitzvah of Paulena Claire Jie Edelman

Saturday, October 28
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bat Mitzvah of Paulena Claire Jie Edelman
Torah Portion: Lech-L’cha

Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the November Temple Bulletin will be Tuesday, October 10, 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.
Jazz in the J.Y. Golden Sukkah

Saturday, October 7 | 7:00 pm

Join us under the stars for Havdalah, live jazz, cool breezes, delectable refreshments, and good friends!

Free of charge, thanks to the generosity of Claire Golden, who has dedicated this event in memory of her beloved husband, J.Y. Golden.

Featuring live jazz from the Maverick Quartet organized by Temple member Dan Klein and including notable San Antonio musicians, Andrew Bergman, Larry Natwick and Katchie Cartwright.

Wine and heavy hors d’oeuvres will be served. RSVP to https://beth-elsa.org/jazzSukkot so we will know how much food to prepare.
Senior Transportation for Sukkot

San Antonio Jewish Senior Services (SAJSS) is providing extra rides to Temple during Sukkot which do not count toward each individual’s two rides per week! Please make a note of the Temple’s Sukkot activities:

**Wednesday, October 4, at 6:00 PM | Erev Sukkot**
Services at the home of Rabbi Mara and Larry Nathan

**Thursday, October 5, 10:30 AM | Sukkot Morning Festival Service at Temple Beth-El**

**Friday, October 6, 6:30 PM | Shabbat Sukkot**
Service & Shared Shabbat Sukkot Potluck with the Raindrop Turkish House

**Saturday, October 7, 11:45 AM | Shabbat Lunch Chavurah: Sukkot Program with Rabbi Marina Yergin**

**Saturday, October 7, 7:00 PM | Jazz in the J.Y. Golden Sukkah at Temple Beth-El**

To arrange for transportation, contact Lety Vargas at SAJSS at 210-616-4811.

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**Is Someone in Your Family Under 1 Year Old?**

We will read the names of all babies born in our Temple family* since last Simchat Torah (October 23, 2016) and will say a special blessing at services on the eve of Simchat Torah in the Wulfe Sanctuary on Wednesday, October 11, at 6:30 PM.

Please forward information to Dollie Closna at dollie@beth-elsa.org or 210-733-9135 x126.

**“Temple family” includes babies born to Temple members, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, whether or not they live in San Antonio. We want to celebrate your joy!**

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**Shared Sukkot Potluck Shabbat Dinner with Raindrop Turkish House**

We are hosting the Raindrop Turkish House for a Shared Sukkot Shabbat Potluck Dinner on

**Friday, October 6**

Join us after Shabbat Services and bring a vegetarian side dish or dessert to share (Temple will supply *hallal* entrée).

$5 per person to help defray the entrée cost

RSVP to https://beth-elsa.org/SharedSukkotDinner

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**Recovery from Addiction/Alcoholism Chavurah**

Temple Beth-El is starting a confidential *chavurah* around the issue of addiction and alcoholism. If you are struggling or have a family member, co-worker or friend who is struggling, then join us at our inaugural meetings, starting in October.

Join us on Sunday, October 15, from 9:30 to 11:00 AM or Tuesday, October 17, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at Temple Beth-El to learn more and share about recovery from addiction/alcoholism.

We will create a confidential, safe and non-judgmental environment in which to share, learn and grow with other Temple members who have achieved long-term sobriety. Whether you are struggling or know someone who is, all are welcome. For more information, call Geri Gregory at 210-733-9135, ext. 120 or email geri@beth-elsa.org.

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**Shabbat Lunch Chavurah**

Join us on the first Saturday of every month after Shabbat Morning Worship for lunch and an interesting program—Open to everyone!

**Saturday, October 7, 11:45 AM in the J.Y. Golden Sukkah** (weather permitting)

We will enjoy a delicious Sukkot meal together, we will hear briefly about the Hebrew Free Loan Association, and then we will learn more about Sukkot from Rabbi Marina Yergin.

Those 65 and older are free; those under 65 are only $5. RSVP to geri@beth-elsa.org or 210-733-9135, ext. 120 for the lunch and program.

Thanks to San Antonio Jewish Senior Services for making this event possible.
The mission of TBE60s+ Singles is to renew old friendships, make new friends, and enrich our synagogue life, while adhering to the “3 Es” of Entertainment, Eating, and Education. You need not be a Temple member to participate!

**Sunday, October 22, 12:30 PM**—Participate in Síclovía San Antonio! Síclovía is San Antonio’s version of an event called Ciclovía that originated in Bogotá, Colombia about 30 years ago. Síclovía is a free event that temporarily makes the selected San Antonio streets available to residents for recreational and sport activities. Ciclovías make the streets car-free so participants can bike, run, skateboard, walk, or do anything else without worrying about cars. There are Reclovías along the route that include water, resting and eating places, bathrooms, and fun activities.

We will meet at the Lion’s Park Reclovía (at Brackenridge Park). See map at [http://tinyurl.com/sicloviamap](http://tinyurl.com/sicloviamap).

**Thursday, November 16, 5:30 PM**—Potluck Dinner at Temple Beth-El & SAC Planetarium Program at 7:00 PM

**December**—Wednesday evening Poetry Reading & Dinner at Olmos Bharmacy

**January**—Tour of the Toyota Plant & Meal

**February**—Museum Tour & Meal

**March**—Wildflower Bus Tour & trip to The Lady Bird Johnson Wildflower Center in Austin with lunch. Sightseeing in Johnson City & Fredericksburg (Those who wish to bicycle to Austin may do so and meet the others for lunch. We can transport your bicycles back to San Antonio.)

**April**—Embassy Mini-Golf & Dinner at Max & Louie’s New York Diner

**May**—Dinner at Mi Tierra & Light Show at San Fernando Cathedral

**Sunday, June 10**—Lavender Festival in Blanco, TX

**July**—Dinner & Wine-Making

Watch for further details on these events soon!

For further information and/or to place your name on the mailing list, contact Geri Gregory at 210-733-9135, ext. 120, or geri@beth-elsa.org. This is a fun and active social group that is supported, in part, by San Antonio Jewish Senior Services.

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**Cemetery Updates**

After careful study and consultation with other congregations who own cemeteries, our Board of Trustees has adopted some important changes which will ensure the long-term care and maintenance of our beautiful cemeteries.

Our cemetery plot rates were at an artificially low level and we are modifying the rates to help us keep up with increased expenses. Plots may now be purchased by members for $4,500. A 25% discount will be offered to those who pre-purchase plots for a total of $3,600. Non-members may purchase plots at double the member rate.

One of the most significant ongoing challenges in our cemeteries is uneven ground which is caused by graves compacting over time. Sometimes the unevenness occurs suddenly and can be quite dramatic. In order to minimize this risk, burials will now take place with a concrete liner. The liner is bottomless to ensure that the casket comes in contact with the soil, but the concrete sides and cover will stabilize the grave in order to help stabilize the ground.

Parties responsible for burial payments will also pay for the cost of the liners.

Another important change is that we will no longer permit upright headstones for new plot purchases at Temple Beth-El Memorial Park on Austin Highway. This modification was recommended by our ad hoc Cemetery Visioning Committee, chaired by Russell Davis, which is preparing a master plan for our Austin Highway cemetery, including currently undeveloped areas. The committee’s vision is to create a park-like cemetery. The soil at our cemetery is constantly shifting and the area is prone to flooding (there’s a reason that there are two other cemeteries adjacent to our property). Upright headstones magnify the unevenness of our soil and repeatedly need to be re-laid. The committee and Board of Trustees believe that this change will help preserve the long-term beauty of the property.

We are excited for the progress that our ad hoc Cemetery Visioning Committee is making and look forward to sharing their recommendations with you in the coming months.
Upcoming Events:

October 20, 8:15 PM
@TBE20s30s After Hours; Tycoon Flats
2926 N St. Mary’s St; San Antonio, TX 78212

The fried veggies and scrumptious hamburgers are too hard to pass up! As the weather turns cooler, join us at this Shabbat After Hours. After services at 6:30 PM and oneg, we will meet for dinner at Tycoon Flats around the corner from Temple. Stay tuned to the TBE bulletin and our Facebook page for more information as we get closer.

October 26, 7:00 PM
@TBE20s30s TBE Kitchen Takeover

TBE Sisterhood is in need of assistance to help bake and replenish baked goods for Oneg after services. We will provide the pizza, you provide the energy! No baking or cooking skills necessary. We have always had wonderful guidance in the kitchen, so we will bring the know-how and the supplies. Join us as we bake desserts and have a great time hanging out!

November 10, 8:15 PM
@TBE20s30s Shabbat Nature Hike; Location TBD

As the weather gets cooler, so do our Shabbat After Hours. Join us for services and oneg at TBE at 6:30pm. Afterward, we will have the opportunity to enjoy a unique After Hours event! Stay tuned to the bulletin and our Facebook page to get more details on this special November edition of @TBE20s30s After Hours!

November 18, 10:00 AM
@TBE20s30s Shabbat Nature Hike; Crownridge Canyon Park
7222 Luskey Blvd; San Antonio, TX 78256

Join us as we continue our Shabbat morning nature series. We will meet at head of the Red Oak Trail just off the parking lot. This experience is in addition to the already scheduled service at TBE. We will explore the different trails in the park while reflecting on the gift of nature and Shabbat. Join us afterward for a no-host lunch (location will be decided as a group). Check out our Facebook page for more details!

November TBD
Torah on Tap; Location TBD

Joel Swedlove, Director of Youth Programs and Informal Education at Temple Beth-El, will lead us in a conversation on a topic exploring Judaism and Torah. As we get closer, more information will become available, including Joel's topic and location. Since so many congregants have expressed interest in the topics being taught at Torah on Taps in the past, @TBE20s30s would like to make this event a congregational learning endeavor. The conversation will be led by a @TBE20s30s member, but anyone is welcome to attend! Follow our Facebook page and the bulletin for more updates!

December 16, 10:00 AM
@TBE20s30s Shabbat Nature Hike; O P Schnabel Park
9606 Bandera Rd; San Antonio, TX 78250

Join us as we continue our Shabbat morning series. We will meet at the intersection of the Old Tower Climb Trail, Bluff Loop, and Big OP Loop just off the parking lot. This experience is in addition to the already scheduled service at TBE. We will explore the different trails in the park while reflecting on the gift of nature and Shabbat. Join us afterward for a no-host lunch (location will be decided as a group). Check out our Facebook page for more details!

December 19, Time TBD
@TBE20s30s Hanukkah Party; Bowlero
13307 San Pedro Ave; San Antonio, TX 78216

Join us for the 8th night of Hanukkah with an evening of bowling, food, and frivolity at our 3rd Annual @TBE20s30s Hanukkah bowling party! The cost will be TBD and will get you bowling, shoe rental, and food! There will also be a full bar available. As we get closer to the event, more details will be made available. Stay tuned via Facebook and the Temple Bulletin.

Aging Wisely: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit

As we age, many of us feel the desire to explore issues that previously we may not have had the time nor inclination to examine. Consider joining a small group, led by Arlene Dryer and Lynn Stahl. This group will be limited to the first 12 who register and will focus upon issues that may possibly emerge as we enter the next chapter of our lives. This rich time of our lives is an opportunity for growth, discovery and new meaning.

Wednesdays 10:00 AM–12:00 PM
November 29, December 13, January 3, 17, & 31

Participants will be expected to attend all five sessions on the above dates and times. There is no charge to join but we ask participants to purchase the book, Wise Aging, by Rachel Cowan and Linda Thal, which is available on Amazon. If you have any questions, feel free to call Arlene at 210-494-8016 or 210-279-5252.

To register, please contact Sara Planto at 210-733-9135 ext. 108 or sara@beth-elsa.org
Calling all those who have been adult Temple members for 50 or more years:

Friday, October 20, is the Shabbat YOU Will be Honored!

During Shabbat Eve Services in the Wulfe Sanctuary at 6:30 PM, we will bless all those who have been continuous adult members of the Temple since 1967 or before. A festive Oneg Shabbat will follow in the Barshop Auditorium.

Idelle and Dr. H. Norman Abrams
Frank and Nancy Adelman
Glenda Alter
Janet Alyn
Kate Badash
Elsa Barshop
Ann Barshop
Eleanor Bergmann
Shirley and Joe Blanks
Ivy Brook
Sherry Brooks
Charlotte Burnett
Maxine Carr
Barbara Carr Goodman
Herbert Charles
Elliott Cohen
Sarah Cohen
Sally Cooper
Chizzy and JoJo Davis
Gerald and Marilyn Dubinski
Edward Duchin
Mildred Ehrenberg
Selig Eidelberg
Wilma Fischer
Frieda Fischer
Elsa Franco

Alvin and Jeannie Frieden
Elaine Gale
Marjorie Gernsbacher
Hattie Lee Gleichenhous
Betty Gold
Claire Golden
Richard and Toni Goldsmith
Gail and Bobby Gurwit
Arthur Gurwit
Sally Halff
Jean and Bernard P. Harris
Nat Jefferson
Jack Kallison
Julie Kallison
Rose Kamin
Herbert and Linda Karren
Estelle “Prissy” Kaufman
Tom Kaufman
Jerry and Roxana Kelfer
Maurie and Mary Sue Kern
Herbert and Barbara Keyser
Eleanor “Bitsy” Komet
Judy Lachman
Martha Landsman
S. Stephen Lang
Roselle Lebo
Arthur Lefton
Ruth Lerner
Estela Levy
Betty Lifshutz
Marjorie Marks
Joyce Meyer
Abbi Michelson
Lynnette Miller
Gerd and Dorothy Miller
Sam and Harriet Neuman
Susan Oppenheimer
John and Kathi Oppenheimer
Seymour and Judy Palans
Bonnie Place
Stephanie Hemenway
Ann Pomerantz
Anna Rado
Arthur and Helene Riklin
Jack and Martha Rips
Leo and Chickie Rose
Larry and Charlotte Rosenberg
Sandra and Stanley Rosenberg
Gary and Wilma Rosenblatt
Maurice Rosenberg
Alice Rosenstein
Adele Rosow
Iris Rubin
Mildred Rudy
Stanley and Jennie Schoenbaum
Stephen Sherman
Doris Spector
Arthur Stein
Frances and Harris Sterling
Beth Stern
David and Deborah Straus
Joe Straus, Jr. and
Jocelyn Straus
Kenneth and Carol Sugarman
Joan Way
Brian and Tina Weiner
Martin Weiss
Joe Westheimer Jr. and
Janet Westheimer
David and Harriet Wolf
Sylvia and Dr. Hugh Wolff
Ronald and Felice Wolff
Carl and Sandra Wulfe
Barbara Wulfe
Ingeborg Zyskind

This list of all those who have been continuous adult members since 1967 or before, has been compiled according to the Temple’s computerized records. If you do not see your name here and you think it should be, please call Geri Gregory at the Temple office, 210-733-9135, ext. 120, or email geri@beth-elsa.org.

Sample Size Toiletries Collection

Saving those sample size toiletries (shampoo, toothpaste, soap, etc.) from your last business trip or vacation? Or do you have a stash of sample size toiletries ready to be cleaned out of a bathroom drawer? Now’s your chance to make sure those items get put to good use! Bring your sample size toiletry to the Sisterhood collection box available every Sunday morning during religious school in the main foyer. Throughout the year, Sisterhood members will use the donations to create care packages to distribute to various people and organizations expressing a need. If you have items to donate, but can’t make it Sunday mornings, please contact Leah Bullock at leahmary29@aol.com.
Adult Education with Rachel Stern

Temple Beth-El promotes life-long learning and therefore offers learning opportunities for every stage of life. In addition to exceptional youth educational opportunities, Temple Beth-El also offers a robust adult education program. One example of adult learning is our monthly Sunday morning series taught by Rachel Stern. Rachel holds Masters degrees in both Jewish Education and Jewish Non Profit Management and has been in Jewish education for over 20 years. Rachel currently serves as the Director of Education at the Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life.

The Sunday classes from 9:30 to 11:00 am focus on a yearly theme and explore a multitude of angles. This year the topic is Israel. The class draws a diverse crowd and while there is great learning, the atmosphere is relaxed and comfortable, ensuring to welcome and include all levels of learners. Some participants are parents of religious school students inspired to learn with their children, while others are exploring Judaism for themselves. Some participants attend all of the sessions, while others come for the specific topics of their interest. Everyone is welcome and everyone becomes part of the unique classroom community that Temple has fostered. You will leave with new ideas to think about and happy that you took this time for yourself.

Adult Learning Series: The Sacred Building of the People Israel

October 1  What Every Jew Should Know About Israel  A crash course on the personalities, history and culture that exemplify the modern state of Israel.

November 5  Ki Mitzion Tetzei Torah  The ideal of Israel in our prayers.  (date change)

December 3  A Different Kind of Democracy... Israeli Politics 101  How is the Israeli government different than the American system? How does the Knesset reflect a different model of governance and consensus building then we are used to here in the US?  (date change)

January 7  Teaching Israel to Our Kids  How do we teach our children to love Israel with a whole heart and a critical mind?

February 4  ABC’s of Israeli Organizations  So many groups support the State of Israel. Which ones are right for me? A primer session on what’s out there and how various groups differ in mission, perspective and prominence.

March 4  Marking Holy Time in the Holy Land  How does the rhythm of Jewish life change when all the rules are Jewish?

April 8  Da-ati vs. Cheloni  The clash between religious and secular values in the state of Israel.

April 29  Cultural Diversity in the Holy Land  Who makes up the population in Israel today? How does this impact the reality of a Democratic Jewish state in the future?.  (date change)

If you are interested in attending any of the classes, rsvp to sara@beth-elsa.org.
In the Temple Family

We congratulate those who have achieved something extra-special…

Dr. Toni Dollinger and Rabbi Barry Block, whose son, Robert Block, has been named a National Merit Semi-Finalist; and whose son, Daniel Block, has been appointed to NFTY’s North American Racial Justice Committee.

We note with sorrow the passing of our members

Robert “Bob” Polunsky

The Congregation extends its sincere condolences to the families of…

Jane M. Fleming Lynch
mother of Phil (and Leslie Hyman) Lynch,
grandmother of Gabriel Lynch and Rachel Lynch

Simon Mexic
brother of Sarae Cohen

Edis Lewis Parkans
sister of Dean Lewis

Rosalie Tecktiel
grandmother of Rabbi Marina (and Dave) Yergin

Elizabeth “Cissy” Urrutia
stepmother of Elise (and Mark Schlesinger) Urrutia Schlesinger, step grandmother of Benjamin Barenblat and Noa Barenblat

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

In the Temple Family

We congratulate those celebrating milestone birthdays in October…

Ayslinn Ashbury-Miller, Laurel Becker, Sherry Brooks, Abe Dreiseszun, Rose Dreiseszun, Dick Drileck, Peter Feldman, Rebecca Fischer, Raul Garcia, Phil Geisler, Anna Goldstein, Arthur Gurwitz, Michael Hardy, Sally Hardy, Mason Hockersmith, Margo Hoenig, Andrew Holland, David Hover, Lauren Hughes, Nat Jefferson, Caroline Kaden, Ursula Kaplan, Arline Kwastel, Alexandra Lang, Arthur Lefton, Ruth Lerner, Sam Metersky, Cathy Pottorf, Nina Rosson, Ruth Schapira, Brittany Schur, Beverly Schwartzman, Miriam Courtney Silver, Matthew Starr, James Steidel, David Straus, Stephanie Swedlove, Jeffrey Train, Charlotte Weiss, and Sandra Wulfe.

A VERY special “Mazal Tov” to Lois Cohodas, who will be 100 in October!

We congratulate those celebrating milestone anniversaries in October…

25 Years: Jennifer and Saul Perloff
63 Years: Jennie and Stanley Schoenbaum

S A V E T H E D A T E

Hanukkah Party

DECEMBER 14
DINNER | DJ | DANCING

The SAFTY Board enjoying NFTY-TOR’s Summer Palooza at Greene Family Camp

SAVE THE DATE

Hanukkah Party

DECEMBER 14
DINNER | DJ | DANCING

The SAFTY Board enjoying NFTY-TOR’s Summer Palooza at Greene Family Camp
This month, I want to share a few paragraphs from the article You’ll Never Be Famous—And That’s O.K., published in the New York Times by Emily Esfahani Smith. Smith, the author of The Power of Meaning: Crafting a Life that Matters and the manager of the Ben Franklin Circles Project at Stanford University’s Hoover Institution, wrote an opinion piece last month that struck me as an important reminder for young people, especially after the High Holidays, when we’ve made promises to try to be something more than we were last year. I hope this excerpt of her article will strike you as much as it struck me. The whole article is available at nytimes.com.

Today’s college students desperately want to change the world, but too many think that living a meaningful life requires doing something extraordinary and attention-grabbing like becoming an Instagram celebrity, starting a wildly successful company or ending a humanitarian crisis.

Having idealistic aspirations is, of course, part of being young. But thanks to social media, purpose and meaning have become conflated with glamour: Extraordinary lives look like the norm on the internet. Yet the idea that a meaningful life must be or appear remarkable is not only elitist but also misguided. Over the past five years, I’ve interviewed dozens of people across the country about what gives their lives meaning, and I’ve read through thousands of pages of psychology, philosophy and neuroscience research to understand what truly brings people satisfaction.

The most meaningful lives, I’ve learned, are often not the extraordinary ones. They’re the ordinary lives lived with dignity.

Most young adults won’t achieve the idealistic goals they’ve set for themselves. They won’t become the next Mark Zuckerberg. They won’t have obituaries that run in newspapers like this one. But that doesn’t mean their lives will lack significance and worth. We all have a circle of people whose lives we can touch and improve—and we can find our meaning in that.

As students head to school this year, they should consider this: You don’t have to change the world or find your one true purpose to lead a meaningful life. A good life is a life of goodness—and that’s something anyone can aspire to, no matter their dreams or circumstances.

B’shalom,

Leah Apothaker,
Director of Congregational Learning

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Shalom!

I hope that everyone had a meaningful and refreshing High Holidays. It is always great to start the year surrounded by family and friends and now is the time for the real fun to get started. We have a full month ahead of us here at TBE.

**October 14—Jr. SAFTY Day at the Witte!** A special NFTY 678 program just for San Antonio. Join us for an afternoon at the Witte complete with dinner and a special Havdallah ceremony.

**October 20-22—Hurricane Harvey Mitzvah Corps.** NFTY TOR, Greene Family Camp and URJ Mitzvah Corps have partnered together to turn NFTY Fall Kallah into a weekend of community service and rebuilding in Houston.

**October 28—Club Havdallah.** A special teen only Havdallah experience at Temple. The event goes from 6:00-8:00 PM and will include dinner. Experience this meaningful Shabbat ritual in a fun and unique new way.

**October 29—Chaverim & Club Rishon Iron Chef!** Grades K-5 are welcome to join us for the return of our successful cooking competition program! This year will feature new items, new tricks, and an exciting prize for the team whose cuisine reigns supreme!

RSVP for all of these events by e-mailing Joel Swedlove at joel@beth-elsa.org.

It is an exciting October and I can’t wait to see you at this month’s events!

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Help us spread the story of Temple Beth-El by sharing posts about us on social media. Let your social media friends know when you participate in services, programs, and more at our Temple. And don’t forget to use our hashtag #ShareShalom

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Sisterhood Snack Service

Sisterhood Snack Service is taking orders for snack delivery to your student’s classroom. Each Religious School student is expected to take a turn providing a healthy snack for their respective classroom. Parents can shop on their own and remember to deliver snacks on the selected date, or enjoy the convenience of placing your order and rely on Sisterhood to provide your selected snack at the appropriate time.

Select your snack date(s) then place an order on October 29.

Orders for the school year should be placed by October 15.

Proceeds from this fundraiser benefit TBE Sisterhood charitable endeavors.
Sisterhood News

Sisterhood at the McNay Museum
Thursday October 12

Join Temple Beth-El Sisterhood at the McNay Museum on Thursday, October 12 to celebrate the life and work of San Antonio artist Chuck Ramirez (z’l). The deadline to sign up for our docent tour is Thursday, October 5.

The special exhibition features artist Chuck Ramirez (1962-2010). Chuck is the late brother of Temple Beth-El Sisterhood treasurer Patricia Marcus. The exhibit, All This and Heaven Too, is listed as the first significant survey of work by this San Antonio artist.

The museum describes this exhibit of large-scale photographs as a “humorous yet poignant perspective on our culture of consumption and waste, and the reality of fleeting life and mortality.” More information about the exhibit is posted at the mcnayart.org website.

Our docent tour will begin at 7:00 pm but come early to enjoy the food trucks and music in the museum parking lot. They begin serving around 5:00 pm. The special exhibit docent tour lasts approximately 45 minutes.

There is no museum admission charge on Thursday evenings. The special exhibit fee of $10 has been waived for our docent group, but donations to the museum are always welcome.

Sisterhood member and museum docent Irene Burns is planning the tours. Reservations are required so Irene can recruit sufficient docents for an enjoyable visit. RSVP to knb9487@sbcglobal.net.

Please note the museum does not allow backpacks or large purses. You may take photos with the flash turned off.

A Sweet Thank You!

Special thanks go out to all the volunteers that assisted with the “Honey for a Sweet New Year” fundraiser. We could not do it without all those that order and support this great program and all the many helpers that participate in soliciting orders, making phone calls, and the labor intensive packing process.

Many thanks to: Gayle Alterman, Mary Anne Barnett, Kay Nell Bates, Fran Cohen, Phyllis Jendrusch, Larry Jendrusch, Debbie Kempler, Janie Kolman, Alan Krapf, Michele Krapf, Marsha Krassner, Robin Kressbach, Alicia Leff, Cheryl Levinson, Iris Lieberman, Hannah Margolis, Jill Marks, Sharon Miller, Barbara Moss, Leslie Sapadin, Susan Siegel, Amy Strickland, Miranda Sutin, Shirley Swanson, and Bobbi Thami; as well as the Temple staff and custodians for all of their support.

Sip & Schmooze

Chairperson Laraine Pofsky wishes you L’shana Tova. There is no event scheduled for October. Watch for November details in the Temple Beth-El weekly email. Contact Laraine with any questions or location suggestions at pofsky@sbcglobal.net.

Take Your Hebrew Skills To The Next Level!

Two adult Hebrew classes taught by Rachel Walsh will be offered on Wednesday evenings beginning October 18. If you have knowledge of Alef/Bet and basic Hebrew reading skills, then join Rachel for one of these classes:

• **Class 1 - 6:00 to 7:00 PM** —This class will focus on reading Hebrew with understanding – customized to the interest of the class
• **Class 2 - 7:15 to 8:15 PM** —This class will focus on learning different aspects of Hebrew language—customized to the interest of the class

The fee for either of these classes is $75. Your registration and payment are due by the first day of class. For online registration and payment, go to [http://tinyurl.com/Int-Hebrew](http://tinyurl.com/Int-Hebrew) or call Edith Vanderventer at 210-733-9135, ext. 107. For further information about the classes, contact Rachel at rhwalsh@sbcglobal.net or 210-363-7738.
Author Maggie Anton to Speak

November 9 | 7:00 PM | Barshop Auditorium
Hosted by Temple Beth-El's Sisterhood and Library Committee

Maggie Anton is a Talmud scholar and award-winning author of historical fiction trilogy Rashi’s Daughters and new series Rav Hisda’s Daughter. Her latest novel Enchantress focuses on the rabbis and sorceresses who populate the Talmud and the surprising importance of Jewish magic in 4th-century Babylonia. The first volume, Apprentice, was a National Jewish Book Award finalist. A Los Angeles native, Maggie worked for 33 years as a clinical chemist for Kaiser Permanente before becoming an author. Her most recent effort is the Ben Franklin Award winner for Religion, Fifty Shades of Talmud: What the First Rabbis Had to Say about You-Know-What, a look at our Sages’s views on sexuality.

TALMUD AFTER DARK

A distinctive feature of Talmud is that our Sages debated all sorts of subjects in great detail. So it should come as no surprise that they also discussed every aspect of sexual relations—how, when, where, with whom—often in startlingly explicit fashion. Author Maggie Anton reveals how the research behind her Rashi’s Daughters historical novels, which take place in 11th century France in the household of the great Talmud scholar, led her to study what the first rabbis had to say about sex. Surprised and impressed at how Jewish tradition is progressive in many respects—and more bawdy, than one might think, she decided to share the best of what she’d learned in her newest book, Fifty Shades of Talmud: What the First Rabbis Had to Say about You-Know-What. Ms. Anton’s book is available on Amazon.com in print [$6.95] and Kindle [$2.99].

Bagels and Books Book Club

October 15 | 10:30 AM | Block Conference Center

Mark Ingram will lead the discussion for the next selection of Temple Beth-El’s Bagels and Books Club is Twenty-Six Seconds by Alexandra Zapruder. Twenty-Six Seconds is the moving, untold family story behind Abraham Zapruder’s film footage of the Kennedy assassination and its lasting impact on our world. Abraham Zapruder didn’t know when he ran home to grab his video camera on November 22, 1963 that this single spontaneous decision would change his family’s life for generations to come. A Russian Jewish immigrant who wholeheartedly loved his home in America, Abraham thrilled at the chance to see the young president in person—and perhaps to bring back a home movie of this once-in-a-lifetime moment for his family. Originally intended as a home movie of President Kennedy’s motorcade, Zapruder’s film of the JFK assassination is now shown in every American history class, included in Jeopardy and Trivial Pursuit questions, and referenced in novels and films. It is the most famous example of citizen journalism, a precursor to the iconic images of our time, such as the Challenger explosion, the Rodney King beating, and the 9/11 attack on the Twin Towers. But few know the complicated legacy of the film itself.

Now Abraham’s granddaughter, Alexandra Zapruder, is ready to tell the complete story for the first time. With the help of the Zapruder family’s exclusive records, memories, and documents, Zapruder tracks the film’s torturous journey through history, all while American society undergoes its own transformation, and a new media-driven consumer culture challenges traditional ideas of privacy, ownership, journalism, and knowledge.

Part biography, part family history, and part historical narrative, Zapruder demonstrates how one man’s unwitting moment in the spotlight shifted the way politics, culture, and media intersect, bringing about the larger social questions that define our age.

Twenty-Six Seconds is available on Amazon.com.

Are you unaffiliated or know someone who is?
Interested in joining a Reform Jewish Congregation?

Contact Tory Richmond, Membership Director, at 210-733-9135, ext. 158 or tory@beth-elsa.org.
Eliahu Hanavi Variations

Cello Performance | Thursday, October 26 | 7:30 PM

Susan Sturman, Professor of Cello and Double Bass at Del Mar College in Corpus Christi, will perform this free concert at Temple Beth-El as part of the College Music Society annual conference. This solo cello performance by Professor Sturman will combine the musical work *Eliahu Hanavi Variations* by Michael Shapiro, with a display of art works created to correspond to the music. Shapiro wrote this deeply spiritual musical work based on the Jewish prayer of the same name, followed by 12 variations which fully explore the range and scope of the cello. This connection of art and music invites audience members to engage with the music and art in a setting free from confines of a concert hall. There will be an opportunity for group discussion with the musician after the performance to allow audience members to ask questions or share their experiences of this multi-sensory event.

Professor Sturman earned her Bachelor of Music from Baldwin-Wallace College Conservatory of Music and her Master of Music from Northwestern University. She has performed extensively in Texas and beyond as a soloist, chamber musician, and orchestral player with groups such as the Ehle/Sturman Duo, the Aurora Piano Trio, the Islander String Quartet and others. She currently serves as principal cellist with the Corpus Christi Symphony Orchestra. Professor Sturman is a committed pedagogue interested in the entire spectrum of cello teaching from the very beginning through advanced. Her studio at Del Mar College reflects that interest as it ranges from young Suzuki students to advanced college music majors.

#BeTheLightForJustice

On Friday, August 18, at Shabbat Eve Services at Temple Beth-El, hundreds participated, including Mayor Ron Nirenberg and Councilman Roberto Treviño, to show solidarity with those affected by the events in Charlottesville the previous weekend.

Shabbat Torah Study Group Book Donations

This past May our Shabbat Torah Study group celebrated the conclusion of an over 20 year mission to read the Torah verse by verse. In honor of this accomplishment, many of the regularly attendees provided funds to our library to purchase special books to commemorate the event. New titles include: *The Anchor Bible Dictionary*, *The JPS Rashi Discussion Torah Commentary, New Studies in the Weekly Parasha, The David Story: A Translation with Commentary of 1 and 2 Samuel, The JPS Commentary on the Haggadah: Historical Introduction Translation and Commentary, Genesis: Translation and Commentary, The Early Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel and Kings: The Schoken Bible, Volume II, Ancient Israel: The Former Prophets: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, and Kings: A translation with Commentary, The Five Books of Moses: A Translation with Commentary, and The JPS Bible Commentary; Haftarot*. We are grateful for their donations and their dedication to *Talmud Torah*—the study of Torah.
Mussar: Jewish Spirituality For Better Living

Information Session with Geri Gregory
Wednesday, October 25 | 7:00 PM

Come find out about the practice and teaching of Mussar! RSVP to geri@beth-elsa.org

Mussar is a thousand-year-old Jewish system for personal growth. It is aimed at elevating one’s character, or what Mussar calls soul traits (middot). Practices include meditation, chanting, studying Mussar texts, engaging in Mussar discussions, and keeping a daily journal on the middot (soul traits) that practitioners discover to be obstacles in their lives.

The Mussar Institute Society USA (TMI) is a non-profit organization whose goal is to advance the study and practice of Mussar, a Jewish path of character development and spiritual growth leading to awareness, wisdom and transformation. Through experiential online and in-person courses and events based on classic and contemporary sources, TMI inspires individuals, organizations and communities around the world, regardless of affiliation, to align heart and mind with the highest ideals of the Jewish tradition.

Though Mussar practice is often viewed in ethical terms, it is at its core a method of drawing oneself closer to God. According to Alan Morinis, founding director of The Mussar Institute, “To single out the ethical, behavioral, or practical elements without reference to the religious or spiritual aspects is to distort what Mussar is and has always been.”

THE PROGRAM: Every week over a 13-week period, each participant receives an email of teachings and practices focused on a single middah (soul-trait). This email contains an original composition that pulls together and interprets, in accessible language, traditional Mussar teachings on the trait in focus. Questions, exercises and suggestions are provided to prompt inquiry and insight. All materials are in English, and where Hebrew is used, it is transliterated and translated.

Every two weeks, a face-to-face meeting takes place to address questions and practices focused on the middah of that week, and to discuss personal progress, insights and issues. Experience has shown that these meetings create powerful spiritual community, reinforcing commitment and deepening participants’ learning. Materials are provided to guide the group discussion and process.

Each middah is studied for two weeks, so that 6 middot are studied in each program (with the final week reserved for a conclusion). As with all Mussar study, the aim of this program is to help individuals find balance and strength in key inner traits that are essential for leading a fulfilling life, in worldly as well as spiritual matters.

A Season of Mussar I

A Season of Mussar I will be offered on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm beginning January 24, 2018 and continuing through May 2018.

This class is an introduction to the study and practice of Mussar. The middot covered in A Season of Mussar I are Humility (Anavah), Anger (Ka’as), Gratitude (Hakarat Ha’tov), Trust (Bitahon), Honor (Kavod), and Alacrity (zerizut).

A Season of Mussar I will be led by Geri Gregory, the Temple’s Member Services Coordinator. She has been a student of Mussar and has completed the Everyday Holiness, Path of the Soul, and several Middah a Month courses online through The Institute and has graduated from the Manchim program which trains facilitators. She is excited to help people delve deeply through this innately Jewish practice of mindfulness, self-examination and revelation.

Middah a Month

Middah a Month will be offered from 9:30-11:00 am one Sunday a month, beginning November 5, 2017 and running through May, 2018.

The Middah a Month program provides rich materials for continuing Mussar study and practice, including texts from both modern and traditional Mussar sources, discussion questions to help deepen your own understanding, and suggestions for your monthly affirmation. It is open to those who have completed A Season of Mussar I or who have taken an online class, either Everyday Holiness or Path of the Soul. Since Middah a Month is a continuing program and a new middah is explored each month, those who have previously participated in Middah a Month are encouraged to participate as well.

The Middah a Month Va’ad will be led by Jonathan Fink. Jonathan has been a member of Temple Beth-El since 1999. He is originally from the Washington D.C. area where his father Arnold Fink (z’l) served for 33 years as senior Rabbi at Temple Beth El in Alexandria, Virginia. Jonathan is founder and principal consultant of TSI Global Consulting LLC, an international trade and export compliance consulting practice. He also currently serves as an Adjunct Professor at San Antonio College where he teaches economics. Over the years he has also served on the adjunct faculty at St. Mary’s University, Palo Alto College and the University of the Incarnate Word. He holds a Master’s Degree in International Relations from Boston University and is all but dissertation (ABD) having completed doctoral degree coursework in International Development at the University of Southern Mississippi. He and his wife Elizabeth have two children, Joshua and Amanda.

REGISTRATION: All participants must register and pay in advance for the course.

A Season of Mussar I: Registration deadline is Monday, January 8. FEE: $150 per individual.

Middah a Month: Registration deadline is Monday, October 16. FEE: $136 per individual.

To register and pay your Mussar course tuition fee: http://tinyurl.com/Mussar-TBE or, for registration information, please contact Sara Planto, sara@beth-elsa.org or 210-733-9135, ext. 108.

(Nobody will be denied admission because of inability to pay. Please contact Rabbi Mara Nathan regarding scholarships if needed.)

If you would like to assist others with scholarships for this course, we ask that you donate an additional $25 at the time of registration.
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Blessings for Sukkot

Blessing for Dwelling in the Sukkah and for the Lulav

Baruch a-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-o-lam
asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu leishev basukkah.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe: You hallow us with your Mitzvot, and command us to fulfill the Mitzvah of dwelling in the Sukkah.

Blessing for the Lulav — The lulav is held up in the right hand, and the etrog is held pitom end (pointy side) down in the left hand. Facing east, we say the blessing, turn the pitom end facing up, and then wave the lulav to earth’s four corners (North, South, East & West), and toward heaven and earth.

Baruch a-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam
asher kid’shanu b’mitzvotav v’tzivanu al n’tilat lulav.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe:
You hallow us and command us to fulfill the Mitzvah of the Lulav.

Sheheheyanu — The first time you wave the lulav each year, recite the blessing marking a special occasion:

Baruch a-tah Adonai, Eloheinu Melech ha-olam
shehecheyanu v’kiy’manu v’higianu laz’man hazeh.

We praise You, Eternal God, Sovereign of the universe, for giving us life, for sustaining us, and for enabling us to reach this season.
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10:45 AM Confirmation Class | Hebrew School  
4:30 PM Hebrew School at TBE  
4:30 PM Parent Hebrew Refresher w/ Leah Apothaker at JCC | Hebrew School  
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9:00 AM Hebrew School Refresher w/ Leah Apothaker | 12 Heshvan |
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10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Services Bat Mitzvah of Paulina Edelman  
6:00 PM Club Havdallah | 11 Heshvan |

**October Bulletin Deadline:** October 10, at 12:00 PM
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.

Our valued seniors are invited to be Brotherhood’s guests at their 34th Annual

Beth-Elders’ Dinner

Friday Evening, October 20, 5:30 PM in the Barshop Auditorium

Shabbat Service honoring all Temple adults who have been members for 50+ years at 6:30 PM in the Wulfe Sanctuary (see article on page 8).

Please come and enjoy a delicious dinner prepared and served by our own Brotherhood members with team leader Roger Ojeda. Dessert will be served at the Oneg Shabbat, after the service.

RSVP by Monday, October 16 by calling Geri Gregory at 210-733-9135, ext. 120. Complimentary transportation is available to the dinner, and please let Geri know you need transportation at the time you RSVP.

No charge for senior Temple members over age 55. However, any member desiring to bring a senior guest who is not a member of Temple Beth-El may do so by remitting $6.50 per person, payable to the Brotherhood. Credit cards are accepted (Please call Geri Gregory at the number above if you wish to use your credit card.)

YES! I/We would love to join Brotherhood at the Beth-Elders’ Dinner on October 20!

Number of people attending: ____________________

Name(s): ______________________________________

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Phone: __________________________

Please complete coupon and MAIL so it will be received by Monday, October 16, to:
Brotherhood Beth-Elders’ Dinner
211 Belknap Place, San Antonio, 78212