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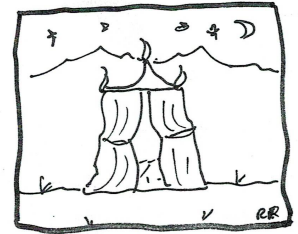
Announcements

No Board Meeting in June -
Next Board meeting, July 11th
at 7:30 pm

CSI First Thursday Monthly Lunch

Join us for lunch on Friday, **June 1st at 11:45 am** for lunch at Caprice Cafe on 34th. If you want more information and/or if you want to be included in the monthly reminder, please reach out to: Christo at hebrewliteracy@gmail.com

Dear Shaareth Israel,



-Ruth Rubin

My apologies for what I am sure will be the delayed Temple Times this month. I've been struggling with what to say to bring the last seven years to a close. I have shared before that our partnership has been a dream come true - so what do we do when the dream comes to an end?

It's interesting to watch both of us, our community and my own journey, be in transition at the same time as we prepare for what's next. I feel that you are in good hands with Rabbi Fenves and I am eager to see what directions the community will go in. May we both find new visions for our own futures, and may we see our new visions fulfilled.

Todah rabah, thank you, for such a wonderful and meaningful seven years. With so much appreciation,

~Rabbi

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June Yahrzeits

- 2 Sidney Feinberg
David Koppel
- 3 Phoebe (Phega) Cohen
- 4 Fannie Kirschner
Allen Cohen
- 5 A. Bender
16 Sivan Bertha Skibell
- 7 Esther Raben Houstman
- 9 Sally Chartoff
- 10 Joseph Stool
- 11 Jerry Jarrett
Roselyn L. Lubell
- 13 Charles Bellin
- 14 Ruth Curzer
William A. Rothstein
- 15 Iverson "Jack" Shiver
26 Sivan Rebecca Miller
- 16 Nellie M. Jarrett
- 17 Josephine Blumrosen
Karl Lowell Richey
Keri Richey
28 Sivan Harold Winer
- 18 Joe Wolfe
- 19 Moritz (Moises) Spielman
- 20 Marilyn Joyce Fried
1 Tammuz Lini Schloss
- 21 Abraham Stettner
Jerry Kirschner
2 Tammuz Sarah Koslosky
- 22 Isaac Arker
3 Tammuz Archie Skibell
- 23 Lisa Wagner
- 24 Bernard A. Barasch
Barney Specter
- 25 Harry Mogill
- 28 Rose Eskin
Lou Wolfson
Sammy Ray Chaney
- 29 Sam Kirschner
10 Tammuz Larry S. Strauss
- 30 11 Tammuz Morris
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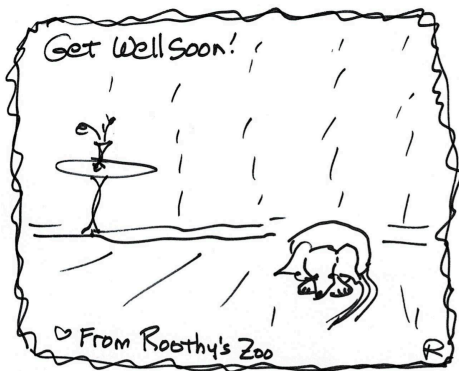
- The designated fund (without a designation, your donation will be directed to the General Fund).
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Refuah Shleimah

We offer Mi Sheberach, a prayer for healing, to those who are sick, and to all the people who love and care for those who are sick.

We are trying to keep this list as current as possible. Please email the rabbi any updates you have. Note: the Mi Sheberach list we read on Friday nights is different from the list published in our Temple Times.

- Fran Artstein
- Maverick Dubow
- Chuck Lewis
- Jonathan Marks
- Tova Marks
- Phillip Marshall
- Lillian Rachman
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Sellie Shine
- Jeff Steel
- Gail Tutino
- Jane Winer



If any member would like to add a name to the monthly Yahrzeit list, please send the name, date of celebration, and relationship to Leon Shturman (leonsdesk@gmail.com).

Thank you.

June Shabbat Services

- 2nd Naso - 7:00 pm
Numbers 4:21 - 7:89
- 9th Behaalotecha - 7:00 pm
Numbers 8:1 - 12:16
- 16th Shelach - 7:00 pm - ZOOM ONLY
Numbers 13:1 - 15:41
- 23rd Korach- 7:00 pm
Numbers 16:1 - 18:32
- 30th Chukat-Balak - 7:00 pm - IN-PERSON ONLY
Numbers 19:1 - 25:9

Thank You!

- Thank you to Jessica Hunter, Stephanie Shine, and Jonathan Marks for leading a Shabbat service in May.
- Thank you to Simone Gordon for sponsoring an oneg in May in memory of her son William Hyatt Gordon.



-Ruth Rubin

Letters and Stories

Jonathan Marks led services on Friday May 26. We wanted to share his words from that night with our community:

Happy Shavuot! Well, maybe it's Shavuot; Torah is a bit confusing as to exactly when it is, and over the ages we have never quite agreed as to what it celebrates. Originally it seems to have been a harvest festival, when all the wheat was harvested and brought to the Temple. After the Temple's destruction it became a number of other things, including a celebration of the giving of the Torah. The common theme seems to be the common celebration itself: a mutually agreed moment to come together to celebrate and reinforce the molding of 12 disparate tribes into a Jewish nation and a Jewish religion.

I'll leave Shavuot aside (I'm fleeing in confusion) and will focus instead on the Parshat that is read tomorrow morning: *Naso*, or *Take a Census*.

(Read the text of Numbers 4:21-27)

Ten verses later we learn that the census reveals that the number of Gershonite men between the ages of 30 and 50 is 2,630, all of whom are commanded by God to be available for work on the Tent of Meeting, and especially with its portage...shlepping it around from place to place in the desert

And three other clans were assigned other shul work. This was not volunteer work; they were assigned by God.

(Read the text of Numbers 7: 1-7)

And the other three clans were given their necessary goods – except for the Kohathites, who were charged with carrying the most sacred objects...which they had to carry on their shoulders: no carts or oxen for them.

Read the text of Numbers 7: 1-7)

And then the celebratory gifts of the eleven other tribes were recorded in similar detail. My question is:

What's this all about?

My answer: God is depicted here as going to great lengths to tell and show his people that they are required to give a great deal of their time, talent, and treasure to the task of maintaining a sacred house of worship and keeping it holy; and this obligation will be

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ongoing, from today in the desert to tomorrow in Jerusalem and day after tomorrow back in the semi-desert of Lubbock.

It is about giving your treasure, yes, but it's also about giving time and attention: time to retell and re-hear the stories, even if it's just lists of the donations of one tribe after another; and the attention necessary to keep the tribes together, both in and around their sacred space.

Every Shabbat we have a moment for silent prayers; and every time during the 8 years I was privileged to pray from the Bimah as president of this congregation, I prayed for the same thing: that I would be able to make a positive difference in keeping our little tribe together and helping to make our house of worship thrive.

Of course, no president can achieve these goals singlehandedly; and during my last four years in the office I had an extra advantage, a senior partner who intuitively sensed what the people of our temple needed and wanted, and worked tirelessly to bring it about.

I had only a small role in bringing this talented, sensitive, wise partner aboard. Then, as now, I was serving on the Board in the position of immediate past president. The president was Neil Kurtzman, and he's the one who had the wisdom and foresight, with the advice and consent of the Board, to appoint Deborah Bahme to head a search committee to find a replacement when Rabbi Vicki Hollander retired.

Deborah's committee did a bang-up job of surveying the wishes of all members and putting together a package of information about our petite-sized congregation and its strengths and needs, which attracted a surprisingly outstanding group of applicants.

As some of you remember, the most impressive visit was that of Rabbi Deborah Goldmann. She led a provocative and refreshing discussion of the Book of Esther, and along the way she made a point that rescrambled my thinking. She'd grown up in South America, and learned Portuguese, Spanish, and Hebrew before she learned English, and she speaks English with an accent: the accent of a person with severe hearing challenges.

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Speaking of practicing joy . . .

Do you enjoy chatting over cake and coffee?

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Shabbat Shalom – by Rae Chichilnitsky

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And that was not the only obstacle facing her when our congregation and Rabbi Deborah threw our lots in together. How was she going to be the local rabbi on the South Plains while living in Los Angeles and being mother to two young children? And how was she going to further our mission of serving as the vibrant focus of Jewish life on the South Plains when our little temple was, like so many houses of worship around the country, dwindling and moving away from communal endeavors?

The challenges were daunting, but Rabbi Deborah Goldmann threw herself into her new role so thoroughly that she became a forceful presence in Lubbock and in the lives of our people, reaching out to so many in the congregation and around the town. Despite the grueling travel, she animated Shaareth Israel. During the years of her rabbinate, of her spiritual stewardship of her flock far from her home, our little, disparate tribe hung together and thrived.

My silent prayers were answered.

At length, though, the obstacles prevailed. Her hearing has resisted all attempts to save it; and her absences had negative effects on the health of her family. She really had no choice but to give notice of her intention to step away – at least for a while – from the vocation of serving a temple as a pulpit rabbi.

And I think she leaves us with fondness and an appreciation of what she was able to accomplish with and for us. Even if she never holds another pulpit – and I hope and pray that she will – I think she will hold this memory as proof that she is worthy of that sacred calling, and that she leaves us better off for her years of ministration to us.

I feared that we would never get another rabbi, but more positive heads prevailed. President Stephanie Shine had the wisdom to appoint, with the advice and consent of the Board, Elissa Zellinger to head a search committee for a new rabbi, and they did an amazing job in an amazing jiffy. We're all delighted that Rabbi Carla Fenves has accepted the post on a two-year interim basis, and the success of her rabbinate has already been aided by the support Rabbi Goldmann has given to the committee and to the entire transition process.

She is still hard at work to make this congregation better. As Naso tells us, this is God's work. And we don't have to bring her rams and lambs and silver bowls and golden ladles... though I think Stephanie might be happy if we would bring in a silver bowl or two weighing 130 shekels each; running a tent of meeting, a tabernacle, or a temple requires resources.

Shabbat Shalom!

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What's the Board up to?

The Board met May 22.

The next Board meeting is July 11. The Board reviewed summer services, lawn care, and our finances. The Board thanked Rabbi Goldmann for her wise, compassionate, and inspiring leadership over the past seven years and approved her status as Rabbi Emerita. We will miss her tremendously and wish her and her family all the best.

You are welcome to contact us by emailing csilubbock@gmail.com.

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Dear Rabbi,

You came, you saw, you won our hearts. Thank you for your compassion when I lost Al. I also appreciate your restoring the intellectual life at the synagogue and representing us so well in Lubbock. You are an outstanding rabbi.

Wishing you and yours well always. I will miss you!

Pax Vobiscum,

Gail Tutino

We knew Rabbi Goldmann was destined for choice by us when she first visited. We met at a restaurant and rather than eat she spent the time going round the table speaking to every one personally. She made her visit "personal" right from the beginning.

Her personal warmth and her care for the many different CSI members soon became evident after she was appointed as our Rabbi. She made so many journeys from her home in California and was always full of spirit for the congregation and for the Sunday school. Always cheerful, always knowledgeable. We will miss her terribly and we shall never forget how much she came to mean to us as our Rabbi.

We are particularly conscious of her thoughtfulness so often in sending us an email copy of her sermon or presenting us with a copy personally, knowing that we had trouble with our hearing.

Sellie and Henry Shine

Rabbi,

The past six years of knowing you & learning from you mean more to me than I can adequately express. You guided me not only through the conversion process, but also helped me heal from so much trauma & hurt in my past. Your kindness & patience in not only educating me to be an adequate lay leader for our community, but also a time of training to enable me to teach those great children of CSI, are cherished memories that I'll always hold dear. I may have a lot of Jewish themed coffee mugs in my kitchen...but I'll only use the one you gave me as a gift to celebrate my joining the People of Israel. I hope that I have in turn been as supportive as a congregant to you being my rabbi as I have been able to. I miss you already. Do feel comfortable corresponding anytime you like.

-Christo Chaney (חַרִּישְׁתּוֹן)

I remember how compassionate you were when you talked with me, Rabbi Deborah. You helped me deal with my grief of losing my brother almost 2 years ago. I believe that love lives forever.
With love and well wishes,

Venita Gross

From Abel Betancourt

I would just like say I'm grateful for meeting and getting to know such a wonderful person that Rabbi is. And that I had the opportunity to create some everlasting memories throughout the years!

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Dear Rabbi,

Two stories!

When you met with the Congregation during your interview visit, you told a story about a community in ancient times who sent people with skin disfigurements to cover up and live on the outskirts of town lest they bother or offend those who lived in town. A visitor pointed out a person who seemed to have a skin ailment but who nonetheless lived in town without a covering. “Oh, that’s different,” the people of the town explained: “We know that person!”

During a D’var Torah, you told the story of a water bearer who carried two pots to collect water, one with a crack that leaked water on the way back from the well. The cracked pot was deemed worthless but over the years had watered a beautiful trail of flowers on one side of the path.

It wasn’t just stories. You valued all people, considered everyone’s perspective, called attention to each person’s potential. I hope, a legacy.

Beyond and forever grateful,

Stephanie

One good thing from COVID

During COVID days when the congregation in Amarillo had no way to meet in person, we were blessed to have been invited by Congregation Shaareth Israel to join zoom services. Besides enjoying Rabbi’s Shabbat messages, Rabbi Goldman kindly invited us to join in her Mussar group. I have really enjoyed getting to know Rabbi through the interactions during those zoom meetings. She is an excellent teacher and a great listener. I also really appreciated her guidance and counsel when I was going through a family health crisis. I wish her all the best and will really miss Mussar.

Janet Meller

Thank you Rabbi Goldmann for meeting with me for one on one talks, your Friday sermons, Shabbat Torah teachings, all the holidays celebrated, and for being there to talk when my son passed.

Love and Blessings

Jeff Merimon - Yaakov Yehudah Ben Avraham

From Dorothy Chansky

Finding a “favorite” memory of an occasion or incident or conversation with Rabbi D is tough, because I have so many. There was the day I met her (with Terry in his wheelchair) at a restaurant in Lubbock when she interviewed with us. There was the community seder she led where I was on a winning team for building a house out of matzah and candy and ready-made frosting. (I had June Wagner in my group, so of course we rocked—a real estate guru as team captain!)

But here are two real highlight moments. One was the evening she picked me up at LAX. I had gone to Los Angeles to see a play at the Pasadena Playhouse and knew it would be tricky to get from the airport to that area of the sprawling city. Rabbi D. was there waiting for me in her car and drove me right to my hotel. When we got there, we sat in the parking lot and gabbed for about two hours. I no longer remember all the subjects on which we touched—just that it seemed infinitely cool to encounter this erudite spiritual leader whom I usually saw on the bimah at CSI here in leggings and a sweatshirt hangin’ out as one of the girls. Yeah!

The second totally cool moment—burned into my brain forever—was the time she said from the bimah that one did not need to believe in God to be a devoted Jew. Wowzah. Permission, encouragement, food for thought, generosity, farsightedness—the whole shootin’ match.

She’s irreplaceable. But I didn’t have to write that, ‘cause we all know

Dear Rabbi,

We are sorry to see you leaving our congregation & wish you the best of luck in your future. You were always so kind in asking Bailey to open the doors for the Torah knowing neither of us really wanted a speaking part. Have a happy future.

Sandy & Bailey

I, along with my fellow congregants of CSI, want to sincerely thank you for the many services you performed for our synagogue—marriages, bar and bat mitzvahs, and conversions, in addition to leading and providing us with a much better knowledge of our religious and historical inheritances. Over the several years we were fortunate to have you conduct our synagogue events; your efforts and proven abilities were of great aid to our congregation. We wish you a happy, healthy future. Best regards,

Leon Cohen

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Lisa Beason

I want to share this...it was written by our new Rabbi and part of our high holiday “extra”. Brought things into perspective since sometimes I lose sight of things. I try my best to be kind and giving. L’shana Tova!

“We all come together for different reasons. Some of us struggle with the language of prayer or the concept of God. Some of us don’t believe in God and are not sure why we are here. Know that any reason that you are here is a legitimate one. Do what you can to be present in the moment and participate fully. Do what you can to make this a meaningful experience for you.”



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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

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June 2023						
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25	26	27	28	29	30 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm In-person only!	July 1