

# TEMPLE TIMES

## Announcements

Most Kabbalat Shabbat Services are on **Friday nights at 7 pm** (Be sure to check weekly email for updates).



Seeking mensches to host **Onegs** or **Shabbat dinners** so we can nosh and kibitz with Rabbi Fenves! Please contact Stephanie Shine at [stephanie.shine@ttu.edu](mailto:stephanie.shine@ttu.edu) if you would like to be a host!

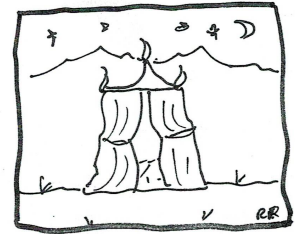
## CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch

Join us for our monthly Luncheon. **This month it will be at Lite Bite Mediterranean Cafe, 3624 50th, from 11:45-1:15.** To sign up for the RSVP and receive reminders/updates please reach out to Christo through [HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com](mailto:HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com)

| Lubbock, Texas |

Dear Shaareth Israel,

As part of my *parshat Noah* sermon following the atrocities in Israel, I shared this poem from a colleague.



-Ruth Rubin

## We Will Be the Ark

by Rabbi Barry Dov Katz

The story of Noah is too hard to bear  
 But at least there was an ark  
 To include, protect and save from the flood.  
 Now, we are the ones who need an ark to save us from  
 the flood.  
 We all need gopher wood and pitch for our souls.  
 We all search for the window to feel the sun on our faces  
 and to see the horizon.  
 Since there is no ark  
 We will be the ark Together.  
 May it be Your will, our God, whose spirit hovers over  
 the face of the waters,  
 Return our spirit, and give us the strength to be the ark.  
 When we are in distress,  
 May we build together an ark of love, assistance, and  
 support.  
 An ark that has in it, a hug.  
 An ark that has room for all of the tears.  
 May we together, be an ark facing each and every wave in  
 the flood and storm.  
 May it be Your will, our God,  
 that your spirit which hovers over the face of the waters,  
 Will help us to be an ark of mutual friendship,  
 So that in this narrow place, full of pain and anger, we will not  
 become enemies,

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## November Yahrzeits

- 3 19 Cheshvan Herman Swartz
- 4 Ruth Graetz
- 5 21 Cheshvan Annette Tofield
- 6 Miriam Lockhart
- 22 Cheshvan Albert David Gomel
- 8 24 Cheshvan Esther Zychlinski
- 9 Samuel Miller  
Aida Arker
- 13 Dottie Buchalter
- 15 Donald Zarfaz
- 16 Phillip Rosen
- 19 Alphonse "Al" Norman Lehman  
Tommy Moss
- 6 Kislev Jack B. Moss
- 20 Daryl Goldstucker  
Francis Deutch
- 21 Esther Lezan
- 23 10 Kislev Ethel Michaelson
- 24 Anna Cohen Glassman  
Hindy Cohen
- 26 Jake Blinderman
- 27 M. H. "Mac" Miller
- 14 Kislev Jeremiah Epstein
- 28 Preston Frederick Beard  
Mendel Luger  
Dorothy Lasky
- 15 Kislev Moses Bender
- 29 Sarah Kovnar  
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- 30 Albert (Al) Frank Tutino  
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If any member would like to add a name to the monthly Yahrzeit list, please send the name, date of observance, and your relationship to the person to Leon Shturman (leonsdesk@gmail.com). Thank you.

## Donations

Thank you to all of our donors for your continued support! Donations may be sent to Congregation Shaareth Israel, P.O. Box 93594, Lubbock, Texas 79493-3594

### Operating Fund:

- **Anonymous**
- **Michael & Marcia Nichols** Appreciation for CSI & Happy New Year
- **Trudy Trombley**
- **Simone Gordon**
- **Jose & Yolanda Blancas**
- **Sandy Lehman & Bailey Mayo** in memory of **Molly Porter**

### Religious School Fund:

- **Henry & Sellie Shine** in memory of **Jack Shine**

Thank you to all our donors, past, present, and future. When you send us a donation, please make note of:

- The designated fund (without a designation, your donation will be directed to the General Fund).
- The purpose of the donation (Is it dues? Is it in memory or honor of someone?)

*“We love CSI; we genuinely are flourishing. We have a unique thing going on in the dust of West Texas. In true Judaic tradition, we are doing a lot with a little.”*

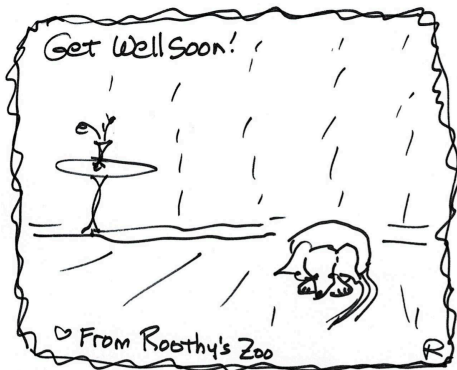
– comment sent by members Zach and Emily Nichols

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. Please email Rabbi Fenves with your updates. This list is up to date as of August 18th.

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.

- Deena Katz
- Angel Fipps
- Jeanne Henry
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- Ron Shane
- Jeff Steel
- Gail Roth Tutino
- Jane Winer
- Benito Zychlinski
- Mike Calfin



**November Shabbat Services**

- 3rd Vayera - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 18:1 - 22:24
- 10th Chayei Sarah - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 23:1 - 25:18
- 17th Toldot - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 25:19 - 28:9
- 24th Vayetze - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 28:10 - 32:3

**Thank You!**

- Thank you to **Jonathan Marks** and **Leon Shturman** for leading a Shabbat service in October.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** and her team for setting up an Oneg for Simchat Torah; to the **Phillips family** who hosted a Kiddush in honor of Zola's Bat Mitzvah, along with their able crew; to **Sherril & Charles Skibell** and **Elissa Zellinger** and the helpers who provided an Oneg to welcome guests on Oct. 20.
- Thank you to **Rabbi Fenves** who, just 4 months in, is leading our Congregation during a terrible time of turmoil in Israel, and speaking to the public and to us, with calm, wisdom, and warmth.
- Thank you very much to our friends from **Second Baptist Church** who came to Shabbat services in solidarity - and to all of those who contacted us with caring emails, cards, and gifts.
- Thank you to **Dr. Joe Hodes** who came out to speak with us about the history of the middle-east and the war.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** who continues to send cards to those who need shoring up. And to **Elissa Zellinger** who updates our Facebook page, responding to those who have reached out lately.
- Thank you to **Leon Cohen** who donated a painting to Shaareth Israel.
- Thank you to **Fela & Leon Shturman** who take care of our provisions and make sure the kitchen and linens are in shipshape each week.
- Thank you to **Christina McKinney** and **Mike Meister** for choosing music in A Minor to comfort us.
- Thank you to **Sergeant Abel Betancourt**, who protects us, always with good humor. And to the **LPD Special Response Group** and the **FBI** who are keeping watch.
- A shout out to **Bain Cerna**, **Julian Cohen**, **Christo Chaney**, and **Jeff Merimon** who have been at the free speech area at Texas Tech University in support of Israel.

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that we will understand that our future and fate are one.  
 Give us the strength to be an ark of listening,  
 An ark that is spacious and has room for all.  
 Do not let the flood enter the holiness of our communities.  
 Our God, may it be your will that your spirit which  
 hovers over the face of the waters, will bring to  
 You the prayers we offer before the ark in our synagogue and in every place.  
 May it be your will that You know that in each letter and word, scream and silence,  
 To you we turn.  
 Remember the ark that Miriam placed gently and hopefully in the water.  
 Protect our loved ones,  
 Protect our soldiers,  
 Protect the captives,  
 Protect the wounded,  
 Guard us from all evil.  
 Since there is no ark  
 We will be the ark.  
 May we soon know that “the waters have receded from the earth.”  
 Fulfill for us that which is written:  
 There will not be another flood  
 And the rainbow appeared in the clouds.  
 And let us say *Amen*.



*- Ruth Rubin*

## *What's the Board up to?*

The Board met on October 10. We talked about the Annual Meeting, our plans for goal-setting with Rabbi Fenves, art donations to the Temple, and security for inside and outside the building. Our next meetings this fall are Nov 14 and Dec 5.

## Annual Meeting

Rabbi Fenves welcomed us on October 15 with warmth and calm, providing *nechamah* (solace), sharing a message from a rabbi in a bunker in Israel who said that it was encouraging to hear about congregations around the world going about their daily work.

We heard reports on our membership, Sisterhood activity, building and grounds, safety and security, and finances. Members expressed the strong desire to embrace electronic means of transferring donations and dues. We elected Eileen Nathan to a term as member of the Board.

We heard a presentation from Cheyanne Perkins, Regional Coordinator / Grants Specialist at the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission. This group collects data on anti-semitism in Texas, provides materials to teach about the Holocaust to K-12 classrooms in Texas, supports the statewide Holocaust Remembrance Week, and provides grants, among many other services. Thank you to all who attended this meeting, donating a good portion of their Sunday afternoon.

*The Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission was created to fight the type of antisemitism and hate that we saw on brutal display in Israel this week. Our Commission's mission is to combat and confront hatred, prejudice, and indifference by educating all Texans about the Holocaust and other genocides. We will work with schools, museums, community organizations, public officials, and our other partners to ensure that Texans understand the impact of this week's events and the hate that drove them. We stand ready to support our fellow Texans if the attacks on Jewish people and communities continue to spread.*

Check them out:

[Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission](#)

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## Nuggets from Rabbi Fenves' Divrei Torah

On Simchat Torah we celebrate the joy of being able to read the Torah aloud.

This Shabbat Noah we are like the dove sent to find dry land, adrift, looking to find our footing, holding out hope for an olive leaf.

We are on [Facebook!](#)  
Check us out!  
Or at [csitemple.org](http://csitemple.org)



**Congregation Shaareth Israel**

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## How to Donate to Israel

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- The promise of rebuilding local communities for tomorrow

Click here to learn how to donate:

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## Highlights from the D'Var Torah of Bat Mitzvah Zola Phillips

There are many different sources for stories of creation, including mythology, science, personal theories, and, of course, the Bible. But which one is the real story of creation? There are so many, it can be hard to wrap your head around them all.

My Torah portion Breishit includes the beginning of the Book of Genesis and talks about the story of creation that Jews believe (or at least what was written in the Torah).

I'm sure most of us know the story of creation from the Bible. The Torah and the Christian Bible tell the same story of creation. In the beginning, there was a formless void. God made light. God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness Night.

In science, the Big Bang theory is very different from Torah. The Big Bang theory says that 13.8 billion years ago, the universe began as a tiny, dense fireball that exploded. Since then, the universe has been constantly expanding. Over billions of years, gravity caused dust and gas to form stars, planets, galaxies, and more. The matter that spread out from the big bang developed into everything in the universe! Wow. That's really different from the story in the Torah.

But what about other cultures' stories? In Norse mythology, there are nine worlds. But, in the beginning there were only two. Between the two realms was Ginnungagap, the void. Where the heat and cold from the two realms met, steam was created, which collected in and eventually created Ymir, the first jötun (member of the race of giants), and Audhumla, the first cow, then Búri, the first of the Æsir (family of gods). According to Norse mythology, Búri's 3 grandchildren killed Ymir, their grandfather, and used his body to create the universe.

The last story is one of my personal favorites: Greek mythology. There are a few versions of the Greek story of creation, but for the most part, it is: In the beginning, there was only Chaos. Out of chaos sprang 3 deities: Gaia, Eros, and Tartarus. These gods all had children and those children grew up to be gods. Some got married, some to their own parents (gods are weird), some had kids that were half god half human (demigods like Percy Jackson), and some wanted to lead, but to be the new ruler they had to kill their father, so they did. There was a lot of cruelty and trickery and a lot of other stuff happened, but in the end Zeus became ruler of the sky, Poseidon of the Sea, and Hades of the Underworld. Three gods and three realms. That story is different from the other ones too!

Why are there so many different stories, and why do some people believe so strongly in the story of creation of only their religion/culture? One reason may be that it strengthens their sense of belonging in their community, and they feel as if it gives them a sense of identity or purpose. But what does belief in a common history gain someone for the future? For starters, it can help someone feel connected to their ancestors, the people who came before them, but also to the people who will come after them.

But how does this connect to the Torah and my Torah reading here today? Why are the Torah stories important? In a Jewish community, having a creation story that is "ours" feels very special, and this brings us closer. It is ours, as a community.

## D'Var from Jonathan Marks

### October 13, 2023

“In the beginning....”

That’s the name of our Parshat (Genesis 1:1-6:8); those are its first words; that is the text for my D’var.

We look to the beginnings to find meanings. This is the beginning of our Torah, which we completed a long, long, horrific week ago, when Jews the world wide danced to celebrate its joys. It both reveals and conceals in mystery the beginnings of that world, a story sacred to Jews, Christians, Muslims, and more – a myth of global reach.

We mirror the myth of the beginning of the world in other beginnings that we find important, and even as those first days recede into the murky past we try to peer back to understand and reinforce the value of what we hold dear.

In the story of America, for example, we have had a hundred thousand days, but who does not remember the date of Day One: July 4, 1776? And how old do you think you were when you learned it? Would it take both hands to show how old? And its meaning is bound up in the text that was promulgated that day, in the beginning of the United States, the Declaration of Independence, a text that still helps shape the American story and our reverence for “Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.”

Another beginning, another date, another declaration of independence: May 14, 1948, now a national holiday in Eretz Israel – the Land of Israel – the date of its creation. Its text is still remembered – or ignored at the nation’s peril – as foundational to Israel’s identity, still a major part of its Basic Laws, which are paramount, since Israel has no constitution. It says, in part:

*This recognition by the United Nations of the right of the Jewish people to establish their State is irrevocable.*

*This right is the natural right of the Jewish people to be masters of their own fate, like all other nations, in their own sovereign State....*

*THE STATE OF ISRAEL will be open for Jewish immigration and for the Ingathering of the Exiles; it will foster the development of the country for the benefit of all its inhabitants; it will be based on freedom, justice and peace as envisaged by the prophets of Israel; it will ensure complete equality of social and political rights to all its inhabitants irrespective of religion, race or sex; it will guarantee freedom of religion, conscience, language, education and culture; it will safeguard the Holy Places of all religions; and it will be faithful to the principles of the Charter of the United Nations.*

The beginning of Israel did not end with this declaration, though. Within days, the armies of Egypt, Trans-Jordan, Iraq, and Syria crossed its new borders and fought to obliterate the fledgling nation.

Against all odds, little Israel beat them all back, and a new myth was born – which, like most myths, contained a kernel or more of truth: the myth of the invincibility of little Israel, tiny but mighty, smart and scrappy.

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Another memorable date: July 4, 1976, America's Bicentennial. Nearly half a century ago, I went to a friend's party in lower Manhattan and watched the world's largest fleet of tall ships sail up the Hudson.

Israelis of a certain age all remember where they were on that date too, because an Israeli miracle happened on July 4, 1976: the Miracle at Entebbe.

A week earlier, an Air France flight between Tel Aviv and Paris was hijacked by Palestinian and German terrorists and flown to Entebbe Airport in Uganda, where the kidnappers were welcomed by dictator Idi Amin and protected by the Ugandan Army. On the fourth of July a small group of Israeli commandos made a daring raid on the airport, Operation Thunderbolt, and killed all 7 of the hijackers present plus dozens of Ugandan soldiers, destroyed 11 MIG fighter jets on the ground so they couldn't attack them on the way out, rescued 102 of the 106 hostages, and made their getaway almost unscathed.

Only one of the commandos was killed: their commander, a New Yorker by birth, Lt. Col. Yonatan Netanyahu. All the Israeli wars had created many heroes to mourn, but Operation Thunderbolt was different. It was renamed, retrospectively, Operation Yonatan. The country's myth of invincible superiority of intelligence and arms was burnished and restored, at the expense of one celebrated martyr.

That myth had suffered a scary couple of days just three days earlier – in 1973 -- 50 years ago last week – when defensive barriers they'd thought were impenetrable had been breached by a surprise attack – but they'd won the Yom Kippur War and ended up with expanded borders including all of Jerusalem and the West Bank; and now at Entebbe they'd pulled off the impossible, and plucky Israel was once again clearly invincible.

Yoni Netanyahu's kid brother, Binyamin, had grown up in part in Philadelphia calling himself Benny Nathan, but went on to his own distinguished career in the IDF. He returned to the states to get an

MBA at MIT and started his career at the Boston Consulting Group, but reversed course in 1978, returned to Israel, and founded the Yonatan Netanyahu Anti-Terror Institute. Through the Yoni Institute, Bibi Netanyahu made a name for himself as an embodiment of little Israel's ability to vanquish terror.

The terrorists have their beginnings too. In 1987 Hamas was founded out of the Muslim Brotherhood with a new charter, a text that still guides them, calling for the destruction of Israel and the killing of all Jews, no matter where they might hide.

B'Reishit. In the beginning baby Israel had beaten back the largest armies of the Arab World. Now matured and grown up a little – now larger than 9 miles wide at its narrowest point – and with the anti-terror man Bibi as their longest-serving prime minister, mature Israel was secure.

That myth, as old as the State of Israel, was shattered this horrendous week, as were the hearts of Jewish people around the world. The vulnerability of the Jewish people of Israel was suddenly, shockingly, horrifyingly penetrated and laid open, bare and bleeding. These open wounds have hurt us all; our comforting certitudes have vanished.

We have experienced the worst slaughter of Jews since the Holocaust. The proclamation "Never Again" has a new asterisk. Israel will never be the same, nor will our relationship to it.

We are grieving for what has happened, and apprehensive – maybe a better word is "afraid" – about what comes next, which is sure to involve an intensification of our grief.

We should keep in mind, though, that B'reishit has a way of re-asserting its power. The creation of Israel – the establishment of a Jewish State dedicated from the beginning to the preservation of the Jewish people – has a terrific power of regeneration. A week ago, because many believed that the State was straying from its original ideals, Reservists were insisting that they would not come back to serve this government. 9

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Now they're all back. The government called for a huge mobilization, and way more people than they asked stepped forward to fight for the preservation of the Jewish homeland

The Israeli Declaration of Independence – B'reishit – had traced its origins through the horrors of the Holocaust. Similarly, this week's sudden renewal of devotion to the state responds to the atrocities committed by our sworn enemies.

It's all so far away, and so extreme...and yet even in Lubbock, it's here and now. Our hearts go out to them, and our support. But in ways it's right here. May we rededicate ourselves, as Shaareth Israel did at the beginning, to sustaining Jewish life out here on our own desert. Our enemies may not be quite as obvious as they are in Eretz Israel, but they have a way of reasserting themselves as well; so we must be ever vigilant to the manifestations of anti-Semitism that crop up in our own environment.

B'reishit “the earth was a chaos, unformed, and on the chaotic waters' face there was darkness. Then God's spirit glided over the face of the waters, and God said ‘Let there be light!’ – and there was light.”

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## News Bite from President Biden

\*Scott Pelley: Why do you feel so strongly? What does Israel mean to you?

President Biden: The Jews have been subject to abuse, prejudice, and-- attempts to wipe them out for, oh, God, over a thousand years. For me, it's about decency, respect, honor. it's just simply wrong. Wrong, wrong, wrong. It violates every religious principle I have and every way--and every single principle my father taught me.

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60 Minutes Interview, October 15, 2023

\*Hails from Lubbock

## U Can Share Food Drive

(Sponsored by South Plains Food Bank)

By Mike Calfin

Your local KCBD news will be publicizing the U Can Share Food Drive about the first week in December. Sadly there is a tremendous amount of need for food in our community.

For fourteen years, I have participated on a volunteer basis with Estacado High School athletics. That's a lot of time on the East Side, as they refer to it.

Here's what I have learned from the athletes and their families: Without SPFB, the amount of hunger in our community is greatly increased. Lots of families rely on SPFB. This is their primary fundraiser. A \$1.00 donation buys almost \$3.00 worth of food value.

CSI has always supported SPFB. Humbly, I would ask that you contribute during the December, 2023 U Can Share Food Drive. It benefits so many with nowhere else to turn!

## Meet New Member Liza Rothkoff!

Liza just moved to Lubbock in August with her two English Bulldogs. She is a first-year PhD student at Texas Tech University pursuing a degree in Animal Science. Her current research involves studying olfaction abilities in shelter dogs. Originally from Cherry Hill, NJ, Liza grew up in a very Jewish community outside of Philadelphia. She lived on Long Island, NY during college while pursuing a degree at Hofstra University. She then moved to NYC to receive her Master's degree from Hunter College. Liza's family belonged to a conservative synagogue while growing up, and while not religious, her family is very culturally Jewish. Since it is strange for her being in a town with a small Jewish community, Liza is looking forward to connecting with the other Jewish residents of Lubbock. Say hello to Liza when you see her!

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Welcome to our newest member,  
Orli Clara Hunter!

And Mazel Tov to her parents, Jess and Matt Hunter!

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Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

**Bulletin Design: Jonathan Meyer**

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