

TEMPLE TIMES

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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



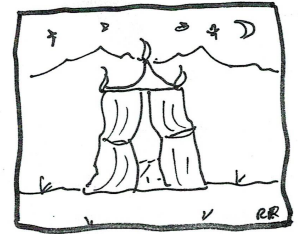
stephanie.shine@ttu.edu if you would like to be a host!

CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch

Join us for our monthly Luncheon. **This month it will be Dec. 8th at Lite Bite Mediterranean Cafe, 3624 50th, 11:45-1:15.** To sign up for the RSVP and receive reminders/updates please reach out to Christo through HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com

Dear Shaareth Israel and Friends,

I am very excited that the congregation has decided to purchase copies of the prayer book *Mishkan T'filah*. We have been



-Ruth Rubin

periodically using a soft-cover pilot version, so we have some familiarity with the *siddur*. This newer hard-cover version is used by the majority of American Reform synagogues. It is a fully transliterated, egalitarian and flexible text.

The editors of *Mishkan T'filah* highlight the significance of our Reform congregation using this prayer book in their introduction:

The publication of *Mishkan T'filah* continues the Reform Movement's tradition of liturgical innovation. A single prayer book provides an important vehicle for group identification as well as personal prayer. The Union Prayer Book and its successor *Gates of Prayer* and now *Mishkan T'filah* each express the ethos and values of its own era, at the same time being fully rooted in the structure and substance of the historical liturgical tradition of the Jewish people.

I hope to introduce the new *siddur* and help orient the congregation to it during the first two Shabbat services that I am leading in January and February. A new prayer book for a new secular year!

EShalom,
Rabbi Carla Fenves



December Yahrzeits

- 1 Al Zodin
- 2 Edward Quicksilver
Mose Blumrosen
- 8 Raye Blinderman
- 12 Regina Skibell
Minnie Lewis Ginsburg
Jacob Koppel
29 *Kislev* Ruth Louise. Epstein
- 14 Alice K. Barasch
2 *Tevet* Ida Silverstein
- 15 3 *Tevet* Helen Sandberg
- 16 David Arker
Edward Luskey
Miriam Frances Shear
- 20 8 *Tevet* Herbert Goldmann
- 21 Rose Miller Zarfes
Mildred Frances Mayer
- 23 Abe Markman
- 25 Betty Lou Blumrosen
- 26 Charles A. Laskey
Joseph Allon
Leonard Shopmaker
Rose Frauman Luskey
- 27 Abraham Joseph Blair
Coley Green
15 *Tevet* Avrom Kirschner
- 29 Abe Wolfson
Norma Glassman Skibell
- 30 **Robert Lehman**
Bella Ginsberg

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:
• **Leon & Fela Shturman** in memory of **Esther Zychlinski**

Building Fund:
• **Sandy Lehman** in memory of **Al Lehman**

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?

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
- Al Lehman
- Chuck Lewis
- Sandra Longoria
- Phil Marshall
- Cheral Osran
- Ruth Rubin
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Jeff Steel
- Gail Tutino
- Jane Winer
- Benito Zychlinski
- Mike Calfin
- Arthur Bahme
- Myra Bahme



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.

December Shabbat Services

- 3rd Vayishlach - 7:00 pm
Genesis 32:4 - 36:43
- 10th Vayeshev - 7:00 pm
Genesis 37:1 - 40:23
- 17th Miketz - 7:00 pm
Genesis 41:1 - 44:17
- 24th Vayigash - 7:00 pm
Genesis 44:18 - 47:27
- 24th Vayechi - 7:00 pm
Genesis 47:28 - 50:26



Thank You!

- Thank you to **Stephanie Shine** for leading a Shabbat service in November.
- Thank you to **Barbara Singer** for traveling to the Unger Memorial Library in Plainview to teach preschoolers about Hanukkah.
- Thank you to **Christo Chaney** for organizing 2nd Friday Lunches.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** for setting up Onegs and to all who bring treats and noshes.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** for making sure we have Hanukkah supplies.
- Thank you to **Charles Skibell** who arranged for boulders to be placed in front of the synagogue.
- Thank you to all who came to brainstorm about CSI goals for the future!



What's the Board up to?



- Ruth Rubin

5th to introduce the prayer book. The Board reviewed the generous overtures made by the Christian community in support of Israel.

The Board met on Nov 14.

The Board worked on the spring schedule to set times to meet with Rabbi for planning and goal setting. We will have a **Shabbat dinner on December 8**, the first night of Hanukkah, hosted by Robin Phillips and a **film and pizza Shabbat on December 15** organized by Steve Balch; the film is *A Serious Man* by the Coen brothers. The Board voted to purchase the *Mishkan T'filah* siddurim for Shabbat; Rabbi will lead a **Learner's Minyan/Teaching Siddur Service on January**

The next meeting is Dec 5.



Announcing a special **Hanukkah Workshop** at Miss Megan's Make Room on Sunday Dec. 10 from 2-4pm (2619 34th). The cost is \$40 per maker. [Register here](#) (scroll down until you see "Stained Glass"): <https://www.missmegansmakerroom.com/book-online>

If you can't pay the full amount at once or at all, please contact Elissa at e.m.zellinger@gmail.com for other arrangements! The studio shop has lots of small, fun, artsy items which would make perfect Hanukkah gifts for anybody! Be sure to browse before or after the workshop!

Nuggets from Rabbi Fenves' Divrei Torah

There is a long history of Jews being taken captive. Our textual tradition helps us connect to our past and gain insight on our present.

The American Jewish community has a long history of connecting to the holiday of Thanksgiving. We appreciate that giving thanks is even more important when we are struggling and experiencing challenges.

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



Congregation Shaareth Israel

How to Donate to Israel JNF-USA Israel Resilience Campaign

- Evacuation from hardest-hit communities on the border, including transportation and emergency housing
- Hygiene, bedding, and care packages to those in need
- Firefighting and protective equipment to those on the front lines
- Psychological treatment
- The promise of rebuilding local communities for tomorrow

Click here to learn how to donate:

<https://www.jnf.org/ways-to-help/support-israel>

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!

***SISTERHOOD PRE-CHANUKAH
ADULT PARTY***



***SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9th
7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.***

at the home of Sandy Lehman, 9203 Salisbury

PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT

***Come enjoy an evening of delicious treats
and good company.***

***Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday December 6th
to Fela Shturman at 806-438-3057 (text preferred)***

or Email: fshturman@gmail.com

Don't Miss this Great Event!

Sandy Lehman's house: 9203 Salisbury Street

Miracle on 82nd Street (A Tribute To Our Past Heroes)

Mike Calfin, Charles Skibell, and Anne Epstein

Significant Contribution by Lorraine Luskey

In 1931 the first Jewish Congregation in Lubbock was established with Louis Feldman as President. The first Torah scroll was purchased in 1935. The first full-time Rabbi was Isador Garsek, employed in 1938. In 1941, a building was purchased at 2420 16th street.

In 1943, the synagogue was located near downtown Lubbock on 1706 23rd street. It was designed by architect and engineer Samuel Kelisky. Sam and his wife Sadie were long-time members of the Congregation who welcomed all newcomers to their home. Next door was a small residence intended as a parsonage for the Rabbi. Known as the little house, it was used as Sunday School for the younger children.

Congregation Shaareth Israel became reform in 1962. At its zenith, we had 110 members, mostly merchants and businessmen with a few doctors, lawyers, and Texas Tech faculty and staff. The building, with a small sanctuary, social hall and classrooms, eventually became too small for the growing membership.

In the 1970's one of the members, Albert Skibell, known as Mr. Albert, formed a partnership for real estate investments with a group of friends: Albert's son Charles; Albert's brother, Archie and his son Irvin; Aaron Wechter, an in-law in the Skibell family in El Paso; brothers Allan and Jack Rosen; Ed Luskey and his brothers, Butch and Gary in Fort Worth.

The partnership purchased a cotton field, a section of land bordered by 82nd Street to 98th Street, and from Milwaukee Ave. to Upland Ave. To say there was nothing out there but cotton fields would be an understatement. There were no businesses or buildings other than a few farm homes. When the Westwood housing development broke ground in 1979, Mr. Albert told the partnership that a new Temple was needed. "If we don't do it," he said, "nobody will." The plan was for the partners to donate the land with Mr. Albert raising the money to build. Their prescient vision of the expansion of Lubbock and our need for growth was years ahead of their time.

The idea for a new synagogue was well received by the membership of Shaareth Israel and Mr. Albert chaired the building committee. The building at 1706 23rd was listed to sell and unexpectedly sold promptly. Many congregation members donated generously to the new synagogue, but the critical building donor was Marvin Feldman, son of original founder, Louis Feldman.

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The groundbreaking of the new Temple in January 1985 was memorable, as recalled by Annette Rosen: "The day we had the groundbreaking was a sandstorm. We were all standing there, in the wind, scarves tied around our heads. My father looked around at all that dirt and said, 'What are we doing out here in the middle of nowhere?'"

The building and landscaping were completed in 1985 with all bills paid in full. This extraordinary gift allowed Congregational Shaareth Israel to begin holding services in a new building with no outstanding debt.

While the building was being completed, CSI was without a place to meet and hold services. Second Baptist Church generously hosted us for worship services, joint classes and secured our Torah scrolls.

This mitzvah and relationship led to interfaith weekends starting in 1996. CSI invited Second Baptist members to Friday night services, and Second Baptist invited CSI to Sunday morning services. Both congregations publicly proclaimed their mutual friendship and respect for each other's religious traditions.

This annual tradition continues today with an exchange of sermons and speeches in interfaith services. Second Baptist was the first to reach out when Israel was attacked on Oct 7, 2023, joining us for services in friendship and solidarity.

This article is intended to inform members of how we obtained the beautiful facility we now own. Simply put, as our membership has become smaller and our income less over the years, we could not have built the synagogue at any other time.

Please stop for a moment and view the names on the dedication plaque in the entryway of the synagogue: the Officers, Board of Directors, and Building Committee members who had the foresight to create our building. These past members are heroes whose sagacity and contributions are largely unknown. There are many other forebears whose names are listed on the memorial tablets. We owe them a great debt of gratitude for building the place where we carry out our mission to be a vibrant center of Jewish life through education, worship, and socializing.

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A Letter from Christo Allen Chaney

Dear BDS'ers,

First, as a fellow member of the human race, I respect your decision to boycott Israel, yes I really do. You've obviously done your research, listened to both sides of the story, sat in on many Pro Israel and Anti Israel lectures and carefully chosen all the products that help you in your daily life, so that they aren't made or developed in Israel. You've personally seen Gaza/the West Bank just as I have and understand the terrible conditions that people live in, while only a few miles away their brothers and sisters live in estates and drive fancy cars. You've been to the markets full of fruits, vegetables, breads, meats, and fish. You spent many hours adding up the number of dollars in Aid that have gone to the region and are satisfied that these billions of dollars in Aid have done wonders for these people. You've questioned the authorities as to how this money is being spent and have seen with your own eyes the receipts and invoices for the building of new homes, malls, hospitals, libraries and schools. You don't use any products such as cell phones or gps's or pentium processors that were developed in Israel. You don't take any medications, read any books, use any technology, any agricultural designs that help produce growth in other countries, use any medical advances, aren't in the military being trained on Israeli-built weaponry or tactics. You've chosen your lifestyle based on all the above criteria wisely and after careful thought. You have not been swayed by your friends and neighbors, family, students, or professors - you alone decided all on your own because you know all the facts and all the research you have done has led you to the conclusion that Israel must be boycotted, divested & sanctioned (BDS). Again, I respect your decision because you have clearly put so much time, energy and thought into your decision.

Question: You're ill, life or death and have 24 hours to live. The only medication that could save your life or that of your loved one is made in Israel...only available in Israel and it will be given to you for free...would you take it to save your life? You bet your tuchas you would. If the only operation to save your life or someone you love could only be performed in Israel by a team of Jewish medical professionals using life saving methods developed in Israel, would you go? You bet your hide you would. You know you wouldn't be alone because you know all your PA leaders go to Israel for surgery and medication...so why not you?

And you know who would be saving your life? All those people who invest in Israel, it's technology and people. The very same people you protest against.

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Bulletin Submissions - News, reports, information, etc. can be submitted to the bulletin editor at csi_bulletin@hotmail.com.

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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