

# TEMPLE TIMES

| Lubbock, Texas |

## 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!

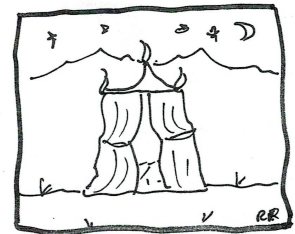
## CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch

CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch  
New Venue!  
April 12  
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse

4805 S. Loop 289 Frontage Rd.  
Building #100  
11:45-1:15  
If you would like to join us, contact Christo at [HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com](mailto:HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com)

## Dear Shaareth Israel and Friends,

We had a productive gathering at the beginning of March to continue the visioning conversation about the future of the congregation. Thank you to Charles and Sherril Skibell for hosting. This meeting focused more on the concrete details of the search for a settled rabbi.



-Ruth Rubin

In my role as facilitator of the conversation, I wanted to share some highlights with the congregation:

- **Timeline-** The goal is to post an application with the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) before the High Holy Days which fall in early October this year. Between now and then, a group of lay leaders will write a new application based on recent discussions.
- **Lubbock's Strengths-** There is a consensus that the application should emphasize that Lubbock is a growing, up-and-coming city with a high quality of life. The congregation is flexible, creative, adaptive and "welcoming of all types." Perhaps there could be an addendum to the application that pitches the city.
- **Diversity of Models and Partnerships-** The congregation is open to different models: rabbi in residence; traveling rabbi; or hybrid rabbi with an additional job within or outside the community. The congregation is open to a diversity of rabbinic profiles such as semi-retired, international ordainee, renewal, etc. The congregation is also open to partnering with another organization like a larger urban congregation or the university.
- **Finances-** The Finance committee will follow up with the Board with data about a potential realistic salary range. There was a discussion about future fundraising, specifically legacy giving, and what is a responsible use of the reserve funds at this moment of transition.



## April Yahrzeits

- 3 Sylvia Shopmaker
- 5 Michael Stephen Shear
- 6 Sonia Chartoff  
Sadie Levine
- 7 Robert Stuart (Bobby)  
Skibell  
Morris A. Wolfe  
Sam Caplan
- 8 Gershon Caplan
- 9 Eleonor Grossfeld
- 10 Joseph Jacob Ginsburg
- 11 3 Nisan DeLana Honaker
- 14 6 Nisan Ann Strauss Salfield
- 16 Ernestine Goldstucker  
Sylvia Lehman
- 19 Anna Rose Swartz  
Sadie Kelisky
- 20 Arthur Singer
- 22 Rabbi Stephen E. Weisberg  
14 Nisan Isaac Michael Kramer
- 23 Alfred "Buck" Buchalter
- 26 Harold Bloom
- 27 Alfort Isadore Glassman  
19 Nisan Abraham Simons
- 28 Morris Rosenwasser  
20 Nisan Rosa Simons
- 29 21 Nisan Louis Koslosky
- 30 Abraham Schneider

## Donations

*Donations may be sent to:  
Congregation Shaareth Israel  
P.O. Box 93594  
Lubbock, Texas 79493-3594*

### Building Fund:

- **Gail R. Tutino** in memory of **June Meyerson Rothstein**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Monty Strauss**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Milton Strauss**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Ann Strauss Salfield**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Alfred Salfield**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Larry Strauss**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Bella Schloss**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Margit Schloss**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Stefan Strauss**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Harold Winer**
- **Jane Winer** in memory of **Elizabeth Winer**

### Religious School:

- **Henry & Sellie Shine** in memory of **Stella Shine Laing**
- **Henry & Sellie Shine** in memory of **Nathan Shine**

### Operating Fund:

- **Michael & Lara Gelfond** in honor of Purim celebration
- **Christo Chaney** in honor of Purim celebration
- **Anonymous**

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 are on Facebook

Check us out.

<https://csitemple.org>



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. If you would like a name listed please go to the link below. The list will begin afresh each January and August.

<https://forms.gle/GS9IavcqojtePH6J8>

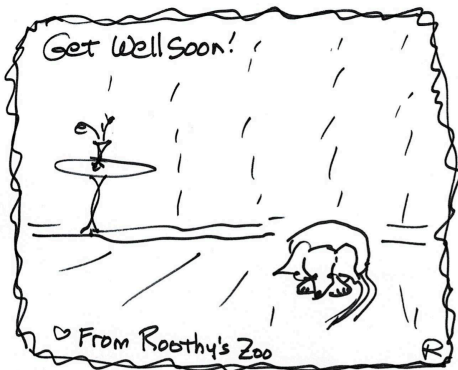
- David Gloria
- Jeanett Henry
- Chuck Lewis
- Sandra Longoria
- Cheral Osran
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Cassandra Sandoval
- Hayden Thornburg
- Gail Tutino
- Jane Winer

**April Shabbat Services**

- 5th Shemini - 7:00 pm  
Leviticus 9:1 - 11:47
- 12th Tazria - 7:00 pm  
Leviticus 12:1 - 13:59
- 19th Melzora - 7:00 pm  
Leviticus 14:1 - 15:33
- 26th Passover - 7:00 pm  
Day 4

**Thank You!**

- Thank you to **Jonathan Marks, Alan Rozen, and Amie & Willem Duemer** for leading a Shabbat service in March.
- Thank you to **Sherril & Charles Skibell** for hosting a session on strategizing with Rabbi Fenves - and to all those who attended and shared their views.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** and her team who prepared an Oneg for our annual visit from Second Baptist and to everyone who showed up to the service at Second Baptist on Sunday morning.
- Thank you to **Barbie** who showed up to read the Megillah on Purim!
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** who was as heroic as Esther in responding to the drama of the dawdling hamantaschens!



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](mailto:leonsdesk@gmail.com)).



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- Follow-Up- Volunteers took on assignments to gather more information from neighboring Texas synagogues, community foundations engaged in small congregational work, and the staff of the CCAR.

The process will continue with the writing of the application and the follow-up described above. Please be in touch with Stephanie Shine or other board members if you have input that you would like to share.

lShalom  
Rabbi Carla Fenves

## Hebrew Name Registry

There are times in Jewish observance when we invoke a person's Hebrew name and the Hebrew names of their parents. To make sure that we have names on record, we are offering the opportunity to store the Hebrew names of members and their families. If you would like to participate, contact [stephanie.shine@ttu.edu](mailto:stephanie.shine@ttu.edu) for the link to the Hebrew Name Survey. If you need help deciphering a Hebrew name or giving a child a Hebrew name, please feel free to contact Rabbi Fenves ([cfenves@gmail.com](mailto:cfenves@gmail.com)). Shaareth Israel will maintain this list as a service to members and their families.

## What's the Board up to?



- Ruth Rubin

The Board responded to the event at Texas Tech in which a faculty member publicly lambasted supporters of Israel. Several members worked on written responses; the final version by Jonathan Marks is on page 7.

The Board met on March 19 and discussed the results of the Congregational strategic visioning session on February 10. Several who attended the session are looking into some of the possibilities discussed at the meeting such as sharing a rabbi across congregations. Plans were made to make financial recommendations for a potential rabbi search and to begin working on the application process. The next meetings are April 16 and May 14.

We invite you to share something of your life - what you have done, crafted, cooked, seen, photographed, thought about, written; where you have traveled; what your family has been up to.



Forgiveness has clear benefits, for anger is painful and retaliation is risky. But withholding forgiveness can be beneficial, too. It can deter victimizers. The virtue of Aristotelian forgiveness is a disposition to hit the sweet spot – reliably forgiving neither too many people nor too few. In particular, a disposition to forgive everyone – even unapologetic wrongdoers – is not a virtue.

- Howard J. Curzer  
*Difficult Virtues: An Aristotelian Perspective*



**DIFFICULT VIRTUES**

AN ARISTOTELIAN PERSPECTIVE

Howard J. Curzer



From the publisher:

In this book, Howard J. Curzer describes eight virtues that have proven problematic to virtue ethicists. Integrity has been the subject of wildly different accounts. Open-mindedness and forgiveness are described in ways that many endorse, but few seek to practice. Accounts of tolerance and civility generally fit only the privileged. Finally, good timing, ambition, and creativity have attracted almost no attention at all. Each difficult virtue is different, but certain themes thread through all of them: self-construction, social critique, and significant creation. Curzer’s accounts of these virtues illuminate the ways people forge their own identities, struggle to acquire virtue despite disadvantage, and produce and appreciate novelty.

<https://www.routledge.com/Difficult-Virtues-An-Aristotelian-Perspective/Curzer/p/book/9781032515373>

## Nuggets from Rabbi Fenves

Jews set down roots in Lubbock facing the wild winds of West Texas and the tumultuous events of the world, finding shelter in the warm embrace of our friends at Second Baptist Church.

Purim is about finding relief through scary times with shouting out, laughter, and silliness.



## 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>



Mike Morgan  
Beloved singer and  
sweet presence at  
Shaareth Israel

May his memory be a blessing  
March 27, 1959 - March 27, 2023

## Letter from the CSI Board of Directors to Texas Tech President Schovanec

Dear President Schovanec,

We write to you as the Board of Congregation Shaareth Israel. Most of us have or have had connections with Texas Tech, and we all are conscious of the responsibility we have to support Jewish students and faculty at Tech. We are gratified that you have taken action regarding the abusive language of Dr. Jairo Fúnez-Flores, and wish to express our support as you consider a final disposition of his case.

Like most Jews around the world, we support the existence of the State of Israel, and can only imagine the feelings of a Jewish student at Tech in the presence of a professor who has publicly shouted "F\*\*\* Israel & its supporters!" For any students who think the Jewish state has the right to exist – including, presumably, most Jewish students – this translates directly to "F\*\*\* you!" – a phrase that has led to few valuable intellectual discussions, fewer educational moments, but many an occasion for bloodshed. As you know, since Oct. 7, Jewish students around the country have been exposed to physical intimidation. We would hate to see this happen at Texas Tech.

Like Dr. Fúnez-Flores, we are appalled and saddened by the death, destruction, and deprivation that have befallen innocent civilians in Gaza.

Unlike Dr. Fúnez-Flores, we are horrified by the murder, kidnapping, torture, rape, and mutilation of innocent civilians in southern Israel by the terrorists of Hamas, an organization dedicated by its founding charter to the twin goals of the destruction of Israel and the killing of all Jews. Far from expressing sympathy for the victims of this barbarism, the worst massacre of Jews since the Holocaust, Dr. Fúnez-Flores immediately set about celebrating it, glorifying it publicly. We find his enthusiasm for this genocidal assault appalling, and fear the consequences on campus and beyond of his public dehumanizing of Jews and enthusiasm for butchery.

Rather than showing a scintilla of respect for Jewish victims, he offers only "F\*\*\* Israel & its supporters!"

As you know, the TTUS Code of Ethical Conduct says, in part:

***Respect for Others.*** *Treat everyone with respect and dignity. Do not infringe on the rights or personal values of others. Create an environment that is free of bullying, harassment, and retaliation, and report those who do bully, harass, or retaliate. While TTUS encourages, and indeed expects, the free expression of views, address differences in viewpoints in a professional and civil manner.*

This is not what he does.

We understand and respect the value of academic freedom, but many of his public yawps disqualify him from its protection. . In its foundational Declaration of Principles, the AAUP

made similar considerations a condition of academic freedom. As the Declaration states:

It is, therefore, only those who carry on their work in the temper of the scientific inquirer who may justly assert this claim. The liberty of the scholar to set forth his conclusions, be they what they may, is conditioned by their being gained by a scholar's method and held in a scholar's spirit; that is to say, they must be the fruits of competent and patient and sincere inquiry, and they should be set forth with dignity, courtesy and temperateness of language.

When the AAUP revisited this statement in 1940, it wrote:

As scholars and educational officers, they should remember that the public may judge their profession and their institution by their utterances. Hence they should at all times be accurate, should exercise appropriate restraint, should show respect for the opinions of others, and should make every effort to indicate that they are not speaking for the institution.

It hardly needs observing that Dr. Funez-Flores's profanity-laced outbursts disgrace these principles. He has, however, already crafted his rejoinder: "F\*\*\* academia!"

We appreciate the concerns you expressed to many of us for the welfare of our community during your recent visit. We hope that you can sense in this letter our appreciation for your friendship and attention to our concerns.

We wish you good luck, courage, wisdom, and continued devotion to the principles and ethics of Texas Tech; and we ask that you continue to bear in mind the mental and physical safety of Jewish students, faculty, and staff.

Yours sincerely,  
The Board of Directors  
Congregation Shaareth Israel  
Lubbock, Texas



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**Bulletin Submissions** - News, reports, information, etc. can be submitted to the bulletin editor at [csi\\_bulletin@hotmail.com](mailto:csi_bulletin@hotmail.com).

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

**Bulletin Design: Jonathan Meyer**

April 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm 2nd Friday <b>Lunch</b> 11:45 am	13
14	15	16 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	17	18	19 Shabbat Service 7:00 pm	20
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