

# 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!

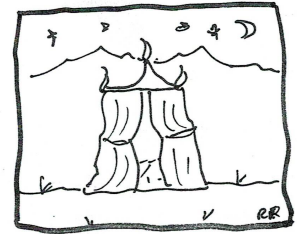
**Havdalah with Rabbinic Student Alex!**  
**Saturday, December 14 at 7pm.**  
**Families welcome!**  
**Address to follow.**

**CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch**

CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch  
 Dec 13  
 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,**

This is my last month serving as your interim rabbi. It has been such an honor to get to know you and learn with you over the past 18 months. I am very grateful for the warmth and care that I received throughout my time in Lubbock. The commitment of the lay leadership to keep Jewish life alive here inspires me. It was a true gift for me to be able to be your rabbi even if only for a short period of time.



-Ruth Rubin

I am not sure exactly where life will take me in the next few years as a military spouse, but I hope that I will be able to maintain my connection to the congregation. I look forward to saying a formal goodbye during my last Shabbat on Friday, December 6.

I am feeling hopeful about the next chapter in CSI's history. May you find a good fit for our next settled rabbi and continue to build a meaningful Jewish community together.

EShalom,  
 Rabbi Carla Fenves

**Wish Rabbi Fenves and her family well!**

Friday December 6  
 Cake and Ice Cream Oneg!



## December Yahrzeits

- 1 Al Zodin
- 2 Edward Quicksilver  
Mose Blumrosen  
Arthur J. Bahme
- 7 6 Kislev Jack B. Moss
- 8 Raye Blinderman
- 11 Ruth Ilsa Rubin  
10 Kislev Ethel Michaelson
- 12 Regina Skibell  
Minnie Lewis Ginsburg  
Jacob Koppel
- 14 Alice K. Barasch
- 15 14 Kislev Jeremiah Epstein
- 16 David Arker  
Edward Luskey  
Miriam Frances Shear  
15 Kislev Moses Bender
- 21 Rose Miller Zarfes
- 23 Abe Markman
- 25 Betty Lou Blumrosen
- 26 Charles A. Laskey  
Joseph Allon  
Leonard Shopmaker  
Rose Frauman Luskey
- 27 Abraham Joseph Blair  
Coley Green
- 29 Abe Wolfson  
Norma Glassman Skibell
- 30 Robert Lehman  
Bella Ginsberg  
29 Kislev Ruth Louise Epstein

## Donations

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

### Operating Fund:

- **Jessica Gross** and **Matthew Hunter** for the High Holidays
- **Anonymous**
- **Stefanie Solnick** in memory of **Clarence** and **Etta Solnick**, and **Emily Solnick**
- **Bruce Kramer** for the High Holidays
- **Gail Tutino** in memory of **Albert Frank Tutino**
- **Gail Tutino** in memory of **Miriam Lockhart**
- **Ron** and **Francine Morrison** in thanks for the honey
- **Jonathan** and **Tova Marks** in honor of **Andrew Friedman** and **Lisa Tatum**

### 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?)

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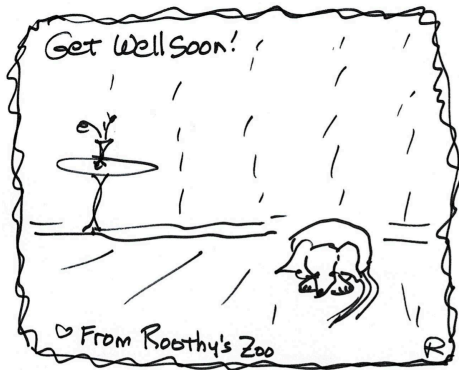
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Refuah Shleimah

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. 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/GS91avcqqj4ePH6J8>

- Myra Bahme
- Jeanett Henry
- Sandra Longoria
- Tova Marks
- Mark Neuling
- Cheryl Osran
- Loretta Rutherford
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Cassandra Sandoval
- Craig Kasman Struthers
- Hayden Thornburg
- Gail Tutino
- Carlos Vasquez
- 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](mailto:leonsdesk@gmail.com)).

**December Shabbat Services**

- 6th Vayetze- 7:00 pm  
Genesis 28:10 - 32:3
- 13th Vayishlach - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 32:4 - 36:43
- 20th Vayeshev - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 37:1 - 47:23
- 27th Miketz - 7:00 pm  
Genesis 41:1 - 44:17

**Thank You!**

- Thank you to **Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston, Stephanie Shine,** and **Christo Chaney** for leading Shabbat services in November.
- Thank you to the following people for helping with the oneg set-up and/or clear-up: **Alan Rozen, Lucy Greenberg, Amie Duemer, Christo Chaney** and **Jonathan Meyer** and **family**.
- Thank you to **Steve Balch** and **Ben Rogerson** for organizing and discussing the film and to **Sandra Sabatini** and **Neil Kurtzman** for bringing pizza.
- Thanks to all who brought treats for Onegs with Rabbi Fenves and Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy in November!
- Thanks to **Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy** for his engaging talk on how to read sacred texts, beginning with an example from *Harry Potter and the Sorcerer's Stone*.

## 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.

### 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>



## ONEGS!

**Do you like to talk to others after Sabbath services? You are in luck. We will now have an Oneg Shabbat after Rabbi- and Student Rabbi-led services. But we need your support.**

- **We need someone to set up (set out the paper goods, etc.)**
- **And someone to clear up (no, you don't have to wash dishes or scrub floors – just make sure things are put away).**
- **There will be a check-off list in the kitchen to help you remember what to do, so don't worry about that.**
- **We will ask people who attend to bring treats for the Oneg**

**If you would like to volunteer for either set-up or clear-up, or if you have questions or suggestions, please email Barbara Singer at [bsingerfamily@gmail.com](mailto:bsingerfamily@gmail.com) or call 775-722-2816. The dates when we need Oneg support are:**

**December 6  
December 13**

## Pre-Chanukah Adult Party!

Saturday December 7  
Amie Duemer's house  
7pm to 10pm

Please bring an appetizer  
or dessert!

See Flyer on page 7!

## Want to Eat Lotsa Latkes? We are cooking!

Sunday December 15 at 10:30am



Join Rabbinic Student Alex at  
Shaareth Israel for a Chanukah  
moment followed by latkes from the  
kitchen!

Interested in cooking? Email [stephanie.shine@ttu.edu](mailto:stephanie.shine@ttu.edu)

## Nuggets from Rabbi Fenves's D'var Torah

Chaye Sarah focuses on Abraham and Isaac's reactions to Sarah's death. Although Isaac never speaks, his relationship with Rebecca at the end of the story tells us a lot about the depth of his grief in just one verse.

## Nuggets from Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy's D'var Torah

To be a seer is not to be omniscient. It is to receive a destination with no roadmap and start traveling. This is the condition we find ourselves in. We are lost. We have no map or guide. All we have is a vision of the future and a mandate to  $\text{לך}$  - to go. Amidst this time of extraordinary chaos and confusion, it is tempting to wait for calmer weather. But we cannot wait. We cannot let forces outside our control constrain us from doing what is still in our power. The belief that we are powerless is the very thing which must drive us to action. This paradox was explained by civil rights activist and theologian Abraham Joshua Heschel:

The Torah, we are told, is both concealed and revealed, and so is the nature of all reality. All things are both known and unknown, plain and enigmatic, transparent and impenetrable. 'Hidden are the things that we see, we do not know what we see.' The world is both open and concealed, a matter of fact and mystery. We know and do not know- that is our condition.

# A Headful of Baseball and Keys: Encounters with Joe Robichaux

By Jonathan Marks  
August 24, 2024

My professional baseball career happened entirely inside my head. What went on in there may or may not interest you, but for me it - both the career and the brain picture of it - was marked by an unforgettable encounter with a retired pro and a great pianist.

That will take some explaining, though.

*Continue with the link below:*

<https://syncopatedtimes.com/a-headful-of-baseball-and-keys-encounters-with-joe-robichaux/>



Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and  
Antisemitism Advisory Commission

## STUDY ON ANTISEMITISM IN TEXAS

See link below for the report:

<https://thgaac.texas.gov/assets/uploads/docs/2024-Antisemitism-Report.pdf>

## What's the Board up to?

The Board met on November 11 and approved the member application of Simone Gordon. Welcome Simone!

On November 1, the Board sent a letter to the TTU President Schovanec about the scheduling of university events on Jewish holy days. On November 19, Stephanie Shine and Eileen Nathan met with staff from the President's Office and learned of a new system of scheduling university events in which schedulers consult a central calendar including religious holy days and submit dates for approval. We sent the dates for Yom Kippur, Rosh Hashanah and the first night of Passover through 2028 to be included on the central calendar.

Andrew Friedman reported that several members joined the Campus Unity Walk on November 12, organized by Hillel.

The next Board meeting is Dec 12.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!**

# **PRE-CHANUKAH ADULT PARTY!**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7<sup>th</sup>  
7:00 P.M. – 10:00 P.M.**

at the home of Amie Duemer  
(address to follow)



**PLEASE BRING AN APPETIZER OR DESSERT**

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

***Please R.S.V.P. by Wednesday December 4<sup>th</sup>  
to Fela Shturman at 806-438-3057 (text preferred)***

***or Email: [fshturman@gmail.com](mailto:fshturman@gmail.com)***

***Don't Miss this Great Event!***

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**[Sew your own stuffed dreidel! Find Chanukah gifts!](#)**

December 15th from 1-4

Copy link below for more information:

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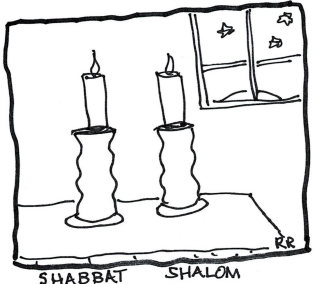
**Rabbi Carla Fenves** - Call her or text her at (415) 745-5314 or email her at [cfenves@gmail.com](mailto:cfenves@gmail.com) please.

**Urgent Matters** - Please contact **Stephanie Shine** at (806) 470-1340 or email [stephanie.shine@ttu.edu](mailto:stephanie.shine@ttu.edu) or contact Rabbi Fenves.

**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**

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