

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 if you would like to be a host!

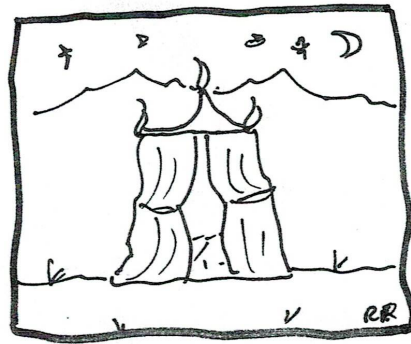
CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch

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Feb 14

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



-Ruth Rubin

Celebrate Friendship!

Annual Exchange with our friends from Second Baptist!

Feb 21, 7:00 pm Shaareth Israel
Feb 23, 10:45 am Second Baptist

6109 Chicago Ave,
Lubbock, TX
79424



February Yahrzeits

- 5 Jerome Melvin (Jerry) Skibell
Lillie Ogutsch
7 Shevat George Chansky
- 7 Herbert Evensky
9 Shevat Milton Strauss
- 8 Scott A. Beason Sr,
Bobbie Freid
Herbert Wachtel
- 9 Morris Strauss
- 10 Bob Fusco
- 13 Anna Schwartz
15 Shevat Samuel S. Rosenthal
15 Shevat Shoul Freitag
- 14 16 Shevat Morris Pechter
- 18 20 Shevat Edna Chansky
- 20 Aida Mikels
22 Shevat Rabbi Aaron Tofield
- 21 23 Shevat Abraham Curzer
- 22 Harvey Kramer
- 23 Perry Berg
- 24 Mary Lerner
- 25 Frances Owens Walters
Lee Scott Rachman
- 26 Benno Ogutsch
- 27 Sarah Putter
- 29 Sam Snyder

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).

Donations

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

Operating Fund:

- **Bruce Kramer** in memory of **Isaac & Bertha Kramer**
- **Scott Sitzer** in memory of **Al & Ruth Sitzer**
- **Saul & Barbara** in memory of **Selma Singer**
- **Anonymous**

Building Fund:

- **Leon Cohen** in memory of **Maurice Cohen**
- **The Cohen Family** in memory of **Gertrude "Nanny" Konyn**

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>



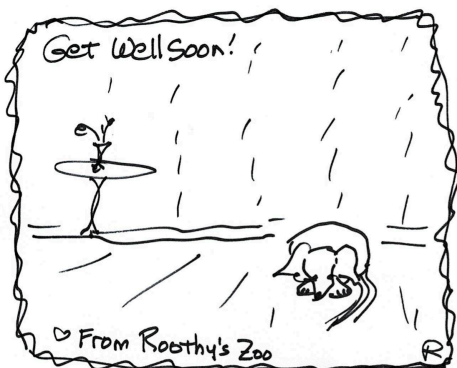
Congregation Shaareth Israel

Refuah Shleimah

We offer Mi Shebeach, 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/C1S91avcqojtePH6J8>

- Myra Bahme
- William Biswa
- Jeanett Henry
- Tamar Klotzman
- Cinder Le Blanc
- Sandra Longoria
- Jonathan Marks
- Phillip Marshall
- Randy Moss
- Bailey Mayo
- Mark Neuling
- Cheryl Osran
- Jose Pena
- Loretta Rutherford
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Cassandra Sandoval
- Sellie Shine
- Craig Kasman
Struthers
- Hayden Thornburg
- Gail Titino
- Carlos Vasquez
- Jane Winer



February Shabbat Services

- 7th Bo - 7:00 pm
Exodus 10:1 - 13:16
- 14th Beshalach - 7:00 pm
Exodus 13:17 - 17:16
- 21st Yitro - 7:00 pm
Exodus 18:1 - 20:23
- 28th Mishpatim - 7:00 pm
Exodus 21:1 - 24:18

Thank You!

- Thank you to **Elissa Zellinger, Fela Shturman, Leon Shturman, Barbara Singer, Beth Cobb, and Steve Balch** for leading Shabbat services in January.
- Thanks to all who brought treats for Onegs with Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy in January!
- Thank you to **Ben Rogerson** and **Robin Phillips** who provided input on the State of Texas Bluebonnet Learning instructional materials for LISD.
- Thank you to **Elissa Zellinger** for leading the hard working search committee and to **Charles Skibell** for leading the kitchen renovation committee, just getting started.
- Thank you to **Sherril Skibell** and **Eileen Nathan** for setting up and clearing up the Oneg in January.
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** who organized the kitchen closets!

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 for the link to the Hebrew Name Survey. If you need help deciphering a Hebrew name or giving a child a Hebrew name. 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.

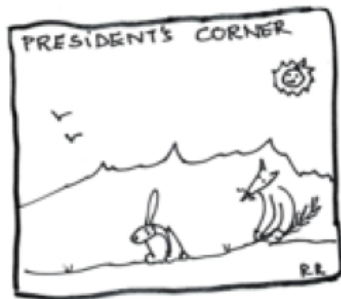
- **We need someone to set up (set out the paper goods, etc.)**
- **And someone to clear up (no, you don't have to wash dishes or scrub floors – just make sure things are put away).**
- **There will be a check-off list in the kitchen to help you remember what to do, so don't worry about that.**
- **We 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 or call 775-722-2816.

Thelma “Tova” Marks November 13, 1930 - January 26, 2025



May Tova’s memory be a beautiful blessing.



– Ruth I. Rubin

What’s the Board Up To?

The Board met on January 29. We discussed upcoming events, including our annual exchange with Second Baptist on February 21 (our place) and 23 (their place). Elissa reported on the hard work of the search committee which has been conducting Zoom interviews and will be setting up candidate visits. All hands on board for these visits! Charles reported on the status of the roof which needs replacement and the kitchen committee which has made recommendations on renovations supported by a generous donation!

Birthright Trip Experience

By Alex Cobb

During my Birthright trip I was partial to many activities, hiking Mount Masada, visiting the Western Wall, and floating in the Dead Sea. While all of those activities were very fun and important there was one activity that was so much more impactful to me personally. While on the Birthright trip, for about seven days, along with the other Americans on your trip a group of Israelis who are in the IDF join your trip and tour around the country with you. For me, the most impactful activity was listening to these soldiers' stories of friends that they have personally lost in the war.

Our group was visiting Mount Hertz which is the national cemetery of Israel. Inside the cemetery, there are sections for a variety of people. There is a section for former important political figures, there is a section for fallen police officers, for victims of terrorist attacks, and a section for soldiers who have fallen in the line of duty. While we were in this last section, our tour guide, Barack, asked the Israelis who were a part of our trip to share stories of people they knew who have been lost in the war. Every single Israeli, including our security guard, shared. One soldier shared a story of his friend who was a tank operator on October 7th. His tank ran out of ammunition, and the tank crew was captured by Hamas. His friend was later found dead. A different Israeli who was a part of our group named Ori was visiting the grave of a friend he had grown up with and for whom he had written the obituary at the time of his friend's death. The day that we were visiting happened to be what would have been Ori's friend's 21st birthday.

There is a picture of Ori at his friend's grave with balloons in the background that say "21" on them attached. We heard stories like this from every Israeli that was a part of the trip and even one Israeli who was not. One of the staff who was accompanying us to the cemetery recognized her neighbor from Jerusalem who was visiting the grave of her husband. This neighbor shared her story as well.

All of the stories that were told that day were very personal and very emotional. It took great courage for them to share stories of people they knew being murdered. It brought nearly all of them to tears while telling us the stories. It brought many of us in the audience to tears also by how moving these stories were. Too many Israelis have stories like these.

One other extremely important place we visited was the site of the Nova Music Festival. It has become a memorial to the lives lost and those taken on October 7th. In the memorial site there are boards telling the stories of people. One of the pictures attached to this article is of a man named Nissan Mayan Levi. There is a screenshot of a one-sided conversation of a loved one trying to check in on him with no response from Nissim. There are countless cases very similar to this.

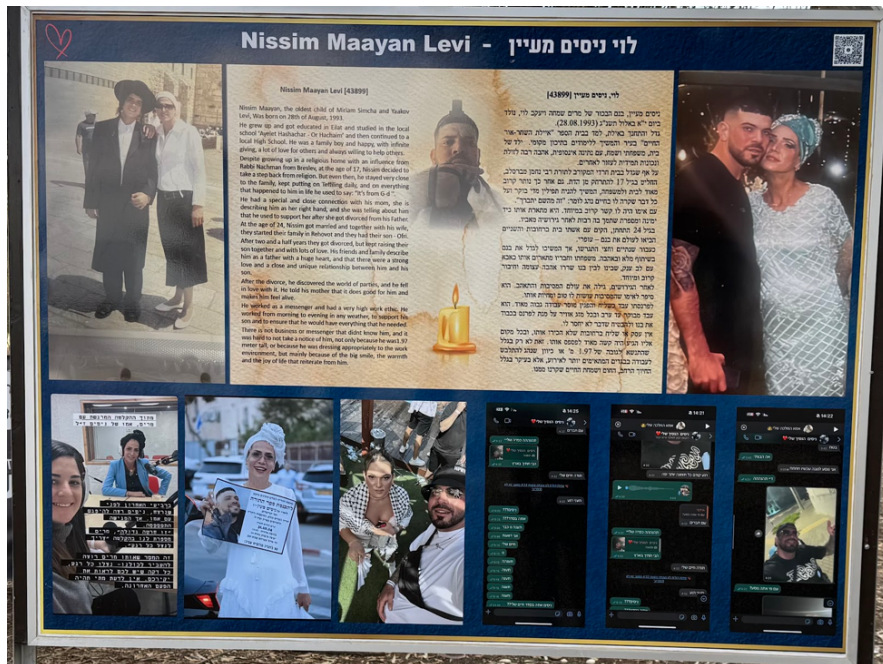
This brings us to try to answer the question of what happens next? One response that I have seen is to keep going and honour the memory of the people lost on October 7th. At the site of one of the memorials at the Nova Festival was a rock that had painted on the side, "We will dance for you". This is the thing that stuck with me the most out of my experiences with Birthright: that stone saying "We will dance for you." There is something so tragic, and at the same time beautiful, it is a feeling that I can not describe.



Ori at the grave of his friend at Mount Hertz (used with permission)



Memorial at the Nova Music Festival Site with rock that says "We will dance for you"



Memorial for Nissim Maayan Levi at the site of the Nova Music Festival



Welcome to new member Dillon Holloway!



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.

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 Vicki Hollander, Rabbi Emerita

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 Steve Balch, Member

Contact info for members:

Urgent Matters - Please contact **Stephanie Shine** at (806) 470-1340 or email **stephanie.shine@ttu.edu**.

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!

Bulletin Design: Jonathan Meyer

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