

TEMPLE TIMES

Announcements

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

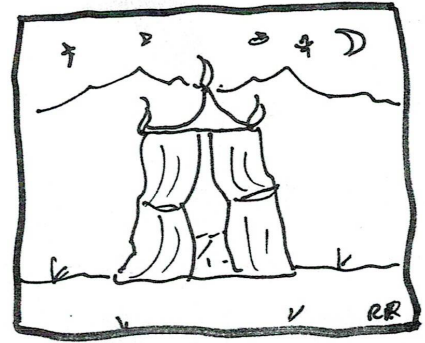
Seeking mensches to host **Onegs** or **Shabbat dinners** so we can nosh and chat after services. Please contact Stephanie Shine at



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

| Lubbock, Texas |

Nuggets from Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy's Divrei Torah



-Ruth Rubin

MARCH

"The Book of Esther is a satire, and a brilliant one at that. And what makes it so brilliant is that it does not merely satirize the enemies of the Jews, but us too. This is the key to understanding the Talmudic law mandating intoxication until we cannot distinguish between Haman and Mordechai. If we are obsessed with good guys and bad guys, we miss the fact that we are being satirized just as much as Haman is. In letting go of our predilections, we learn to laugh at ourselves."

APRIL

"Leviticus is analogous to the desert in many ways. It can be inhospitable, dry, and it hides its beauty beneath a drab facade. It is also like the desert, because even the smallest amount of water draws all life to it. So too it is with our rabbis. Even those most interested in understanding the nuances of priestly law are still nourished by narrative."

- Alex Loundy

UPCOMING YAHREZITS



May Yahrzeits

- 1 Teruko (Terry) Rosen
- 3 Zelda Perlman
Samuel Weisberg
Sidney D. Freid
- 4 Allan Barasch
- 10 Mollie Indin
12 Iyar Nathan Houstman
- 11 13 Iyar Alfred Salfield
- 15 David Friedman
- 16 Annie Lehman
- 18 Nathan (Nat) Luger
- 19 James M. Foster
- 20 Helene Shiver
- 22 Eleanor Jean Dixon
McKinney
- 27 Sylvia Stettner
- 29 Jules Fenson
- 30 Anna Quicksilver Cohn

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Donations may be sent to:
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General Fund:

- **Saul & Barbara Singer** in memory of **Arthur Singer**
- **Saul & Barbara Singer** in memory of **Harold Bloom**
- **Simone Gordon** in support of the Seder
- **Alan Rozen** in support of the Seder
- **Machelle Harmon** in support of the Seder
- **Elissa Zellinger** in support of the Rabbi Candidate travels

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?)

May Shabbat Services

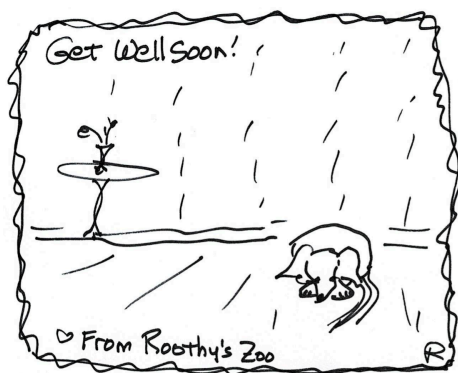
- 2nd Tazria-Metzora - 7:00 pm
Leviticus 12:1 - 15:33
- 9th Archarei-Kedoshim - 7:00 pm
Leviticus 16:1 - 20:27
- 16th Emor - 7:00 pm
Leviticus 21:1 - 24:23
- 23rd Behar-Bechukotai - 7:00 pm
Leviticus 25:1 - 27:34
- 30th Bamidbar - 7:00 pm
Numbers 1:1 - 4:20

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/GS9Iavcqoj4ePH6J8>

- Myra Bahme
- Jeanett Henry
- Sandra Longoria
- Phillip Marshal
- Bailey Mayo
- Mark Neuling
- Cheryl Osran
- Jose Pena
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Cassandra Sandoval
- Hayden Thornburg
- Gail Tutino
- Carlos Vasquez
- Jane Winer



Thank You!

- Thank you to **Elissa Zellinger and Beth Cobb** for leading Shabbat services in April.
- Thank you to **Stephanie Shine** for coordinating our joyous congregational Passover Seder and to **Rachel-Hirshorn Johnston, Ryan Olesh, Quynh Hoa Do, Christo Chaney, Deborah Bahme, Beth Cobb, Mike Akins, Jeff Merimon, Fela and Leon Shturman** for setting up, serving and clearing up, as well as all who brought the delicious food! Notably **Rachel-Hirshorn Johnston and Taylor Johnston** for making dozens upon dozens of deviled eggs and matzo balls! And to **Fela and Leon Shturman** for Passover shopping and schlepping in Dallas!
- Thank you to **Rachel-Hirshorn Johnston** for leading the Congregational Seder with verve!
- Thank you to **Alan Rozen, Simone Gordon, and Mabelle Harmon** for making donations to support the Seder.
- Thank you to **Fela and Leon Shturman** for hosting adult education and a potluck supper.
- Thank you to **Rabbinic Student Alex Loundy** for holding a fascinating discussion of "Who Invented Passover?" cleverly leading the participants toward an inexorable conclusion.
- Thank you to **Charles Skibell** for his work on the building - roofing and indoor renovations.
- Thank you to **Jon Meyer** for taking care of the ceiling tiles that fell in after a great rain.
- Thank you to **Leon Shturman, Christo Chaney, Beth Cobb, Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston and Stephanie Shine** for the transportation of our visiting Rabbinic Student.
- Thank you to **Leon Shturman** for speaking with Abilene Interfaith Council at the synagogue.
- Thank you to the Kitchen Committee: **Charles and Sherril Skibell, Fela and Leon Shturman, Sandra Sabatini, Stephanie Shine, Deborah Bahme, and Eileen Nathan.**

What's the Board Up To?

The Board met on April 28 to make plans for our last rabbinic student visit May 9-11. Charles Skibell reported on the roof repairs which will take place soon. The Board received a report from the kitchen committee (Charles, Leon, Fela, Sherril, Sandra, Stephanie, Deborah, Eileen) and accepted their recommendation to commence a campaign to raise funds to replace the aging flooring in the social hall and kitchen as well as to paint the kitchen and upgrade the surfaces. A seed donation of \$25,000 has been made by the Skibell family and a donation of matching funds will meet the monies raised by the Congregation. Work is to begin August 1. We look forward to several work days over the summer to clear out the kitchen and storage area in the social hall before the floor is laid. We are excited at the rejuvenation of our synagogue! The next meeting is May 28.

Emma Lazarus: Professional Exile by Elissa Zellinger

J19: The Journal of Nineteenth-Century Americanists,
Volume 12, Number 2, Winter 2024, pp. 659-689

“Lazarus connects Jewish peoples’ “supreme suffering” . . . to the major elements of the Jewish religion, “Truth and Law and Love,” to demonstrate how the trials of exile commemorate the promise of redemption.” - Elissa Zellinger



Want to read this article? Write to e.m.zellinger@gmail.com

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
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- The promise of rebuilding local communities for tomorrow

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



ONEGS!

Do you like to chat and nosh 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!

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.

THANK YOU!

CSI WELCOMES ABILENE INTERFAITH COUNCIL
30 members visited on April 12
Thank you to Leon Shturman for hosting!



From the AIC website: In 1999, three Abilene friends—a Jew, a Muslim, and a Christian—decided to create an organization where people of all faith traditions could gather for a meal and learn about each other: Abilene Interfaith Council. AIC has sponsored programs from a variety of faith traditions, including Baha'i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Humanist, Jewish, Muslim, and Pagan and supports an increase in understanding and appreciation of other faith traditions in the community. *May we continue to light candles of acceptance and welcome in this often dimly-lit world.*

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.



Special Delivery: Tzimmes for the Seder!



Dayenu Conga Line!



JEWISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

TEXAS HOLOCAUST, GENOCIDE, AND ANTISEMITISM ADVISORY COMMISSION

For the first time in state history, the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission (THGAAC) is launching a coordinated, statewide campaign to celebrate Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) this May. The campaign recognizes the vital contributions of Jewish Texans to the state's history, culture, and civic life.

Governor Greg Abbott has issued a proclamation celebrating May 2025 as Jewish American Heritage Month. The THGAAC is leading the effort in partnership with Jewish organizations, community leaders, and state officials. The campaign will span online storytelling, media engagement, and community-led events designed to uplift Jewish voices and illuminate the depth of Jewish history across Texas.

THGAAC will sponsor a special online event for 15—to 25-year-olds on Thursday, May 8, at 7 pm. CT. The event will feature Harvard law professor Alan Dershowitz and social media influencer Lizzy Savetsky. The Zoom call will bring together over 1,000 students from across Texas to share resources to combat antisemitism.

To register for the call, go to https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BIQXVeVzTMq2d-l1Kq2S1w#/registration

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Rabbi - Please contact Stephanie Shine for information, see below.

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

May 2025						
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