

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 kibitz with Cantor Jaffe! Please contact Stephanie Shine at stephanie.shine@ttu.edu if you would like to be a host!



CSI Second Friday Lunch

CSI Second Friday Monthly Lunch

August 8

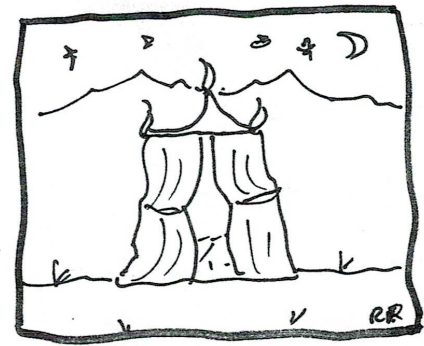
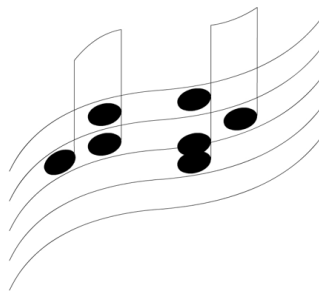
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
4805 S. Loop 289 Frontage
Rd. Building #100

11:45-1:15

To sign up for the RSVP and receive reminders/updates please reach out to Christo through HebrewLiteracy@gmail.com

| Lubbock, Texas |

Cantor Ken is in the house!



-Ruth Rubin

Join us for Shabbat on August 15 to celebrate, sing, and learn during our first service with Cantor Ken.

Bagel Oneg follows!

UPCOMING YAHRZEITS



July Yahrzeits

- 2 Mendel Faverman
- 3 Edwin A. Goldstucker
- 4 Ethel Fargotstein
- 5 Max Shapiro
- Arnold Herbert Loewy
- 6 10 Tammuz Larry S. Strauss
- 7 11 Tammuz Morris Faverman
- 8 Abraham Chartoff
- Grauman Marks
- 9 Nancy Goldweber Mitzen
- 10 Ian Forsland
- 11 Sam Kelisky
- Louis Kurtzman
- Harry Balch
- 12 Albert Skibell
- 16 Rosalie Kurtzman
- David Micha Booth
- 17 Sidney Segal
- Frances Schneider
- 18 Sadie Shine Donnelly
- 22 26 Tammuz Sarah Bender
- 24 Donna Bigus
- 25 Gwendolyn Faye Meyer
- Eve Bloom
- 27 J.R. Blumrosen
- 31 Joe Lehman

August Yahrzeits

- 1 Ahavah Luskey
- Lois Quicksilver Ginsburg
- 3 Josef Ephraim Duemer
- 6 Jack Rosen
- Samuel H. Lezan
- 9 Ruth Shine Pemberton
- 15 21 Av Sarah Miller
- 21 Orlow Nokken
- 22 28 Av Shirlene Skibell
- 23 Norman Specter
- 26 2 Elul Rose Kelner
- 27 Frances Glassman
- Rachel Caplan
- 28 Florence Loewy
- 29 5 Elul Nellie Faverman
- 30 6 Elul Louis Michaelson

Donations

Donations may be sent to:
 Congregation Shaareth Israel
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 Lubbock, Texas 79493-3594



Shaareth Israel Rejuvenation Fund (Still open for donations!):



- **Anonymous**
- **Anonymous**
- **Deborah Bahme**
- **Maria and Steve Balch**
- **Lisa Beason**
- **Colleen and Jordan Berg**
- **Carla and Mike Calfin**
- **Dorothy Chansky**
- **Victoria Chapa and Jon Meyer**
- **Amie Duemer** in loving memory of **Bailey Mayo**
- **Rabbi Deborah Goldmann** in loving memory of **Mitch Wachtel, Henry Shine, Tova and Jonathan Marks** ("They all leave a big gap in our hearts.")
- **Rita and Hal Green**
- **Venita Gross**
- **Hilda Hahn-Shturman**
- **Machelle Harmon**
- **Mary Finnell**
- **Melissa Gotlieb and Bryan McLaughlin**
- **Reta and Guy Hirsch**
- **Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston and Taylor Johnston**
- **Sandy Lehman and Bailey Mayo** in loving memory of **Sylvia Lehman and Annie Lehman**
- **Sandy Lehman and Bailey Mayo** in loving memory of **Tova Marks**
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Thank you to all our donors, past, present, and future. When you send us a donation, please make note of:

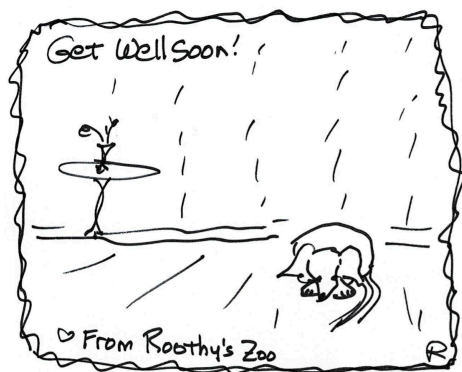
- The designated fund (without a designation, your donation will be directed to the General Fund)
- The purpose of the donation (Is it dues? Is it in memory or honor of someone?)

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. 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
- Sandy Lehman
- Sandra Longoria
- Phillip Marshall
- Mark Neuling
- Cheryl Osran
- Jose Pena
- Esmeralda Sandoval
- Cassandra Sandoval
- Sellie Shine
- Hayden Thornburg
- Gail Tutino
- Carlos Vasquez
- Jane Winer



August Shabbat Services

1st	Devarim - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 1:1 - 3:22
8th	Va'etchanan - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 3:23 - 7:11
15th	Eikev - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 7:12 - 11:25
22nd	Re'eh - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 11:26 - 16:17
29th	Shoftim - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 16:18 - 21:9

Thank You!

- Thank you to **Leon Shturman, Fela Shturman, Elissa Zellinger, Mike Calfin, Kelly Scapati, Ben Rogerson, Barbara Singer, Andrew Friedman, and Stephanie Shine** for leading Shabbat services in June and July!
- Thank you to those who helped with the herculean task of clearing out 40 years of accumulated furniture, equipment, appliances, Foodarama paraphernalia, dishes, utensils, books, miscellany, relics, and curiosities from the kitchen and storage areas in preparation for renovation: **Beth C Mary Finnell, Guy Hirsch, Elliott Meyer, Jon Meyer, Robin Phillips, Ben Rogerson, Stephanie Shine, Barbara Singer, Fela Shturman, Leon Shturman, Charles Skibell, Elissa Zellinger.**
- Thank you so much to **Fela Shturman** for lugging away many boxes of books and tchotchkes to donate. And for sending the many acknowledgements to donors!
- A gigantic thank you to **Charles Skibell** for organizing the renovation, dealing with vendors, and also overseeing the installation of a new roof after hail damaged the previous one. And a hearty thanks to **Jon Meyer** for a great deal of heavy lifting and schlepping.

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Join us on August 29 for
Shabbat Services and Oneg
to wish
Anne Epstein and Howard
Curzer
a wonderful retirement!



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Check us out.
<https://csitemple.org>



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- **Sandy Lehman** in loving memory of **Bailey Mayo**
- **Jan Rosen Luskey** in honor of **Annette Rosen**
- **Eileen and Danny Nathan**
- **Annette Rosen** in loving memory of **Bailey Mayo**
- **Randee and Richard Rosen**
- **Sellie Shine** in loving memory of **Henry Shine**
- **Stephanie Shine and Hamid Tehrani**
- **Fela and Leon Shturman** in loving memory of our parents and in honor of our daughters and their families
- **Merle and Sol Shur**
- **Barbara and Saul Singer**
- **The Skibell Family** in honor of **Albert and Archie Skibell**
- **Sherril and Charles Skibell** in loving memory of **Bailey Mayo**
- **Blas Torres**, Customcraft of Lubbock
- **Jane Winer** in loving memory of **Bailey Mayo**
- **Cynthia and David Winston** in loving memory of **Archie and Bertha Skibell and Irvin and Shirlene Skibell**
- **Elissa Zellinger and Ben Rogerson**

General Fund:

- **Anonymous**
- **Maria and Steven Balch** in loving memory of **Harry Balch**
- **Leon Cohen**
- **Sandra Sabatini and Neil Kurtzman** in loving memory of **Louis Kurtzman and Roselie Kurtzman**
- **Fela and Leon Shturman** in loving memory of **Bailey Mayo**
- **Barabara and Saul Singer** in loving memory of **Eve Bloom**
- **Barbara and Saul Singer** in support of the Congregational Seder
- **June Wagner** in loving memory of **Lisa Wagner**

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- Thank you to **Steve Balch** who organized the movie night in May with the showing of *Kidnapped: The Abduction of Edgardo Mortara*, a 2023 Italian-language historical drama directed by Marco Bellocchio. Thank you to discussants **Steve Balch** and **Ben Roberson**, who opened the conversation with a memorable line: *This is a movie I couldn't stop watching even though I hated every minute of it.*
- Thank you to the CSI Religious School Leadership Team, **Rachel-Hirshorn-Johnston**, **Jaide Myers**, and **Elissa Zellinger** for jumping into planning for the year and inviting the larger community to join in!
- Thank you to **Christina McKinney** and the **Choir** for moving to a new way of planning and performing with our Cantor.

Wishing you well Sandy!

Sandy Lehman moved to Dallas this July to be close to her family after over 60 wonderful years in Lubbock. We will very much miss Sandy, who has been a mainstay at Shaareth Israel these many years. Sandy opened her house to host Hanukkah parties, organized the Rosh Hashanah Oneg, and served as the official taster for the Yom Kippur break fast for many years. Sandy has always been active in our Congregational life, helpful behind the scenes, attentive to people, keen to make connections, quick to enjoy, good humored, responsive to calls for action, generous, and steadfastly supportive of Shaareth Israel. Sandy has been counted on to step up - always. We look forward to hearing from Sandy!



What's the Board Up To?

The Board met on May 28. We reviewed Cantor Ken's schedule for the year. We got an update about the roof replacement and kitchen renovation from Charles Skibell. The renovation is underway! Eileen Nathan organized a viewing of a donation of 12 pieces of art from local artist Sarah Reid; they were very favorably reviewed and we look forward to the installation. Fall Board meetings will be August 26, September 30, October 28, November 18, and December 16.

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.

Congratulations to Jessica Gross on the publication of her second novel!

Open Wide will come out on August 5 and can be preordered via this page:

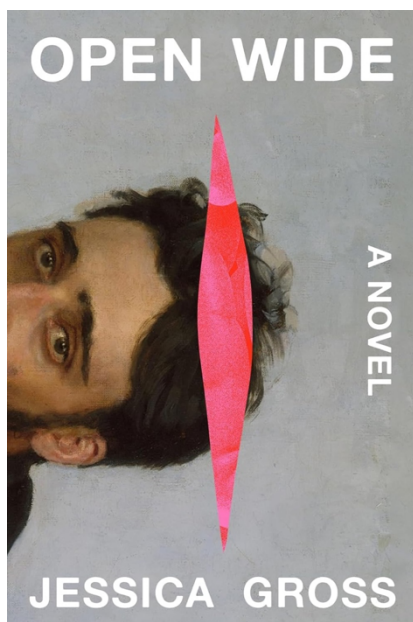
<https://jessicargross.com/open-wide>

Attend a reading!

Tuesday, 8/5 at 5:30 p.m.

Barnes & Noble on Slide with Lucy Schiller

Olive is desperate to get close to Theo—really, really close. She’s always struggled to connect with people. And now she’s in her thirties, single, and so flustered by relationships that she secretly records her conversations, hoping to decipher social clues and find a way to be less alone.



Then Theo turns up for a shift at the same food pantry where she volunteers. He’s a surgeon fascinated by human organs, a former soccer player, and possibly as weird as Olive. For the first time, someone seems to crave and understand her. Every recording Olive makes of Theo is a balm—which just makes her more afraid of losing him. The only solution seems to be to bind him to her forever. Luckily, the gap between Theo’s front teeth is just wide enough for something—or someone—to slip inside. In this arresting and immersive new novel, Gross explores the boundaries of love and the body with a deft hand, as universal human impulses bleed into the surreal.

Best wishes to Anne Epstein and Howard Curzer!

Anne Epstein and Howard Curzer will be retiring and moving to Brooklyn NY at the end of August 2025. We will very much miss their company, conviviality, spirited conversation, lively participation, community leadership, and vegetarian dishes. We hope they will keep us updated on what's doing in Brooklyn - and wish them the absolute best!

They write: We met at the University of Texas, where Howard finished his PhD in Philosophy and Anne received her BA. We came to Lubbock in 1985 feeling daunted at the prospect of living in West Texas after Austin and Houston. Howard came to work at Texas Tech as an Assistant Professor in the Philosophy Department and Anne finished her MD degree and residency in Internal Medicine in Houston, then moved to Lubbock to work as a faculty member in the Department of Medicine at the TTU Health Sciences Center. We joined Shaareth Israel when our daughter Mirah was in kindergarten so she could attend religious school, and we were swept up in the challenges of raising a Jewish child in Lubbock and in the Lubbock school system. Mirah had to choose whether to conceal her Judaism or acknowledge it at the age of 4. She decided to declare that she was Jewish and proud to be different! We immersed ourselves in Jewish life and learning in order to support her, and to raise her knowledgeably within the Jewish tradition. Anne taught religious school briefly, from which experience she developed a profound respect for the teaching profession, then taught weekly adult Torah class for 2 years. Anne served as a board member, and then as President of the congregation. She led services almost weekly for 2 years when Shaareth Israel was between Rabbis. Eventually others joined the rotation, but she continued to lead services at least monthly for a total of 6 years, offering her original commentary on Torah as well as leading the prayers. Anne taught herself to read and translate Torah, and rotated Torah readings with Leon Shturman and Etta Mayer so that the congregation could enjoy Torah readings every week.



Anne was a founding member of the Lubbock Interfaith Association and served as the Temple's representative. She gave talks to many civic, educational, and religious groups about Judaism, and even taught classes on Torah at Second Baptist.

Howard wrote articles every month for the Temple newsletter for 6 1/2 years that were notable for his unique philosopher's take on Torah, generating a lot of interest and occasional controversy. He went on to write Torah commentary for the Huffington Post. Some of his Newsletter and Post articles were later published in scholarly journals.

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Mirah became a proud Jewish kid with a very strong Jewish identity, had her Bat Mitzvah at Shaareth Israel, and continued to be very active in Jewish life and the social justice causes which are part of our Reform tradition. Mission accomplished! While she was in high school, she and 3 other students representing the Lubbock High Gay-Straight Alliance sued the Lubbock Independent School district over LGBTQ issues in what came to be a highly publicized case, bringing national attention to Lubbock High, and inspiring her to become an attorney. She has remained active in Jewish life and lives with her husband Rabbi Josh Stanton and their daughter Clara in Brooklyn NY.



After 10 years in academic medicine, Anne set up her own solo private practice in Internal Medicine, and eventually became Board Certified in Sleep Medicine in addition to Internal Medicine. She is proud to be a Fellow of the American College of Physicians. Anne found great joy and fulfillment in helping people with complex medical problems such as chronic fatigue and fibromyalgia. She developed an interest in the health consequences of fracking, published several articles on fracking, and gave talks to civic groups in Texas and other states. She also served as a member, and later as the chair of the City of Lubbock Board of Health, and was appointed to the Lubbock Oil and Gas advisory committee by City Council.

Howard continued to flourish in his philosophy career at Texas Tech, becoming a full professor and later a President's Excellence Research Professor. He has enjoyed teaching a wide range of courses and enjoyed research in several sub-fields of philosophy. He has published 3 books and has just submitted his fourth. He has published almost 100 articles and book reviews.

After 40 years in Lubbock, where we raised a child, developed our careers, and became part of the Jewish community and the larger Lubbock community, it is difficult to retire and to leave Lubbock.

However, we are excited about moving to Brooklyn just a few doors away from our daughter, son-in-law, and 6 year old grandchild, and excited about the new life ahead. It will be quite a transition. We think it will be fun, but we will miss our wonderful Jewish community here in Lubbock!

Send a Sweet Message To Your Friends and Family!



Erev Rosh Hashanah is September 22! Send 100% pure, raw HONEY to your friends and family for a tasty, unique "Sweet New Year" greeting the "Texas" way.

Congregation Shaareth Israel Sisterhood offers you a delicious opportunity to send Rosh Hashanah greetings to friends and family. We will ship a festively-wrapped, 8 oz. jar of 100% pure, raw, and locally-produced Texas honey along with a personalized New Year's greeting and an explanation of the significance of the tradition for only **\$18 per jar** (includes shipping within the continental US).

We purchase locally-harvested, raw Texas wildflower honey from Round Rock Honey.

What is "raw" honey? Raw honey is honey that has not been heated, pasteurized or processed in any way. Each jar contains the vitamins, enzymes, antioxidants, pollen and floral essences that make it such a wonderfully healing and healthy food. (Scrumptious, too!)

A sample of the note that is included with each gift:

Order Deadline is August 18



Your
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CSI Sisterhood charitable endeavors.

As a tradition to herald in a sweet new year, we take an apple and dip it into honey, a tangible reflection of our trust and prayers that God will grant us all a sweet year.

We hope you enjoy this locally-harvested, raw,* Texas wildflower honey from Round Rock Honey!

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for orders of 11 or more, or more information contact Deborah Bahme
at 806-559-2583 or dbahme@yahoo.com

Reprinted from June 2025

Letter from the Chair of the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission

In these days of rising antisemitic incidents across America, it is once again time to take stock of our roles as Americans and Texans. At the Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission (THGAAC), we take seriously our commitment to educate and inspire teachers, students, and all citizens across our great (big) state. We bring the lessons of the Holocaust and other genocides to light to combat antisemitism and all forms of hate.

The THGAAC is working to dismantle antisemitism on multiple fronts. While we are not an Israel commission, it is impossible to take the events from October 7, 2023, through the imminent Israeli conquest of the ambitious nuclear crazed Iranian regime and not feel that we are making progress at home. Good over evil, right over horribly wrong are the virtues that give us hope.

Our 1525 Club unites dedicated student leaders between the ages of 15 and 25 as we work to address antisemitism in schools and on college campuses. Last month, the 1525 Club kicked off with a live-streamed panel featuring Professor Alan Dershowitz and Israeli advocate (and Ft. Worth's own) Lizzy Savetsky, sharing resources to support students as they navigate today's campus climate. Thank you to Commissioner Adam Blum, who is instrumental in leading the effort.

Additionally, we followed the passage of our primary legislative recommendation in our 2024 Study on Antisemitism in Texas. This bill, now law, applies the International Holocaust Remembrance Alliance (IHRA) definition of antisemitism to the K-16 public school education code. It is a tool to identify when a student's code of conduct is motivated by antisemitism. As the main author of the bill and THGAAC Vice Chair Sandra Hagee Parker says, "If you can't define it, you can't defeat it."

After all, in these days of rising antisemitism, it is the role of the THGAAC to lead the best way forward for a safer, stronger, and more educated Texas.

With gratitude,
Ken Goldberg
Chair, Texas Holocaust, Genocide, and Antisemitism Advisory Commission

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.

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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

August 2025						
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