

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

September 12

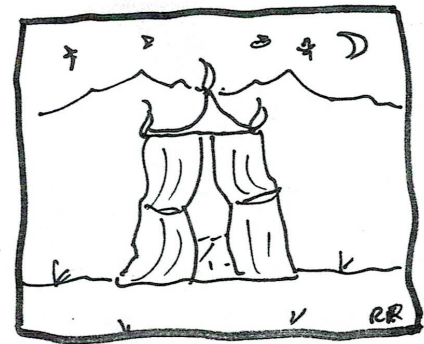
BJ's Restaurant & Brewhouse
4805 S. Loop 289 Frontage Rd. Building #100

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 |

From the Cantor



Recently, when I got to Lubbock, I was asked “what is a Cantor actually, and what is the story behind the role?” It’s a great question, since everyone who is Jewish or not Jewish knows the title of Rabbi, but many don’t know quite what a Cantor is.

-Ruth Rubin

The history of the role of Cantor goes back at least a thousand years, when the Jewish prayer service and the siddur were starting to shape into the form that we know today. This, of course, became the mode of how Jews connected to God after the destruction of both the First and Second Temples, with the beginnings of prayer beginning to take form during the Babylonian Captivity.

What really prodded a more formalized form of Jewish prayer came after the destruction of the Second Temple in 70 CE, and the end of the offerings that were brought to the priests in Jerusalem for sacrifice. In a desire to keep the three times a day practices, prayers were fixed to a morning, afternoon, and evening schedule. The main part of our prayers, the Amidah and the Sh'ma, became the centerpiece of daily practice, but many of the other prayers were actually not written down and were even improvised.

Over the next several centuries living in the diaspora, a more fixed structure of the prayers began to evolve, and the texts of these prayers also became fixed.

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UPCOMING YAHRZEITS



September Yahrzeits

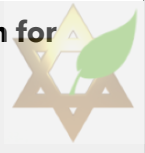
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| 1 | Etta Zimmerman Solnick |
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Adisyn Lynn Calfin |
| 7 | Simon Wertheimer
14 Elul Ephraim Segal
14 Elul Aaron Zychlinski |
| 8 | Hyman Fair
Ruth Sitzer
David Nokken |
| 9 | Monty Joseph Strauss |
| 12 | Darcy Reich
Chana Rechel Buchalter |
| 13 | Rose Stettner |
| 15 | Joseph Shear |
| 18 | Emily Kay Solnick |
| 19 | Jennie Wolfe Blumenthal
Joe Harris |
| 20 | 27 Elul Ruthe Rosenberg Pechter |
| 24 | Rudolf Zarfes
Jewelle Degge Wolfe |
| 25 | Sigmund S. Moise |
| 26 | Dorothy Kirschner |
| 28 | Morton Wolfenson |
| 29 | Charles L. Skibell |

Donations

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



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



- **Steve and Maria Balch**
- **Mike and Carla Calfin** in honor of **Sandy Lehman** and all her years of service to CSI
- **Amie Duemer** in loving memory of **Josef Duemer**
- **Mary Finnell**
- **Rachel Hirshorn and Taylor Johnston**
- **Bryan McLaughlin and Melissa Gotlieb**
- **Danny and Eileen Nathan**
- **Richard and Kara Rosen**
- **Liza Rothkoff**
- **Charles and Sherril Skibell** in memory of **Baily Mayo** and in honor of **Sandy 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?)

We are on Facebook

Check us out.

<https://csitemple.org>



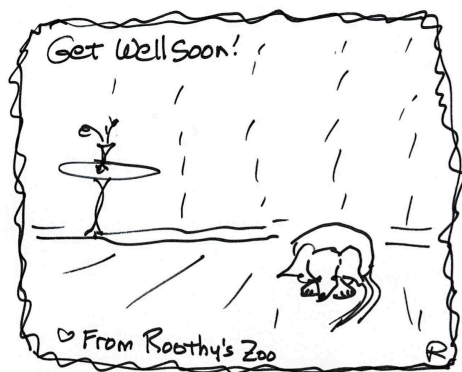
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Refuah Shleimah

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/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



September Shabbat Services

5th	Ki Teitzei - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 21:10 - 25:19
12th	Ki Tavo - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 26:1 - 29:8
19th	Nitzavim - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 29:9 - 30:20
26th	Vayelech - 7:00 pm Deuteronomy 31:1-30

Thank You!

- Thank you to **Fela Shturman, Barbara Singer, Beth Cobb, Ryan Olesh, and Steve Balch** for leading Shabbat services in August!
- Thanks to all who met with and hosted **Cantor Jaffe** on his inaugural visit to Shaareth Israel!
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman, Barbara Singer, Beth Cobb, and Stephanie Shine** who worked to sort items removed from the kitchen and storage.
- Thank you to **Fela and Leon Shturman and Charles Skibell** who worked to completely clear the social hall for the flooring installation!
- Thank you to **Fela Shturman** who organized the Bagel Oneg in honor of Cantor Jaffe!
- Thank you to the Religious School Team Leaders: **Rachel Hirshorn-Johnston, Elissa Zellinger, and Jaide Myers** who started the year with zest!
- Thank you to **Charles Skibell and Leon Shturman** for their oversight of the rejuvenation project!
- Thank you to **Deborah Bahme** for her impeccable Board meeting minutes! And for coordinating the honey drive!

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Eventually, it became clear that someone was needed to oversee the structure and the order of the prayers, and a new role, the Hazzan, or Overseer of Prayers, came into existence. Soon, the role of prayer organizer became one of being the prayer LEADER, emphasizing the need to have someone who had a good fluency in Hebrew and the prayers. Over time, the men who were more sought after than others also needed to have a pleasant voice. So, by the time the first official prayerbooks were coming out, close to the end of the first millennium, a new role, The Hazzan, was born.

Since that time, the role of the Hazzan has always been as the leader of prayers. It is a bit more complex than one might think, as it not only requires an intimate knowledge of Hebrew and possessing a pleasing singing voice, but over the centuries, the melodies for the same prayers also change depending on the holiday, and even what service one is doing. As you might note, I did not say the word, Cantor. That is a word borrowed from the romance languages and connotes one who sings. However, this does not come close to describing the full extent of the role of the traditional Hazzan. And later on, during the golden age of the Cantorate, from the 17th-20th centuries, some of the highest levels of artistry were achieved by Hazzanim (plural for Hazzan), and were sought after by large and affluent communities. In more recent times, the role of preparing students for Bar and Bat Mitzvah ceremonies has fallen onto the Cantor, and is a major part of the work of a modern Cantor in synagogue settings.

One very interesting thing to note is the element of democracy and the shared role of sanctity that exists in the Jewish community. There are many sacred roles that can be fulfilled by anyone who shows the knowledge, dedication, and skill to accomplish them.

This included the ritual slaughterer (shochet), the mohel (the circumciser), the Mashgiach (the person who makes sure kitchens and food prep are kosher), the Ba'al T'kiyah (shofar blower), and many more. Rabbis certainly were central figures in a thriving Jewish community, but the Hazzan, or Cantor, was another important leader in the Jewish community, and to this day is able to perform many of the same ritual roles that a Rabbi can do, such as perform weddings, lead funerals, as well as lead all services, in effect, any of the needs Congregation Shaareth Israel has!

Please feel free to ask me anything else about this: I know that some of you will be asked by others outside our Jewish community, "what the heck is a CANTOR???" Hopefully, this is a good start to help us explain to the larger Lubbock community.

May this Month of Elul, which leads up to the High Holy Days, be beautiful and fruitful for us all!

Cantor Ken

September 6

Join Cantor Ken for a discussion:

*The King is in the Field:
The Month of Elul*

Followed by a potluck supper

Followed by Havdalah!
(Times and address to be communicated.)



Painting by Rhonda Roth

Greene Family Camp Album



Harper and Lennon Friedman at GFC!



Lennon's favorite part was making crafts and learning about our culture; Harper loved the library and the garden. They both made lots of friends!



Asher Meyer at GFC! Asher really enjoyed Archery, Canoeing/Paddle Boating!



What's the Board Up To?

The Board met on August 26 and reviewed plans for High Holy Days. Charles gave an update on the flooring throughout the synagogue - it is nearing completion! Two work days were set to put all back in order to be ready for Rosh Hashana. The annual meeting was set for Sunday, October 19 at 1:00 - in person! Two Bar Mitzvah dates were approved for students working with Cantor Jaffe. Elissa reported that Religious School is going swimmingly under the direction of Cantor Jaffe. The next meetings are September 30, October 28, November 18, December 16.

Religious School Report!



Hello from the CSI Religious School leadership team!

We are excited to have classes starting again and to welcome Cantor Ken! We aim to prioritize community involvement this coming year with classes learning about different mitzvahs and how we can all help each other through acts of kindness. Cantor Ken will be adding in music for the children to make Sundays fun and educational.

Please keep an eye out each month as we share what we're doing! If you have any questions or would like to help with Religious School in any way, please don't hesitate to reach out to Jaide, Rachel, and/or Elissa! We look forward to a fun and knowledgeable year with our children and community.

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Elissa- e.m.zellinger@gmail.com 919-593-5530

D'Var Torah Nugget from Cantor Ken's Bimah

In the Torah portion Shoftim, people are enjoined to follow commandments or be cursed. We can interpret this at another level: care for our environment or suffer the consequences of degradation of the earth - or even further: care for ourselves or risk losing the fullness of existence.

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.



GRAB YOUR TORTILLA AND JOIN THE FUN!
Annual Sisterhood

Fiesta Salad Supper & Membership Drive

WHEN: Wednesday, September 10, 2025

WHERE: The home of Fela Shturman
3414 56th Street, 79413

TIME: 6:30 p.m.

WHO: All Congregation Shaareth Israel Women
Please join us for an evening of good food and friendship!

R.S.V.P.: Fela Shturman fshturman@gmail.com or (806) 438-3057
by Sunday September 7th (Prefer email or text)

Please join Sisterhood, even if you cannot attend our events.
Your dues and additional donations support our Temple.
Please make your checks payable to Shaareth Israel Sisterhood.

We look forward to seeing you!

Annual Sisterhood Membership dues for 2024-2025*

<u>Regular Dues</u>	\$50.00
<u>Mitzvah Members</u>	\$75.00
<i>(Receive 10% discount at our Gift Shop on regular priced items)</i>	
<u>Angel Member</u>	\$90.00
<i>(10% discount and we won't bother you the rest of the year)</i>	

* Dues for first time members are free for the first year

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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Contact info for members:

Spiritual Leader - Please contact Cantor Jaffe for information. (424)470-1300

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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