

TEMPLE TIMES

| Lubbock, Texas |

Announcements

- People are encouraged to prepay for monthly Shabbat dinners for 2018 in December or January. The cost for a year is \$40 for an adult and \$20 for a child. That is a substantial savings of the individual charge of \$5 for an adult, \$2 for a child.
- Board minutes are available on request. Contact the secretary at montystrauss@gmail.com for a copy of the latest board minutes.
- **First Night of Chanukah is December 12th!**

Shabbat Dinner

December 15th, 2017 at 6:45 pm
 Services at 6:15 pm with
 Chanukah candle lighting prior to services.

RSVP Fela Shturman at shturman@sbcglobal.net by Wednesday December 13th, 2017 if you would like to attend!

Men's Lunch

December 7th at 11:45 am at Caprock Cafe on 34th Street, all male members of the temple are invited! Please RSVP to Mike Calfin at (806) 786-8559 by text or leave a voicemail.

Dear CSI Family,

This Hanukah season, I am thinking about the lesson that Rabbi Yosei learned in the Babylonian Talmud, Megilah 24b:

Rabbi Yosei said: All of my life I was troubled by this verse, which I did not understand: "And you shall grope at noon as the blind man gropes in the darkness" (Deut 28:29). I was perplexed: What does it matter to a blind person whether it is dark or light? He cannot see in any event, so why does the verse speak about a blind man in the darkness.

I continued to ponder the matter until the following incident occurred to me. I was once walking in the absolute darkness of the night, and I saw a blind man who was walking on his way with a torch in his hand. I said to him: "My son, why do you need this torch if you are blind?" He said to me: "As long as I have a torch in my hand, people see me and save me from the pits and the thorns and the thistles. Even a blind man derives benefit from the light."

We are full speed ahead in getting ready for all kinds of festivals of light. Lights carry a lot of meaning. And this year, as I think about the blind man with the torch, I am thinking about how every small act of kindness matters. There are times when it feels we are just going through the routine of our days and we have no idea what life's purpose is. And yet, there are always people who notice our small acts of kindness. Being kind is an easy way to bring light to the world, a meaningful way to make Hanukah candles shine brighter in our lives, and the lives of those around us.

Wishing you a bright, joyful Hanukah filled with kind moments.

-Rabbi





December Yahrzeits

- 1 Al Zodin
- 2 Edward Quicksilver
Mose Blumrosen
14 Kislev Jeremiah Fain
Epstein
- 3 15 Kislev Moses Bender
- 8 Raye Blinderman
- 11 Archie Burns
- 12 Regina Skibell
Minnie Lewis
Ginsburg
Jacob Koppel
- 14 Alice K. Barasch
- 16 David Arker
Edward Luskey
29 Kislev Ruth L. Epstein
- 19 Eugenia Hollander
- 20 2 Tevet Ida Silverstein
- 21 Rose Miller Zarfes
Mildred Frances
Mayer
- 23 Abe Markman
- 26 Charles A. Laskey
Joseph Allon
Leonard
Shopmaker
Rose Frauman
Luskey
- 27 Abraham Joseph
Blair
Coley Green
- 28 Anna Porter
- 29 Abe Wolfson
Norma Glassman
Skibell
- 30 Bella Ginsberg
Robert Lehman

Donations

Thank you to all of our donors for your continued support!

General Fund

- **Sandy Lehman and Bailey Mayo** in honor of **Tova Marks'** 87th Birthday
- **The Shturmans** in memory of **Esther Zychlinski**
- **Monty Strauss and Jane Winer** in honor of **Tova Marks'** 87th Birthday
- **Mitch Wachtel and June Wagner** in honor of **Tova Marks'** 87th Birthday

Rosen Fund

- **Terry Rosen** in honor of **Philip Rosen's** Yahrzeit

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 (Shturman@sbcglobal.net). Thank you.

Refuah Shleimah

- Terry Bennett
- Sellie Shine
- Bobby Skibell
- Monty Strauss
- Arnold Loewy

Thank You!

- Thanks to **Stephanie Shine and Neil and Sandra Kurtzman** for serving as lay leaders for services in November.
- Thanks to **Nana Friedman, and Fela Shturman with Norman Bert and his class from St. John's United Methodist Church** for providing onegs in November.
- **Annette Rosen** for sponsoring the preparation and printing of the Yizcor Book.



Remember to check our CSI website for the updated calendar and for the dates the Rabbi will be here at csitemple.org

Also, CSI's Facebook page is available at Congregation Shaareth Israel - Please "Like"

Our members are invited to reserve a date to host an oneg Shabbat! Please contact our president for more info!

December Services

- 1st Vayishlach 7:30 pm - Rabbi
(Genesis 32.4 - Genesis 36.43)
- 8th Vayeishev 7:30 pm
(Genesis 37.1 - Genesis 40.23)
- 15th Mikeitz - Rabbi
Shabbat Dinner 6:45 pm
Services 6:15 pm
(Genesis 41.1 - Genesis 44.17)
- 22nd Vayigash 7:30 pm
(Genesis 44.18 - Genesis 47.27)
- 29th Vayechi 7:30 pm
(Genesis 47.28 - Genesis 50.26)

Remember, in case of bad weather:

In the event of poor weather conditions, and to be sure that the Temple is open, before you leave home please call the synagogue's answering machine at **806-794-7517**. If services, religious school, or meetings are cancelled, we will put a message on the answering machine at **least an hour before the scheduled time of the event.**

We will also send an email notification, so keep an eye on your email for cancellations.

Chanukah Blessings - First Night of Chanukah is December 12th

First blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק נֵר חֲנֻכָּה

Ba-ruch A-tab Ado-nai E-lo-be-nu Me-lech ha-olam a-sber ki-de-sha-nu be-mitz-vo-tav ve-tzi-va-nu le-bad-lik-ner Cha-nu-kab.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has sanctified us with His commandments, and commanded us to kindle the Chanukah light.

Second blessing:

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁעָשָׂה נִסִּים לְאַבוֹתֵינוּ בַּיָּמִים הָהֵם בְּזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tab Ado-nai E-lo-be-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-a-sa ni-sim la-avo-te-nu ba-ya-mim ha-bem bi-zman ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who performed miracles for our forefathers in those days, at this time.

Third blessing, recited only on the first night (or the first time lighting this Chanukah):

בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם שֶׁהַחַיָּנוּ וְקִיָּמָנוּ וְהִגִּיעָנוּ לְזִמְנוֹ הַזֶּה

Ba-ruch A-tab Ado-nai E-lo-be-nu Me-lech Ha-olam she-beche-ya-nu ve-ki-yi-ma-nu ve-higi-a-nu liz-man ha-zeh.

Blessed are You, Adonai our God, Ruler of the universe, who has granted us life, sustained us, and enabled us to reach this occasion.

Religious School Corner

9:45 am to 12:15 pm

December 3, 10, and the 17th No Religious School on the 24th and the 31st

Please see the temple calendar for more information on when the Rabbi will be here.



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Bulletin Submissions - News, reports, information, ect. can be submitted to the bulletin editor at csi_bulletin@hotmail.com

Deadline for submissions is the 20th of the month!

December 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	2 K'tanim 11:00 am Story at B & N
3 RS 9:45 am	4	5	6	7 Men's Lunch 11:45 am at Caprock	8 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	9 K'tanim 4:00 pm Special Program
10 RS 9:45 am	11	12 1st night of Chanukah	13 RSVP Fela for Shabbat Dinner!	14 Board Meeting 7:30 pm	15 Shabbat Service 6:15 pm Dinner 6:45 pm	16 K'tanim 9:00 am Rabbi at Temple
17 RS 9:45 am	18	19	20	21	22 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	23
24 No RS 31 No RS	25	26	27	28	29 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	30