

TEMPLE TIMES

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Announcements

- On Sunday, Feb. 11 at 10:45, Mike Calfin will be speaking to the Teen Class about the separation of church and state. CSI members are invited to attend, as well.

Shabbat Dinner

February 16, 2018 at 6:45 pm
Services at 6:15 pm

RSVP Fela Shturman at shturman@sbcglobal.net by Wednesday February 14, 2018 if you would like to attend!

Men's Lunch

February 1st 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,

One of the challenges of celebrating Purim stems from a desire to laugh off the ridiculous story that actually has some seriously problematic themes. Both Queen Vashti and Queen Esther would be using the hashtags #metoo and writing posts about their experiences.

I am in no way trying to diminish the #metoo phenomenon. It's a serious movement with very real consequences. Along with many other serious events happening locally and globally, every day feels more intense than the day before.

Sometimes, we are left to wonder: Is it OK to ignore the world so I can take a moment to laugh, do silly things, and take a break from the weight of the world? The rabbis accepting "The Book of Esther" into the Jewish canon and condoning a very rowdy holiday indicates a very loud: YES! Do take a break from the serious news!

And yet, everything has more weight in contrast: If during Purim we have permission to laugh and forget the seriousness of our present moment, then the other non-Purim days we should be working passionately and tirelessly towards *tikkun olam*, fixing the world from the mess we seem to be living in.



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February Yahrzeits

- 1 16 Shevat Morris Pechter
 5 Lillie Ogutsch
 20 Shevat Edna Chansky
 7 Herbert Evensky
 8 Scott A. Beason Sr,
 Bobbie Freid
 9 Morris Strauss
 10 Bob Fusco
 13 Anna Schwartz
 20 Aida Mikels
 23 Perry Berg
 24 Mary Lerner
 25 Frances Owens
 Walters
 Lee Scott Rachman
 10 Adar Bertha Feldman
 Moss
 26 Benno Ogutsch
 27 Sarah Putter
 29 Sam Snyder

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- **Larry and Margie Sitzer** in memory of **Albert and Ruth Sitzer, and Dr. Robert Lehman**
- **The Nathans** in support of our choir

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- **Dorothy Chansky** in memory of **George H. Chansky**

Religious School

- **Jonathan and Tova Marks** in memory of **Louise Dreyfoos Marks**
- **The Cohen Family** in memory of **Gertrude Konyn**

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

- Bobby Skibell
- Terry Bennett
- Arnold Lowey
- Col Nick Sabatini, US Army (ret)
- Esaf ben Moshe v Sura Yetta
- Christina McKinney

Thank You!

- Thanks to **Andrew Friedman and Mike Rubin** for leading services in January.
- **Sherill and Charles Skibell and Fela and Leon Shturman** for providing January onegs.
- Thank you to **everyone** who came out to services on Friday (Jan 26) and Saturday (Jan 27) and participated in Religious School on Sunday (Jan 28). It was a blessing to be able to introduce you to my family. They enjoyed meeting you and appreciated learning more about the community where I disappear to twice a month! We were even inspired to try to do it again soon (stay tuned!) With a whole lot of appreciation, **-Rabbi & Family**

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!

February Services

- 2nd Yitro 7:30 pm
(Exodus 18.1 - Exodus 20.23)
- 9th Mishpatim 7:30 pm - Rabbi
(Exodus 21.1 - Exodus 24.18)
- 16th Terumah

Shabbat Dinner 6:45 pm

Services 6:15 pm
(Exodus 25.1 - Exodus 27.19)
- 23rd Tetzaveh 7:30 pm - Rabbi
(Exodus 27.20 - Exodus 30.10)

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.

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Unfortunately, Purim comes only once a year... Most of our time should be spent paying attention to the world we live in, in a meaningful way... with a little Purim laughter sprinkled throughout!

I hope you can all join us as we celebrate Purim on Friday, February 23rd. With a Wizard of Oz Purim Shpiel (among other crazy things).

Rabbi

Vashti: A Poem for Purim

BY STACEY ZISOOK ROBINSON , 3/10/2017

I remember when he crooned,
Come, dance for me!
And I would,
just for him.

And Oh! It was
glorious, all silk and
heat and lithesome.
I moved like fire
I moved like water

And later, he moved
with me, a different kind
of heat, and he called me
his queen.

When did crooning
turn to calling,
and calling to demand?

Dance, he says,
Dance for me, and move
your hips,
and wet your lips
and come - as if I were
his pet, a bitch to lap up
praise from her master,
kept on a collar and leash.

But I am queen.
I am fire,
and water,
and lithe.

I will not dance
when you call.

• **FRIDAY, FEB 23** - Purim: Wizard of Oz style! Everyone is invited to come dressed up (doesn't have to be related to our Purim Shpiel theme). At a minimum: wear your clothes backwards!

• **Thursday, March 1st** - Voices of Muslim Women in America: A Conversation for Women.
Thursday, March 1, 2018
7:00 p.m.
Second Baptist Church 6109 Chicago Avenue, Lubbock
All **women** of the community are welcome. For more information call [806-783-0202](tel:806-783-0202)

Religious School Corner

9:45 am to 12:15 pm

February 11th, 18th and 25th

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



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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!

February 2018						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 Men's Lunch 11:45 am at Caprock	2 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	3
4	5	6	7	8	9 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	10
11 9:45 am	12	13	14 RSVP Fela for Shabbat Dinner!	15	16 Shabbat Service 6:15 pm Dinner 6:45 pm	17
18 9:45 am	19	20	21	22	23 Shabbat Services Purim Shpiel 7:30 pm	24
25 9:45 am RS Board Meeting 12:30 pm	26	27	28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3