



# Temple Times



May 2017

Congregation Shaareth Israel

Lubbock, TX

*Congregation Shaareth Israel is a vibrant center of Jewish life, which recognizes our rich heritage as a Jewish Community, and strives to maintain and enrich Jewish life on the South Plains through meaningful educational, spiritual, social, cultural and worship experiences.*

Dear CSI Family,

I dare say that talking about money is somewhat taboo around Jews. The stereotypes about Jews and money probably contributes to the discomfort. While I want to say that everyone feels awkward about money, this is not always true. When we visited our friends at the Second Baptist Church, collecting money during services is normal, as it is the case in most, if not all, other churches.

Talking about money is awkward. We can all be very sensitive to the subject. We want to be valued for who we are and not how much we give. For this reason, membership pledges are highly confidential in our community. We want everyone to know that we value every member of our community because every family who contributes -- financially, in time or skills, and in participation in Shabbat services and Torah study -- is making a declaration about their values.

There are so many competing and worthy causes: youth group, interfaith efforts, arts and culture, food bank, homeless shelters, health-care clinics, refugees, victims of sexual abuse, animal shelters, and so many more. When a family states that they are committed to their Jewish community with a pledge, we feel honored.

Sometimes, a gift to the temple stems from a desire to belong to the community, other times, to guarantee certain membership benefits (such as a place in the religious school). Other possible motivations come from the desire to make sure that there will always be a temple in Lubbock. All these reasons recognize that the temple needs money to stay open; the temple has financial needs that need to be met.

While it's true that the temple needs financial resources to function, I wonder how our relationship to the temple might change if we reframed for ourselves our reasons for giving. In Exodus we read, "Tell the Israelites to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved.... And let them make Me a sanctuary that I may dwell among them (b'tocham)." (Ex. 25:2, 8) Two things draw our attention in these verses: 1) The giving is voluntary, 2) The cause to which the Israelites are voluntarily giving their resources is a dwelling place for God. A feeling of obligation and requirement goes a long way towards convincing people of the value of contributing to temple resources. Along with that sense of obligation, might it be possible to also think of ourselves as giving from our hearts, voluntarily? (I think so.) As for building a dwelling place for God, the more activities, the more programming, the more we come together to lift each other up, the more we feel God's presence among us.

There is no such thing as showing gratitude too often. I hope each

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## **Shabbat Dinner May 19th at 7:00 pm, Services at 6:15 pm**



Please RSVP Fela Shturman at [shturman@sbcglobal.net](mailto:shturman@sbcglobal.net) by Wednesday May 17th if you would like to attend!



# Community

## May Yahrzeits Zichronam Livracha

*May their memories  
be for blessings*

- 3     Zelda Perlman
- Samuel Weisberg
- Sidney D. Freid
- 4     Allan Barasch
- 8     12 Iyar Nathan Houstman
- 9     13 Iyar Alfred Salfield
- 10    Mollie Indin
- 15    David Friedman
- 16    Annie Lehman
- 20    Helene Shiver
- 27    Sylvia Stettner
- 29    Jules Fenson
- Mary Abraham
- 31    Anna Quicksilver Cohn

## Donations

*Thank you to all our donors for*

### Contact Info for Members:

**Synagogue:** 794-7517

**Rabbi Goldmann:**

Call her at [310-402-7425](tel:310-402-7425) or email her at [dygoldmann@gmail.com](mailto:dygoldmann@gmail.com) please

**Urgent Matters:**

please contact Jonathan Marks at [jonathan.marks@ttu.edu](mailto:jonathan.marks@ttu.edu) or 806-577-8489, or contact Rabbi Goldmann.

### Bulletin Submissions

News, reports, information, etc. can be submitted to the bulletin Editor or to Allison Cook at [allisonchelsey90@gmail.com](mailto:allisonchelsey90@gmail.com)

**Deadline:** the 20<sup>th</sup> of each month

*your continued support.*

### General Fund

- Bruce and Marilyn Kramer in memory of Isaac and Bertha Kramer
- Lillian Rachman in memory of Leib Rachman

### Building Fund

- Bruce and Marilyn Kramer in memory of Isaac and Bertha Kramer

### Francis Glassman Memorial Fund

- Lillian Rachman in memory of Ida Silverstein

### Alice Barasch Memorial Fund

- Lillian Rachman in memory of Lee Scott Rachman

### Religious School Fund

- Lillian Rachman in memory of Lee Scott Rachman

### Sisterhood

- Lillian Rachman in memory of Francis Deutsch
- Sandy Lehman

### Morgan Luskey Memorial Fund

- Bruce and Marilyn Kramer in memory of Isaac and Bertha Kramer

### Rabbi Discretionary Fund

- Deborah Bahme and Tim Nokken in gratitude to Rabbi Goldmann and in honor of Nathaniel's Bar Mitzvah

## Shabbat Services,

**Our members are invited to reserve a date to Host an Oneg Shabbat!**

**Please contact The Board to reserve a May Oneg.**

**5th Parsha:** Achrei Mot-Kedoshim  
7:30 pm  
(Lev. 16:1-Lev. 20:27)

**12th Parsha:** Emor 7:30 pm  
(Lev. 21:1-Lev. 24:23)

**19th Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm**  
**Parsha:** Behar-Bechukotai  
6:15 pm  
(Lev. 9:1-Lev. 11:47)

**26th Parsha:** Bamidbar 7:30 pm  
(Num. 1:1-Num. 4:20)

### June:

**2nd Parsha:** Nasso 7:30 pm  
(Num. 4:21-Lev. 7:80)



**If you'd like to sponsor an oneg:**

*Contact:*

ONEGS: Members of the Board volunteer to take responsibility for one month of Onegs every year. Now that we've reduced the size of the Board, there aren't enough to go around. This year we won't have Onegs in May, November, or December...unless members volunteer. If you'd like to be in charge of a month -- or even one Shabbat -- please contact Jonathan. It would be a delicious contribution to our community.

# Corner

## **Shabbat Service Info:**

### **Friday May 5th: Rabbi** **7:30 PM Service**

Torah Reading: Achrei Mot-Kedoshim  
Torah: Leviticus 16:1-20:27

### **Friday May 12th: Lay-led** **7:30 PM Service**

Torah Reading: Emor  
Torah: Leviticus 21:1-24:23

### **Friday May 19th: Rabbi** **6:15 PM Service, 7:00 PM Dinner**

Torah Reading: Behar-Bechukotai  
Torah: Leviticus 25:1-27:34

### **Friday May 26th: Rabbi** **7:30 PM Service**

Torah Reading: Bamidbar  
Torah: Numbers 1:1-4:20

## ***Thank You:***

- **To the volunteers helping out this year with teaching RS!**
- **Meyer Goldberg and Michael Rubin for leading services in April!**
- **Jane Winer and Monty Strauss for providing Onegs in April!**

Here are the current dates for Rabbi's attendance throughout the year. These are subject to change, so please check the current calendar monthly. If you need to speak with the Rabbi please contact her (see contact info on the bottom of page 2).

### **2017:**

May 5-7  
May 19-21  
May 26-27  
June 9-11  
June 30-July 2

### **2017/18**

The Rabbi's tentative schedule through June 2018 is posted on the temple web page.

### **Remember to Check our CSI website for the calendar at [csitemple.org](http://csitemple.org):**

It's now being updated regularly!

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

### **Remember: In Case of Bad Weather:**

**Should we have intense or threatening weather and you are unsure of whether synagogue will be open: Before you leave home:**

**Call the synagogue's answering machine:** 806-794-7517: if services, religious school or meetings are cancelled we'll put a message on the answering machine

**at least an hour before the event**

**Check your e-mails before you leave:** we'll send an email notice in case of cancellation

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and every one of you knows how grateful I am for all that you do to help our Jewish community in Lubbock thrive. I hope that we can begin to talk about money more openly. We are a small and mighty community. We know our value. Considering the number of visitors we have year-round, our Lubbock community sees us as valuable too. Perhaps we should consider our own reasons for giving and explore ways to make it more comfortable to talk about our motivations.

I know why I give of myself to the temple. This is a conversation that is happening every two weeks at my house when my kids want to know why I am leaving for the weekend. I give of myself to the temple because I see a community of people filled with strength and desire to celebrate our Jewish story. I give of myself because I am connecting with people who want to connect further, who want to feel good about being Jewish. I give of myself because wherever there are Jews who want to pray and/or learn, I want to be there too.

Why do you give of yourself? I hope to hear some of your reasons when you are ready to share them.

*Baruch ata be'voh-echa, u'varuch atah be'tseh-techa.*  
May you be blessed as you come in, and May you be blessed as you go out,

Rabbi

## Refuah Shleimah:

- **Terry Bennett**
- **Gwen Meyer**
- **Mark Meyer**
- **Ruth Sitzer**
- **Bobby Skibell**
- **Amy Todd**
- **Robert Weiner**

If you or someone you know is in need of *refuah shleimah* please let Rabbi know. The only way we know you need some extra strength in prayers is when you tell us!



**First Thursday Men's Lunch at Caprock Cafe, 34th and Indiana on May 4th at 11:45am**



## **Religious School Corner:**

May: 7: 10AM - Parent Meeting/Lunch  
14: 10AM - Passing it (Torah) on  
21: 10AM - Jews in the summer program  
(Last day of RS)

[CSI Google Calendar with RS info](#)



# *Progressive Dinner*



***Saturday, May 6, 2017***

**6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Wine & Hors D'oeuvres**

**7:15 – 8:30 p.m. Dinners at Selected Homes**

***\*\*We will need about 3-4 homes\*\****

**8:45 - ? p.m. Desserts & Coffee**

**Cost: \$25.00 per person**

We need your help to make this even a success! Please consider volunteering your home for dinner. If you can help and

for RSVP, please contact by Tuesday May 2<sup>nd</sup> :  
Fela Shturman [fshturman@gmail.com](mailto:fshturman@gmail.com) or (806) 438-3057 (prefer text)



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## May 2017 Calendar at-a-glance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4 Men's Lunch 11:45 am	5 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	6
7 RS 10 am	8	9	10	11	12 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	13
14 RS 10 am	15	16	17 RSVP Fela for Shabbat dinner!	18	19 Shabbat Services 6:15 pm Shabbat Dinner 7:00 pm	20 June Bulletin copy due
21 RS 10 am Board Meeting 7:30 pm	22	23	24	25	26 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	27
28	29	30	31	June 1	June 2 Shabbat Services 7:30 pm	June 3