

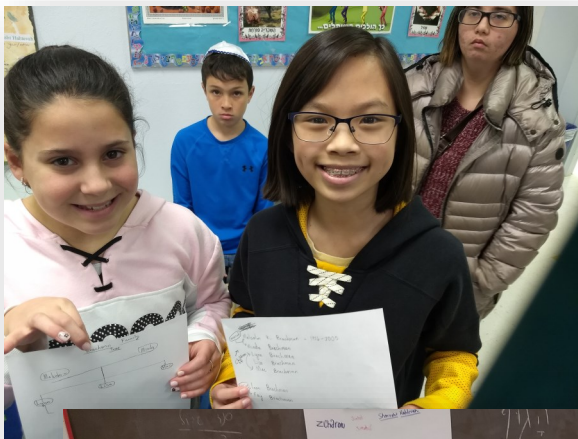
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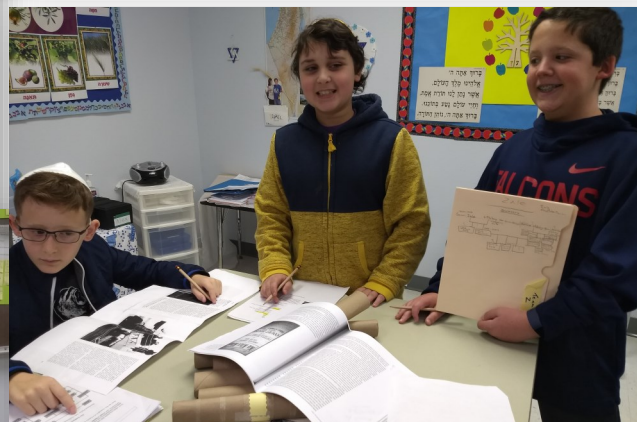
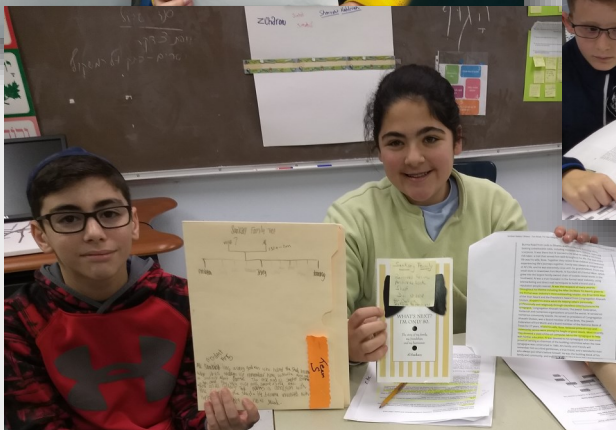
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FROM OUR RABBI



On the front cover of the Bulletin, you can see a picture of Rabbi Zimelman and me checking the Kashrut of one of our Sefer Torahs. This is of vital importance, for as you will see below, even one mistake would render the Torah Pasul (Impure) and we would not be able to read from it. Periodically,

each Torah must be checked in order to gauge its ability to be read from. Thank God, the two we have checked so far, are in good condition.

As a reminder, the Torah itself, contains the Five Books of Moses (Bereshit, Shemot, Vayikra, Bamidbar and Devarim), consists of the traditions, laws and customs that stand at the center of Judaism. They record God's creation of the world, the selection and growth of Patriarchs, Matriarchs, their offspring and descendants in relationship to God and the land of Canaan, the exile to Egypt and the Exodus from Egypt. They furthermore trace the 12 Tribes of Judah transforming into the People of Israel, the receiving of the Decalogue, the Israelites entrance into a covenantal relationship with God, their wandering in the desert and eventual arrival at the borders of Eretz Yisrael.

According to the Kitzur Schulchan Aruch, 28: 3 "A person is obligated to treat a Torah scroll with great respect and it is praiseworthy to appoint it a special place and to respect that place and beautify it...and one who sees someone carrying a Torah scroll must rise before it until the Torah scroll is placed in its position or until one no longer sees it." The Torah itself has been read publically since 450 BCE, which is approximately the time of Ezra.

In terms of writing a Sefer Torah, there are a number of laws and customs that must be followed.

- The Torah Scroll must be written by a specially trained pious scribe called a sofer.
- A sofer must know more than 4,000 Judaic laws before he begins writing a Torah Scroll.
- The entire Torah is written by hand. Each letter is inscribed and individually formed with a quill and specially prepared ink.
- The Torah is made of many sheets of parchment that are sewn together to make one very long scroll.
- Each page has 42 lines.

- There are 304,805 letters in a Torah Scroll.
- It takes about a year to write an entire Torah Scroll.
- The Torah we use today in our synagogue is written exactly the same way the Torah has been for over 3000 years.

According to the Rambam (Maimonides) there are 20 reasons a Torah becomes Pasul;

1. It was written on the hide of a non-kosher species of animal.
2. It was written on the unprocessed hide of a kosher species of animal.
3. The hide was not processed with the intent of being used for a Sefer Torah.
4. It was written on the wrong side of the parchment.
5. It was written not completely on the Klaf (Parchment).
6. It was not written on a kosher parchment.
7. It was not scribed.
8. It was written with a non-durable black ink.
9. It was written in a language other than Hebrew.
10. An apostate, heretic or similar wrote it.
11. The names of God were not written with the proper intentions.
12. A letter is missing.
13. A letter is added.
14. Two letters touch.
15. The form of a letter is spoiled because it is punctured or the like.
16. Letters are so far apart that one word appears as two or the letters are so close together that two words appear as one.
17. The breaks between Parshiyot have been altered.
18. The forms for the two Songs have been altered
19. Other sections of the Torah have been written in the form of these two Songs.
20. The Yiriot have been sewn together using non-kosher sinew.

As you can see, the laws and customs that go into writing the most holy object in our sanctuary are many and extremely detailed. This being due to the fact, that they are the word of God and just as he is holy, so too are his words.

I hope this small explanation, will allow us all to better understand the makeup both physically and spiritually of our sacred scrolls and add even more holiness to the Torah Service.

B'shalom and Friendship,

Rabbi Andrew Bloom

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



Most of us have been presented with numerous challenges throughout our lifetime. Some we may consider minor while others are major life events. We often challenge ourselves to follow a diet, a physical improvement routine or to get from point A to point B using a different route. With children, the challenges can leave indelible marks. How do

we parent? Do we do what our parents did to us, or do we attempt to do the opposite of our parents? Do we at times actually find ourselves doing something that we had told ourselves, "I won't do that with my child"?

What do we do when told by a physician that we or a loved one has a disease? Not necessarily a terminal one, but one that will require long term treatment. Do we give up or do we fight? Do we make a concerted effort to beat the illness and to convince our loved one to fight on? Most of us would take that course of action, keeping in the back of our mind, the concept of dignity and quality of life.

With children of special needs, parents, educators and the child are challenged every day. Often we take for granted the simple act of putting on a coat. I know of at least two different ways of teaching that task. We can break the task into smaller steps, moving a hand into a sleeve, moving the arm through the sleeve and rewarding these small steps until the goal of putting on the coat independently is achieved. We do the same when teaching children to swim, to cross the street safely or to maintain safe distances from those they do not know.

Do we challenge ourselves to be better individuals or do we only accept the status quo? Can we do something better for another, for a family member, for our community or for ourselves? Hopefully we are not that self-centered that we do not visualize a means of self-improvement and positively impact those around us.

I am offering you a slightly different challenge. An opportunity to do something for another. Pick at least one day a week or one day a month and join members of Congregation Ahavath Sholom at minyan. Our morning service is at 6:55am, Monday through Friday and 9:00am on Sunday and legal holidays. Our evening services are held at 6:00pm. We need at least 10 Jewish adults in order for someone to say Kaddish for a loved one and it is just another way to spend time with your extended family.

Michael Linn

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Changes to CAS Operations

These are some exciting times at the shul with many organizational developments occurring that will lead us to continued best practices and advancement as a synagogue into the future.

Here are some initiatives we have started at CAS designed to improve our operations.

- We are building a new Policies and Procedures Manual.
 - We are requesting that every individual planning an event complete an Event Planning form and discuss the event with Michael Linn. The form helps define the details required to plan a successful event and is designed to avoid surprises (Does the event require security? A room? Kosher food? Beverages? Food servers? Audio-visual? Staff support?).
 - We are building better job descriptions and performance goals (Are all job performance goals well-defined, measurable, achievable?)
 - We are better defining the financial authority of staff and volunteers for spending money. (When is it necessary for the Board to approve an expenditure before a check is written?)
- We are preparing proposed CAS By-Laws changes:
 - We are drafting changes to better reflect current practices (What is the job of the immediate-past President? What are the roles of committees?)
 - We are drafting changes that will allow us to operate more efficiently (Can we vote using a remote, electronic process on some Board issues?)

As always, your ideas for additional changes are welcome. Let me hear from you.

Jerry Stein
CAS President
817-292-6963

Youth Committee Update

For those who don't know me, my name is Hedva Williams and I'm heading up the Youth Committee. I'll tell you a little bit about myself. I have a 13 year old daughter Ahnyela and we moved to the Fort Worth Community a year and a half ago for a job opportunity. When I came to look for a home, I knew I first needed to find a synagogue then I could find a place to live. In my search I found this amazing Congregation and so happy I did.

While coming to services and meeting so many wonderful and kind-hearted people, I realized that we needed to bring more youth to the synagogue. It hit me! The youth are the future of our synagogue and I wanted to be a part of that. So here I am, heading up the youth committee.

I spoke with Karen Silverberg who has been amazing in helping me with the USY & Kadima programming. Then Elaine Bumpus was so kind in helping facilitate our Fall Kallah along with the support of our President Dr. Jerry Stein, Michael Linn and of course our Rabbi. I couldn't be successful without any of them!

So let me tell you about our past events and our future events. Karen got everyone of our Learning and Engagement Center kids from grades 6-12 registered in Kadima and USY! Thank you Karen! Elaine and I took 8 kids from Kadima and USY to Fall Kallah in November. They had so much fun with a weekend full of fun, spirituality and fellowship.

Here's a pic from that exciting event:



They all came home excited for the next event, and then started planning it immediately! Lia Bloom, the President of our USY Chapter planned a fun filled ice-skating event. 11 kids attended. They all laughed so hard, helped each other try to ice skate and watched me fall and have an ice pack on my knee for the rest of the time. But it didn't stop their fun! They had hot chocolate and talked about all the leadership positions that need to be filled to make our youth groups successful.

Let me tell you about all the exciting events coming up!



Please bring your kids to these fun-filled events:

February 1-3, 2019 – Spring Kallah 8th-12th Grades. It's in Richardson, TX. Please sign your kids up! It will be an experience that they will love, make memories and foster new friendships.

Here's a preview of our exciting March programming!

- March 20, 2019—Pruim Party.
- March 24, 2019—CAS/USY Purim Carnival.
In partnership with the Learning & Engagement Center, we are planning a Purim Celebration with the kids that will fulfill all the 4 mitzvot of Purim... Mishloach Manot, Tzedakah, Feasting, and Reading the Megillah! The Learning & Engagement Center will be extending the day until 2pm and the parents are welcome to join us from 12pm – 2pm to also fulfill the mitzvot! We are so excited about this partnership and can't wait to see all the kids dressed up too! More details to come next month...

I can't wait for all the memories we will be making with your children!

Hedva

Scavenger Hunt Turns Up Clues to CAS History

By Hollace Weiner

What better way to learn local Jewish history than to discover for whom the Zale Auditorium was named, which family the Brachman Parlor honors, and why the computer lab has the name Sankary above the door.

Dafna Ninio's Sunday school class found out who's who by going on a Memory Scavenger Hunt designed by their teacher, with help from the Fort Worth Jewish Archives. Working in teams, the 5th and 6th graders roamed the hallways, looking for clues about people who invested time and money in our synagogue and left a Jewish legacy.

On a wall outside the library, the students studied photos of the shul's past presidents, dating back to 1892. Among the framed pictures were Al Sankary, Leon Brachman, and his uncle, Rabbi A.J. Brachman.

They learned that the Zale family's grandfather was a poor immigrant who painted the congregation's original shul. His name was Sam Zalefsky. His grandsons, M.B. and William, shortened the family name to Zale and made it big in the jewelry business. The Zale Foundation, aware that Ahavath Sholom was their family's first house of worship in America, was generous when our building was under construction and donated a substantial sum. By the way, the head of the building committee was Al Sankary.

As for the Brachman Parlor, several Brachman-family ancestors were among Ahavath Sholom's charter members. Leon Brachman chaired dozens of committees. His wife, Fay Brachman, was Ladies Auxiliary president in 1948 when the gift shop got its start. She also started the Fort Worth Jewish Archives.



Fay Brachman, 1941

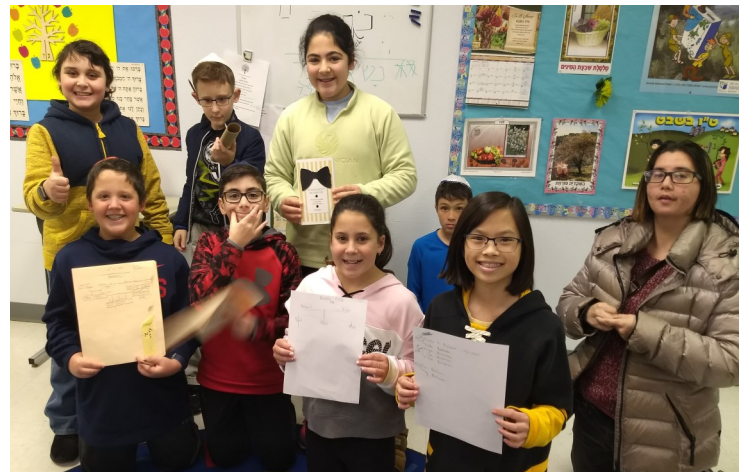


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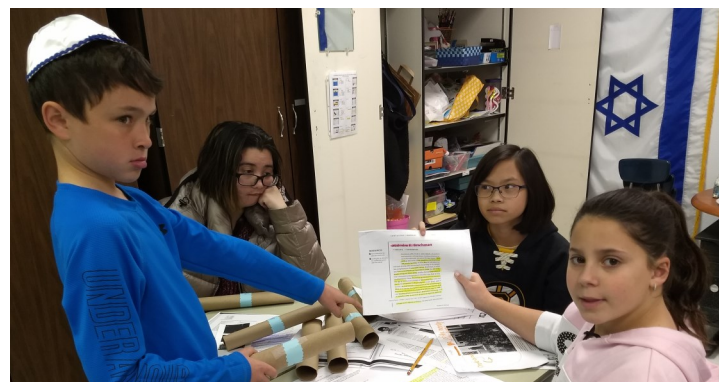
The Sankary name is inscribed on the marble World War One honor roll at the outside entrance to the building. Another Sankary served in WWII. His name is on the framed calligraphic scroll in the corridor that lists all the local Jewish GIs of the era. On that scroll are several Brachman boys.

"This sheds light on families active in the life of the synagogue, people who invested time and money to benefit fellow congregants and future generations," said Dafna.

The inspiration for the scavenger hunt is in the Religious School curriculum. It includes a unit called Zikaron – Hebrew for remembrance. The Religious School's core curriculum was designed by the Institute for Southern Jewish Life. Dafna put a local stamp on it.



CAS Learning and Engagement Center 5th & 6th Grade Class



TORAH TROPE CLASS

With Michal Bloom and Elaine Bumpus



If you can read Hebrew and can carry a simple tune, you can learn to chant Torah. Join Michal Bloom and Elaine Bumpus and learn (or re-learn) the basics of Torah trope.



CAS L&E CENTER

Thursday Evenings

6:15—7:15 PM

Meet in the Library

Please bring a set of highlighters and a notebook.

To register, please call Cameron (817)731-4721
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*** Class size is limited.

** Basic Hebrew reading is a prerequisite.

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CAS L&E CENTER

“Politics and the Parsha:” How Jews think, live and interpret the Torah in today’s tumultuous times.

Dr. Julian Haber will soon begin work on Volume 3 of *They Were Soldiers in Peace and War*. These are his areas of focus:

- ◆ Veterans who were not covered in Vol. 1 or 2. Even a relative’s interesting experiences in the military from WWII and onward, and/or pictures would also be helpful as would soldiers currently serving.
- ◆ Allied veterans: Israel, England, France, etc, - Dr. Haber is looking for Jewish persons that served in the old Soviet Union Army for a prospective of how they were treated as a Jewish person in the armed forces.
- ◆ An additional section will be letters to the home front for the time period of WWI forward.
- ◆ All these veterans may have served in peacetime or in war.

Please contact Dr. Haber, or call the shul office at 817-731-4721.

What happened to the ball of clay that rolled away?



Where's the very best place for a penny?

Hollywood — What's that got to do with my life?

The CAS Learning & Engagement Center



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Birthdays

1-Feb	Elinor Cooper	10-Feb	Sara Baker	19-Feb	Julie Coster
1-Feb	Sondra Richard	10-Feb	Ava Beleck	19-Feb	Kerry Dolan
2-Feb	Scott Berger	10-Feb	Adrian Evans	19-Feb	Leonard Roberts
2-Feb	J.R. Faigin	13-Feb	Michael Linn	19-Feb	Ethel Schectman
3-Feb	Jack Sankary	14-Feb	Michael Kuptsin	20-Feb	Roberta Dubbs
4-Feb	Stuart Isgur	14-Feb	Debby Rice	21-Feb	Zoe Pierce
4-Feb	Debra Schwanz	16-Feb	Myra Barnett	23-Feb	Ceil Canter
5-Feb	Jacob Torbatian	16-Feb	Gloria Sepp	24-Feb	Arie Kiselstein
6-Feb	Mitchell Smith	17-Feb	Eric Edrich	24-Feb	David Ninio
7-Feb	Ben Herman	17-Feb	Misha Galaganov	25-Feb	Rachel Greenstein
8-Feb	Laurie Werner	17-Feb	Yetta Gresky	25-Feb	Patricia Linn
9-Feb	Shira Schwarz	17-Feb	Arthur Pawgan	25-Feb	Mark Rosenfield
9-Feb	Judith Sherer	17-Feb	Lon Werner	26-Feb	Gillat Brautbar
				27-Feb	Shirley Cohen

Children's Birthdays

1-Feb	Sarah Greiner	10-Feb	Rachel Holland
1-Feb	Ezekiel Meeker	19-Feb	Aliyah Rodriguez
6-Feb	Benjamin Darling	26-Feb	Eli Johnson
9-Feb	Ross Berman	26-Feb	Hailey Seiden
		28-Feb	Dorothy Isgur

Wedding Anniversaries

		Years			Years
16-Feb	Shoshana Abrams and Mordecai Kaikov	5	20-Feb	Judi and Harry Leventhal	25
16-Feb	Marina and Rafael Michan	39	24-Feb	Jennifer and Josh Levi	12
19-Feb	Leah and Michael Dworkin	42	25-Feb	Suzanne and Ben Herman	51
19-Feb	Rina and Yevgeniy Ostrinsky	14			

Schedule of Services

Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)	6:00 pm	Sunday and National Holiday Morning	9:00 am
Shabbat Morning (Saturday)	9:30 am	Sunday - Thursday Evening	6:00 pm
Monday - Friday Morning	6:55 am	Rosh Chodesh (New Month)	6:45 am

All Services for Children start at 10:30 am on Saturdays, Shabbat Morning
New Stars (of David)—ages birth to 3 years of age; *Davening Dynamos*—Pre-K through 2nd Grade
Shul Scholars—4th Grade and up

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Yahrzeits—MAY THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES BE A BLESSING FOREVER

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Ahnyela Williams Bat Mitzvah



Ahnyela Williams will be called to the Torah for her Bat Mitzvah on March 02, 2019. She is the daughter of Hedva Williams and Nate Williams, and the granddaughter of Yossi Halpern and the late Adrienne Asher.

Ahnyela is an avid volleyball player. She is also active in our local USY/Kadima chapter. She is currently serving as the Religion & Education Vice President on the Board.

Ahnyela has chosen to educate elementary school children on all types of bullying for her Bat Mitzvah project. Having been a survivor of bullying herself, she will be speaking at the elementary school not only about the types of bullying, but her personal experiences. Her hope is that she can educate at least one child to stop bullying, stand up for someone being bullied or to speak up for themselves if they are being bullied.

Please join us to celebrate and enjoy a Kiddush Luncheon prepared specially by her Saba Yossi Halpern and Safta Rivkah Tzairi from Israel.

“Gone 2 Texas” Archival Exhibit Opens with a Party

Article by Hollace Weiner Photos by Loli Kantor

A festive reception was held to celebrate “Gone 2 Texas,” the archival exhibit that focuses on Russian and South African immigrants who settled in Fort Worth during the 1970s, ’80s, and ’90s. The party was to thank everyone who contributed to the exhibit, including the board of the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth & Tarrant County. The Federation has supported the Fort Worth Jewish Archives since its creation in 1994.

Although the party was at Beth-El, a major portion of the exhibit is at Ahavath Sholom in the corridor outside the library. It features art and artifacts – such as copper pots, samovars, Russian nesting dolls, and African sculptures – brought to Texas by congregants Anita Davidson, Bernard Zilberg, Claudia Boksiner, and Alex and Sophia Nason.



The immigration stories of Soviet-born Claudia Boksiner, Brenda and Israel Shafir are part of the exhibit.



Bernard Zilberg and his daughter Elana. The family's copper pots, African sculptures and walking sticks are a major part of the exhibit.



Alex Nason and Rabbi Bloom



Vivian and Rabbi Sidney Zimelman

Christmas Day Volunteer Report B’nai B’rith Beautiful Feet Ministries

Article by Hollace Weiner

For Christmas morning, B’nai B’rith Lodge rounded up dozens of volunteers to cook breakfast and lunch for 125 homeless men, women and children at Beautiful Feet Ministries.

They scrambled eggs, grilled sausage, assembled turkey burgers, and brewed hot coffee and iced tea. Marvin Beleck supervised in the kitchen. Jim Stanton coordinated the year-round collection of clothing and toys. These items were placed in gift bags, based on the age and size of each recipient. For the past 35 years, the Isadore Garsek B’nai B’rith lodge has performed this Christmas Day mitzvah.



David Bekerman, president of the FW Hebrew Free Loan Assn., and his daughter Elliot, 7, filled gift bags with toys and warm clothing.

Ebi Lavi sliced turkey roll patties for lunch



Al Faigin's specialty is scrambling eggs on the griddle

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Read2Win . . . Volunteer to Help a child succeed!

If you would like to be part of a program that makes a difference—this is it! Help Westcliff Elementary students learn to read. Please contact Rabbi Andrew Bloom at 817-731-4721 to volunteer. Thank you!

Volunteers Needed

The Synagogue would greatly benefit from contributions of **your time** on a Committee and/or a specific activity. We need help. You can make a one-time commitment for a specific event or make a longer-term commitment.

- Committees Needing Help:
 - Membership / Welcoming,
 - Communication / Marketing, Cemetery,
 - Catering, House, Ritual, Programming /
 - Fund Raising, Security, Chesed / Social
 - Action, Personnel, Education
- Specific Activities:
 - Preparing the monthly Bulletin for distribution
 - Shabbat Greeters
 - Office assistance
- Core Skills Required of Everyone:
 - Smiles
 - Good attitudes
 - Compassion / Empathy
 - Patience
- Special Skills Required for Some Assignments:
 - Social Media (Facebook and Twitter)
 - Web-Site

Please contact Jerry Stein (817-909-2001) or Michael Linn (817-731-4721) if you have any questions or wish to volunteer your time.

Congregation Ahavath Sholom Ladies Auxiliary

SilverSneakers YOGA Exercise Class

(Easy Fitness Class for All Levels)

**Sunday ♦ February 24
2:00–2:45 PM**

*Congregation Ahavath Sholom
4050 South Hulen Street*

\$12 per person

*We are proud to have BARBARA EASON —
a TCU and YMCA instructor with over 30 years
of experience who specializes in SilverSneakers
training for mature participants.*

**RSVP to 817-731-4721
Space is limited!**



CAS GIFT SHOP

**Gift Shop Hours: Sundays
9:30 am — 12:00 noon
(when Religious School
is in session)**

**Other times by
appointment.**

Please call: 817-368-5376
or email: giftshop@ahavathsholom.org

The gift shop has items for every religious occasion including special items for Sukkot, Chanukah, Purim, and Passover. We offer books, seder plates, challah covers, challah plate and knife sets, mezuzah cases and parchments, greeting cards, invitations, kippot, tallisim, candlesticks, and beautiful Judaica gift items. Bar and bat mitzvah invitations are also available.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IRS Required Minimum Distributions

The IRS mandates that you begin taking money out of your IRA at age 70 1/2 which increases your taxable income and may even push you into a higher tax bracket.

Opportunity to Reduce Taxable Income

Consider directing your mandated distribution from your IRA to support Congregation Ahavath Sholom. Your gift will not be counted as income. The IRS will consider your required minimum distribution fulfilled and you may save thousands in higher taxes.

Requirements

- You must be of 70 1/2 years old.
- The transfer must be paid directly from your IRA to Congregation Ahavath Sholom.
- The gift cannot exceed \$100,000 in 2019. Married spouses can combine their gifts and can contribute \$200,000.
- The gift must be outright, but it can be used to satisfy existing pledges.

Please consult your accountant for tax advice.

For more information regarding this opportunity, please contact Michael Linn at 817-731-4721.


FORT WORTH AND TARRANT COUNTY JEWISH FAMILY SERVICES

Jewish Family Services of Fort Worth and Tarrant County has many services available for your congregants. One extremely helpful service is no cost transportation to medical appointments.

This service has been very successful in helping community members go to physical therapy appointments, doctor appointments, and surgery centers. The service is available, free of charge, for persons without need for a special mobility device as well as those who use mobility devices such as a walker or a motorized wheelchair.

If you would like to register to participate, please contact Lynell Bond, case manager, at 817-823-0476. Once you have enrolled in the program, you will need to schedule appointments at least 48 hours in advance.

We want everyone in our community to know about the transportation to medical appointments so they can participate if needed. Please encourage your congregants to take advantage of this wonderful service. Also, Lynell Bond is happy to help you with any questions you may have about services that may be available to help you.




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Please use the School Entrance to enter the synagogue. The North Entrance can be used during morning and evening services. Please contact the office if you need the code (817-731-4721).

EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS



LADIES AUXILIARY
DONORPALOOZA
2019

The Ladies Auxiliary Donorpalooza February 17-28, 2019

Watch for upcoming details on these and other exciting and fun events - All benefitting the programs of the Ladies Auxiliary!

Kick off dinner for the entire congregation
Mahjong Night
Paint and Sip at the Art Barn Studio
Train and Tini
Axe Throwing
and much, much more!

We could use your help!

Volunteer to bake Hammentachen for Purim
Sunday, February 10 and Sunday March 3
9:00 am in the dairy kitchen



Jewish Heritage Tour of Poland and Prague

JOIN RABBI ANDREW BLOOM

As we explore our Jewish Heritage

Jewish history in Europe neither begins nor ends with the Holocaust. Together we will explore 1,000 years of Jewish History. We'll confront the horrors of the past, experience the nascent Jewish renewal of the present and discuss the challenges that face a Jewish future in Europe.

June 9-17th, 2020

Sign up online: <https://secure.ayelet.com/BloomEE2020.aspx>

Ayelet Tours, Ltd.

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This trip is open to all and the only requirement is a willingness to experience the range of emotions that such a trip has in store for us.



February 1-3, 2019
Congregation Beth Torah
Richardson, TX

8th-12th
Graders

Regular: \$96
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FORT WORTH TASK FORCE ON RACE AND CULTURE



RABBI ANDREW BLOOM

Presents

Recommendations on the Fort Worth Task
Force on Race and Culture

Sunday, March 3, 2019

10:30 am

February 2019 ☆ 26 Shevat to 23 Adar I 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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					6pmKabbalat Shabbat	10:30amJunior Torah Troop
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