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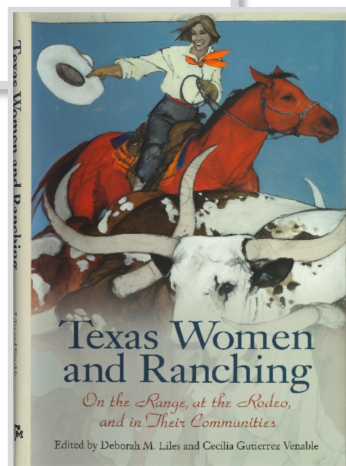
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The Daffodils
are
Beginning to
Grow...



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FROM OUR RABBI



Charles was a very wealthy man. He had spent many years brokering huge mergers between multinational corporations, and his stock had skyrocketed. At the age of thirty, he was already worth 600 million dollars. For his 35th birthday, he bought himself a hundred acre ranch in Utah. Soon he had made it onto the list of Forbes richest 100.

The problem with Charles was that he never gave charity his entire life. Every day poor people and organizations would come to his office making their plea, but to no avail. Charles was a miserly scrooge and didn't want to part with any of his money - not even a penny of it.

Just after his 40th birthday, Charles tragically died in a bizarre boating accident while vacationing on his yacht. As he went up to the gates of heaven, Charles noticed a long line of people twisting around several clouds waiting to get in. As each person passed through the gate, an angel would ask, "How much charity did you give during your lifetime?" The person would respond with a dollar amount and would be allowed to pass through. As the line moved along Charles got a bit worried as he knew that his charitable contributions didn't amount to much. Finally, it was his turn.

"How much charity did you give during your lifetime?" the angel asked Charles.

"To be honest with you, I really didn't give much money to the poor." As he said this, Charles reached into his back pocket and pulled out his checkbook. "But, I'd be more than happy to rectify the situation." He opened up his checkbook. "Just tell me who to make the check out to."

A bit startled, the angel looked at Charles and said, "Sorry, but we don't take checks here. We only accept receipts." (Torah from Dixie by Benyamin Cohen)

This story answers our questions from above and teaches us that it is the receipt of our giving instead of the future promise to give that makes all the difference in the world. It is in this light that I would like to highlight two Tzedakah projects that our congregation is in the midst of. One we have already started and the launch of the second one will commence with the publication of this article.

The first Tzedakah project came from a very generous anonymous donation that was to be used for a Tikkun Olam project. With this donation we came up with a Tikkun Olam project for the Learning and Engagement Center. The project is in partnership with DRC-Solutions. The DRC's mission is to support and be a leader in Permanent Supportive Housing. Within this mission they help house, mentor and support families transitioning from homelessness to a home. A part of this support is finding partnerships with individuals or institutions that can help turn these new houses (apartments) into homes.

It is with this in mind that our LE&C is partnering up with a family (single mother and 7 children) and helping turn her apartment into a home. They are accomplishing this by using the donation to purchase what is needed for this family. In order to make it even more personal, each class has received a list of a child or room that they are responsible for buying what is needed. They will do this in conjunction with the entirety of the class going together and the purchases being paid for through the donation that we have received. Furthermore, we will then continue our connection with the family so that they are supported and become one with the wider community. We will be delivering our donations the Sunday after Purim in light of the mitzvah "Matanot L'Evyonim" (donations to those in need). Not only will our students be performing the mitzvah of tikkun olam, but they will also be learning Torah at the same time. My sincerest thanks to our donor for his support and vision for our Learning and Engagement Center.

The second Tikkun Olam project that we will be taking on as a synagogue is also in the realm of helping those who have transitioned from homelessness to Permanent Supportive Housing. When someone enters a new apartment they do so with nothing. The apartment is there, but living within it and being able to function is a whole different layer. Thus, after having met with the city we are going to take on the mitzvah of collecting, organizing and delivering these "welcome baskets" as they are called to those who are moving into their new apartments. All of us have been blessed and it is now our turn to help pass on those blessings to others as well. There is nothing more gratifying then being able to "save a life" (Babylonian Talmud) and we can do this by saving someone from the worry of how to live in a home with dignity and the essentials needed to flourish. The list of what is needed is below and you can bring them to the office and we will coordinate their storage until we as a synagogue put everything together.

List of Items Needed:

Bath Towels	Wash Cloths	Bar Soap
Dinner Plates	Bowls	Dish Soap
Drinking Glasses	Coffee cups	Dish Towels
Forks	Knives	Toilet Paper
Spoons	Paring Knives	Pans
Can Openers	Sheet Sets	Comet
Blankets	Plunger	Sponges
Broom	Dustpan	Laundry Soap
Shower Curtain/ Rings	Shampoo	Pots
Toothpaste	Toothbrushes	Skillets
Razors	Deodorant	

Let us not be like Charles who could only write a check when it was too late, rather let us be "People of the Book" by following the mitzvah that God gave us in the Torah.

B'shalom and Friendship,

Rabbi Andrew Bloom

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



So often the lines between secular and religious holidays (holy days) get blurred. I was listening to a radio program where the voice was discussing a study recently completed about millennials and the lack of responding to Valentine's Day. Their thoughts of how this celebration of love is really a manufactured day that supports various retail and wholesale businesses. I know of this holiday. I know that so many

mid-western schools are actively involved with having children give cards and/or candy to each other. This year, it is not possible to find the little candy hearts with cute embossed sayings. The manufacturing company was sold and the new owner cannot produce product in time. Now, imagine the same push towards religion; the attendance at services, the actual participation during the service, or even the attendance at lunch. How nice it would be to have the schools and retail business espousing the virtues of Judaism. What would happen if the costume manufacturers and retail stores were to begin pushing Esther, Mordechai or even Haman costumes? How about a selection of Hallmark cards? I can imagine the difference it would be to the children and how important the reading of the Megillah would become. Or even the response to the 'Fast of Esther' as opposed to "this is a day of fasting?" But then again, we can all dream. And as we dream, let's remain aware of the increase in anti-Semitism, the daily acts of vandalism and violence and remain aware of our surroundings.

As we enter the month of March, we know that the clock will spring forward, and that the vernal equinox will soon be upon us. This year the vernal equinox occurs as we prepare to read the Megillah and I have to wonder if there is some connection. What I remember from science class surprises me.

As an Executive Director of a synagogue, it was important for me to be an active member of the North American Association of Synagogue Executives. This is an organization that provides on line training, classes and programs in conjunction with United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism and with Columbia University. I have been an active participant for more than 10 years and this year, I will be joining the NASSE Board of Governors. This is an opportunity that will expand the contacts that I had established and also bring a stronger connection with Temple Administrators, another avenue of communication and interaction that ultimately benefits the synagogues and temples. It is always important to continue professional growth in an environment that encourages the sharing of knowledge and the openness of proposing questions.

We, at CAS, have an opportunity to raise questions when we attend services. We can ask questions about the Torah portion, religious practices, observance or tradition. Join us, and someone will attempt to put your questions to rest.

Michael Linn

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Shalom. The daffodils planted by the CAS Learning and Engagement Center have begun to pop-up outside the school entrance. Winter is halfway done and Spring is almost here.

Many congregants have asked about our plans for a new building or renovations to the current building. What's happening with this important activity? Let me briefly describe the history of the project, what we have completed and our plans.

First, a brief history. After years of informal discussions, the project formally began in 2015 with a meeting amongst community leaders to discuss the need for the project, our collective vision for the future, the resources available and the leadership team. Shortly after, the Congregation formally decided that it was appropriate to sell excess CAS land to help fund construction. The Focus on the Future Committee was formed to lead the land sale initiative. This culminated in a sale to the Fort Worth ISD under very favorable terms. The sales agreement with the school district was signed in July 2018 and the money immediately transferred to our treasury.

Since reaching this important milestone, we developed a "Board-Dedicated Fund Agreement" which ensures that all land sale proceeds (\$6.8 million) will be dedicated to the next step in the congregation's building project and any remainder reserved for future building maintenance. The principle will not be used to pay off debt or used for day-to-day operating funds. The Agreement sets up a barrier that prevents us from using these funds for any other purpose without a thorough review process and the overt approval of the Congregation. I want to thank Dan Karpman for his persistence and recognize the valuable input received from many congregants and our outside attorney. The Agreement was signed in February 2019.

Our next step is to carefully define a path forward and put together the team that will get us there. We are in the process of forming a small, efficient leadership team and defining the structure and membership for the many committees required to ensure that the needs of our congregants are met. Many individuals have offered to help and I expect to provide further details in the next few weeks.

As always, your ideas and questions are welcome. Let me hear from you.

Jerry Stein
CAS President
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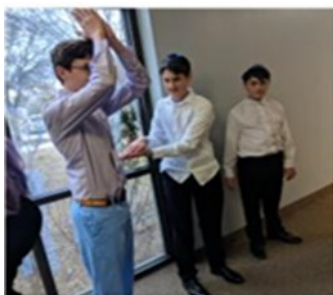
YOUTH COMMITTEE NEWS

Youth Committee Update

The kids had an eventful January and February. We started out with having elections of officers for our USY Group! It was so nice to see so many kids want to be involved and participate. We're so excited about the roles these kids took on. They are full force into their positions and will be reaching out to parents to help their children participate in programming.

Here are the results:

- President: Lia Bloom
- Israel Awareness Vice President (IA VP): Maya Kiselstein
- Religion/Education Vice President (Rel/Ed VP): Ahnyela Williams
- Social Action/Tikun Olam Vice President (SATO VP): Ethan Bailey & Gali Bratbaur
- Membership/Kadima Vice President (Mem/Kad VP): Sima Galaganov
- Communication Vice President (Comm VP): Chaz Morris & Reeve Dolan



The more exciting event we had was our Spring Kallah. We went with six kids to Richardson Texas to meet other kids from all over Texas and Oklahoma. We enjoyed a fantastic weekend of fellowship, games and social action programming. The kids enjoyed services with the congregation, but more so the congregants absolutely loved the kids leading the service and were chanting "more..more".

Saturday night we went go-karting, mini golf and played arcade games. But what would be an event without me getting injured? So, I got rear-ended by a Senior (with no real driver's license) at what felt like 100 mph. Of course that didn't stop me or the kids. We all kept playing games and having fun.



Finally, on Sunday morning we had a fellowship circle that was so beautiful, fun and inspiring. To see the kids pass kisses



(smack the other on the head) was really moving. After that we said our goodbyes and loaded up to head home. I asked Ethan Bailey in the van,

(still in the synagogue parking lot right before the drive home) "Well how was it?" It was his first Kallah with us after all... to quote him, **"It was the best time in my life I ever had!"** At that moment I knew the weekend was a success and it was all worth it (whiplash and all).

The best picture of the whole weekend was the drive home... or should I say 10 minutes into the drive:



I want to remind you of some up and coming exciting family programming that we would love to see you and your kids at:

- March 20 – Purim Celebration at CAS. Starting at 6:00pm with the Megillah reading and then we'll have a spaghetti dinner along with Karaoke and Face Painting. Donations are being accepted.
- March 24 – LEC and USY are partnering in an extended day with an Indoor Purim Carnival for kids of all ages. This will be from 12pm – 2pm.
- April 12-14 – Kadima Konvention in San Antonio, TX at Congregation Agudas Achim. It's for 5th-8th Graders. I am so excited for this event! Please sign your kiddos up as soon as the information comes out, so you can get the Early Bird Special!

Hedva Williams

USY Advisor

CAS Learning and Engagement Center



CAS Learning & Engagement Center

March 1, 2019

Dear Kids, Parents, and Congregants,

It's been a long time and we've been wanting to write you. Between our "real" jobs and running the Learning Center, seconds are precious. We've taken a few deep breaths and found some time to sit down and write to you about the CAS Learning & Engagement Center.

As you might have heard, CAS has partnered with the Institute for Southern Jewish Life's (ISJL's) education department to bring our students and teachers a rich learning curriculum along with outstanding teacher training.

We don't want our students to be bored, learning the *same things*, the *same ways*. Our spiraling curriculum revisits key content in new and increasingly sophisticated ways. Maybe you've seen the kids singing HaTikvah at the flag poles, dancing out front, or crafting edible Torahs. Perhaps you've observed the kids on a historical scavenger hunt for information on our Shul elders, or on the "Drum Line" singing, drumming, and chiming *Etz Chaim* or *O'seh Shalom*. Come join us for our musicals at 12:15 pm on Sundays and have some fun!

Teachers appreciate that each lesson plan begins with the "Big Idea" then moves on to detailed breakdowns of topics and activities marked by learning styles (visual, auditory, movement.) Best of all teachers get lesson-specific lists of source texts, art supplies, internet links, film, music, and visuals. What an amazing job they're doing!

Our assigned ISJL Fellow, Hannah, supports us "on demand" whenever we have questions. Twice this year she spent 3-day weekends with us (and joins us again March 1, 2, and 3) to observe our operations and engage our teachers, and join our Shabbat celebrations. She's really helped us with adopting and using the full range of learning materials.

It's getting late, but here are some closing thoughts. Attendance at 90% or more each week indicates how much the kids like the program. You might be surprised to learn that even the sleepy high schoolers make it each Sunday, alternating between a Sunday of Confirmation Class study and a Sunday of their beloved *Madrichim* (Guides) program. First period is child development and leadership, and second period they go into the classrooms to work with the teachers and the kids.

Oh, and our website, though still under construction, showcases pictures and other information you can enjoy now.

To see the smiles of the kids and the joy of the teachers each Sunday makes this the best volunteer job we've ever had! We don't know when we'll be able to write you again, but it won't be long.

With many thanks,

Rivka and Rebecca

PS Just so you know, we're the only congregation in Tarrant County partnering with ISJL. Be proud.



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
or email info@ahavathsholom.org

*** Class size is limited.

** Basic Hebrew reading is a prerequisite.



CAS L&E CENTER

**Adult Education
Classes**

Tuesdays

For Women Only—10:30 AM

Adult Education Class—6:30 PM

“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



YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!

Learning begins Sundays

9:30 am til 12:30 pm

Early Childhood through High School

SIGN-UP TODAY! 817-731-4721

You've got questions — We've got the answers!

CELEBRATIONS AND OTHER THINGS

Birthdays

1-Mar	Evelyne Neimand	12-Mar	Bronislava Shafir	23-Mar	Tova Feldman
1-Mar	Charles Snyder	13-Mar	Faina Feldman	24-Mar	Josh Levi
2-Mar	Annette Smith	15-Mar	Kimberly Goldberg	24-Mar	Herbert Weisblatt
5-Mar	Amy Butler	16-Mar	Richard Alpert	25-Mar	Rhonda Goodman
5-Mar	Rhoda Solomon	16-Mar	Steven Freidlin	27-Mar	Jay Bernstein
6-Mar	Robert Azerad	16-Mar	Dr. Roslyn Simowitz	27-Mar	Dr. Jason Seiden
7-Mar	Kate Stone	20-Mar	Irving Corbin	27-Mar	Dianne Young
9-Mar	Mireya Kaikov	20-Mar	Morton Herman	28-Mar	Peppe Bailin
10-Mar	Lea Ann Blum	20-Mar	Kay Lynne Tuck-Dubinsky	28-Mar	Damon Johnson
11-Mar	Leah Dworkin	22-Mar	Harold Ratner	28-Mar	Dr. Harold Malofsky
11-Mar	Rina Ostinsky	22-Mar	Barbara Schuster	28-Mar	Dr. Richard Marks

Children's Birthdays

2-Mar	Isaac Isgur	14-Mar	Herbert Moore
2-Mar	Nathan Saul	19-Mar	Scarlett Schuster
4-Mar	Raphael Azerad	21-Mar	Jacob Bailey
9-Mar	Rafael Listig	25-Mar	Bar Hatsor Malser
10-Mar	Sarah Silverberg	29-Mar	Jonathan Feldman
11-Mar	Sara Seguin		

Wedding Anniversaries

Years

Years

3-Mar	Arthur and Jane Pawgan	7	23-Mar	Stanley and Marcia Kurtz	28
6-Mar	Arthur and Linda Moses	37	24-Mar	Arie and Tony Kiselstein	43
9-Mar	Stephanie and Rueben Zavala	6			

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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**Fri., Mar. 1,
24 Adar I**

Hans Conrad Bamberger
Anne Blackstone
Robert Gurkoff
Samuel Hayman
Deena Jo Heide-Diesslin
Joseph Krosin
Marvin Labovitz
Milton J Mehl
Elizabeth Radetsky
Solomon Taylor

**Sat., Mar. 2,
25 Adar I**

Leo Faynbaum
Ida Gilden Glazer
Rae Smith Hoffner
Barbara Ann Leff
Melvin M. Meth
Pauline Miller
Helen S. Robin
Isaac Rosenthal
Alvin Rubin

**Sun., Mar. 3,
26 Adar I**

Max Dworkin
Jackson L. Gray
Minnie Kantrovich
Jennie Karsner
Geraldine Roxy
Lachinsky
Sylvia Kalin Lauer
Stan Streusand

**Mon., Mar. 4,
27 Adar I**

Otto Berlin
Meyer Blinderman
Cecylia Anna Lapa
Ciosek
Dorothy Imber
Sadie S. Mehl
Ida Anton Stine
Galit Tadmor
Sam Vitemb

**Tue., Mar. 5,
28 Adar I**

Faye Salicoff Cohen
Celia Hoffman
Melvin Lavine
Esther Loevy
Marolyn Lenial Meltzer
Pauline Sheinberg

**Wed., Mar. 6,
29 Adar I**

Lena Block
Lazarus Cohen
Rae C. Constant
Lena Cooles Hale
Hannah Hillman
Shana Bushie Jafness
Mark Kleiman
Howard Koven
Sarah Rose Kragen
Irwin Kreines
Lester Nussbaum, Jr.
Joseph Rosen
Samuel Schiff
Arthur Seiden
Aviva Zenou

**Thu., Mar. 7,
30 Adar I**

Burnis Cohen
Stanley Phillip Kolker

**Fri., Mar. 8,
1 Adar II**

Freda Perras

**Sun., Mar. 10,
3 Adar II**

Marie Countiss
Sara Chicotsky Korman

**Tue., Mar. 12,
5 Adar II**

Marilou Labovitz

**Wed., Mar. 13,
6 Adar II**

Celia Goldstucker
Louise Lipshitz

**Thu., Mar. 14,
7 Adar II**

Norris Rick Green
Sidney Reed

**Fri., Mar. 15,
8 Adar II**

Rebbah Bodiford

**Sat., Mar. 16,
9 Adar II**

Fannie Greenberg
Minnie Malofsky

**Sun., Mar. 17,
10 Adar II**

Sam Freyer

**Mon., Mar. 18,
11 Adar II**

Carolyn Elaine
Finkelstein
Gerald Friedman

**Tue., Mar. 19,
12 Adar II**

Harry Bloom
Rick Williams

**Wed., Mar. 20,
13 Adar II**

Miriam Loevy Labovitz

**Thu., Mar. 21,
14 Adar II**

Alex Deutch
Adele Fred
Esther Salzman

**Fri., Mar. 22,
15 Adar II**

Eva Berlin
Fred Carter
Bert Robin
Doris Faye Sonkin

**Sat., Mar. 23,
16 Adar II**

Sarah Tills

**Sun., Mar. 24,
17 Adar II**

Louis Lichtman
Jean Genarlsky Yancy

**Mon., Mar. 25,
18 Adar II**

Molly Bloom
Ruth G. Hersh
Bertram Jacobs
Max Renov

**Tue., Mar. 26,
19 Adar II**

Goldie Shoskes Baron
Joseph M. Cohen
Louis Cohn
Eugene Hesdorffer
Etta Schlesinger
Barbara Ruth Weisman

**Wed., Mar. 27,
20 Adar II**

Bessie Cohn

**Thu., Mar. 28,
21 Adar II**

Sheldon Baitman
Bluma Weber Daiches

**Fri., Mar. 29,
22 Adar II**

Judy Kay Weinstein

**Sat., Mar. 30,
23 Adar II**

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Doris Levy's 1936 Scrapbook Finally has a Virtual Home

by Hollace Weiner, CAS Archivist



Nine-year-old Doris Rae Levy died May 24, 1936, without ever seeing the Lone Star flag she won in the Texas Centennial Scrapbook Contest. Now the little girl's colorful flag and her prize-winning album are online for posterity to see.

Thanks to a Rescuing Texas History grant awarded to the Fort Worth Jewish Archives,

you can flip through Doris's amazing scrapbook at the Portal to Texas History website, texashistory.unt.edu/explore/partners/FWJA/. The album is filled with hundreds of newspaper and magazine articles that the fourth-grade girl painstakingly cut out and pasted onto each page. Also, inside the fragile album are rare picture postcards and snapshots of sites around Fort Worth—such as the Van Zandt Cottage on Crestline Rd. which today has a historic marker.

Doris's father, E.A. "Al" Levy, was among the founding families at Ahavath Sholom. Doris lived with her parents at 1929 Dartmoor Court and went to school at Lily B. Clayton Elementary where there was great excitement about the Texas Centennial celebrations.

Tragically, the day the judges announced that Doris Levy's album won a statewide honorable mention, she was in a coma, battling pneumonia, strep throat, and peritonitis following an appendectomy. She was buried near the entrance gates at Emanuel Hebrew Rest, the pioneer Jewish cemetery at 1414 South Main Street.

Although Doris's prize, a small Lone Star flag rimmed in gold fringe, is wrinkled and stained, its colors remain bright.



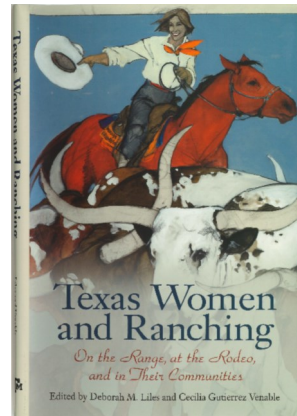
The Fort Worth Jewish Archives received the flag and the scrapbook in 2014 from two Levy family descendants—Shmuel Gomes and his mother, Kiely Gomes, who live in California. For decades, the family had wanted to place the delicate album in a good home. Now it has a virtual home. The original scrapbook is in the Archives. To view it, contact Hollace Weiner at hol-laceava@gmail.com.



Spotlight on Cowtown Cowgirl, Frances Rosenthal Kallison

Article by Hollace Weiner

A new anthology, *Texas Women and Ranching*, includes a chapter about a Jewish cowgirl born in Fort Worth. She was Frances Elaine Rosenthal Kallison (1908-2004), a horsewoman and a historian whose father and uncles were among the founding members of Beth-El Congregation.



Kallison grew up riding the draft horses that pulled her father's furniture wagons in downtown Fort Worth. She married into a San Antonio ranching family, invited busloads of GIs to barbecues at the ranch, and co-founded a ladies' precision riding team that raised money for children's health care.

She wrote articles about and palominos and a probing essays analyzing Jewish acculturation in frontier Texas. As regional president of the National Council of Jewish Women, she lobbied to end the state poll tax. She is the only Jewish woman in the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame.

Texas Women and Ranching, published by Texas A&M University Press, is available in the CAS Library. The chapter about Kallison, which is subtitled

"Historian at Home in the Saddle," was written by 1948 Frances Rosenthal Kallison Ahavath Sholom's archivist Hollace Weiner.



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Men's Club

Well, Men's Club is up and running. The next big thing we have is the Chili Cook Off in Dallas on March 31. The Men's Club have entered into the race and will be headed by our own Ebby Lavi and chef extraordinaire Chad Herman. This year I am thinking of renting a bus to take a bus load of people over to Dallas. Please let me know when you see me if you have any interest. Also, if you ever need anything, feel free to call me at my house 817-292-0282, cell phone 817-996-9424 or email me at dsturman@charter.net. Soon to be a family spaghetti dinner and movie, and another special person to be honored for her work. Stay tuned to find out our recipient.

Daniel Sturman
Men's Club President

The Isadore Garsek B'nai B'rith Lodge # 269 of Fort Worth Texas is now taking applications for its annual Youth Scholastic and BBYO Grant Awards

The Isadore Garsek B'nai B'rith Lodge # 269 *is again offering two \$1500.00 grants.*

*Applicants must be high school seniors graduating between December 2018 and June 2019. Parents or guardians must be members of the Isadore Garsek Lodge and/or members of an established Jewish Congregation in Tarrant County. The parent or guardian must be a member in **good** standing for a period 12 months prior to submission of the application. Children of deceased parents are also eligible if the parent died while a mem-*

Awards will be presented at a date and time to be determined. Award recipients will be notified in May 2019.

The Academic Grant is a competitive and will be awarded based on overall academic achievement, GPA, Standardized Admission Test (SAT) or (ACT) and extracurricular activities.

BBYO Participation Grant is based on BBYO activities, leadership roles, and active participation in local, regional and national events.

Applications must be postmarked by May 1, 2019

For more information or to request an application contact your Rabbi, Cantor, Youth Advisor or Education Director or email Robert Chicotsky at rchicotsky@charter.net

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.

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.

IT ALL STARTS WITH YOU

The Jewish Federation of Fort Worth & Tarrant County
2019 ANNUAL CAMPAIGN COMMUNITY EVENT

Join Us As We Honor Karen Kaplan
with The Manny and Roz Rosenthal
Spirit of Federation Award



On behalf of 2019 Annual Campaign Chair Cheryl Vitolsky, Federation Board President Diane Kleinman,
the Board of Directors, and Event Chair Sandy Hollander you are invited to a

CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH



With Guest Speaker Macy B. Hart
President Emeritus of The Goldring/Woldenberg Institute of Southern Jewish Life

Sunday, March 17th at 10 am

CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM
4050 S. Hulen Street, Fort Worth, TX

\$18/per person

RSVP by March 8th to

Cindy Simon at 817.569.0892 | c.simon@tarrantfederation.org or online at:
tarrantfederation.org/brunch

Make your gift to the 2019 Annual Campaign by Sunday, March 17 and your name will be entered into a drawing for a chance to win one of two gift packages. Better yet...increase your gift by a minimum of \$100 over your previous gift and your name will be entered into the drawing for THREE chances to win. You do not need to be present to win. Winners will be announced at the end of the brunch.

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EXCITING UPCOMING EVENTS

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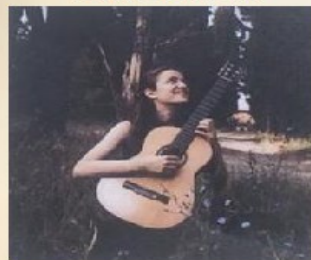
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ATTENTION

Jewish Women International (JWI)

is looking for people to join the local chapter of the leading Jewish organization working to empower women and girls.

Interested in membership?

Please join Cookie Kaftan, Phyllis Gordon, Ellie Cooper and Peggy Norris

9:30 am on March 18th

Denny's (4601 South Hulen Rd.)

March 2019 ☆ 24 Adar I to 24 Adar II 5779

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