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FROM OUR RABBI



What do our future paths in life hold in store for us? This is a question that many of us would love to know the answer to.

Matter of a fact, there are whole cottage industries built around trying to figure out this one “simple” question.

However, is figuring out what lays ahead of us truly what’s important? According to Ralph Waldo Emerson it is not, for “What lies behind us and what lies before us are tiny matters compared to what lies within us.” In other words, our paths are not laid out in front of us, rather they are constructed by the “matters” within us.

Consequently, instead of looking outwards towards unknown horizons we should be looking inwards towards our untapped “matter.” For within ourselves we will find the answers to what lays in front of us along life’s journeys. The key to unlocking this matter within us rests solely in our concluding that our lives matter and it’s time for us to reach out towards our ultimate plateaus.

On the flip side of “deciding” what matters aren’t we told that “Patience is a Virtue.” This saying was first published by William Langland between 1360 and 1387, and it has been popular ever since. There is a similar phrase in Latin, “maxima enim, patientia virtus” (patience is the greatest virtue). While “patience” may be a virtue, “procrastination” in my mind is a fallibility.

There is a Spanish proverb about procrastination that says, “Tomorrow is the busiest day of the week.” In other words, putting off decisions only makes them more difficult. This being a result, due to the weight of things that are pushed backwards. Napoleon Hill, wrote in his famous self-help book, “Think and Grow Rich” in even starker terms the fallibility of procrastination by writing, “Procrastination is the bad habit of putting off until the day after tomorrow what should have been done the day before yesterday.”

Judaism, realized this by making certain mitzvot (like saying the morning Shema during certain hours) time sensitive. Matter of a fact, there is a Jewish value “Zrizim L’mitzvot.” Translated, this means that we should be “quick” to perform mitzvot. Time and the performance of God’s statutes and commandments wait for no man.

Today, it has become commonplace in our Congress and within our communities to drag out decisions as long as possible, and for nothing more than political grandstanding. While one party may see “procrastination” as a political tool, it is real people who suffer their “gridlock.” Infrastructure reform is one such example.

In the end, the lack of moving forward and sitting on the fence of indecision only accomplishes a person having a “sore” gluteus maximus. Consequently, while we should look forward, decide our own directions and embrace the virtue of patience, let us not confuse “patience” with the inability to decide or take action. For all of us deserve better than procrastinating our futures away.

B’shalom and Friendship,

Rabbi Andrew Bloom

HAZZAN JEFFREY WEBER JOINS CAS FAMILY



Hazzan Jeffrey S. Weber graduated from the H. L. Miller Cantorial School at the Jewish Theological Seminary. After studying piano and guitar privately, he began his vocal studies with famed Metropolitan Opera star Eleanor Steber at the age of 14. Hazzan Weber studied at the State University of New York at

Purchase and received his music degree from the Juilliard School of Music.

He performed for many years with both the New York City Opera and Metropolitan Opera. Hazzan Weber performed for several seasons at the Tanglewood Festival, Aspen Music Festival, Lake George Opera and Sarasota Opera as well as several other companies nationally. Since receiving his degrees as a Hazzan, he has performed in a variety of concerts internationally, appearing as a soloist with the Cantors Assembly at the Berlin Concert Hall. Hazzan Weber has performed in Poland, Germany, Israel, Canada, and the United States. He can be seen in the documentary film "100 Voices: A Journey Home" documenting the Cantors Assembly Mission to Poland and he performed as part of the Jewish Festival in Kraków. He has participated in Yom HaShoah programs at the Israeli Embassy in Washington, D.C., and performed at The Kennedy Center.

Hazzan Weber has worked as the Hazzan, Youth and Adult Choir Director, B'nai Mitzvah teacher, Ritual Director and Preschool Music teacher at the landmark Beth Sholom Congregation in Elkins Park, Pa. His prior congregations include Adas Israel Congregation in Washington, D.C., Temple Beth Sholom in Sarasota, Florida, and Temple Emanuel in Paterson, N.J.

Hazzan Weber is very happy to be joining the clergy team at Congregation Ahavath Sholom and looks forward to helping to build a wonderful future with the CAS family and the Fort Worth community.

FROM OUR EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The July 4th weekend recently left me with some questions that are not political. It is a celebration of our independence, our separation from England, and the result of a revolution and the establishment of a democracy. This day, unlike some other holidays, has remained on the appropriate date and not

shifted to a 3-day weekend. Many businesses are closed as are governmental offices, but auto sales lots sprout red, blue and white balloons, the do it yourself has to have access to tools and supplies and of course, we all need food. What hits me, stems from the playground of my youth. Coney Island, a place we often ran to during class breaks to grab a hotdog at Nathan's. Like many others, I do enjoy a hotdog, but watching adults shovel buns into water and with a hotdog into their mouths, seems a bit absurd as an athletic event. The contest of eating numerous hotdogs has spread throughout the county. It is the juxtaposition of this event, and those who are in need of food, just does not seem to be what America is about. Too often we forget that there are many around us, who really do need our assistance. I know that as child, it was not unusual to have a baked potato for dinner, to share an ear of corn, and have ½ of a glass of soda. We did not go without, but we also did not purchase more than we needed, and the discarding of food was sacrilegious. We have become a society that is too eager to turn our collective backs on those that need help, and we are a country of opulence.

Because we at Congregation Ahavath Sholom have a history of helping others, I am providing an early reminder that we do collect funds for the Tarrant County Food Bank, and that we also collect food and clothing for the Arborlawn United Methodist Church Food Bank. You may think that this is a wealthy neighborhood, but there are so many who need assistance, and who are going hungry. Each time that we have delivered food items, the response from those working the Food Bank has been overwhelming. No matter how much we bring; it never is enough. We do make announcements and collect the food items on Kol Niedre, however, if you are so inclined, bring items early, and we will be certain to deliver those items to our neighbor down the street.

We are a people that are known for helping others, so please don't forget, there are so many who can use our help. Reach out and do a little more for your neighbor.

Michael Linn

PRESIDENT'S DESK

Shalom. I hope everyone is enjoying their summers. I am thrilled to say that I have lots of good news to report. Great progress on several fronts.

Hazan Jeffrey Weber has joined us at CAS. Let's make him and his family feel welcome! After many years in the northeast, Hazan Weber and his wife, Andrea, have made the big leap to move to Texas. We are very lucky to have successfully recruited this very friendly, experienced, skilled and talented Cantor. Lots of people deserve credit including Marvin Beleck and the Cantor Search Committee, Joe Mintz and the Personnel Committee, Rabbi and Michal Bloom, Steve Brown and many others. A series of welcoming activities is being coordinated by Suzie Herman (thanks so much Suzie!) including small dinners and larger community events. Let us know if you want to help host a dinner, a welcoming event or contribute dollars.

My excitement and optimism about the 2019-2020 administrative term continues to grow. The Board of Directors and its Executive Committee has been reorganized to better define responsibilities and processes. There will be much more focus on long-term goals and follow-through with less focus on the small stuff. Why is this important? Too many distractions took place last year and progress was not up to speed. The changes made with the Board and with Committees will provide sharper focus and quicker decisions.

As part of the changes in our processes, I am urging approval for the By-Law revisions. The By-Laws Committee (Kal Silverberg, Harry Labovitz, Dan Karpman, Carole Paul), chaired by Lynell Norman, did a fantastic job developing changes that will improve our operations. The proposed By-Laws more clearly define roles and responsibilities of Board Members, Officers and Committees and provide more efficient processes. A special meeting of the congregation will convene in the next 6 weeks to seek approval.

What can you do to help CAS be successful? The simple action of inviting a friend or family to a CAS function would help enormously. Inviting a non-member, or a congregant who infrequently enters the building, could have a significant impact on our long-term success. The upcoming event at Benbrook Stables, September 15th from 1pm to 4pm, is the perfect fun family event. There will be lots of other opportunities during the next year.

Construction on the Overton Park Elementary School will continue to impact CAS for the next year. Michael Linn is working closely with the Fort Worth ISD and construction project team to minimize negative effects on the synagogue. However, we cannot avoid parking issues and other inconveniences. We will keep you informed as best we can. However, it is likely that every week (every day!) will bring surprises as new construction crews and the delivery of construction materials appear. I request your patience and understanding.

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

Jerry Stein, CAS President
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SECURITY ANNOUNCEMENT

If you have ever flown on a plane, you are aware and accustomed to the announcement on how to use a seat belt, the emergency oxygen and the location of all the exits.

Safety and security within CAS are everyone's responsibility. Should there be a need to evacuate the building, please immediately follow the direction of Police, Rabbi, Executive Director or Board President.

If these individuals direct you to evacuate the building, please immediately follow the directions. Offer to assist others, but if they are not leaving, do not hesitate to exit yourself and do not worry about personal items.

We have established a **Rally Point**, the parking lot of the library if you can do so safely. If not, head south to the First Command building. First responders will verify who is at the Rally Point and if you are not there, it will be assumed that you are still in the building.

Take a moment and visualize the **exits**: There is an emergency exit in the glass wall of the chapel; there are exits near the sanctuary, and the school, and there is an exit at the south end of the building within the school wing. In addition, there are two exits (east and west) near the kitchen, and an exit from the Zale that leads to the area close to the flag pole.

FIRE: If there is a fire, the alarm will sound and signal lights will flash. There is a fire alarm pull station at the exit doors, and fire extinguishers located throughout the building. There are staff and members that are aware of the various emergency buttons.

Medical: There is an oxygen tank in the foyer, next to the entrance to the hall leading to the bimah. An AED is located opposite the synagogue office and a first aid kit is located in the area of the copy machine. Wheelchairs are located next to the kitchen in the Northeast part of the building.

POWER FAILURE: There is emergency lighting throughout the building that will turn on when there is a power failure.

OTHER EMERGENCY: Staff and some members are aware of the location of various emergency buttons throughout the building. Should there be a need to utilize this system, or to protect from severe weather, you will be given specific directions to either shelter in place (Run-Hide-Fight) or to evacuate the building. Should evacuation be necessary, remember the Rally Point.



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Selichot
Saturday, September 21

High Holiday Dates 5780

Erev Rosh Hashanah
Sunday, September 29

Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 30

2nd Day Rosh Hashanah
Tuesday, October 1

Kol Nidre
Tuesday, October 8

Yom Kippur
Wednesday, October 9

Fall Festival Dates 5780

Erev Sukkot
Sunday, October 13 to Sunday, October 20

Shemini Atzeret
Monday, October 21

Simchat Torah
Tuesday, October 22

Rosh Hashana September 29

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High Holiday Honors

The High Holidays for 2019 (5779) are rapidly approaching and require a great deal of preparation and coordination. If you would like to have a High Holiday Honor during Rosh Hashanah or Yom Kippur please contact the Ritual Committee Co-Chairs Ben Herman (benh@comarkdirect.com) or Dr. Harold Malofsky (footman@flash.net) or the CAS Office (info@ahavathsholom.org).

If you have any special needs regarding the Honor, please contact either Ritual Committee Co-Chair Ben Herman (benh@comarkdirect.com) or Dr. Harold Malofsky (footman@flash.net).

Although it is not required, any monetary contribution or volunteer service you would like to perform for the synagogue would be appreciated.

B'Shalom,
Congregation Ahavath Sholom Ritual Committee



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From Fort Worth to NYC - with Congregation Ahavath Sholom

by Melissa Morgan

Five students from Congregation Ahavath Sholom's Learning and Engagement Center just returned from their Confirmation Class capstone trip to New York City, immersing themselves in various aspects of the city's diverse Jewish culture. This trip has become a tradition at Congregation Ahavath Sholom, as 2019 marked at least the 7th time the congregation has sponsored such a trip.



High school students Ethan Bailey, Lia Bloom, Gali Brautbar, Maya Kiselstein, and Nadav Ninio, together with teachers David Saul and Melissa Morgan, gathered at CAS at 5 AM on Friday June 14. Over the next few days, with the help of vans, planes, subways, boats, and lots of walking, they studied Jewish immigration to America and Jewish diversity, and ate lots of kosher food.

Jewish immigration to America

Visiting Congregation Shearith Israel (The Spanish & Portuguese Synagogue) at 70th and Central Park West for morning minyan took the group into the rich history of the Orthodox Sephardic congregation dating back to 1654. With documentary filmmaker Vivienne Roumani as a tour guide, the group learned about the history of the congregation, beginning with a boatload of Jews fleeing Recife, Brazil to the Dutch colony of New Amsterdam. Minyan was in the small chapel ("Little Synagogue"), and the group saw a Torah scroll from the days of the American Revolution. The sanctuary contains beautiful Tiffany windows, a central bimah, and "skeptic lamps," built when electricity was new (one part of the fixture uses gas; one part uses electricity). The congregation continues to use its own prayerbook and minhag (local customs), with separate seating for women.

Looking to Ashkenazic Judaism and why Jews left Europe, the group had the unprecedented opportunity to attend Fiddler on the Roof in Yiddish with English and Russian supertitles. Everyone found it intense and absorbing. Texas native Steven Skybell as Tevye was particularly remarkable. Ethan Bailey said, "My favorite part of the trip was Fiddler in Yiddish. It just made it feel more legit."

Of course, the group also took the ferry to Liberty Island and Ellis Island, studying the process of immigration to America. Many of the museum exhibits specifically talk about Jewish immigrants, whether for a Passover seder on Ellis Island or the kosher food available for purchase after immigrants were examined and approved. Various congregations and immigrant aid societies helped the new arrivals any way they could.

The group went from Ellis Island to Lower Manhattan and the Lower East Side, just as many new arrivals just off the boat would have done. Pretending to need housing, they experienced a 1915 tenement apartment, hosted by 14-year-old Jewish immigrant Victoria Confino of Kastoria. This living history tour by the Tenement Museum gives participants the chance to interact with and ask questions of a professional actress who has studied her part for over a year, including working with recordings and family members on accent and content. Victoria Confino lived in that same building for 4 years, sleeping on the kitchen floor, with nine other family members, in just 300 square feet. The Tenement Museum also has other programs related to Jewish immigration and immigration in general.



Museum at Eldridge Street

Also in the Lower East Side, the group visited the Museum at Eldridge Street, built as Kahal Adath Jeshurun in 1887 by Ashkenazic Jews. From a crumbling ruin in the 1980s, the synagogue building has been restored to a glorious condition. In 2010, a huge circular stained-glass window was added to replace the lost front window. Rachel Serkin, museum educator, taught the group about the building and the Lower East Side Jewish community.

From Fort Worth to NYC - with Congregation Ahavath Sholom (continued from page 6)

Jewish diversity

While history is a huge part of the trip, so is experiencing a bit of the amazing Jewish diversity found in the United States today. The group saw Temple Emanu-El on the East Side of Central Park; was hosted by West End Synagogue (Reconstructionist) for musical Kabbalat Shabbat services and Shabbat dinner, learning a little about Mordecai Kaplan and Reconstructionism; and spent Shabbat morning singing and praying with the very welcoming Congregation B'nai

Jeshurun. Founded in 1825 by members of Congregation Shearith Israel as the second congregation in NYC, B'nai Jeshurun has helped shape 21st-century American Judaism with its emphasis on music, spirituality and justice.



Shearith Israel Bimah

The group also did a walking tour in Borough Park, learning about the Hasidic communities that have developed in the city since World War II. Orthodox tour guide Jeff Altman of Timeline Touring, although not Hasidic, is known in the neighborhood, and a calm and insightful presence. He taught

the group about the many institutions (schools, stores, bus services, bakeries, etc.) that have developed to serve the local community.



Borough Park Tour

Although the group's main exercise was walking, they also saw the extensive fitness facilities, swimming pool, art studios, day care, meditation space, and beit midrash at the Marlene Myerson JCC Manhattan on the Upper West Side. And they exercised some mental muscle analyzing images from rare documents, presented by Dr. David Kraemer, director of the library at the Jewish Theological Seminary. Dr. Kraemer challenged the group to see what they could learn not only from the words on the page, but also the illustrations and style of the documents.

Food

No trip to NYC would be complete without some amazing kosher food. The group experienced grocery stores (Fairway, Zabar's, and stores in Borough Park); deli at Fine & Schapiro (Upper West Side); late-night shawarma, kebabs, and falafel at Ali Baba (Upper West Side); great vegan Chinese (Buddha Bodai, 5 Mott St, Chinatown); and kebabs and more at Ta'am Tov (Diamond District; near Rockefeller Center). Everyone enjoyed the delicious variety of kosher foods available in NYC.



Buddha Bodai - Vegan Chinese

The group completed their NYC immersion with a look at recent history at the 9/11 Memorial and Museum, a long walk in Central Park, and souvenir shopping.

The CAS Learning and Engagement Center is planning a similar adult trip in the future.



Liberty Island

From Fort Worth to Jackson, MS, with Ahavath Sholom by Rebecca Isgur



In Jackson, Mississippi, faculty takes on Jewish education.

Jackson, Mississippi, hotbed of Jewish education? Hard to believe but true. Five faculty members and the co-learning leaders from Congregation Ahavath Sholom's Learning and Engagement Center (CAS LEC) trained at the Institute of Southern Jewish Learning with fellow educators representing 80 congregations. Fort Worth took the prize for the biggest group from any city in the fifteen states attending.

CAS LEC just completed an amazing year of learning for our students and their families. The annual conference on Jewish education provided the faculty the opportunity to continue their educational journey and attend sessions that addressed options to help shape the coming year.

CAS LEC teachers Fani Kiselstein, Inbal Morris, Penny Brister, Elaine Bumpus, Gillat Brautbar along with education leaders Rivka Marco and Rebecca Isgur networked, learned, and enjoyed the intensive 48 hours on the ground. Elaine Bumpus shared, "The Conference was both exhilarating and exhausting. The curriculum is designed for everyday use by the everyday teachers. They gave us a set of tools and taught us how to use them."

Some of the many offerings were two day intensives with interesting topics "Hands On, Minds On," "Classrooms on the EDGE," and "From Tzedakah to Tzedek." Wildcard sessions included "I Don't Roll on Shabbos: An Exploration of Shabbat through Text, Pop Culture, and the Big Labowski." Yes, there was even a Study Hall with choices from "Topsy-Turvy T'filah" to "Market Your EVENTURE."

Gillat Brautbar said "We learned a lot! It was a great experience for everyone." The many engaging and meaningful learning activities, soulful spiritual minyanim, and new insights into student and parent populations promise a meaningful Jewish educational experience for all who join the CAS Learning and Engagement Center.

For more information and to register your students, contact Rivka Marco or Rebecca Isgur lec@ahavathsholom.org or 817-731-4721



CAS Water Drive

The temperatures are rising, the sun is sweltering and many are in need of water. It is an honor to serve as the Rabbi of CAS and I am gratified by **our congregation's giving** heart and donation of 175 cases of water (as seen in these pictures) to those in need. It is a true Mitzvah and fulfillment of the teachings of the Prophet Isaiah.



"They will neither hunger nor thirst, nor will the desert heat or the sun beat down on them. He who has compassion on them will guide them and lead them beside springs of water." (Isaiah 49:10)



We will continue to collect water all summer and assist those who are in need of hydration and help. For more information on how to donate, please

contact the shul office, 817-731-4721.

B'Shalom and Friendship,
Rabbi Andrew Bloom

Final Weeks To See Immigration Exhibit In CAS Corridor

by Hollace Weiner

“Gone 2 Texas,” the archival exhibit about Soviet and South African Jews who settled in Fort Worth, will be on display only a few more weeks. It is in the corridor outside the chapel and the library.

The show – with its gleaming copper pots, Russian nesting dolls, African stone sculptures and carved Zulu walking sticks – has been expanded to include a video of the late Dr. Bernard Zilberg describing his family heirlooms. Other additions are photo albums with snapshots of Russian Refuseniks as they arrived at DFW Airport in the 1980s. Also a copy of Alex Nason’s recently published memoir, *From Soviet Union to USA: Our Story*, is part of the expanded exhibit.

“Gone 2 Texas” compares and contrasts waves of Russian and South African immigrants and showcases the keepsakes that immigrants brought with them to Texas. Among these prized possessions is a hand-cranked meat grinder that Polina and Michael Kuptsin shipped from the Soviet Union. Also on display are African dolls, beaded jewelry, textiles, sculptures and wood carvings from the collection of Anita Davidson, who grew up in South Africa. Additional sculptures from the Zilberg family have been added to a showcase.



Dr. Zilberg, who died May 31 at age 93, came from a family that immigrated from Poland to Africa and then to Texas. His treasures are the backbone of the exhibit. They will remain on display until Dr. Zilberg’s children—who live in San Diego, New York, and Indonesia—settle his estate and put his house up for sale.

The “Gone 2 Texas” exhibit, curated by the Fort Worth Jewish Archives, was favorably reviewed in the academic journal *Southern Jewish History*. The review, which will be published in the fall, follows:

Exhibit Reviews

Nils Roemer, University of Texas at Dallas

Gone 2 Texas. Presented concurrently at Congregations Beth-El and Ahavath Sholom, Fort Worth, Texas.

Curated by Hollace Ava Weiner.

These two exhibitions intertwine the histories of Jewish migration from South Africa and the Soviet Union from the 1970s to the 1990s. Global advocacy exerted pressure on the Soviet Union to allow Jews to leave the country. Eventually, nearly five hundred thousand Jews, known as refuseniks, left. In South Africa, racial politics led to tension, riots, and international economic sanctions.

More than sixty thousand of the country’s 120,000 Jews emigrated. Curator Hollace Ava Weiner intersects these distinct narratives with the immigrants’ arrival in Texas. What likens the Jews of Johannesburg with the refuseniks was not only their wish to leave their former homes behind, but that they made Texas their new home.

The exhibit begins with a timeline that parallels the history of Jews in the two countries. The pogroms of the 1880s, World War I, the Russian Revolution, the Holocaust, and the political and cultural reorientation of the 1970s and 1980s shaped both chronologies. The assassination of Alexander II in 1881 ushered in the mass migration of eastern European Jews across the Atlantic, but also about four thousand Jews exchanged tsarist Russia for South Africa. Hitler’s rise to power brought Jewish refugees from Nazi Germany to the United States and to South Africa.



Much of the exhibit is actually not about the traditional push and pull factors of immigration. The small, almost intimate exhibition illustrates how relocating involves not only change and the retooling of both old and new cultures and identities but demonstrates continuities as well. On display are paintings by two Texas-based artists. Dennis Benjamin’s watercolor subject and his color palette are reminiscent of South Africa, whereas Izakil Goldin’s “Girls Gathering Mushrooms in Forest” is modernist and invokes Russian landscapes.

Beyond notable differences, there are also similarities. The itinerary of the Zilberg family showcases an almost global Jewish middle-class culture. There is Pincus Zilberg dressed in a suit in a photo before he fled Lithuania after the Bolshevik Revolution. He arrived in Cape Town and brought along a copper pot. His son, the young Bernard Zilberg, standing next to his father in Wellington, South Africa, in the early 1940s, poses in familiar attire. Other relatives are seen in fashionable cloth in Cape Town in the 1930s.

The exhibit is also about the items immigrants brought with them. Russian Jews could bring two hundred pounds of household goods to the United States. What immigrants pack says much about their past and the way they envision their future. Some objects help them remember, others are intended to have a role in their new home. Passports on display, for example, serve as reminders of the immigrants’ former selves. One family shipped several kitchen chairs, which were small and easy to fit into whatever space would be available to the family. A Russian manual meat grinder would have proven useful also in Texas. There is a suitcase filled with Russian toys, dolls, and towels that invites visitors to think about what they would take if they had to leave their homes. At Ahavath Sholom, in the smaller exhibit, a similar suitcase is displayed; here religious objects instead of cultural artifact fill the trunk.



The carefully curated exhibitions showcase many smaller objects, and there is much for visitors to explore. These objects connect beyond the parallel timelines the distinct experiences of Jews in both the Soviet Union and South Africa. They illustrate how much objects furnish not just our homes but fashion also our cultures and identities.

Gone, But Not Forgotten

Dear Community,

We are in the process of finishing the writing portion of the third volume of They Were Soldiers in Peace and War. One section is called, "Gone, but not forgotten." These are men and women who passed away and were not covered in our previous books (see list below).

We are having a hard time finding the following information: what branch or where they served, the years or era, their rank, what their job was or what their units did. We ask your assistance in this matter. Any information would be helpful. Even a couple of lines would aid us in recording these histories. Once you email us, we can call you for additional information, if you wish.

Gone, but not forgotten:

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Who is Behind BDS and Anti-Israel Campaigns Around the World?



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TUESDAY, AUGUST 27, 2019
7:00-8:30PM
CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM
 4050 S. Hulen Street, Fort Worth
featuring
BECCA WERTMAN
 Managing Editor and Canada Liaison at NGO Monitor,
 a Jerusalem-based research institute.
NGO stands for non-governmental organization.

Seating is limited.

For reservations, call 214-361-0018 or email susan@swjc.org.

Ms. Wertman regularly speaks before the UN Human Rights Council on behalf of the Institute for NGO Research, NGO Monitor's parent organization. She will discuss NGO Monitor's exposing of a network of self-proclaimed human rights organizations that in fact have numerous ties to the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP) terrorist organization. These connections include current and former NGO board members, officials, and employees who served in the PFLP, spoken on its behalf at public events, and/or have taken part in PFLP forums. Ms. Wertman will explain NGO Monitor's work in bringing this information to the attention of the government donors of these groups, and her organization's impact in cutting off funds to these terror-tied organizations.

Isadore Garsek Lodge (#269) TURNS 175!!!!

Person of the Year Dinner

Sunday, September 22nd

Location: Beth El Congregation

Guest Speaker: Chuck Kaufman BBI President

Presentation of the history of Isadore Garsek by: Hollace Weiner

Dinner will be catered by Babes.

If you know of someone who deserves this great honor,
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Can't wait to see who last year's winner, Debby Rice, will announce as this year's winner. Any questions, please contact Dan Sturman, Dinner Chairman, at dsturman@charter.net.

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There are a reduced number of parking spaces available. Parking in the Fire Lane next to the building is NOT permitted and will result in vehicles being towed. Street parking on Briarhaven is permitted.

Please use caution when entering or exiting the parking lot.

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.

YAHREZITS - MAY THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES BE A BLESSING FOREVER

Thurs. Aug 01 29 Tammuz

Irv Cobert
Moshe Ninio
Archie Rosen
Eva Dwortz
Kate Falkowitz
Bessie Glazer
Ruth Grossman

Fri. Aug 02 1 Av

Evelyn Gerrick
Estha Klimist Sarvis

Sat. Aug 03 2 Av

Charles M. Bailey
Jacob Bronstein
Edward Givant
Milton Simon
Mae Pittelman
Sofia Serebo
Sandra Udell

Sun. Aug 04 3 Av

Harry Walensky
Helen Friedman
Jean Krosin
Mildred Segal

Mon. Aug 05 4 Av

Dr. Robert Edward
Moore
Irving Norman
Levine
Adolph Engler
Meyer Sandler
Gertrude Chicotsky

Tue. Aug 06 5 Av

Irene Jacobs
Anna Sinofsky

Wed. Aug 07 6 Av

Mendel Friedman
Jack Gilden
Ethel Nudleman
Fainzilberg
Libby Lee Kitner
Katherine Spigel
Rabin
Ida Rosenbloom
Frances Ruth Zenick

Thurs. Aug 08 7 Av

Freda Perras
Abdollah Lavi
Melvin Rosenthal
Jake Skibell
Sam Skibell
Martin Sonkin
Martin Sonkin
Anna Pearl Antweil
Sarah Bloomberg
Iona C. Doss
Doris Feldstein
Leonore Klausner

Fri. Aug 09 8 Av

Dr. Theodore Schussler
William Gordon
Harry Jacobson
Jerry Kestenberg
Sam Levine
Sidney Narrett
Abe Weinberg
Clarisse Lavine
Nadie Esther Neerman

Sat. Aug 10 9 Av

Mitchell Harris

Sun. Aug 11 10 Av

Louis Bockstein
Bernice Cristol Selman

Mon. Aug 12 11 Av

Joseph Goldman
Martin Levine
Charles Oken
Harold Paget
Allen Peska
Pearl Genecov Bodner
Ruth Boehm
Annie Cohen
Charlotte Fleischmann
Frances Nass
Vera Vrievna Plaksa

Tue. Aug 13 12 Av

Alexander William
Goldstein
David Shafir
Ralph Zimelman

Wed. Aug 14 13 Av

Edward W. Ciosek
Arthur Greenspun
Julius Hoffman

**Wed. Aug 14
13 Av (ctn.)**
Michael Richmond
Delores Gurkoff
Sara Tannenbaum

**Thurs. Aug 15
14 Av**
Norman Dawe
George Gerrick
Gus Rubenstein
Sarah Esther Feldman
Alice Ophirton

**Fri. Aug 16
15 Av**
Morris R. Antweil
Meyer Perlman
Sara Cottam

**Sat. Aug 17
16 Av**
Jacob Corbin
Samuel Karten
Samuel Lurie
George Weinstein
Clara Stepinoff

**Sun. Aug 18
17 Av**
Joe S. Downey
Leon Harold Gachman
William Michael Litman
Max Weinstein
Fannie Silverstein Blanc
Anne Gilbert
Sally Ruthe Gould

Mon. Aug 19 18 Av

David Luskey
Eva Schwartz
Rebecca Shiffer

Tue. Aug 20 19 Av

Moshe Elgurt
Gary Kaftan
Faye Nathan
Inga Pennock
Yetta Rubin

Wed. Aug 21 20 Av

Dr. Alan Nogen
Eli Horn
Arnold Radin
Nina Beth Herman
Sadie Markman

**Thurs. Aug 22
21 Av**
Haskell Joe Daiches
Lucien Elikaim

**Thurs. Aug 22
21 Av (ctn.)**
Abraham Leventhal
Hal Roth
Harry Rubin
David Schlosberg
Ida Abish
Molly Berkowitz
Helen Cohen
Mary Edenbaum
Dora Levine
Miriam Zesmer
Rothschild
Pearl Weinstein

Fri. Aug 23 22 Av

Morris Gilden
Sam Goldman
Zanwill Katz
Louis Shanblum
Mitchell Stenzler
Baruch Wydra
Helen Herman
Hannah Katz
Zusya Katz
Beatrice Narrett
Ida Saikin

**Sat. Aug 24
23 Av**
Harold Gernsbacher, Sr.
Allen "Al" Isadore
Wexler
Nannette Brener
Shirley Rosenzweig

**Sun. Aug 25
24 Av**
Raphael Mazer
Isaac Schwartz
Sonia Gressel
Lea Katz
Sadye Lackman
Beverly Lenes
Esther Berman Singer

**Mon. Aug 26
25 Av**
Joe Dworkin
Edward Gaines
Rebecca Kalin
Rebecca Mendell
Rose Pila

**Tue. Aug 27
26 Av**
Hyman Golin
Bessie Levine
Molly Berkowitz
Luskey

**Wed. Aug 28
27 Av**
Michael Goldberg
Paul Fisher Herman
Walter J. Stone
Louis Weinstein
Martin M. Youngworth
Earline Cobert
Malka Faynbaum
Lena Levine
Aida Moses

Thurs. Aug 29 28 Av

Nathan Blinderman
Joseph Foreman
Peter Lederman
Bertram A. Levy
Israel Pereversky
Bernard Rabinowitz
Hyman Rabinowitz
Sam Rutlader
Sylvia Schatz
Annette Slovin

Fri. Aug 30 29 Av

Alfred Carlson
Mitchel Victor
Chester Wisch
Linda Friend
Catherine Gold
Margy Lou Office

Sat. Aug 31 30 Av

Leroy Paget
Morton Edward Weinberg
Sarah Herman
Libbie Natkin
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Birthdays

Aug-01	Jay Martin	Aug-10	Eva Rosenthal	Aug-20	James Stanton
Aug-02	Charwynne Hazlewood	Aug-10	Myra Schussler	Aug-21	Claudia Boksiner
Aug-03	David Greiner	Aug-14	Beverly Labovitz	Aug-22	Joyce Abramowitz
Aug-05	Robin Stein	Aug-15	Julie Berman	Aug-22	Kit Mintz
Aug-06	Lauren Rodriguez	Aug-16	Paul Labovitz	Aug-23	Dr. Marian Haber
Aug-07	Ebrahim Lavi	Aug-17	Sidney Roston	Aug-26	Dr. Gerald Hecht
Aug-07	Gerald Zenick	Aug-17	Elaine Schuster	Aug-29	Pat Rosenzweig
Aug-08	Marvin Blum	Aug-18	Joanna Meyer	Aug-30	Karen Savitz
Aug-08	Michael Luskey	Aug-20	Harvey Hersh	Aug-31	Steven Gratch
Aug-08	Sherwin Rubin				

Children's Birthdays

Aug 01	Eva Johnson	Aug 17	Ariah Collins	Aug 26	Ethan Levi
Aug 16	Lia Bloom	Aug 20	Sadie Schuster		

Wedding Anniversaries

		Years			Years
Aug-02	Drs. Murray and Elizabeth Cohen	45	Aug-20	Glenn and Marcia Garoon	47
Aug-04	Dr. Dmitriy and Luydmila Shturman	52	Aug-20	Leonard and Laurie Roberts	52
Aug-05	Jeff and Dr. Rachel Cohen	7	Aug-21	Drs. Julian and Marian Haber	36
Aug-06	Harry and Carol Bulbrook	25	Aug-21	Roni and Miriam Kaikov	39
Aug-09	Jayna and Allen Sosland	9	Aug-22	Dr. Joseph and Julie Berman	43
Aug-11	George and Gloria Sepp	34	Aug-22	Rabbi Andrew and Michal Bloom	26
Aug-14	Alvin and Sandra Luskey	59	Aug-24	Gerald and Ilene Zenick	50
Aug-17	Misha and Talya Galaganov	16	Aug-25	Arnold and Harriette Gachman	56
Aug-17	Joseph and Kit Mintz	33	Aug-26	Judd and Louise Vermillion	31
Aug-17	Kal and Karen Silverberg	33	Aug-27	Dr. Eliot and Lynn Slovin	34
Aug-19	Jack and Bernice Sankary	69	Aug-28	Drs. Michael and Carole Mendelson	53
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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

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Esther Karpman

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In Memory of
Beloved Father, Cantor Samuel Zimelman
Beloved Brothers, Milton Z. and Ralph Zimelman

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In Honor of
their Wedding Anniversary
and
Shayna's Birthday

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Linda's Mother, Charlotte Fleischmann

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August 2019



29 Tammuz to 30 Av 5779

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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				6:55amMorning Minyan 6pmEvening Minyan 6:30pmExecutive Committee	6:55amMorning Minyan 6pmKabbalat Shabbat	9:30amShabbat Services 10:30amYouth Services
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