



# CONGREGATION AHAVATH SHOLOM

FROM GENERATION TO GENERATION

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## CHANUKAH PROGRAM



**DECEMBER 5TH**

THE FUN STARTS AT 4:00 PM

- MARINES WILL BE HERE FOR TOYS FOR TOTS
- FUN KID-FRIENDLY ACTIVITIES & ENTERTAINMENT
- LATKE-MAKING DEMO
- LATKES WITH APPLESauce AND SOUR CREAM
- CHOIR PROGRAM

### Chanukah Program 4 PM Sunday, December 5th

Congregation Ahavath Sholom invited Overton Park Elementary, Arborlawn United Methodist Church, Congregation Beth-El, Doxology Church, and the Fine Arts Academy for a family friendly Chanukah program on Sunday, December 5 from 4 - 7 pm. In addition to balloon animals and glitter tattoo face/hand painting, the Marines will be with us collecting Toys for Tots! We hope to collect 400 new, unwrapped toys that evening.

Here is what you can expect:

#### Throughout

Marines will be here for Toys for Tots (Let's collect 400 that day!)

Coloring sheets, bubbles and glow bracelets for kids

Band playing Chanukah music

4:15 - 5:15 pm Balloon animals onsite

Glitter face/hand painting onsite

4:30 pm Latke-making demo with Uncle Marvin

Latkes with applesauce and sour cream served beginning at 5 pm

Kosher donut holes offered beginning at 5 pm

5:00 pm Adult and Children's Choir program

5:45 pm Chanukiyah Candle lighting

6:00 pm Evening Minyan prayer service

### Called Congregational Meeting January 6, 6:45 pm

President Foster Owen has called a Special Congregational Meeting for the sole purpose of hearing & sharing the report from Lake Flato Architects. CAS received a formal assessment of the building to understand the current physical status and projected costs of maintaining the building. The January 6th meeting with the architects will present the report and present options for our decision in the future. This is an educational and informational meeting only. Lake Flato and the CAS Building Exploratory Committee will be in attendance to answer your questions.

While no decision will be made on January 6, the decision on what happens is for the members of the Congregation to make. The Exploratory Building Committee's task is to bring information to the Board of Directors and the congregation. The Congregation's task is to direct the Committee on communicating to the architects what we want to happen.

### SAVE THE DATE

**CALLED CONGREGATION MEETING**

**6:45 PM**

**THURSDAY,**

**JANUARY 6, 2022**

**PRESENTATION BY LAKE FLATO ARCHITECTS**

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*A Conservative Synagogue affiliated with the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism*

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"Torah is not education, it's transformation" (Rebbitzin Dena Weinberg). From this quote, we can understand that to transform one's religious life we must embrace the study of religion and our sources. I

think the same can be said about our lives, professions, and interests. If we want to improve ourselves, we need to learn, read, and understand the rich history of educational literature and knowledge that is out there waiting for us to grasp.

Furthermore, transformation is not something that will suddenly come upon us. We have to go through personal growth to reach out to it. There is traditional Judaism teaching that says, "More Torah, more life." In other words, the more we embrace God and the knowledge that He bestowed upon us, the more meaningful and better our lives will be.

Today should be the day whereby we begin this transformation and consequently widen our education. I hope that we can transform ourselves further from the lesson below.

There is a competitive urge within individuals that pushes us to feel that we need to be number one and finish in the first place. Some people say, "Second place is only the first loser!" While this is one way, and at times an unhealthy way to look at this, Judaism teaches us something completely different.

As we know, the Torah starts with the letter Bet (which is the second letter in the Hebrew alphabet). Why? Because God's name, Adonai, begins with an Aleph (the first letter of the Hebrew Alphabet) and since God wrote the Torah and created mankind we will always be second/Bet to His Aleph. Subsequently, I don't believe God thinks of mankind as the "first loser," ultimately, we are His greatest gift.

Looking closer within the Torah, we can see that Moses, perhaps the greatest biblical figure, was not "number 1" either. He was the younger brother of Aaron and this didn't stop Moses from being chosen to lead the Children of Israel out of Egypt or stand on top of Mt.

Sinai and receive the 10 Commandments. Similarly, Jacob was the younger twin of Esau, and he still went on to become the father of the 12 Tribes of Israel. As we can see, God didn't choose Moses and Jacob for pivotal roles in humanity because they were the first they were chosen because of their character and capabilities.

If the Torah teaches us that we will always be number 2 to God's number 1 and that success is not about placement but personality, shouldn't this enable us to see ourselves in a better light? Of course, it should! Please don't misunderstand and think that I don't believe in pushing for excellence and moving forward and upwards to the apex of one's capabilities and beyond. What I am saying is that we should never judge ourselves as 'first losers' in life. As the Torah taught us, the potential of man is within us and not contained within a number.

B'Shalom and Friendship,  
Rabbi Andrew Bloom



# FROM OUR HAZZAN



## The Prince of Kosher Gospel

Question: Who is Joshua Nelson?

Answer: Our guest for MLK weekend - January 14-16, 2022

In his own words, "I know people are confused by my mix of gospel music and Jewish liturgical music, but that's precisely the point I try to make: both are about passion and feeling and igniting the soul."

He was eight years old and growing up in a traditional Jewish home in Brooklyn — his mother is of Romanian Jewish descent, and his father is black and Jewish — when everything changed for Nelson. "I found an album of Mahalia Jackson music, and it stunned me. I'd never heard a sound like that or phrasing like that! I'd listen to that album every day."

By the time he was 12, the discovery that Joshua, the third child in a family of six, was indeed a singer with an amazing gift. People began to notice that he sounded like Mahalia. The family had relocated to the Newark/South Orange area, and Nelson had produced his first recording at the tender age of 13, choosing Mahalia Jackson's "How I Got Over." At 15, he sang at jazz singer Sarah Vaughan's funeral. "Nobody had to push me to sing — it was all I wanted to do."

Nelson has never questioned the unique blend of being an observant kosher Jewish family member — and a gospel singer — and instinctively knew it was the perfect fit for him. "People love to put everyone in boxes, even when it comes to religion. But I sensed, even as a kid, that I was a good Jew. The best Jew I could be ..."

Nelson also clarifies the misunderstanding that gospel music is strictly Christian music. "It was actually the music of West African slaves who used it to express whatever they were feeling."

Joshua Nelson has performed from Lincoln Center to synagogues in Europe and across the U.S., and to audiences that often are a mix of Jews and Baptists gathered to hear liturgy and soul. People dance in the aisles, and that's just how The Prince of Kosher Gospel likes it. "It's all about feeling, all about the deep emotion of spirituality. I want people to be participants, not spectators."

Says The Prince of Kosher Gospel, "Wherever and whenever I perform, it's always about an awakening of the spirit, and about connecting. Once, a woman told me that the evening gave her goose pimples. And I reminded her that it was actually her soul talking to her — and that's the best reaction we can hope for. When the soul talks, it's worth listening."

Nelson has performed with musical legends including Wynton Marsalis, Aretha Franklin, Stephanie Mills, and Billy Preston, as well as gospel singers Albertina Walker, the Barret Sisters, Hezekiah Walker, Kirk Franklin, Dottie Peoples, Dorothy Norwood, Vanessa Bell Armstrong,

Reverend Timothy Wright, and Bobby Jones & New Life.

Nelson also frequently performs with the Jewish Klezmer band The Klezmatics. He has also performed with the late jazz greats Cab Calloway and Dizzy Gillespie.

I am so excited to be having Joshua come out for this wonderful weekend. He and his group will lead an extremely spiritual service here at Congregation Ahavath Sholom on Friday night, January 14th, at 6 pm. I expect that all of us will be on our feet and dancing around as the spirit lifts us all up. On Sunday, January 16th, at 4 pm we will be having a wonderful concert to honor Reverend Doctor Martin Luther King Jr. This concert will be open to the public at the W.E. Scott Theatre located at 3505 W. Lancaster, Fort Worth, TX, 76107. Contact us or look for our flyers with more ticket information. This is a weekend you don't want to miss!

Hazzan Weber

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

When we think of Chanukah, we think of the miracle of lights. Yet, the word Chanukah means "Dedication." This combination got me thinking – as CAS members, how can we best fulfill this mitzvah of dedication as we carry light to the world?



In Judaism, our spiritual life revolves around light – we start Shabbat with the lighting of candles, we end Shabbat by lighting the Havdalah candle. There is light above the ark in each sanctuary. We light yahrzeit candles to remember our loved ones. On Chanukah, we light the candle each night to commemorate the miracle of our temple.

The light reminds us that G-d is close and present in our lives. There can be dark times we face; the glimpse of light reminds us there is always hope.

We hope our Chanukah gathering was inspiring, and the lighting of the menorah was a reminder of hope for you.

My hope is that we can:

- Reconnect with each other
- Refresh our dedication to CAS
- Renew financial pledges and commitments to our synagogue with generosity

As a congregation, let's keep our hope. No matter the problems or issues we have – our light will help us show the way.

As we close the calendar year, thank you to everyone who has been part of our congregation and truly making us a family of families. We are indeed a blessed community.

All my best,  
Foster Owen, President

# CAS LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT CENTER

We have been busy this month at the Learning and Engagement Center. We want to share with you all the activities that we have done! Our students are continuing their study of new Hebrew words and how to write them. We've had a Havdalah sing-along led by Hazzan Webber and Ma-ya Kiselstein on the guitars.

Last month all our students took part in working outside to prepare our Daffodil Project garden for planting. Each student planted at least 1-2 daffodils, painted rocks, and laid their painted rocks in the ground next to them.



Thank you to all our teachers and students that helped remove all the rocks and weeds and get the garden ready for planting. A special thanks to the Tinnin family and Ilan Kiselstein that helped us prepare the Daffodils planting site. We would also like to thank those who helped us plant the Daffodils: Foster Owen, Marvin Beleck, Marti Herman, and Linda Lavi.

In connection with the Daffodil Project, our students have been studying the concept of memory, remembering people who have died, the Jewish star of David, the yellow star, the symbolism of daffodils, and the resilience of the human spirit. The older students have also discussed the Holocaust and learned about real children who died. The LEC has dedicated 25 rocks in memory of children that perished in the Holocaust.

Our Madrichim class has been very active. They made bagels for the Family Shabbat on Friday, November 19th, with Mr. Rich Hollander and his wife Terri - Thank you so much! The group had an engaging class with Rabbi Bloom about the difference between Freedom Fighters and Terrorists in light of the Upcoming Holiday of Chanukah and the epic



story of Maccabees. They came out of the class with new insight and were very excited about the topic Rabbi Bloom discussed with them! (Thank you, Rabbi!)

The school has been preparing for the Chanukah celebration that takes place on December 5th. Hazzan Weber has helped us rehearse the Chanukah songs that we will sing.



It hasn't been all work for our students. We took a break from class and gave the kids some time to shop for Chanukah gifts in the CAS Gift Shop. It was a pleasure and joy to see their happy faces.

Please come and see the LEC students at the Chanukah Program on December 5th. We can't wait to see you there!

Beh'Shalom!

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## FROM THE ARCHIVES

### "Using his Pen, Herman Morris Made Us Think"

By Hollace Weiner, Fort Worth Jewish Archives



Herman Morris

Herman I. Morris, a congregant, attorney, and civic gadfly, had a lifelong penchant for writing short, punchy letters-to-the-editor of every newspaper he read (and there were many). In his retirement, he methodically cut out each of the letters that made it into print and placed them in binders. Between 2005 and his death in 2018 at age 91, his name appeared more than 200 times on the opinion pages of newspapers across Texas and New Mexico. Additionally, one letter was published in the *Wall Street Journal*, another in the *Los Angeles Times*, and four in the *New York Times* (plus a fifth in its online edition). When readers wrote objecting to Herman's point of view, he was delighted to clip their responses and add their contrary opinions to his binders.

Herman thrived on points and counterpoints. Decidedly partisan, he usually aimed his pen pricks at the GOP. He compared Donald Trump to Caligula. He dubbed US military involvement in Iraq and Afghanistan "The Bush War."

When Herman died on Nov. 17, 2018, the editor of the *Santa Fe New Mexican* wrote a column headlined: "Using his Pen, Herman I. Morris Made Us Think."

Herman's wife, Shirley, and his daughter, Ellen St. Clair, have bequeathed four binders of his Letters-To-The-Editor to the Fort Worth Jewish Archives. If you would like to look through his letters, stop by the Ahavath Sholom office and ask Cameron or Pattie to share the collection with you.

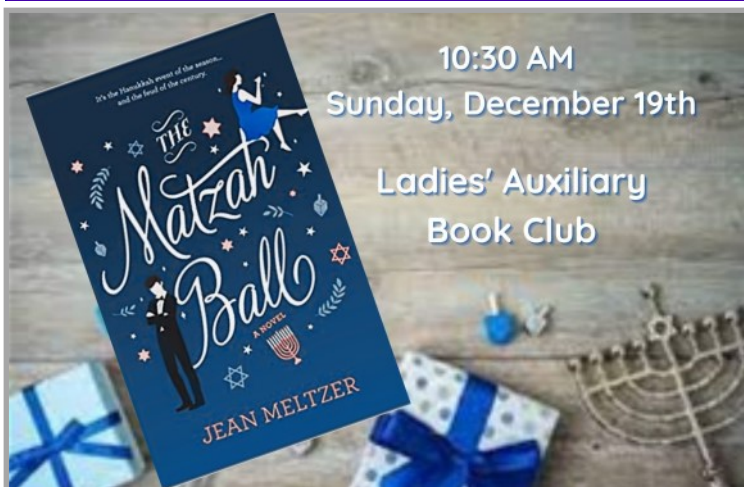


# WELCOME TO CAS



The Satinsky Family:  
Sarah, Alex, Naomi, Ariel, and Hope

## LADIES' AUXILIARY



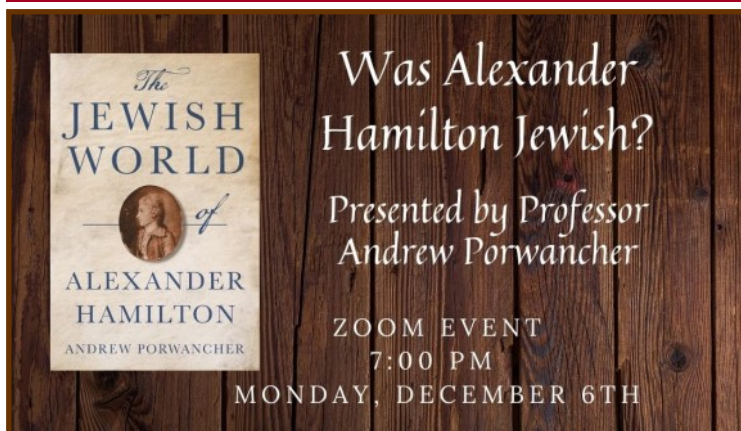
### Ladies' Auxiliary Book Club

Join the Book Club **on Sunday, December 19th at 10:30 AM** when they discuss the book, *The Matzo Ball* by Jean Meltzer.

The Zoom Meeting Information is published in the CAS Weekly Email closer to the event date.



# SPECIAL EVENT



### Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?

Historian Andrew Porwancher debunks a string of myths about the origin of this founding father to arrive at the conclusion that Hamilton was likely born and raised Jewish.



Andrew Porwancher

Please join us for a special evening presentation on Monday, December 6th. Congregation Ahavath Sholom, Beth-El, Beth Israel, and Beth Shalom come together for a special community Zoom funded by the Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County.

Professor Porwancher, the Ernest May Fellow at Harvard and Wick Cary Associate Professor at the University of Oklahoma, will share why he believes Hamilton kept his Jewish upbringing in the Caribbean a secret when he moved to New York. His extensive research reveals important new information that upends the assumption that Hamilton was Christian.

By setting Hamilton in the context of his Jewish world, the author's fascinating new book, *The Jewish World of Alexander Hamilton*, challenges us to rethink the life and legend of America's most enigmatic founder, who championed the cause of both American and Jewish ideals. If you'd like to read the book before the Zoom, one copy is available to borrow from the CAS library or order from Amazon, Barnes & Noble, or Kindle.

The program starts promptly at 7:00 pm and will be preceded at 6:50 by an Alexander Hamilton trivia poll and our own Hazzan Jeffrey Weber singing Adon Olam to the tune of "You'll Be Back" from the Hamilton musical. During the Zoom presentation, the name of one person present online from CAS will be randomly drawn and receive a personally autographed copy of the book.

This free Zoom event is available to all members of the Tarrant County Jewish community and their guests. Pre-registration is required. The link to register for this event is available on the Federation website or the Federation's Five Things Fast email.



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

<p><b>Wed., Dec. 1</b> <b>27 Kislev</b> Faye Schiff Berkowitz Jennie Bronstein Ovsey Geller Jerry Leff Abraham Meinstein Isadore Schiff Motti Sirpad</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 2</b> <b>28 Kislev</b> Esther Herzfeld Harold Martin Hollander Larry Kornbleet Loretta Sandler</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 3</b> <b>29 Kislev</b> Lillian Anton Shirley Berman Frank Greenbaum Leona Hoffman Mamie Gilbert Lichter Peggy Norris Sarah Schuster</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 4</b> <b>30 Kislev</b> Earl Givant Peter Isaacs Doris Kahn Aimee Herzberg Kriger</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 5</b> <b>1 Tevet</b> Max Barnett Kelman Belenkaya David Canter Ben Gilbert Sylvia Goldberg Sharon Klemow Annie Selikoff Laves Irving I. Lerner Doug Queen Sylvia Ross Hulda Salsberg Morris Silansky</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 6</b> <b>2 Tevet</b> Stuart Charles Bailin Sam Blinderman Bess Graubart Ernest Joseph Hochster Martin J. Lieberman Harold Miller Muriel Persky Janet Tannenbaum William M. Weisman</p> <p><b>Tue., Dec. 7</b> <b>3 Tevet</b> Bernard Morris Berliner Hattie Lila Caldwell Barbara Goldstein Joe Weisman Hirsch Harry Schectman Joseph Silverman</p>	<p><b>Wed., Dec. 8</b> <b>4 Tevet</b> Aaron Bloch Dorothy Moses Cohen Abraham Jacob Cooles Fanny Fleischmann Goldie Greenbaum David W. King, Jr. Edward Luskey Abe Meer Berniece Beanie Weil</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 9</b> <b>5 Tevet</b> Dr. William Bearman Nettie Blum Berliner Mitchell Curtis Max Fischbein Anna Hirshowitz Al Kragen Harry Levine Ida Lipshitz Lenore Brod Morgan Irwin Raff Murray Rohman Sam Shosid William Snofsky Chayim Weingarten John Yancy</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 10</b> <b>6 Tevet</b> Barton Edwin Bernstein Charles Cohen Abraham Daiches Eliezer Friedman Malvina Klein Goldin Hyman Karasic Philip Klemow Doris Mermelstein Rose Silverberg Oscar J. Steinberg Nat Zoden</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 11</b> <b>7 Tevet</b> Lena Cohen Philip Cooles Bella Ginsberg Helen Jacobs Bella Khayt Sidney Raimey Ben Schwartz Dorothy Stepinoff Schwartz Nathan O. Shturman Elizabeth Leah Shturman Dorothy Weisberg</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 12</b> <b>8 Tevet</b> David Benson Harold Gilbert Maxine Jacobson Ruth Maizlish Harry Marks Eugene Redlich Mollie Singer</p>	<p><b>Sun., Dec. 12 (cnt.)</b> <b>8 Tevet</b> Lillian Youngworth Schalop</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 13</b> <b>9 Tevet</b> Sophie Appel Rose Dworkin Chazanow Norris Cole Martin Herzog Bert Kutler Isadore Persky Motel Weingarten</p> <p><b>Tue., Dec. 14</b> <b>10 Tevet</b> Etta Hamill Barrett Leo Brandt Esther Leventhal Morris Levine Anne Pierce Marks David J. Schwartz Marsha Stein Freida Weinstein</p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 15</b> <b>11 Tevet</b> Anne Klimist Carr Clara Klein Jack Nebrat Jane Rosenthal</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 16</b> <b>12 Tevet</b> Marie Adams Sarah Schultz Ansel Adrienne Hannah Asher Dr. Irving Dollinger Aaron Goldberg Sarah Greines Esther Coplin Lidell Isaac Miller Eugene Orosz David Reznikoff Sylvia Silansky Ida Bott Zimelman</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 17</b> <b>13 Tevet</b> Betty Bienstock Bernice Garoon Esther Goldstein Harry Green Ben Laves Leo Lipshitz Mitchell Hunter McDonald Barbara Ray Goodstein Rubin</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 18</b> <b>14 Tevet</b> Susan Breacher Mendell Givant Ida Givant Alex Hesselson Don Howard George Levy</p>	<p><b>Sat., Dec. 18 (cnt.)</b> <b>14 Tevet</b> Helen Liebling David L. Ortenberg Morris Schreiber Hyman Schuster</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 19</b> <b>15 Tevet</b> Dr. Sidney Cohen Aberaham Goldman William W. Goldstein Hyman Kornbleet Hannah Sandler Sol Suskin</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 20</b> <b>16 Tevet</b> David Horn Helen Isgur Alvin (Al) Kaplan Louis Katz Tobias Oruch Ernest Schwarz Ruth Toviv Hanna Widerhorn</p> <p><b>Tue., Dec. 21</b> <b>17 Tevet</b> Samuel Davis L.G. Gilbert Harry Murad Minna Shosid</p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 22</b> <b>18 Tevet</b> Elliott Appel Mary Frumkin "Frank" Aranow Alfred "Shuggie" Cohen Jack Gerrick Dave Hyman Lewis Lena Lurie Robert Mothner Morris Star Amparo Valdez Max Weinberg Dorene Zilberg</p> <p><b>Thu., Dec. 23</b> <b>19 Tevet</b> Pepi Perl Birnfeld Avadic Harry Blackstone Rebecca Finkelstein Dr. William N. Goone Irvin Gratch Nettie Klemow Andrew Kutler Solomon Kutler Gedaliah Pereversky Nettie Bender Petrofsky Abraham Rothfleish Beatrice Schwartz</p> <p><b>Fri., Dec. 24</b> <b>20 Tevet</b> Nettie Bailin Mona Golin Max Greenberg</p>	<p><b>Fri., Dec. 24 (cnt.)</b> <b>20 Tevet</b> Marilou Berman Sylvia Schweiger Mary Schuster Friedman Hannah Weber Sandler</p> <p><b>Sat., Dec. 25</b> <b>21 Tevet</b> Stanley Barnett David Falkowitz Bessie Fendler Aaron Rovinsky Rebecca Laves Victor</p> <p><b>Sun., Dec. 26</b> <b>22 Tevet</b> Tessie Gratch Sophie Rosenfeld Gratch George Joseph Blanche Attias Karsner Mike Rovinsky Max Rubin Irv Solomon Joseph Wolffson Malakah Zahirpour</p> <p><b>Mon., Dec. 27</b> <b>23 Tevet</b> Julius Bailin Louis Engler Lyusya Gutman Falkovich Rabbi Philip Graubart Lola Kantor Benjamin Kaplan Irvin Leva Rose Luskey Charles K. Raker Hyman Sankary Leroy Solomon Barry Stern</p> <p><b>Tue., Dec. 28</b> <b>24 Tevet</b> Abraham Baum William Beleck Charlsa Sarvis Church Morris Cohen Louis Engelberg Jerome Kantor Sylvia Krakover Rose Label Robert Gary Margolis Dr. Philip Sheinberg</p> <p><b>Wed., Dec. 29</b> <b>25 Tevet</b> Arlene Berman Anne Cohen Elmer Hyman Collier Lieba Deborah Daiches Samuel Steve Deifik Lillie Herman Deutch Anna Gurkoff Abe Hertz Yale Kahalnik Clara Notik Julius Solomon</p>
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# CELEBRATIONS

## December 2021

*Dates to Remember:*

**December**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	1 <b>Birthdays:</b> Miriam Kaikov, Marc Neerman	2 <b>Bithdays:</b> Michael Mendelson, LaJean Sturman	3	4 <b>Birthday:</b> Rosemary Rector
5	6 <b>Birthday:</b> Dr. Murray Cohen	7 <b>Birthdays:</b> Tucker Dubinsky, Barbara Weinberg	8 <b>Birthdays:</b> Fani Kiselstein, Sarah Sinofsky	9	10 <b>Anniversary:</b> Lauren and Sigi Rodriguez, 16 years	11 <b>Birthdays:</b> Edward Balmuth, Shoshana Thoma-Isgur
12 <b>Birthdays:</b> Dr. Joseph Berman, Howard Bernstein, Michal Bloom, Linda Lavi, Dr. Bruce Miller	13 <b>Birthdays:</b> Josephine Bassist, Dr. Gavin Fine <b>Anniversary:</b> Rebecca & Stuart Isgur, 52 years	14 <b>Birthday:</b> Hollace Weiner	15 <b>Anniversary:</b> Julie and Red Goldstein, 14 years	16 <b>Birthdays:</b> Mary Frances Antweil, Rhoda Bernstein	17	18 <b>Birthday:</b> Jay Sinofsky <b>Anniversary:</b> Pamela and Paul Kessler, 45 years
19 <b>Birthday:</b> Inessa Kisin	20 <b>Birthday:</b> Mark Abramowitz	21 <b>Birthday:</b> Sydney Ratner	22 <b>Birthdays:</b> Alexander Nason, Nancy Sheinberg	23 <b>Birthdays:</b> Ethan Bailey, Bessie Bodzy	24 <b>Birthday:</b> Cynthia Labovitz	25 <b>Birthday:</b> Doris Smith
26	27 <b>Birthday:</b> Patricia Garsek	28 <b>Anniversary:</b> Lisa and Dr. Sam Neuman, 46 years	29 <b>Anniversary:</b> Naomi and Mark Rosenfield, 27 years	30 <b>Anniversary:</b> Shoshana Thoma-Isgur and Benjamin Isgur, 26 years	31	1

1st - 6th - Chanukah  
5th - 4:00 pm Chanukah Program  
6th - 7:00 pm Was Alexander Hamilton Jewish?  
7th - 7:00 pm Needles & Nosh  
12th - 2:00 pm Tchochke or Treasure  
13th - 6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting  
19th - 10:30 am Ladies Auxiliary Book Club  
20th - 6:30 pm Board of Directors Meeting  
24th - Christmas Eve Holiday - CAS Office is Closed

**YAHREITS CONTINUED- MAY THE MEMORY OF OUR LOVED ONES BE A BLESSING FOREVER**

Thu., Dec. 30  
26 Tevet  
Leopold Cohen  
Rose Fuller  
Jeno Lacko  
Sara Lysyansky  
Jennie Motley

Thu., Dec. 30 (cnt.)  
26 Tevet  
Ethel Walensky  
Edward Wecker  
  
Fri., Dec. 31  
27 Tevet  
Julius Cohn

Fri., Dec. 31 (cnt.)  
27 Tevet  
Easer Falkowitz  
Stanley Feinberg  
Anna Friedman  
Florine Green Lane  
Sophya Nosanovskaya

Fri., Dec. 31 (cnt.)  
27 Tevet  
Gertrude Pozez  
Dena Rabinowitz  
Sophie Rovinsky  
Leland Vermillion  
Morris Weinberg  
Leon Weingarten



# CONTRIBUTIONS

## Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

*In Honor of*

Rabbi Bloom	Debby Rice
	Cookie and Jerry Wise

*In Loving Memory of*

Shunia Kuptsin	Polina and Michael Kuptsin
Rhona and Irwin Raffel	Kathy and Scott Raffel
	Susan and Maurice Furman

*Yahrzeit In Loving Memory of*

Morris Weinberg	Barbara Weinberg
Anne Pierce Marks	Richard Marks and Family
Leroy Solomon	Debra and Dr. Paul Solomon
Peter Isaacs	Drs. Emily Isaacs-Rosen and Don Rosen
Howard Rog	Regina Rog
Marvin Seltzer	Howard Seltzer
Sam Richard	Sandy Richard

## Cantor's Discretionary Fund

*In Honor of the Birth of*

Jack Knowlden Sturman	Robin and Dr. Jerry Stein
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*For the Recovery of*

Rhoda Bernstein	Robin and Dr. Jerry Stein
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*Yahrzeit In Loving Memory of*

Morris Weinberg	Barbara Weinberg
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## Catering Fund

*In Honor of*

The To Go Kiddush Lunches	Suzie and Ben Herman
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*In Loving Memory of*

Jerry Weinstein	Jennifer Phillips McLellan
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*Contribution*

Terri and Rich Hollander
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## Cemetery Operating Fund

*Yahrzeit In Loving Memory of*

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Earl Givant	Shirley Givant
Ida Givant	Shirley Givant
Howard Rog	Rebekah and Dr. Jason Seiden
Carolyn Rubin	Nancy Sheinberg
Sarah Tudzin	Elaine and Dr. Allen Schuster
Ann Schuster	Elaine and Dr. Allen Schuster
Regina Skibell	Ruth Hendelman

## General Operating Fund

*In Honor of Her Birthday*

Elsie Blum	Bootsie Coggan
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*In Honor of*

Suzi Gardner	Cookie and Jerry Wise
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*In Loving Memory of*

Israel Shafir	George Englehart
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*Yahrzeit In Loving Memory of*

Harry Marks	Richard Marks and Family
Norris Cole	Jetti and Howard Cole and David Cole
Ann Lidell	Kara and Craig Lidell
Rose K. Bernstein	Rhoda and Howard Bernstein
Dr. Louis Barnett	Rhoda and Howard Bernstein
Sophia Weinstein	Jay Weinstein
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## WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE THE CONTRIBUTIONS OF OUR MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

Remember loved ones or celebrate special occasions by making a donation. To make a contribution go to the CAS website at <https://ahavathsholom.org/donate/donate-online/> or mail a donation to the synagogue.



## Kiddush Luncheon and Bimah Flower Sponsorship

If you would like to sponsor a luncheon or flowers for the bimah, please contact the CAS office by phone (817-731-4721) or email ([info@ahavathsholom.org](mailto:info@ahavathsholom.org)) to make your donation. The Kiddush sponsorship donation is \$100 and the Bimah Flower sponsorship donation is \$75.

Kiddush and Bimah Flower sponsorship may also be completed through the CAS website donation page. Please remember to select the "Event, Fundraiser, or Catering Payment" button under the Donation/ Payment Type.



## JOSHUA NELSON IN CONCERT

### January 16, 2022

Joshua Nelson (pictured right) brings his extraordinary message of hope, unity, and spirituality through Kasher Gospel – a marriage of Jewish religious lyrics and meanings with the soulful sounds of Gospel Music – to Fort Worth on January 14 & 16.



At age eight, Nelson discovered an album by Mahalia Jackson, the Queen of Gospel, in his grandparents' record collection and fell in love with her singing. During his teens and early twenties, he became widely celebrated as a gospel singer continuing Jackson's legacy. In addition, he is a full-time Hebrew teacher in the Hebrew school at Sharey Tefilo-Israel, a Reform synagogue in South Orange, NJ. While attending Hebrew University of Jerusalem, Nelson started blending Hebrew texts with the gospel melodies and arranging Jewish hymns in gospel style. Both of his parents are Jewish, and his family attended temple at a black synagogue in Brooklyn.

For his audiences, whatever their faith or heritage, Kasher Gospel has been a revelation. Now in his thirties, Mr. Nelson has performed around the world for Presidents, major music festivals, and Oprah. He has produced Kasher Gospel CDs like "Mi Chamocha," sung with stars from Aretha Franklin to the Klezmatics, and was the subject of a documentary aired on PBS.

Joshua Nelson and the Kasher Gospel Singers bring people and cultures together in joyous song. We invite you to a great, uplifting performance for all audiences, whatever their age, faith, or heritage in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. on Sunday, January 16 at 4 pm at the W.E. Scott Theatre, 3505 W Lancaster, Fort Worth TX 76107. Tickets are on sale for \$20 for adults \$10 for children ten and under. Sponsorships are also available. \$25 meet and greet/reception following concert, heavy hors d'oeuvres, beer and wine (2 maximum) and soft drinks.

Watch weekly email for ticket purchase information.

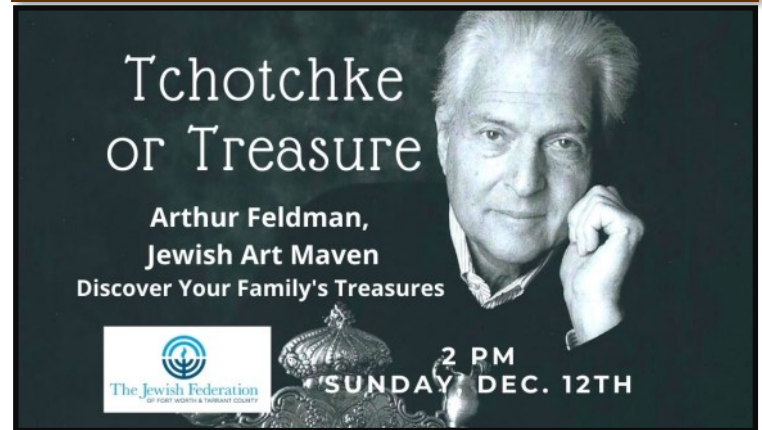
This event is made possible through the support of B'nai B'rith Senior Housing and CAS Men's Club.

Joshua Nelson and the Kasher Gospel Singers will take part in Kabbalat Shabbat Service at Congregation Ahavath Sholom on Friday, January 14th. The service starts at 6 PM. There will be an oneg after the service. Thank you to The Jewish Federation of Fort Worth and Tarrant County for sponsoring this event.

*"Musically celebrating life and drawing on similarities as opposed to differences."* - Source: Prweb.com

Photo courtesy of Joshua Nelson

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### Tchotchke or Treasure

2 PM

Sunday, December 12th

Congregation Ahavath Sholom

Join us for a unique Judaica Journey with Jewish art maven, Arthur Feldman. Look around your home. Are you choosing the items that you want to share on your Jewish Journey with us? Every item of Judaica tells a story.

Arthur is a professional estate appraiser and innovative museum consultant, with expertise in Judaica. From 2007 to 2012, he was the Executive Director of the Sherwin Miller Museum of Jewish Art in Tulsa, Oklahoma. While at the Miller Museum, he directed the creation of thirty exhibitions and publications.

He owned and operated his own gallery, the Arthur M. Feldman Gallery in Highland Park, IL, for twenty years, which reopened in 2013, featuring antique, vintage, and contemporary Judaica.

To find out what your stories are, please submit a photo to [b.labels@tarrantfederation.org](mailto:b.labels@tarrantfederation.org) Include how the items came into your possession and any other details you might wish to provide. The fee to have Arthur evaluate your item/items is \$10 per item, \$25 for 3 items.

Admission to this event is:

\$10 Federation Member,

\$18 General Community

VIP Tickets are available and cost \$36/VIP seat (includes an evaluation of an item)

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## THINK ABOUT YOUR HEALTH

According to the updated **CDC guidelines of August 13, 2021**, to maximize protection from the Delta variant and prevent possibly spreading it to others, wear a mask indoors in public if you are in an **area of substantial or high transmission**. Tarrant County is currently a substantial transmission area.

The CDC is currently recommends the use of masks for ALL persons indoors, regardless of vaccination status. Congregation Ahavath Sholom is taking a stronger stand on masking: we **REQUIRE** masks in all common areas, including the entry, Sanctuary, restrooms, and hallways for ALL PERSONS over the age of 2 years old. CAS requires continued social distancing (6 ft from those outside your household).

Here are the guidelines to enter the building:

- No temperature check is required.
- All persons regardless of vaccination status are required to wear a mask that covers the nose and mouth.
- Distancing is required indoors. We will continue to keep six feet from those living outside your household while you are indoors.
- We ask that you continue to sign in (according to current hallachick guidelines regarding the pandemic, Rabbi Bloom gives dispensation) so that we have contact tracing should a COVID case appear.

We are glad to have you back in person for services and activities. Know how much we value you and the community we share.

## PLEASE REMEMBER...

Please remain home if you are experiencing any COVID-19 symptoms. Please use your best judgment in following the guidelines from the CDC. It is our responsibility to ensure the safety of all.

### Schedule of Our Services

In-Person and Online Services (Zoom, Facebook and CAS Website)	Time
Monday—Friday Morning Minyan	6:55 am
Monday—Thursday Evening Minyan	6:00 pm
Kabbalat Shabbat (Friday)	6:00 pm
Shabbat Morning (Saturday)	9:30 am
<b>Special Event Schedule</b>	
Rosh Chodesh (New Month)	6:45 am
National Holidays	9:00 am



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## Under the Weather?

Let us know if you would like to receive phone calls or visitors.



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## ***WISH LIST***

- We would like the additional safety of a mag-lock with keyless remote for our officer on Kabbalat Shabbat and Shabbat. The current lock system limits our officer to physical distance of the door when s/he may be needed further in the building or further out of the building. The mag-lock remote strengthens the lock and gives our officer mobility. (Approximate cost, \$900)
- Cemetery Gate light sensor eye. The photo-sensor has been broken for 2 years with a manual timer opening and closing the gate. Contributions to a new sensor are appreciated.
- New dry erase board for Rabbi Bloom's Adult Education classes. CAS's board has finally worn too thin to erase the markers! Money well spent in the past, and a sound investment for our education classes. Approximate cost: \$650 at U-Line

Last month we asked for donations to repair the CAS doorbell and door release at the school entrance. We are excited to announce that the door can now be released from the CAS office! However, you must watch for the light to turn green on the keypad opposite the doorbell before you pull open the door. The speaker (part of the original unit) does not work, so we cannot talk to you.

“THANK YOU!” to everyone who contributed to this project.

Any monetary donations for these items are greatly appreciated! This list will continue to grow and evolve, so know your donations are at work to make CAS reflect the welcome of the congregation.

You may call CAS (817-731-4721) or email ([info@ahavathsholom.org](mailto:info@ahavathsholom.org)) with your donation. Thank you!