



Levi and Ostrinsky B'Nai Mitzvahs



Ethan Levi Bar Mitzvah Project by Jennifer Levi

Ethan Carter Levi will be called to the Torah for his Bar Mitzvah on Saturday, September 3, 2022. One of Ethan's hobbies is drawing and sketching. For Ethan's Mitzvah project, he has decided to collect new or gently used art supplies that he can donate to those less fortunate or areas where supplies are not in abundance. Ethan wants to share his love of art with those who would like to use their creative mind and draw and sketch as he has been able. In researching where he could best support this need, he learned about The Art Station in Fort Worth.

The Levi Family asks the congregation to donate art supplies: crayons, markers, sketch pads, etc. Drop off the items at the synagogue Monday-Friday between 8 am and 4 pm, before/after in-person services, or on Saturday, September 3, the day of Ethan's Bar Mitzvah. Upon the conclusion of his project, we will donate the supplies to benefit the services offered at The Art Station of Fort Worth (<https://www.theartstation.org/>).

Ostrinsky B'Nai Mitzvah by Rina Ostrinsky

Adam and Annie Ostrinsky traveled to Israel in June to celebrate their Bar and Bat Mitzvah. It was truly the trip of a lifetime.

Every day we experienced something new and incredible. We went to the Western Wall to greet Shabbat, experiencing the incredible energy of Jerusalem and its people. We visited Ir David, where we wandered through the carefully preserved archeological excavations, including the water tunnels. We climbed to the top of Masada and reimagined the life and the last stand of Jews against the Roman armies. Adam and Annie loved taking an unsinkable swim and floating in the salty waters of the Dead Sea. We learned of the tragic stories and the horror of the Holocaust in Yad Vashem's incredibly detailed exhibits. We went to the top of the Golan Heights, exploring Syrian army fortifications and learning the importance of this area to the defenses of Israel. We saw the opulence of Caesarea, exploring its palaces. We went on an excavation in the caves of Tel Maresh and more.

This trip was truly incredible. However, the highlight was celebrating B'nai Mitzvah at the Kotel. This was a dream come true for Adam and Annie. As we stood at the Kotel near Robinson's arch, surrounded by the ancient stones, the bright blue Jerusalem sky, and the atmosphere of history of our holy traditions, this day took on a deeper significance. It was incredible to see these kids put on the tallit and read from the Torah as they were transitioning into adulthood, accepting their obligations, and promising to live according to Jewish Law.

Mazel Tov!



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Dear Friends,

What is the most essential characteristic of a human being? While we could debate this question, I believe that one of the best answers to this question was

given by George Washington in 1790, who said, "a good moral character is the first essential in a man. It is therefore highly important that you should endeavor not only to be learned but virtuous."

As we can see, Washington emphasized the duality of "learning" and "virtue." Learning without virtue is merely knowledge, and virtue without learning is mere instinct. The combination of the two together equates to what God commanded us to do from the time of creation: that being to both "learn" and "do" (Exodus 24:7). Consequently, if we want to live lives of consequence and morality, let us listen and carry out what God and George taught us.

Additionally we must also realize all too many of us believe that we have the answers to how others must change, what they should believe, and how they must act. For only if they change, according to our desires, will they be worthy of living. Judaism doesn't see life in this manner. One must "first mend yourself, and then mend others" (Jewish Proverb).

In other words, instead of blaming the world for our troubles and travails while at the same time trying to force others to change, the most expedient and fruitful path to take is to mend our ways before demanding others do the same. We can't stop violence with violent behavior or root out anger by being angry. In the end, "every minute you are angry, you lose sixty seconds of happiness." Thereby, let us start working on ourselves before trying to change everyone else. Consequently, when we accomplish this, our moral character will grow or, in the words of Ted Lasso, "Be curious, not judgmental."

B'Shalom and Friendship,

Rabbi Andrew Bloom

Rosh Hodesh

Rosh Hodesh is marked each month, and the new month of Av is quickly approaching. I am reminded of a story from the Talmud, which relates to us; "Rabbi Yossi, the son of Rabbi Hanina, said: God proclaimed, 'If only my children would think of me like they think of dessert at the end of a meal!' Rabbi Yudan said: it is like a servant of the king who gave a party for all of his friends without inviting his master, the king. The king, deeply hurt, bemoaned, 'If only my servant would treat me at least as well as he treats his friends!' So says the Holy One Blessed be He: 'If only they would yearn for me as they look forward to dessert at the end of a meal. But instead, "you have not called upon Me, Jacob"—you work hard all day long without tiring, but when it comes time to pray to me you are too tired, so that when your friend calls you to pray, you answer, "I am too tired."'"

From this Talmudic story, we can learn that we often spend too much time worrying about superficial worries and our "tiredness" rather than what is important.

So, what can we do about our over-worrying and under-prioritizing? The answer to this can be found in direct correlation to Rosh Hodesh, for in the Book of Samuel we read. "And David said to Yehonatan, Behold, tomorrow is the new moon, and I should not fail to sit with the king at the meal" (I Samuel 20:5).

In other words, it is time to find the "meals" (good and positive things) in our lives and make them our priorities over the excuses of "tiredness" that keep us from fulfilling our potential.

Let me wish everyone a Rosh Hodesh Tov. (A good, new month.)

Rabbi Andrew Bloom

LEARNING AND ENGAGEMENT CENTER

Our plans for the next School year, 5783, are underway, further building on our past successes and filled with fun and engaging Jewish learning subject matter.

We look forward to seeing you and your wonderful children again in the fall of 2022 for a program filled with Jewish values, education, and fun.

Help our school grow! If you know any families with 3-year-old and/or pre-school through middle-school-age children, we have the right program for them! Hebrew, Judaica, Torah stories, Tefillah and song, and so much more! Please ask your interested friends to contact me.

Registration is now open for the upcoming 2022-2023 school year. Classes will begin Sunday, September 11th. Registration may be completed online through the CAS website, via the links in the CAS weekly email, or by completing the enrollment form on page 7. Please email lec@ahavathsholom.org for tuition information.

B'Shalom,
Fani Kiselstein, LEC, Principal

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



I'm not sure I remember such an oppressive heat like we have had the past few weeks. There are real dangers that come with living in "Hotter than Heck" Texas!! So try and stay cool, drink lots of water and remember this is hopefully about the end of the summer. I know, wishful thinking.

I am excited about our school opening later this month. Fani Kiselstein, our new principal of the L.E.C., is planning a great new school year. We will have some new teachers and hope that everyone will get their kids registered as soon as possible. If needed just let Pattie Wood our administrator, help you with sending forms or getting information to you. Please call and let us know how we may be of help.

Our new board will be holding our first meeting this month and will start helping the many committees we have for each and every facet of the synagogue.

There are more than most of us can imagine. I was not kidding when I mentioned it takes a Village, but a multitude of areas from which our members spend a lot of their time helping us all keep things going here at the CAS.

We are looking forward to High Holy Days in the months ahead and have been working hard to bring our congregation a wonderful and spiritual experience. Our visiting Cantor has a number of years of experience in bringing Ruach to services. Ruach has many meanings, but I find that Spirit or Soul prevails when applied to these important and sacred times. So I am hoping everyone will join us here at the synagogue.

Please remember that everyone is working in the best interest of the members of our great congregation. We all have different needs, but as a collective family, I believe we do our best in trying to create a synagogue where all people feel welcome and included. Let us be proud of how we are trying hard to maintain our "family of families" here at the shul.

B'Shalom,
Foster Owen

Labor Day - Monday, September 5th
9:00 AM Minyan - CAS Office is closed.

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FROM OUR ADMINISTRATOR

Thank you, CAS, for making our first Staff Appreciation Week a good one! While your staff gladly works to make CAS a better place for all of you, it's nice to have the acknowledgment and hear the appreciation in response. Remember that we want CAS to be as successful as you do! It takes a village.



As we face the summer heat, please know that the LEC, Programming Committee, Kitchen/Catering Committee, Cemetery Committee, and other groups are looking forward and planning for the coming year. Some activities in the works: Homecoming (we're trying again!), B'nai Mitzvah Parent Meeting, Family Shabbats with LEC leading, Joshua Nelson and the Kosher Gospel Singers, and the High Holy Days. In addition, the 2023 Annual Meeting date is set for 4 pm on May 21, 2023.

The Men's Club will need your help constructing the Sukkah (contact Ebby Lavi), the Programming Committee will need volunteers to help decorate, and CAS always needs Greeters to be sure our guests are welcomed.

I thank all of you for the work you put into making Congregation Ahavath Sholom the place it is.

Pattie Wood

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Birthdays

1-Aug	Arthur Smith-Vaughan	10-Aug	Eva Rosenthal	21-Aug	Claudia Boksiner
1-Aug	Eva Johnson	10-Aug	Myra Schussler	21-Aug	Dr. Charwynne Schneider
5-Aug	Robin Stein	14-Aug	Beverly Labovitz	22-Aug	Joyce Abramowitz
6-Aug	Lauren Rodriguez	15-Aug	Julie Berman	22-Aug	Katherine Mintz
7-Aug	Morgan Goldman	16-Aug	Lia Bloom	25-Aug	Sara Satinsky
7-Aug	Ebrahim Lavi	16-Aug	Paul Labovitz	26-Aug	Gerald Hecht
7-Aug	Gerald Zenick	17-Aug	Ariah Collins	26-Aug	Ethan Levi
8-Aug	Marvin Blum	17-Aug	Elaine Schuster	26-Aug	Lincoln Sheddy
8-Aug	Michael Luskey	18-Aug	Joanna Meyer	29-Aug	Pat Rosenzweig
8-Aug	Sherwin Rubin	19-Aug	Naomi Satinsky	30-Aug	Karen Savitz
9-Aug	Batya Yael Seguin	20-Aug	Sadie Schuster	31-Aug	Steven Gratch
9-Aug	Bethany Todd	20-Aug	James Stanton		

Anniversaries

2-Aug	Drs. Murray and Elizabeth Cohen	48 Years	21-Aug	Roni and Miriam Kaikov	42 Years
4-Aug	Dr. Dmitriy and Luydmila Shturman	55 Years	22-Aug	Dr. Joseph and Julie Berman	46 Years
5-Aug	Jeff and Dr. Rachel Cohen	10 Years	22-Aug	Rabbi Andrew and Michal Bloom	29 Years
6-Aug	Carol and Harry Bulbrook	28 Years	24-Aug	Gerald and Ilene Zenick	53 Years
9-Aug	Jayna and Allen Sosland	12 Years	25-Aug	Arnold and Harriette Gachman	59 Years
14-Aug	Alvin and Sandra Luskey	62 Years	25-Aug	Steven and Frances Gratch	48 Years
17-Aug	Dr. Misha and Talya Galaganov	19 Years	26-Aug	Judd and Louise Vermillion	34 Years
17-Aug	Joseph and Katherine Mintz	36 Years	27-Aug	Dr. Eliot Slovin & Lynn Milstone	37 Years
20-Aug	Glenn and Marcia Garoon	50 Years	28-Aug	Drs. Michael and Carole Mendelson	56 Years

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Please complete the form below to enroll your student. If you are enrolling more than one student, you'll need to complete additional forms. Online registration is available through the weekly CAS email. Classes start September 11th.

Student Information	
Student Name:	
Student Hebrew Name (Please write in English):	
Birth Date:	Returning LEC Student? (Y/N)
Name of Synagogue Where You Are A Member:	
School Information	
Grade Level as of 08 /01/ 22:	
Youth Group (USY or Kadima):	
School Attending:	
Emergency Contact Information	
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Allergies (Y/N)	If Yes, Please List:
Student Accommodation:	
Medical Release: In the event of an emergency, I hereby give qualified medical personnel permission to secure proper treatment for my child, including, if necessary, hospitalization. I understand that I will be contacted immediately in such a case.	
Medical Release (Indicate either I Agree/I Disagree):	
Parent Information	
Name (First and Last Name):	
E-mail:	
Mobile Number:	Alternate Number:
Address:	
Additional Information	
Who is Authorized to Pick-Up?	
Photo Release: Image may be published. (Y/N)	
Does your child have permission to attend field trips? (Y/N)	
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