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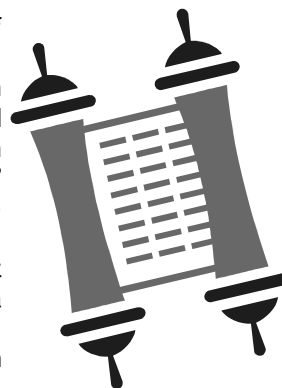
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Rabbi's Corner – **BE TORAH!**

When I was in high school, I was active in the Reform Jewish youth program (NFTY) on a national level. It was wonderful to leave Virginia Beach and travel around the country meeting new friends, learning from new teachers, and experiencing new ways of approaching Jewish prayer. I remember one conference in Wisconsin where I met a friend who was wearing a button on his shirt that read, "Be Torah!" I kept looking over at that button wondering what it meant. I finally asked my friend about the button and he offered a simple but powerful answer, "My rabbi gave me this button to remind me to be Torah. I

am supposed to act out the ethics of Torah in my behavior. Just as the Torah teaches, so must I."

Those words still resonate with me to this day. They helped change my understanding of what it means to be Jewish - and what is the relationship between Jews and our sacred texts. So often, we fall into the classic trap in which we assume that Judaism is a religion that gets its instruction from the Hebrew Bible - and that we are "good" Jews or "bad" Jews depending on how we follow those instructions. In this approach, Judaism becomes a religion based on



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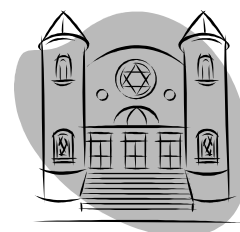
New Shabbat Service Schedule!

Important Notice:

The Temple Board has voted to change the structure of our Friday night worship schedule. Beginning in June, the **FIRST FRIDAY** of each month will be an early service beginning at 6pm. There will be no 8pm service that night. We experimented with a two-service model, and found that either an early or a later service will work. To confuse things a little more, our early service in July will be held at 5:30 since it will be on July 4.

Our monthly early services on the first Friday of each month will have a light Oneg Shabbat following the service. We will still hold our potluck meals four times a year. Please note the schedule of early services below and check JewishTyler.com for the most up-to-date information. The early services will be held in the sanctuary and will be kid-friendly.

- Friday, June 6 - Temple Service at new 6pm time
(no 8pm service)
- Friday, July 4 - Temple Service at 5:30
(no 8pm service)
- Friday, August 1 - Temple Service at new 6pm time
(no 8pm service)



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Biblical creed - with updating from the rabbinic literature. But if we understand the organic nature of the Hebrew Bible - how it was written, why it was written, who wrote it, and how each successive generation can imprint their voices in the chains of tradition - then Judaism is not about creed - it becomes a religion of deed. We are the legatees of a holy discussion that calls on us to act in a righteous manner. We are not simply passive participants in the Jewish story, we are the story-tellers. That is why my friend's button did not say "Read Torah," rather it said, "Be Torah!"

So we learn from the values of the Torah, and from the ethics of the prophets, and from the wisdom of the rabbis - that Judaism is not a static religion - it is a powerful tool for holy behavior. And so as our summer begins, and as the holiday of Shavuot celebrates the giving of the Torah at Sinai - let us remember that we all have holy jobs. We are ambassadors of our faith, and our individual actions reflect on the entire Jewish community. We are called upon to go above and beyond concern for ourselves - we are called upon to bring honor to God through our righteous actions. We are called upon to "Be Torah!"


L'shalom—to peace,
Rabbi Neal Katz

 ★ **High Holy Day Dreamin'** ★
 ★ For High Holy Days this year, Rabbi Katz is looking to try ★
 ★ something a little different. Each year on Yom Kippur, the ★
 ★ afternoon service is filled with prayers and readings from our ★
 ★ prayerbooks. Other congregations have ★
 ★ used this block of time to invite members ★
 ★ to offer their own sermons. It has been a ★
 ★ wonderful way to hear about the high holy ★
 ★ days from our temple members in addition ★
 ★ to the rabbi. If you are interested in offer- ★
 ★ ing a sermon on Yom Kippur afternoon - on a related theme ★
 ★ to the holidays, please let Rabbi Katz know. He will work ★
 ★ with you over the summer to develop your sermon. He is ★
 ★ looking for two people to be a part of this new opportunity. ★
 ★ Please contact the rabbi if you are interested. ★
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ADULT STUDY

There will be one Adult Study class in June—on Sunday, June 8th at 8:30 p.m. for our Tikkun Leil Shavuot program. Even if you have never been before, this is a wonderful learning opportunity .



CONTRIBUTIONS

We thank our Congregation Beth El contributors for their kindness and generosity. Their gifts strengthen our congregation.

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

IN HONOR OF BOBYE FREEMAN'S BIRTHDAY
By Janet & Ronnie Horsley

IN HONOR OF TRACY LISNER'S BIRTHDAY
By Janet & Ronnie Horsley

TREE OF LIFE

IN HONOR OF
TRACY LISNER'S 60TH BIRTHDAY
Leaf: Margo Adams & Family


FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Congregant,

It wasn't just the heat of summer Friday night, May 23rd, but the HOT musical Shabbat that caused the air conditioning to crank up an extra notch or two. It is such a pleasure to see all the congregants singing together and enjoying the spirituality that music brings to the service. Rabbi, you are to be congratulated again for the beautiful service. For those of you that were not able to attend, mark your calendars for the fall musical service. You will not be disappointed. Don't forget our next early service is Friday, June 6th, at 6:00 p.m. and July 4th at 5:30 p.m. I hope with the early times some of our younger congregants will be able to attend.


I wish everyone a safe and wonderful summer.

See you in Temple,
Tracy Lisner



Tree of Life—Price Change

Please note that the Board of Trustees voted at the December Board meeting to change the price for leaves on the Tree of Life to \$72 each and the price of stones to \$720 each.





Schedule of Services

Friday, June 6

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-NASO: Numbers 4:21-7:89
 HAFTARAH: Judges 13:2-25
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Mr. & Mrs. Tracy Lisner
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: May 31-Lena F. Klotz, Harry Leonard, Bessie Spero, June 3-Evelyn Lisner, 4-Burnett Wadel, 5-Jennie Bassist Wolf, 6-Isaac (Ike) Lippmann, Dora Sharman Sachs.

Friday, June 13

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-BEHA'ALOTECHA: Numbers 8:1-12:16
 HAFTARAH: Zechariah 2:14-4:7
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Mr. & Mrs. Von Freeman
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: June 6-Thomas Bill Werbner, 10-Millie Abram, Joseph Meyer Cristol, William C. Orrender, Jr., 11-Ethel Willer Eltis, Arthur "Skip" Urbach, 12-Fannie B. Benson.

Friday, June 20

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-SHELACH LECHA: Numbers 13:1-15:41
 HAFTARAH: Joshua 2:1-24
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Davis
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: June 14-Ruth Davis, 15-Louis Sugar, 16-Hannah Brooks Jarett, 18-Ben Fisch, Philip H. Lipstate, Genevieve Abram Robinson, Isidore Rosenfield, Otto Wolf, 19-Joe Rosenfield, 20-Edward Tipton, Charlotte L. Wessel.

Friday, June 27

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-KORACH: Numbers 16:1-18:32
 HAFTARAH: I Samuel 11:14-12:22
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Dr. & Mrs. Noah Israel
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: June 21-Gussye G. Williams, 25-Morris Lubar, 27-Morris A. Rosenburg, Alvin Seawright.

Friday, July 4

Erev Shabbat Service 5:30 P.M.

PARASHAT-CHUKAT: Numbers 19:1-22:1
 HAFTARAH: Judges 11:1-33
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Mr. & Mrs. Sidney Ginsberg
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: June 29-Sol Ashendorf, Marcus Henry Cristol, Robert R. Muntz, 30-Annie Cinnamon French, Fayga Gross, Marian Moore, Lottie Regan, July 1-Rheda Fisch Levy, Edwin Goldstucker.

Friday, July 11

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-BALAK: Numbers 22:2-25:9
 HAFTARAH: Micah 5:6-6:8
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Mr. & Mrs. Griffin Goodman
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: July 7-Sandra Greenberg Goodman, Max Saffir, 10-Zora Golden, 11-Abe Davis.

Friday, July 18

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-PINCHAS: Numbers 25:10-30:1
 HAFTARAH: I Kings 18:46-19:21
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Mr. & Mrs. Otto Berndt
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: July 12-Anna S. Grossman, 13-William Golden, Steven Alan Kolker, Louis Shaffer, 16-I. L. "Sonny" Friedman, Florence Krumholz, 17-Raymond Friedlander, Gertrude Lubar.

Friday, July 25

Erev Shabbat Service 8:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-MATOT: Numbers 30;2-32:42
 HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3
 ONEG SHABBAT HOST: Ms. Margo Adams
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: July 20-Marguerite R. Eliassof, Mildred Rubin, 21-Betty Schultz, 23-Edith F. Watterston, 24-Evelyn Berger Franks, Louis Miller.

Friday, August 1

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT-MAS'EY: Numbers 33:1-36:13
 HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 2:4-28, 3:4, 4:1-7
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Dr. & Mrs. Steve Idell
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund.
 YAHRZEITS: July 26-Ben Protas, Arthur Wolfson, 27-Zerlina Levy, 28-Aleck S. Genecov, 28-Mary Lewis, 29-Arnold Marker Hill, Nina Sanders, Rose Kamsler Shane, Jennie Davis Wasserman, 30-A. Melvin Gold, Elaine Jacobs, August 1-Marguerite Nasits.

Ben Fisch Unveiling

The unveiling for Dr. Ben Fisch will be on Sunday, June 1st, at 11:00 a.m. at Rose Hill Cemetery.

SISTERHOOD NEWS

We ended the year on a high note with our guest Kathleen Blumenthal from Spring Texas (Houston area) installing our new officers for this upcoming year. Kathleen (the oldest of 16 children—no twins!) has been involved in Sisterhood for many years. She has held several Sisterhood executive positions and is presently a national WRJ Board member. Many thanks to Evelyn Muntz and Maurine Muntz for co-hosting the installation luncheon and to all the wonderful women who helped with preparing and serving the very delicious meal.

Mazel Tov to Richard Wallach on his Bar Mitzvah May 17th and to Sarah Beck on her Bat Mitzvah May 31st! We are so proud of all our young people taking the next step in their Jewish lives!

We wish everyone in our congregation a relaxing and happy summer and look forward to resuming our regular activities in the fall.

Suzy Beck & Carol Wilcox



SUMMERTIME MEALS FOR KIDS

The kids are out of school which is fun for them, but as many children of low-income families receive free or reduced meals from school, this creates an additional hardship for those families during the summer months.

This month, we need to collect READY-TO-EAT MEALS, SNACKS and JUICES for those children. We want them to stay healthy and happy this summer.

Look for non-perishable canned SOUPS, STEWS and MEALS for kids on the soup aisle at the grocery store. CEREAL BARS, GRANOLA BARS and DRIED FRUITS snacks are great; you can usually find those on the cereal aisle. APPLE SAUCE and PACKAGED FRUIT are healthy snacks as well as JUICE BOXES. Organic MILK is now being sold in kid-sized boxes and, it doesn't require refrigeration. (PATH has limited refrigeration space which is why we ask for non-refrigerated items.)



Please bring your donations to the PATH food pantry.

THANK YOU

Thank you to the following congregants who helped with this year's Seder.

Nez Gross	Corky Willens
Margo Adams	Gloria Davis
Janet Horsley	Suzy Beck
Anita Wallach	Susan Sayre
Bunny Orrender	Dru Kolker
Adele Regan	Joanne Idell
Evelyn Muntz	Maurine Muntz
Boby Freeman	

Attention: Bulletin Deadline Notice



Articles, announcements and messages should be submitted to the Temple office no later than July 17th for the August Bulletin. Please send complete articles, not just the details for the articles. Articles may be sent to sectbethel@sbcglobal.net. Thank you for abiding by this date. Please note that any important updates during the month will be placed on our website at JewishTyler.com.

Please check JewishTyler.com regularly for information on upcoming programs, calendar updates, and for links to the Jewish world.

JewishTyler.com

Important Upcoming Dates Mark your calendars.



Friday, June 6 - Temple Service at new 6pm time
 Sunday, June 8 - Tikkun Leil Shavuot
 Friday, July 4 - Temple Service at 5:30
 Friday, August 1 - Temple Service at new 6pm time

Tyler Council of Church Women

The next meeting of the Tyler Council of Church Women will be held on Monday, June 30, 2008, at Fairwood United Methodist Church, 1712 Old Omen Road, Tyler, Texas. A musical greeting presented by the children of the Fairwood United Methodist Church day care center will precede the program. The program theme will be "Caring For, Concerned With, and Cooperating in our Community". Special guest will be Jessica

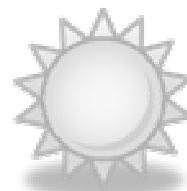



Willettt with the Children's Advocacy Center of Smith county, speaking on "How do we get them and what do we do with them".

The Executive Board meets at 9:30 a.m.
Fellowship coffee: 10:00 a.m.
Program and General Meeting: 10:30 a.m.
Monday, June 30, 2008



JUNE 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11am Unveiling for Dr. Ben Fisch @ Rose Hill Cemetery	2	3	4	5	6 6pm Erev Shab- bat Early Service Hosts: M/M Tracy Lisner Pulpit Guest: Alison Ables	7 SHABBAT NASO Numbers 4:21- 7:89
8  Tikkun Leil Shavuot @ 8:30pm	9	10	11	12	13 8pm Erev Shab- bat Early Service Hosts: M/M Von Freeman Pulpit Guest: Suzy Beck	14 SHABBAT BEHA'ALOTE- CHA Numbers 8:1- 12:16
15	16 10:30am Hadassah Book Club @ the home of Evelyn Muntz	17	18	19	20 8pm Erev Shab- bat Early Service Hosts: M/M Ralph Davis Pulpit Guest: Ralph Davis	21 SHABBAT SHELACH-LECHA Numbers 13:1- 15:41
22	23	24	25	26	27 8pm Erev Shab- bat Early Service Hosts: D/M Noah Israel Pulpit Guest: Dennis Darryl	28 SHABBAT KORACH Numbers 16:1- 18:32
29	30 10am Tyler Council of Church Women @ Fairwood Methodist	The Temple office will be closed on Mondays for the months of June and July.				



JULY 2008



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4:30pm Erev Shabbat Early Service Hosts: M/M Sidney Gisnberg Pulpit Guest: Mike Gross 	5 SHABBAT CHUKAT Numbers 19:1-22:1
6	7	8	9	10	11 8pm Erev Shabbat Early Service Hosts: M/M Griffin Goodman Pulpit Guest: Griffin Goodman	12 SHABBAT BALAK Numbers 22:2-25:9
13	14 10:30am Hadassah Book Club @ Brady's Coffee Shop	15	16	17 August Bulletin Deadline	18 8pm Erev Shabbat Early Service Hosts: M/M Otto Berndt Pulpit Guest: Nez Gross	19 SHABBAT PINCHAS Numbers 25:10-30:1
20	21	22	23	24	25 8pm Erev Shabbat Early Service Host: Margo Adams Pulpit Guest: Margo Adams	26 SHABBAT MATOT Numbers 33:1-36:13
27	28	29	30	31	August 1 6pm Erev Shabbat Early Service Hosts: D/M Steve Idell Pulpit Guest: Ronnie Horsley	

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS:

NAMES READ ON JUNE 6: May 31-Alison Ables, Brett Harrison, June 3-Neal Katz, Mason Lieberman, June 4-Robyn Lieberman, Susan Sayre, David Wallach.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 13: June 9-Gloria Davis, 11-Deandra Lieberman, 13-Terrie Mutchnik, Richard Wallach.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 20: June 14-Gary Gross, 16-Dorothy Gordon, 17-Pauline Stein, 18-Phyllis Ginsberg, 20-John Regan.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 27: June 22-James Kolker, 27-Jeremiah Benjamin.

NAMES READ ON JULY 4: June 29-Susan Adams, Laurie Brown, July 1-Helen Israel, 2-Sheldon Lieberman.

NAMES READ ON JULY 11: July 7-Natalie Ginsberg, 10-Owen Harrison, 11-Ladeen Pluss, Benjamin Wallach.

NAMES READ ON JULY 18: July 14-Phil Hurwitz, 16-Kahne Parsons.

NAMES READ ON JULY 25: July 20-Lisa Gross, 24-Sarah Brown.

NAMES READ ON AUGUST 1: July 26-Richard Rubin, 28-Betty Berndt, 30-Mary Orrender, 31-Edward Chiniewicz, August 1-Geoffrey Mutchnik, Joy Wallach.

ANNIVERSARIES:

NAMES READ ON JUNE 6: June 1-Judy and Gary Mayer, 2-Anita and Perry Wallach, 3-Laurie and David Brown.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 13: June 9-Miriam & Richard Rubin, Stephanie & Rick Seawright, 11-Betty & Otto Berndt, 12-Janet & Ronnie Horsley.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 20: June 15-Dolly & Stephen Wolf.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 27: June 22-Gloria & Ralph Davis.

NAMES READ ON JULY 11: July 9-Mildred & Marvin Englander, 10-Dorothy & Morris Gordon.

NAMES READ ON JULY 18: July 13-Susan & Randall Keener, 14-Connie & Sam Greenberg.



Congratulations Graduate

Sarah Mayfield graduated from Texas A&M on May 10th with a degree of Bachelor of Science in Biology. Sarah is the daughter of Dian, our Temple secretary.

HADASSAH NEWS



HADASSAH AND THE ENVIRONMENT

Hadassah is helping to fulfill Isaiah's prophecy, "...the desert shall rejoice and bloom". For Hadassah, working with Jewish National Fund (JNF) to develop the land and preserve the water is a sacred trust. **What do we do?**

Hadassah and the Jewish National Fund have been partners in action since 1926, when they formed an effective and compassionate coalition. Today, our organizations are united in an effort to help Israel avoid an environmental catastrophe. Hadassah is currently funding the Tirzah Reservoir in Israel's Jordan Valley. Over the next few years, as many as 100 additional reservoirs will be needed to insure that Israel has the water that it requires. Your contribution will help Israel conserve water, the most precious resource in the Middle East.

Over the past century, JNF has planted over 200 million trees, built over 150 dams and reservoirs, developed over 250,000 acres of land, created more than 400 parks throughout Israel and educated students around the world about Israel and the environment. Through the support of donors, JNF was able to ensure that Israel was the only nation in the world to end the 20th century with more trees than it had at the beginning.

Francene Van Os has been our Tyler JNF Chairwoman for years and she would be happy to receive your donations. **If you would like to plant a tree in Israel**, Francene would be happy to help you, just give her a call. This is a wonderful way to honor or memorialize a person special to you.

Book Club will meet at the home of Evelyn Muntz to discuss The Zookeeper's Wife, by Diane Ackerman on June 16 at 10:30 – give her a call to let her know if you can come. On July 14 at 10:30, they will be discussing Suite Francaise, by Irene Nemirovsky at Brady's Coffee Shop. The next book will be Three Cups of Tea, by Greg Mortenson. For additional information please contact Charlene Goodman.

Congratulations to the new Tyler Hadassah Executive Board:

Co-presidents: Carol Wilcox & Geri Cohen

1st VP/Fund Raising/Donor: Evelyn Muntz

3rd VP/Membership: Bobbie Krull

Treasurer: Marcie Ginsberg

Recording Secy: Margie Victor

Corresponding Secy: Elsie Beaver

Records Administrator: Charlene Goodman

THANK YOU BOBBIE KRULL for hosting our installation dinner – it was wonderful.

Geri Cohen and Carol Wilcox



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