



The Shofar

Rabbi's Message

This is the bulletin before the vacations of the summer months of June, July, and August. Have you ever thought about what you are going to take on your trips? Of course you will pack your clothing, the socks, pants, shoes, shirts, swimming trunks, toothbrushes, and all the other things we think we need for our travels here and there.

I just hope you don't forget to pack your Judaism.

Now, what do I mean by that? Although travel sets are available, I don't mean the shabbat candle sticks, or a kiddush cup, or a havdalah set, or anything that is physical. Actually, what I mean is that you and your family should not leave your Judaism behind you, when you leave on vacation. Wherever you go, you are a Jew, and there are things you can do on vacation to enhance that part of you. Wherever you go, there will surely be synagogues or temples to attend for services. They might have special

programs of interest for you or your family members. The services at the synagogues you find on your vacation might have new and interesting ways to do services. (Bring those ideas back to Clear Lake, and share them with me!) There might be museums of Jewish interest, or Jewish Book stores, to enjoy, the likes of which we never see around Houston. Furthermore, remember that you can always express your Judaism on the road by reciting the Hamotzee before every meal.

When you go on vacation this summer, enjoy. Please stay safe, buckle up, and bring your Judaism along with you wherever you go!

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Rabbi Stuart Federow

President's Message

On April 25th, we at Congregation Shaar Hashalom held our annual Fund Raising event Bites of the Bay at Bay area Park Community Center. The committee sold over 600 Tickets to this event. The committee had over 16 participating Area Restaurants. They had a great many items (to numerous to mention) for Auction and Door Prizes.

It is my pleasure to thank the Following Committee members for the great work they did to make this Bites of the Bay, the very best. Ron Zaguli - Committee Chair, Ronnie Weiss and Mary Beth Weiss Debbie Angel, Joy Blair, David Cohen, Judy Hirsch, Sharon Polt, Ivy Belles, Don Brand, Holli Hirsch, Anita Osman and Nancy Weiss.

The other group to thank is the Men's Club and Sisterhood, our 7th grade class and CLUSY for their work in setting up the facility, running of the Drink Tables, Kosher food table and for clean up.

To all of you, on behalf of the Congregation, a Special Thanks, for doing a fantastic job to make this event the best yet.

Shalom,
Marty Gordon

Upcoming Events

- **June 4,5** Jonathan Izygon Bar Mitzvah
- **June 7** Congregational Meeting 7:30pm. Be there to vote on budget
- **June 16** Men's club Election/installation 7-9 pm (see article for details)
- **June 20** Men's Club Father's Day with the Houston Astros
- **June 25,26** Mitchell Weiss Bar Mitzvah



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Fundraising Update

I wanted to take this chance to give everyone an update on our fundraising efforts at the synagogue:

1. We hope everyone had a great time at Bites of the Bay! I want to thank all the people who helped make it such a success : my co-chairs Mary Beth and Ronnie Weiss, Holli and David Hirsch, Debbie Angel, Ivy Belles, David Cohen, Joy Blair, Nancy Weiss, Judy Hirsch and Sharon Polt and their team of Kosher cooks, and Mens Club, Sisterhood and the Youth Group. It was truly a team effort and thanks to everyone for pitching in. A big thank you to all the restaurants who participated in the event - pay them a visit soon!
2. We are in the process of kicking off the design phase for the 4 windows in the Social Hall. Since these are the last of our planned stained glass windows be sure to contact me if you want to be the donor of one or more of them or just have some questions. I'm sure these will go quickly!
3. Shortly, I will be sending out a letter with a reminder about linking your Randalls card to the synagogue so we can earn money from your purchases. In addition, I will be enclosing labels that you can attach to your Kroger card or key tag that will allow us to benefit from your purchases there as well.
4. Lastly, we are working on a couple of additional fundraising opportunities. We are trying to streamline the process for purchasing script - stay tuned! Also if you know anyone who would like to place an ad in the shofar be sure to let us know - its a great way for local businesses to advertise without a huge advertising expense.

Sincerely
Ron Zaguli
Fundraising Chair

Note: The editor would like to apologize sincerely for omitting this article from the paper copy.

CLUSY News

CLUSY is proud to announce the new board of officers for 2004-2005.

Co-Presidents- Margalit Lazerus and David Sokolow

SATO Vice Presidents- Allison Lehman and Debbie Kitmacher

Israel Affairs/Programing Vice President- Simantha Ben-Ezra

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Communications- Vice President- Sara Ostrosky

Do you have a Randalls shopping card?

If so, did you know that by linking your card to organization 2359, Randalls will donate a percentage of your purchase to Shaar Hashalom? If you haven't done so, just tell the cashier to link your card to organization 2359 and Randalls will help us meet our budget!

Elections were held at the Ostrosky home on May 8, and after we relaxed in the pool. CLUSY sends a Big Thank You to Sandy and Neil Ostrosky for opening their home to us.

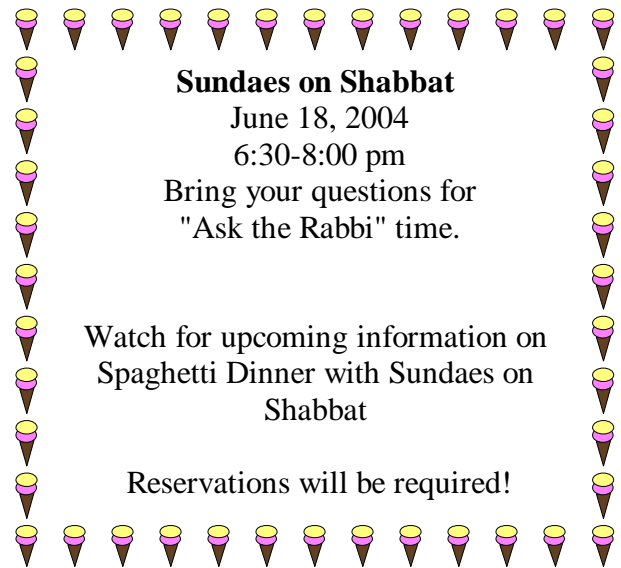
The 5th annual Men's Club vs. CLUSY softball game was held on Sunday, May 2. It was a beautiful day in the park. The weather was perfect and so was the turn out. The final score was Men's Club-17, CLUSY-14 (approx) so congrats to Men's Club for their 5th victory. Donations from the game go towards CLUSY's SATO pledge, and we raised approx. \$250 at the game. A Big Thank You to all who game out and cheered for everyone.

We want to wish our graduating seniors the best of luck on the next step of their journey through life. Best Wishes to Charlene Weiss, Peri Federow, Julia Pagelis, Kris Clancey and Sarah Sokolow.

We will miss you guys so much.



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6:30-8:00 pm
Bring your questions for
"Ask the Rabbi" time.

Watch for upcoming information on
Spaghetti Dinner with Sundaes on
Shabbat

Reservations will be required!

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Ritual Information

The Ritual Committee would like to ask you "How do you observe Shabbat?" Observance of Shabbat, or at least recognition of Shabbat, is one of the cornerstones of Judaism. The Ritual Committee urges each of you to observe or recognize Shabbat in some way each week. In the May Shofar Rabbi Federow pointed out that Shabbat observance is not an all or nothing thing. This is a concept that the Ritual Committee fully endorses. In this spirit we would like to share some observances that other Shaar Hashalom Congregants have mentioned to be part of their observances. As a follow-up, we would like to encourage each of you to share your suggestions with others. Please send your ideas to me at the Synagogue or email them to me at csh@shaarhashalom.org. The Committee will pass on these ideas to the rest of the Congregation. To start with, we would like to pass on these observances:

- "I buy my wife a rose every Shabbat."

- "I go to services."
- "Friday night is family night at our house."
- "I keep kosher on Shabbat."
- "We light Shabbat candles and say Kiddush over the wine."
- "I take a nap every Saturday afternoon in honor of Shabbat."
- "I do not work or think about my problems at work."
- "I do not use the computer."
- "I end each email I send with Shabbat Shalom."

On behalf of the Ritual Committee I would like to wish each of you Shabbat Shalom.

Leonard Levine
V.P. Ritual

Membership Update

Please note the following changes to the 2003-2004 Membership Directory:

Crupain, Helen and Howard - new email
Hcrup1@yahoo.com

Blair, Joy & William - new address
1401 Bayou Oak Dr.
Friendswood 77546-5244

Moeller, Erin & Jonathan - new email addresses
erinmoeller@ev1.net (Erin)
marvelmcfey@ev1.net (John)

Coppersmith, Jan & Martin - corrected zip code
Houston 77259-0224

Leonard, Cathy - new member
3804 Amanda Dr, Dickinson 77539-6442
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Please notify the synagogue office of any additional changes or corrections and/or send them to erosentx@houston.rr.com.

Ellen Rosen and Andrea Levine
Directory Co-Chairs

Please remember: sponsor an oneg with a friend, for a special occasion or in honor of someone. Call the synagogue office for more information. 281-488-5861.

Strategic Planning

Watch your mail for the Strategic Planning Committee membership survey! It's in two parts - the first part is to update our member information database; the second part asks for your opinions and is anonymous. Please return the survey by June 8 in the stamped return addressed envelopes provided or drop them off at the congregation meeting on June 7. This is another opportunity for you to be heard!

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6/ 1	Sarah Kitmacher
6/2	Ed Calcote
6/ 2	Richard Lehman
6/ 2	Rafael Mittlefehldt
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6/ 3	Neil Davidson
6/ 3	Arnis Paeglis
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6/ 5	Benjamin Cohen
6/6	Lila Rosen
6/6	Laura Castillo
6/ 8	Lisa Callner
6/ 8	Zachary Weiss
6/ 9	Andrea Moore
6/10	Allen Kufert
6/14	Mel Safer
6/15	Elline Callner
6/15	Melissa Prince
6/16	Maxmilian Isaacson
6/17	Harvey Stein
6/18	Mitchell Weiss
6/19	Anna Rimkus
6/25	Yiftach Ramon
6/26	Nurit Mittlefehldt
6/26	Katherine Angel
6/27	Mark Sokolow
6/27	Abraham Fiszer

ANNIVERSARIES

Leslie and Carl Schwanke	6/ 9	Joel and Miriam Farber	6/20
Patti and Paul Nesrsta	6/ 9	Barbara and Hal Rosenthal	6/22
Shelley and Jeff Kahle	6/13	Helen and Howard Crupain	6/24
Alan and Dale Simon	6/16	Kurt and Edith Liebenthal	6/24
Lila and George Rosen	6/19	Felicia and Stuart Bank	6/25
Ivy and Donald Belles	6/19	Sharon and Mitchell Polt	6/27
Sheilla and Michael Goldberg	6/20	Helene and Joe Ringer	6/30

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In Memory of Edwin Dubov, step-father of Lou Diamond

In Memory of Ruth Simonson, mother of Carlos Simonson Orellana

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In Honor of the marriage of Mike and Judy Wolfe

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Martin Nusynowitz

In Memory of Harriet Nusynowitz (Chaya Bat Schneur Zalman)

Religious School Fund

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In honor of our teacher, Ms. D'Orazio, Mr. Bateman, and Mr. Brahmar

Janet Stanger

In Memory of my sister, Julie Beth Harkins

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On the Occasion of Toby Singhania's mother's full recuperation

The Allon Family

On the Occasion of our new baby daughter's Naming

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In Honor of Mike and Judy Wolfe's wedding

In Honor of the Robertson baby naming

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In Honor of the Lehman Bat Mitzvah

Youth Group Fund

General Fund

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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

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In Memory of Lily Melchner

Edith Liebenthal

In Memory of Robert Friedler

Steve, Abbey, Ilyse, and Jaice Kornblau

In Honor of Barbara Kornblau

Men's Club News

On Sunday, May 2, 2004 Men's Club and CLUSY held its annual softball game at Frankie Randolph Carter Park. The close score showed the intensity of the CLUSY team as they battled on and on. At the request of the CLUSY team the game was extended from 6 to 7 innings. Men's Club held its famous Kosher Hot Dog Sale. Everyone agreed a good time was had by one and all.

On Sunday, May 16, 2004 Men's Club sponsored and organized the annual Congregation Picnic held at Frankie Carter Randolph Park. The picnic went well despite a couple of sunshine sprinkles. Volunteers included The Paeglis family, Ronnie Weiss, Roger Weiss, Lou Diamond, Richard Lehman, Mark Manusov, Carlos Orellana, Carl Schwanke, The Coppersmiths, and Jeff Lipschuetz. A special thanks to Mark for calling the balls. Men's Club provided free refreshments including its famous Kosher Hot Dogs.

On Wednesday, June 16, 2004 at 7:00 pm Men's Club will hold its General Membership Meeting/Election/Installation of Officers dinner at The Mediterraneo Restaurant, 18033 Upper Bay Road, Nassau Bay. Cost to members \$7.50; guests \$12.50. Please RSVP to Joe Ringer, 281-488-0268 or Helenejoe@aol.com

On July 23 and 24, 2004 Men's Club will conduct Shabbat services led by Marc Penansky.

Joe Ringer, President
Roger Weiss, Vice President
Arnis Paeglis, Secretary
Carl Schwanke, Treasurer

Sisterhood Update

Our sisterhood has some members with very noteworthy news that happened during the month of May 2004. The sisterhood of Congregation Shaar Hashalom wants to extend a giant Mazel Tov to our own Pia Greenberg. Pia was installed as Southwest Branch of the National Organization of The Woman's League of Conservative Judaism President during the recent conference held in the middle of last May. Other CSH members to be congratulated for serving on this board are Andrea Levine (corresponding secretary) and Nancy Dickerson. Our sisterhood is very proud of each one of these ladies and know they will do a wonderful job in these most prestigious and important positions.

We are very happy to say our sisterhood was able to make its final payment towards our pledge towards our beautiful stained glass windows during May.

By now, the new slate for next years sisterhood officers should be available and our election/installation date decided.

Looking toward a safe and blessed summer for everyone!

Shalom
Avril Suckow—Sisterhood President

Ronnie & Mary Beth Weiss invite you to join
them in joy and worship when
their son

Mitchell Allan Weiss

Will be called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah

Friday, June 25, 2004 at 8:15 p.m.

Saturday, June 26, 2004 at 9:30 a.m.

at Congregation Shaar Hashalom

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Refreshments served after Friday Services

Kiddush luncheon served after Saturday
services



Oneg Shabbat, Hebrew for "Joy of the Sabbath," is part of G-d's commandment to keep and enjoy the Sabbath. So relax, drink a little wine, share a knosh, and kibitz a little. You'll experience the joy of celebrating the Shabbat, meet new members, and renew your connection with your friends and neighbors. The Oneg is an integral part of celebrating the Shabbat. It provides the congregants an opportunity for conversation and helps build a sense of Jewish community.

If you didn't know, the synagogue relies on it's members to sponsor an Oneg. Sponsoring an Oneg is a Mitzvah that benefits you and the congregation. The next time you or your family celebrate a birthday, a graduation, an anniversary or even a job promotion, share your good fortune, share the " Joy of the Sabbath" by sponsoring an Oneg!

To sponsor an Oneg, call the synagogue office (281) 488-5861 and schedule a date. The sponsorship fee is only \$90. All funds are spent to pay for the cost of the food, servers and cleanup for the Friday evening and the Saturday morning Shabbat services. The synagogue makes no money from this fee.

Remember, if you are looking to personalize the Oneg or you want to share something special, you are always welcome to bake your favorite dessert.

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Articles for the Shofar can be emailed to mkocen@aol.com or left in the Shofar mail box outside the Rabbi's office by the 21st of each month. Thanks, Michele Kocen

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