



The Shofar

Rabbi's Message

YOU WILL LOVE THE NEW HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYER BOOK!

Many of you have bought the new High Holy Day prayer book and have picked it up, and perhaps looked through it.

Personally, I love it!

I love the English more than anything. I mean, after all, the Hebrew text changes very little. There are readings in the new High Holy Day prayer book that give me goose bumps, or that bring tears to my eyes, they are so beautifully written! It is not hard to read with Thee-s and Thou-s, and it isn't stilted, it really sounds like American speech.

The service is patterned after the same service that we do on Shabbat, because it is published by the same people who publish

our Friday night and Saturday morning prayer books. This means that the layout of the page, the font of both the Hebrew and English, and the translations and transliterations will be recognizable to those of us who come to Shabbat services even on an occasional basis.

I am very much looking forward to this year's services!

Let me take this opportunity to wish each and every one of you
a Happy,
a Healthy,
and a Jewish,
New Year!

Rabbi Stuart Federow



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Upcoming Events

- **Sunday's 7-9pm** "Show of Faith" 950 KPRC radio featuring Rabbi Federow
- **Sept. 1, 8, 22, (wed.)** 5:30-7:30 pm Religious School
- **Sept. 9** 6:30 pm Sisterhood Paid up Membership Dinner
- **Sept. 12, 26** Bagel Sales
- **Sept. 12, 19, 26 (sun.)** 9:00 am-12:30 pm Religious School
- **Sept. 12,** 9:30 am-11:30 am Men's Club Breakfast
- **Sept. 15-17** Rosh Hashanah
- **Sept. 24** Kol Nidre
- **Sept. 25** Yom Kippur
- **Sept. 29, 30** Sukkot

President's Message

On behalf of the officers and Board of Trustees of Congregation Shaar Hashalom, myself, and my family we wish of you "Le Shanah Tovah Tikateivu V'Teihateimu" ("May you be inscribed and sealed in the book of life"). AMEN

We must continue to make our synagogue the cornerstone of our Jewish community. To do this, we must work together to keep ourselves rooted in Jewish history, rituals, laws, traditions: Our concept of one G-d, one Torah, the mitzvot, a connection to the land of Israel and most important being one people with many facets

Shalom,
Marty Gordon

School News

By the time you read this newsletter, school will have already begun, and your preparations for the New Year will be starting. I am hoping that a few of you will decide to start your year off right and join me on the **Education Committee**. This is a very worthwhile use of your time since you will be having a direct impact on our children's Jewish education. Our committee helps to support the school and staff as well as effect change as needed in the curriculum and function of the school. Your involvement would only help! It also sends a message to your children that you really care about their Jewish schooling. Meetings are monthly and will try to be held during school hours. **Our first meeting will be Sunday September 12th from 10:00 til 11:30 AM.** If you can join us, please email me at the address below or speak to our Educational Director, Katy Izygon.

Last year, our congregant Amira Hemme held Israeli Dance lessons in the social hall after school on Sundays. It was great fun, a real workout & very affordable. Please watch for sign-ups coming soon. This very fun activity is open to all congregants, young and not-as-young, whether or not you have a child in the school. School hours are as follows:

- Pre-K through 2nd grade 10:00 AM til 12:30 PM Sundays only
- 3rd through 7th grades 9:00 AM til 12:30 PM Sundays and 5:30 til 7:00 PM Wednesdays
- 8th through 10th grades 5:30 til 7:00 PM Wednesdays only

Remember to drive cautiously through our parking lot as you drop off and pick up your children. You will need to come into the building for pick up. It may be a little inconvenient, but it is for our children's safety. We have fabulous enthusiastic teachers, some of whom are new to our school this year. Please help them to teach your children by informing them of any special issues your child may have or ways they can best meet your child's needs. It will only help your child. Happy New Year to you and your families.

B'Shalom,
Nancy Weiss
neaw@mindspring.com

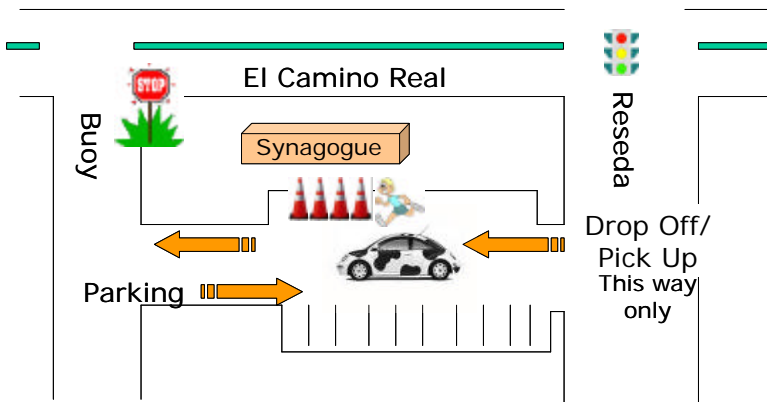
JSC Credit Union

The JSC credit union now offers FREE accounts to any member of Congregation Shaar Hashalom. Now membership to our congregation gives you the flexibility to open accounts for you and any of your family members free. All JSC FCU checking accounts are service fee free and offer overdraft protection.

To open a Primary Savings account, a minimum deposit of \$5.00 is required. If you would also like to open a checking account, an additional deposit of \$25.00 will be required for this account.

JSC FCU offers loans for every need, including new and used cars, home mortgages, home equity and health care.

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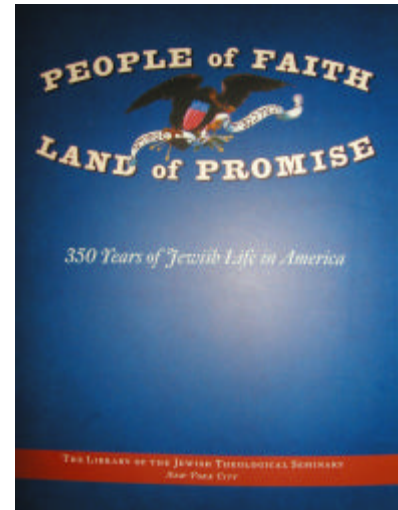
Library News

Thank you, Pia Greenberg, for your gift **People of Faith Land of Promises-350 Years of Jewish Life in America.**

Pia obtained this book at The Jewish Theological Seminar and has presented it to us in honor of her installation as President, Women's League for Conservative Judaism Southwest Branch.

Our thanks and congratulations, Pia!

Happy and Healthy New Year to all, Hedy Wolpa



PEOPLE of FAITH LAND of PROMISES – 350 Years of Jewish Life in America Review of CSH Library's newest acquisition

PEOPLE of FAITH LAND of PROMISES - 350 Years of Jewish Life in America was recently published by The Library of The Jewish Theological Seminary in New York City in conjunction with an exhibit displaying the documents featured in the book.

Both the book and the exhibit were put together as part of national commemoration of Jewish settlement in North America. It surveys the settlement of Jews and the establishment of communities first in the Caribbean through the mass immigration during the first quarter of the twentieth century. The exhibition draws upon the Library's rich collection of manuscripts, printed books, pamphlets, archival documents, newspapers, prints, postcards and trading cards and broadsides to depict the development of the Jewish cultural and religious life from the seventeenth through twentieth centuries.

The Library of the Jewish Theological Seminary is the premier research library for Judaica and Hebraica in the Western Hemisphere. The Jewish Theological Seminary is an educational powerhouse training tomorrow's rabbis, cantors, educators and lay leaders for the Conservative movement, of which Congregation Shaar Hashalom is a member.

PEOPLE of FAITH LAND of PROMISES - 350 Years of Jewish Life in America is not only fascinating, but an excellent resource for educational projects for all who read it, providing inspiration to perpetuate our tradition, rituals and culture as we continue into the twenty-first century.

The book is now available for members to read in the synagogue library. To view the exhibit online please visit <http://www.jtsa.edu/350/peopleoffaith.shtml> & <http://www.jtsa.edu/library/exhib/pof/>

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Men's Club News

As the summer winds down, Men's Club planned its programs and events for the upcoming year. Our first breakfast meeting in the CSH social hall will be held on Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 9:30am to 11:30am. Our guest speaker is Dr. Jack Fulkman and his topic is Men's Health Issues. Arnis Paeglis will be our host. Here is a preview of the upcoming program dates and events:

Breakfast Meetings(Guest Speakers) All meetings on Sundays at CSH social hall at 9:30am September 12, (Dr. Jack Fulkman) October 10 (Rabbi Federow) November 14 (Merily Hoffman) , December 12 (Jan Coppersmith) , January 9, (Rabbi Sanders (TBC), February 13 (David Wolf (TBC) , March 13 (Rabbi Kessler (TBC) , and May 8 (Mother's Day)

Events/Activities

Ushering Services- High Holy Days

Sukkot Build- September 29

Sukkot Take Down- October 10

Hanukah Social Party- December 11

Operation Mitzvah- December 23/24

World Wide Wrap- February 6

March 27- Purim Carnival

April 5- Yellow Candle Project/Yom Hahshoah Commemoration

April 10- CLUSY vs Men's Club Annual Softball game

April 19- Pesach - table and chair set up

End of April - Bites of Bay set up

May 15- Annual Congregation Picnic

June 15- General Membership/Elections/Installation Dinner Meeting

June 19 (Father's Day)- Astros Ball Game Outing

July ? - Men's Club Shabbat

Throughout the year the Men's Club, based primarily on the school schedule, will conduct its famous Hot Dog sales under Master Chef Ronnie Weiss as well provide volunteers to sell bagels on a biweekly basis.

If you have any questions about Men's Club, please contact Joe Ringer at 281-488-0268 (night) or 281-721-0467 (daytime) or e-mail Helenejoe@aol.com . Guests are always welcome.

Men's Club Officers 2004-2005

President Joe Ringer

Vice President Arnis Paeglis

Treasurer Carl Schwanke

Secretary Richard Lehman

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!



Special thanks to the Blair family for repairing the monument sign. A fresh coat of paint goes a long way!

Sisterhood News

First, both on the part of our Sisterhood and from myself, personally---
SHANNAH TOVAH to everyone!

Once again we start our yearly cycle with our High Holy Days. There is so much to review and so much to hope for in our future. May this be a blessed and kind year for all of us!

Congregation Shaar Hashalom's Sisterhood held its elections and installation this past August 12th. The following people were installed into the following offices:

(See Chart to the right)

You will probably notice a few great opportunities for our fellow sisters to volunteer to serve some unfilled positions. Please let us know if you would like to help our Sisterhood to make next year a great one!

We finally held our Sisterhood garage sale. Several people helped make it a successful event. Thanking people, we start, of course with Judy Lehman, our chairperson. Others who worked hard and long include Andrea Levine, Tracy Manusov, Allison, Sarah and Rebecca Lehman, David Manusov, Rachael and Lisa Copersmith and Ron Zaguli. Many others also helped. Special Thanks to Katy Izygon for letting us use the school area. Please forgive me if I accidentally left out your name.

The Sisterhood "Break the Fast" committee has just started to make contacts. We are asking many people to help make this the very special event the wonderful and meaningful time it has become for our congregation. Please feel free to contact Noelia if you already know you want to help us make our "break the Fast" happen.

Once again,
WISHING EVERYONE A WONDERFUL AND
BLESSED NEW YEAR!

Avril Suckow
Sisterhood President

POSITION	NAME
PRESIDENT	AVRIL SUCKOW
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**CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHALOM
HIGH HOLY DAYS 5765 (2004)
SCHEDULE OF SERVICES**

Ritual Information

SELICHOT

Program	Sat. Sept 11	9:00 PM
Service	Sat. Sept 11	10:30 PM

ROSH HASHANAH- First Day

Erev .	Wed. Sept 15	8:00 PM
Morning	Thurs Sept 16	9:00 AM
Tashlich (Bay Area Park)	Thurs Sept 16	4:00 PM

ROSH HASHANAH- Second Day

Erev	Thurs Sept 16	8:00 PM
Morning	Fri. Sept 17	9:00 AM

SHABBAT SHUVAH

Erev	Fri Sept 17	8:15 PM
Morning	Sat Sept 18	9:30 AM

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre	Fri Sept 24	7:00 PM
Morning	Sat Sept 25	9:00 AM
Yizkor	Sat Sept 25	12:00 PM
Mincha	Sat Sept 25	5:00 PM
Shofar & Break Fast	Sat Sept 25	Sunset

SUKKOT

Family Service	Fri Oct 1	7:00 PM
Sukka Walk	Sun Oct 3	Afternoon
Shemini Atzeret (Yizkor)	Thurs Oct 7	9:00 AM

SIMCHAT TORAH

Evening Service	Thurs Oct 7	7:00 PM
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Put Your Smile On – Company is Coming !

As we enter this high holy day season, we are fortunate to have many old friends as well as guests and visitors join us to worship together. This is a great opportunity to meet potential new members and make them feel a welcome part of our Shaar Hashalom family!

If you see someone new or you don't recognize, take a moment to introduce yourself. A warm smile and a hello go a long way toward making them feel welcome. Remember what it was like when you first came and please help to show what a warm, family-friendly place we are – and who knows, you might make a new friend!

David Hirsch
Publicity

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TORAH FUND PIN “TIKVAH - HOPE” NOW AVAILABLE

As Jewish women, not only do we nurture our own individual families, but, it is our obligation to nurture Judaism world-wide – insuring the perpetuation of Conservative Judaism for future generations. Sisterhood Shaar Hashalom, as a member of Women’s League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), is committed to this goal thru Torah Fund. Torah Fund is the main Tzedakah project of WLCJ, with donations going to support of the Jewish Theological Institute and its many programs at home and worldwide.

The Conservative Movement is comprised of several institutions, each of which plays an important role. They are The Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS), Rabbinical Assembly (RA), United Synagogue for Conservative Judaism (USCJ), Women’s League for Conservative Judaism (WLCJ), Federation of Jewish Men’s Clubs (FJMC), United Synagogue Youth (USY), Camp Ramah, and Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies (ZSRS). Congregation Shaar Hashalom (CSH) is member of USCJ. Our Sisterhood is a member of WLCJ. Our Men’s Club is a member of FJMC. The CSH high school youth group CLUSY is a member of USY. A number of members of CSH and children of congregants have participated in the Camp Ramah programs in various areas of the United States.

The Jewish Theological Seminary was founded in 1886 with the mission to preserve the knowledge and practice of historical Judaism. One hundred and eighteen years later, JTS is home of Conservative Judaism’s leading academic institution worldwide. A Jewish university with a world-class faculty and a diverse student body, JTS grants undergraduate, graduate and professional degrees through its five schools, and offers enriching programs for the Jewish community in the United States, Israel and around the world. Programs are offered for not only Rabbis and Cantors, but for Jewish & Day Schools, Educators & Administrators, Social Workers, Scholars, Lay Leaders and Researchers. The JTS website address is <http://www.jtsa.edu/>.

An engine for outreach, JTS is committed to the introduction of religious alternatives in Israel and Eastern Europe through its affiliates; the Schechter Institute of Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and Project Judaica’s Jewish Studies in Jerusalem and Project Jewish Studies program in Moscow. In North America, JTS promotes Judaism through its relationships with the Ramah camps and Schechter schools and through JTS’s innovative adult education programs. JTS’s outreach efforts are geared toward creating a responsible and inspired Conservative Jewish voice on public issues ranging from religious pluralism in Israel to bioethics.

JTS is where Jewish learning lives...committed to making Judaism come alive, now and for all generations to come. In Torah lies our strength. In the study of Torah lies our wisdom. Your Torah Fund contribution strengthens and perpetuates Conservative Judaism throughout the world.

Opportunities for supporting Torah Fund includes purchasing Torah Fund cards (\$4) in The Shaar Hashalom Isaac Rosen Family Sisterhood Judaica Shop, collecting Tzedakah in the soon to be distributed brand new Torah Fund Tzedakah boxes, Tribute Cards marking life cycle events (\$18), become a Benefactor & as a thank you for your donation of \$180 receive this year’s Torah Fund Pin shown below. A special Guardian pin, which is the pin below with a genuine pearl, is given as a thank you for a \$300 donation. Checks should be made out to Torah Fund and sent to Sisterhood Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, TX 77062-4414.

For more information on supporting Torah Fund please contact Pia Greenberg, CSH Sisterhood Torah Fund Chair (pgreenb@ghg.net) or Avril Suckow, CSH Sisterhood President. For more information on WLCJ visit <http://www.wlcj.org/>.



Benefactors Pin for 5765 (2004-2005)

(Designed by Eytan Brandes)

The two tone pin illustrates the strength of the family, nurturing the ever-growing tree of *Tikvah* (hope). Through Torah Fund, thousands of members of Women's League for Conservative Judaism support The Jewish Theological Seminary, The Ziegler School of Rabbinic Studies and the Schechter Institute for Religious Studies, which provide Conservative Jews worldwide with the op-

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25	Hedy Wolpa
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30	Delilah Cueto

ANNIVERSARIES



Diane and David Rosenfeld	9/2
Arnis Paeglis and Loren Schragger-Paeglis	9/3
Susan and Aaron Levine	9/4
Patricia and Irwin Block	9/13
Reuben and Kimberlee Matalon	9/15

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*Correction from July's Shofar

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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!

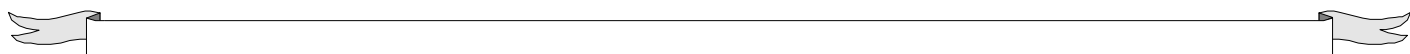
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Remember, if you are looking to personalize the Oneg or you want to share something special, you are always welcome to bake your favorite dessert.



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