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Congregation Shaar Hashalom

Clear Lake, Texas

## From the Rabbi

You may already be aware of this, but things have not been going so well for the religious Jewish community living in Israel. That is, the religious Jewish community that is not Orthodox. They have congregated twice now for services at the Western Wall, once at Shavuot and once at Tisha B'Av, and each time they have gotten into trouble with the Israeli Police. Their crime, as told to them by the police, was that they were guilty of leading services at the Kotel, "in a Conservative manner." This, they said, was to incite the Orthodox to riot and was therefore illegal. At Shavuot they were asked to leave the area of the Wall, and at Tisha B'Av there were physically forced to leave, men, women, and children pushed out of the area with some falling to the ground.

I have always believed that when we are the victims of attack, from outside the Jewish community, or from within, the best way to respond is not merely to wring our hands and curse the water that attempts to drown us, but rather we must build our boats better, stronger, so that we do not have to worry about the water at all, and we just keep rowing and make it safely and happily to our intended port.

The best way to help the Conservative movement in Israel is to support them financially. If you are of a mind to, here are the two best places to send your support to Conservative causes in Israel:

The Center for Conservative Judaism in Jerusalem  
C/O USCJ  
155 Fifth Avenue  
NY, NY 11010

Foundation for Conservative/Masorti Judaism in Israel  
6525 Belcrest Road  
Suite 305  
Hyattsville, MD 20782

On another topic, I would like to invite all of you to hear the Director of the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston, **Randy Czarlinsky**, when he speaks at Shaar Hashalom on September 16th at 7:30 p.m. He will be talking about recent events in Israel and in and around the Greater Houston area.

**Rabbi Stuart Federow**  
federow@blkbox.com

## College Students

If you have a college student, please, please, please call the synagogue office. We would like the name and address - both mailing address and e-mail address - of all our students away at college. With accurate information on our database, Rabbi Federow can keep in touch with our college students. Your student will receive a copy of the *Shofar* each month, as well as information about United Synagogue programs for college students. All it takes is a phone call and less than 5 minutes of your time. Call now -- the synagogue office (281-488-5861), **Hedy Wolpa** (281-334-3740), or **Ellen Rosen** (281-474-3764).

## High Holiday Classes

**Rabbi Stuart Federow** will offer special classes on the meaning and content of the High Holy Days on the last two Tuesdays of this month, September 23 and 30. The classes will begin at 7:00 p.m. and last until 8:30.

## Yahrzeits

Please call the office to confirm that the yahrzeit information of your family members has been entered in our database. This will insure the accuracy and completeness of the names that you want called in synagogue.

## CSH Speaker Series Kicks Off September 16

On Tuesday, September 16, Shaar Hashalom will begin its monthly speaker series with **Randy Czarlinsky** from the Community Relations Committee of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. with coffee and schmoozing.

Mr. Czarlinsky will speak about the Community Relations Committee and its role in the Jewish community. He will also discuss the current state of the Israel government and its meaning to Jews in the United States. Mr. Czarlinsky will answer questions from the audience. The evening will conclude

with a dessert reception.

The monthly speaker series will take place the third Tuesday of each month. However, there will be no speaker in October because of the High Holy Days. Other topics in the speakers series include the Weizman Institute (November), the "December Dilemma" (December), and the American Jewish Committee (January).

The speakers series is open to the Clear Lake community free of charge. For more information, contact **Beth Rosenwasser** at 713-995-6563.

## From the President

For the last couple of months a specially-appointed Cemetery Committee has been researching potential cemetery space for the membership of Congregation Shaar Hashalom and for the broader Jewish community in the Clear Lake area. While contracts have not been signed as yet, first drafts have been exchanged between Forest Park East on I-45 just east of NASA Road 1 and Congregation Shaar Hashalom. I am most encouraged by the prospect of a successful conclusion of this project in the near future. I hope soon to announce that pre-need and as-needed purchases of plots are available in consecrated Jewish ground..

In order to maximize the success of this effort, I will need your help. I can't talk specifics yet, but I'd appreciate it if you would begin considering your needs and/or willingness to purchase burial space. The more we purchase, the better initial price per space we will receive. Consequently, I expect to offer spaces to congregants at a special introductory price for the first several months after the contracts are signed. The introductory price will likely be at a level to defray our purchase cost plus a contribution to a monument at the front which will identify the section as being ours.

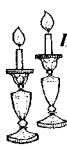
Subsequent to the initial offering period, I would expect the price to increase by some \$200 per space. It is also our plan that non-members will pay a higher purchase price than do members of Congregation Shaar Hashalom. In addition to funding the identifying monument, the excess might be used to defray the cost of providing potential burial space to Jews who cannot afford the cost of a funeral. When the fund has reached a certain level, the excess of the price we charge over what we pay might be used for other memorial-related expenses or for a building fund.

We are also discussing the possibility of Forest Park East putting together a complete burial package including casket, monument, etc. for a fixed cost which would be substantially lower than normal. It is our hope that this will minimize the decisions which a grieving family will have to make.

I am most pleased that this project is nearing fruition. I have felt for some time that the availability of consecrated Jewish burial space was an important service which should be made available through the congregation. This need has been brought home by the untimely deaths in the first half of this year of **Paula Schulman** and **Paula Bhimani**.

I particularly want to express my appreciation to **Joe Wosk**, Paula Bhimani's father, for being the catalyst which got us moving in earnest and yet being so understanding when I was unable to meet the Paula's needs. Joe, I hope you see this and take comfort from the fact that you and Paula were the inspiration for this achievement.

**Rex Hemme, President**

	<i>Candle Lighting Time</i>	Sept. 05	6:19 PM
		Sept. 12	6:10 PM
		Sept. 19	6:02 PM
		Sept. 26	5:53 PM

## Coming in September

Shabbat services every Friday at 8:15 pm & Saturday at 9:30 am unless otherwise noted.

- 03 Wednesday School 5:00-8:00 pm
- 04 Ritual Meeting 7:30 pm
- 05 Potluck dinner 6:30 pm  
Jewish Jeopardy 7:30 pm
- 06 Bar/Bat mitzvah class following service  
7th grade Havdalah service 7:30 pm
- 07 Sunday School 9:00 am -12:30 pm  
CLUSY business meeting 10 am  
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 7 pm 97.1 FM  
Bingo 6:45 pm
- 10 Wednesday School 5:00-8:00 pm
- 11 Sisterhood Meeting 7:30 pm
- 12/13 Bat Mitzvah of Amy Wald
- 13 Bar/Bat Mitzvah class following service
- 14 Sunday School 9:00 am-12:30 pm  
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 7 pm 97.1 FM  
Bingo 6:45 pm
- 16 Speaker Series: Randy Czarlinsky 7:30 pm
- 17 Wednesday School 5:00-8:00 pm
- 18 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 19/20 Bat Mitzvah of Eleanor Gould
- 20 Bar/Bat Mitzvah class following service
- 21 Sunday School 9:00 am-12:30 pm  
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 7 pm 97.1 FM  
Bingo 6:45 pm
- 23 High Holy Day class 7:00-8:30 pm
- 24 Wednesday School 5:00-8:00 pm
- 25 Education Meeting 7:30 pm
- 27 Bar/Bat Mitzvah class following service
- 28 Sunday School 9:00 am-12:30 pm  
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 7 pm 97.1 FM  
Bingo 6:45 pm
- 30 High Holy Day class 7:00-8:30 pm

## Mail Box

*From Peter and Sidra Silton:*

Announcing the arrival of **Miriam Sheyndel Silton** on 05 Aug at 5:16 p.m. and tipping the scales at 7 lbs. 6 oz. while stretching to 19 in. Mother and baby are doing fine. Papa is mainlining espresso. Warm Regards, **Peter & Sidra**

*From Risa and Harvey Stein via Anita Osman:*

**Nathan Stein**, father of **Harvey Stein**, died on July 30 and the funeral was on August 3. Risa and Harvey returned to Germany after the shiva and were very appreciative for the expressions of condolences and support from all their friends at Shaar Hashalom. Donations in memory of Nathan Stein may be made to Fox Chase Cancer Center or to Congregation Shaar Hashalom.

**Risa** and **Harvey** will be in the U.S. from September 7 until September 20. There will be an unveiling for Risa's mother, **Rose Friedman**, on September 14 at 10 a.m. at Beth Yeshuran Cemetary. **Rabbi Cahana** will officiate. Friends and family are invited to attend.



## Welcome

We extend a warm welcome to the following families who have recently joined Congregation Shaar Hashalom:

**Lisa and Carl Snider.** The Sniders have lived in Brookwood for the past two years. Carl is an engineer with Amoco Oil. Lisa, a clinical social worker, is currently a stay-at-home mom to daughter **Hayley**, 5 months old. The Sniders are avid golfers.

**Judith Gross.** After living in the Houston area for 11 years, Judith and her sons recently relocated to the Clear Lake area. A nurse, Judith commutes to Houston Northwest Medical Center in the Spring area 2-3 days a week. She speaks and reads Hebrew, and sometimes tutors in Hebrew. She has twin 12<sup>th</sup> year-old sons, **Joshua** and **Jeffrey**.

**Victoria and Alexander Tabakman.** The Tabakmans, originally from Russia & the Ukraine, lived in Israel, and came to Houston 4 years ago. Alexander is an engineer with Dynacs Engineering, and Victoria is a housewife and piano teacher. They have 2 daughters: **Olga**, 14, and **Bat-Sheva**, almost 5.

**Scott and Iris Sobsey.** The Sobsey family has lived in the Houston area for 10 years and are originally from the New York area. They currently live in Kemah. Scott is an Allstate insurance agent, and Iris is a homemaker. They have 2 children: son **Gregory**, 10<sup>th</sup>, and daughter **Kacie**, 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Marty and Judy Meer.** The Meers are 20-year residents of Clear Lake Forest, and former members of Shaar Hashalom from 1977 to 1995. Marty is an engineer with Boeing North America, and Judy is an insurance agent with B.I.A. They have one married daughter, **Leslie Kenney**, and a 2-year-old grandson, **Gunner Jacob**. The Meers enjoy tennis, gardening, and their stock investment club.

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CLUSY	Amira Hemme	281-286-8806
	Kari Sokolow	281-286-9749
Young Judaea	Ida Diamond	281-486-4004
	CJ Brand	281-480-3449

## Education Report

By the time you read this report, we will be well into our school year with all students registered and learning. The calendar for this school year is reprinted in the Shofar, but we hope that you found an important place in your kitchen for the calendar your child brought home on August 17.

We are looking forward for a very productive year with parent involvement because we believe that it is essential for the whole family to work together for a great Jewish future. If you show your child that you care, your child will work harder. If you show your child that Sunday school is important to you too, it will become important for your child. If you show your child that you want to take part in your child's education, your child will probably do his or her best.

Special thanks to **Katy Izygon** for long hours spent cleaning up the school, preparing the resource room, and various other tasks necessary to get school off to a smooth start; to **Jennifer Briscoe** for much time spent during the summer to clean out and prepare the resource room; and to **Jonathan Lazerus** for carrying out of the classrooms the remains of the Sisterhood garage sale.

We look forward to working with you and your child.

**Felicia Bank, Education Vice-President**  
**Nitsana Lazerus, Principal**

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## CLUSY in the News

*(The following paragraph appeared in the "Going on in our Congregations" column of the September issue of Southwest Hadashot, the United Synagogue newsletter of the southwest region.)*

**Clear Lake USY at Congregation Shaar Hashalom in Houston** has offered supplementary tutoring to *B'nai Mitzvah* students to help them prepare *t'filot*, *trope*, and the *parshah* for their ceremony. Doc Niemczura, CLUSY President, also pointed out that this gives the student good exposure to a CLUSY member so the student will be very eager to join! Way to go, Doc! Smart marketing and a very useful *mitzvah*!

## Ritual Report

This summer I have had the pleasant experience of working with several Bar and Bat Mitzvah candidates during the vacation of their tutor, **Nurit Mittlefehldt**. I was very impressed by the energy and attitude of these young people, and by their accomplishment, sometimes after a relatively short period of time in our religious school. This is not only a source of pride for our congregation, but in practical terms, it provides future lay service leaders, as demonstrated by the willing and able leadership of our CLUSY members in July. Once again, the Ritual Committee wishes a hearty "Mazel Tov" to all recent and upcoming Bar and Bat Mitzvahs and their families, and to all of our youth who continue their active involvement in our synagogue life.

We are also very proud of the fact that a number of adult leaders participate in our services throughout the year. There are several ways that congregants can participate in services, besides as service leaders. We prefer the ones that will bring more of you to the synagogue on Shabbat. Once again, we will be offering congregants the opportunity to be called to bless the Torah on their birthdays, anniversaries, or some other special occasion. You may want to invite friends and family to come and share this happy experience with you; perhaps you will want to sponsor the oneg, and/or Kiddush on that date as well. We have a fairly complete list of congregants' birthdays and anniversaries. If somehow we missed yours, and you do not receive an invitation the month before, please call the synagogue or call me at 281-486-7152. Also, let us know if there is something special, like a trip, a new grandchild, etc. that you would like to celebrate with us.

**David** and I look forward to seeing all of you at the Selichot program and service, beginning at 9:30 PM Saturday evening, September 27, and we wish everyone a happy and healthy "Shanah Tovah." A schedule of High Holiday services can be found on page 7 in this month's *Shofar*.

**Diane Rosenfeld**  
Ritual Vice President

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## Mazel Tov

- to **Amy Wald and Family** on the occasion of Amy's Bat Mitzvah.
- to **Eleanor Gould and Family** on the occasion of Eleanor's Bat Mitzvah.
- to **Peter and Sidra Silton** on the birth of their daughter, **Miriam Sheyndel**.
- to **Doc Niemczura** on presenting a paper on his research in holography at the International Symposium on Display Holography.

YOUR MITZVAH OF THE DAY:  
PURCHASE MANY, MANY GIFT CERTIFICATES  
(SCRIP) FROM ALAN CAIN (281-488-7116)

## Life Cycle Events

### Yahrzeits

9/02	George Sherry	Grandfather of Jaime Moss
9/04	Aron Najer	Father of Maurice Najer
9/09	Sadie Yanoff	Mother of Molly Rovick
9/09	Daniel Mandell	Father of Arthur Mandell
9/15	Jack Lichter	Husband of Elaine Ackel Father of Matthew Lichter
9/15	Jack Mendelson	Step-father of Jerry Mendelson
9/16	Haya Finchelstain	Mother of Israel Paz
9/17	Rose Lapidus	Mother of Al Lapidus
9/17	Julius Ross	Father-in-law of Bertram Simms
9/18	William Klein	Father of Sylvia Schwartz
9/19	Alfred Liebenthal	Father of Kurt Liebenthal
9/20	Haia Alderman	Sister of Simone Clapp
9/21	Frida Horowitz	Mother of Devora Paz
9/22	Eleanor Brandt	Mother of Shirley Brandt
9/22	Sol Meyers	Father of Jay Meyers
9/24	Myron Rubel	Father of Sheilla Goldberg
9/26	Minerva Marvis	Grandmother of Gail Zwang
9/28	Harry Kuhn	Grandfather of Richard Lehman
9/29	Beatrice Mendelson	Mother of Jerry Mendelson

In keeping with tradition, yahrzeits will be announced at the Shabbat services immediately **preceeding** the date of the yahrzeit.

### Happy Birthday to

9/02	Jonathan Niemczura	9/20	Elaine Ackel
9/02	Jasmine Walden	9/23	David Mittlefehldt
9/03	Martin Coppersmith	9/23	Raj Bhimani
9/05	Teddy Zwang	9/24	Susanne Abramvitz
9/07	Anita Osman	9/25	Jason Kane
9/08	Taylor Taub	9/25	Jeri Walden
9/08	Kyle Calcote	9/25	Hedy Wolpa
9/08	Neil Levin	9/25	Serena Wetcher
9/09	Becky Zaguli	9/26	Amy Wald
9/10	CJ Brand	9/26	Kelsey Liebling
9/12	Hal Rosenthal	9/27	Eleanor Gould
9/15	Jeff Wolpa	9/29	Leigh Curtis
9/15	Earl Rubenstein	9/30	Jon Kocen
9/16	Henry Noey		
9/19	Brett Shulman		
9/19	Ellen Rosen		
9/20	Devora Paz		



### Happy Anniversary to

9/02	Diane and David Rosenfeld
9/04	Susan and Aaron Levine
9/06	Judith Jackson and Andrew Gould
9/13	Patricia and Irwin Block
9/14	Valerie and Steve Hamm
9/29	Ella and Edward Mordkovich



Please share our joy at the  
Bat Mitzvah of our daughter

**Amy Rebecca**

Friday, the twelfth of September  
at eight-fifteen in the evening and  
Saturday, the thirteenth of September  
at nine-thirty in the morning  
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven

Congregation Shaar Hashalom  
16020 El Camino Real  
Houston, Texas

Trudy and Larry Wald

Please share our happiness  
when our daughter  
**Eleanor Jeffrey**  
will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah  
Friday, the nineteenth of September  
nineteen hundred and ninety-seven  
at eight-fifteen in the evening and  
Saturday, the twentieth of September  
at nine-thirty in the morning  
Congregation Shaar Hashalom  
16020 El Camino Real  
Houston, Texas

Judith Jackson & Andrew Gould

Birthday, anniversary, and yahrzeit information come from the synagogue data base. To make additions or corrections to the birthday, anniversary, or yahrzeit list, please call the synagogue office (488-5861).

## Fun Run

First, let me thank everyone who has helped pull off our first fundraiser for the new sanctuary! There are two people in particular I would publicly thank -- First, Thank You **David Cohen** for all your hard work in generating tremendous support for this fundraiser. Second, Thank You **Nancy Dickinson** for going above & beyond the call of duty to help me out with this event! After expenses, The "I Don't Want To Run In The Shaar Hashalom 5K Fun Run!" Fun Run brought in a total profit of \$ 3,194 that will go toward the building of the new sanctuary! We have a long way to go, but with the help of friends like you we will have our new building. I think we can all feel proud knowing that one day we will be able to point to the new building and say, "I helped build this!"

Before I announce the results, I would like to let everyone know that I have heard from many people who were disappointed that they would be restricted to their lawn chairs. While working on this event I learned that there are many runners out there looking for races. One running club in Houston has offered to help us put on a real race when the weather cools down. We have an idea of where we could hold it where street closure costs could be held to a minimum. If you are interested in helping put together a real race late fall/early winter, please let me know now!

Now for the results you have been waiting for! First, we had 12 Corporate Sponsors! Please stop by these businesses and thank them for their support!

<b>Star Toyota</b>	<b>Jan Coppersmith, CPA</b>
<b>Bay Runner</b>	<b>Filly's Men Formals, Inc.</b>
<b>Joel Berman, M.D.</b>	<b>Horizon Capital Bank</b>
<b>David Cohen, M.D.</b>	<b>Joe Ellis, DDS</b>
<b>Steve Falk, M.D.</b>	<b>Bay Area Animal Clinic</b>
<b>Spritzer Fashions and Furs (Galleria II)</b>	
<b>Spain, Price, Reader &amp; Thompson, PC</b>	

We awarded a gorgeous First Place Fun Run trophy to the person who brought in the most corporate sponsors. The winning trophy went to **David Cohen**! Tied for Second Place were **Simone Clapp, Andrea Moore** and **Goldie Wetcher**.

Another First Place Fun Run trophy was awarded to the person who collected the most amount of money "not to run". The winning trophy was captured by **David Cohen**! Second Place winners included **Simone Clapp, Judy Gibbs, Diane Kufert & Judith Wetcher**. Their donations came from **Stuart & Russ Gibbs, Don & Bette Rosenbaum** (In Memory of **Sam Rosenbaum**), **Susan & Izhak Grinbaum, Filmore Cohen, Jo Shelton, Sara Kaiser, and Bonnie Cohen** (In Honor of **David K. Cohen**). Additional donations were made by **Manfred & Friedel Marx, Jim Grimsrud, Blanche & Isaak Abramovitz, and Boris, Irina & Tanya Fingerov**. A very special thank you to Congregation Tiferet Israel, in Dallas, who gave us a very generous donation from their Tzedakah Fund. Space Center Houston donated two tickets, which were won by **Elline Callner**!

Thank you to all the participants! Thank you for showing your support for this unique fundraiser by signing up to "not run"! Now, because none of our 63 participants were running, the First Place Winners of each of the four participant age categories were chosen by a drawing. The First Place winners

were: Children's Division - **Rachel Coppersmith**, Young Adult Division - **Abby Levy**, Adult Division - **Sandy Ostrosky**, Senior Division - **Barbara Greenberg**. It was close race so here is a list of those participants who tied for second place in their respective divisions: **Rex & Amira Hemme; Steve Kornblau; Barbara Greenberg; Nancy Dickinson; Goldie & Ken Wetcher; Annie, Benjamin, Nancy & David Cohen; Melanie, Melissa & Andrea Moore; Kari, Mark, Danielle, Sarah & David Sokolow; Isaac Rosen; Diane Rosenfeld; Gayle & Harvey Luber; Leonard Levine; Judy, Richard, Allison & Sarah Lehman; Belinda & Andrew Kocen; Sam Platt; Lisa Coppersmith; Robert, Debbie, Katie & David Angel; Neil Ostrosky; C.J. Brand; Helene & Joseph Ringer; Judy Gibbs; Mike & Sharon Goldberg; Hal Rosenthal; Simone Clapp; Abby Levy; Tom & Doc Niemczura and Pia Greenberg; Israel Paz; Nurit & David Mittlefelhd; Mark, Scott, & David Manusov; Stan Walden; Leslie Schwanke and Judy Gross.**

We are now on our way to a New Sanctuary! Thanks again for everyone's support! Mazel Tov to all our winners! Y'all did a fantastic job "Not Running"!

**Pia Greenberg, Chairperson**  
**The "I Don't Want To Run In The**  
**Shaar Hashalom 5K Fun Run!" Fun Run**

## CLUSY News

Shalom! CLUSY had a good time at the Jewish Movie Marathon. We had to keep a few adults from entering our event. Some of the movies that were brought included: *Cisco Kid, Clueless, Independence Day, & Sleeper*. The favorite one was *Independence Day*. I would like to thank **Jeri Walden, Susan Robertson, and Denice Snow** for being chaperones. We had plenty of kosher food to eat. CLUSY would also like to thank Bingo for letting us use the popcorn machine.

The swimming party was great! We played keep away, guys vs. girls. We played Marco Polo and had two relay races. This was the biggest turn-out of members of any of the other events we have had so far.

Members of CLUSY will be leading the children's service on the first day of Rosh Hashanah and on Yom Kippur. We will be building a Sukkah for Sukkot, so be sure to visit us on the Sukkah Walk.

Here are the events to come:

- Sept 07 Business meeting 10 a.m.
- Sept 14 Rock climbing
- Sept 21 Make props for High Holidays Children's Services
- Oct 1 - 31 T-shirt Fundraiser
- Oct 12 Build Sukkah for Shaar Hashalom Sukkah Walk
- Oct 19 Sukkah Walk
- Nov 02 Business meeting
- Nov 16 Food and clothing drive
- Nov 21-23 SWUSY Fall Kallah at New Orleans
- Dec 06 All City USY Chanukah Dance
- Dec 13 CLUSY Chanukah Party

**Doc Niemczura, CLUSY President**

## Really! They are Mistaken!

There is a strange misunderstanding circulating the Synagogue. so to set the record straight, we have enlisted the help of our friends, Ben Thar and Don That, to explain.

If you shop at Kroger," said Ben, "the Grocery Police will not come looking for you if you first use your Kroger Share Card and then pay for your purchase with Kroger gift certificates. You CAN use both! Technically, the Kroger Share Card is under the Shaar Hashalom Men's Club tax identification number, while the gift certificates are under the Synagogue's main tax identification number."

"That's right!" agreed Don. "Kroger is treating the two tax numbers as if they are two completely different synagogues, and it's lucky for us! Randall's Remarkable Card is set up pretty much the same way, so go ahead. Use the card AND the gift certificates!"

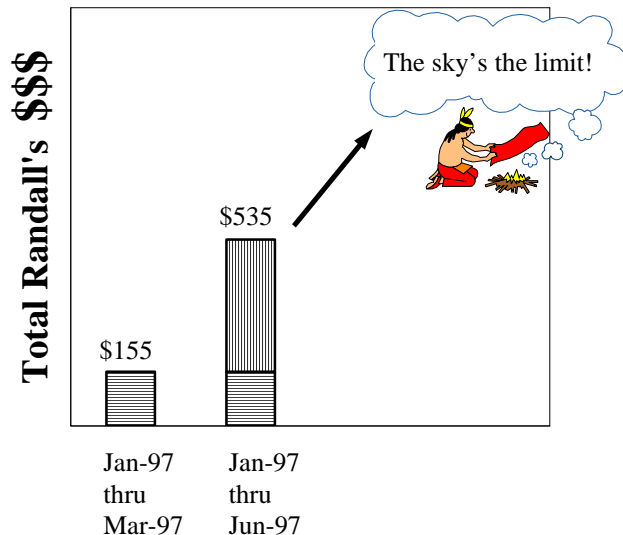
Ben and Don have just given us pearls of wisdom! If you use only the Kroger Share Card or the Randall's Remarkable Card, Shaar Hashalom receives just 1% of your purchase. But if you use the card and then pay for your purchases with gift certificates, Shaar Hashalom will receive 5% to 6% of your purchase - without you paying a penny extra!

"Oooh, it's an easy way to make a donation to the synagogue while all you're doing is buying tonight's dinner!" reminded Ben.

Call **Alan and Barbara Cain** (281-488-7116) for your Kroger and Randall's gift certificates today!

## Men's Club

Randall's Good Neighbor Donation to Shaar Hashalom is Growing



Link your Randall's Card to organization 2359 (Congregation Shaar Hashalom) and use it **OFTEN**. Randall's will donate up to 3% of your purchases to Shaar Hashalom!

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## Schedule of High Holiday Services

### SELICHOT

Program.....Sat., Sept. 27 09:30 p.m.  
Service.....Sat., Sept. 27 11:30 p.m.

### ROSH HASHANAH - First Day

Erev Rosh Hashanah.....Wed., Oct. 1 08:00 p.m.  
Morning Service.....Thurs., Oct. 2 09:00 a.m.  
Children's Service.....Thurs., Oct. 2 09:30 a.m.  
Tashlich (Bay Area Park).....Thurs., Oct. 2 03:30 p.m.  
Evening Service.....Thurs., Oct. 2 08:00 p.m.

### ROSH HASHANAH - Second Day

Morning Service.....Fri., Oct. 3 09:00 a.m.

### SHABBAT SHUVAH

Evening Service.....Fri., Oct. 3 08:15 p.m.  
Morning Service.....Sat., Oct. 4 09:30 a.m.

### YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre (Erev Yom Kippur)...Fri., Oct. 10 07:00 p.m.  
Morning Service.....Sat., Oct. 11 09:00 a.m.  
Children's Service.....Sat., Oct. 11 09:30 a.m.  
Yizkor.....Sat., Oct. 11  
Mincha (Concluding Service)....Sat., Oct. 11 04:30 p.m.  
Maariv.....Sat., Oct. 11  
Shofar & Break Fast.....Sat., Oct. 11

### SUKKOT

Sukkot Family Service.....Wed., Oct. 15 07:30 p.m.  
(preceded by dairy Potluck dinner)  
Sukkot Walk.....Sun., Oct. 19 afternoon  
Shemini Atzeret.....Thurs., Oct. 23 07:30 a.m.

### SIMCHAT TORAH

Evening Service.....Fri., Oct. 24 07:00 p.m.  
(with Kindergarten consecration)

## Doc Niemczura Speaks at National Symposium

**Johnathan "Doc" Niemczura** answered their call for papers and SPIE (The Society of Photo-Optical Instrumentation Engineers) has accepted for publication Doc's manuscript on production of conical holograms from a student's perspective. At their invitation, Doc presented his paper and spoke about his three years of research in holography, at the "Sixth International Symposium on Display Holography" in July, in Lake Forest, Illinois. Doc is a student member of SPIE and the SPIE Working Group On Holography. The Symposium is held once every three years.

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# Todah Rabah

to **Judith Jackson** for her donation of *The Mezuzah in the Madonna's Foot* to our Synagogue Library.  
 to **the membership** of Shaar Hashalom. We received a thank you message from Sandra Haydan at the Interfaith Caring Ministries for our recent food donation to the Ministries.  
 to **Leslie Sommers**, former CSH member, for donating to the synagogue a 486 computer, complete with monitor, modem, mouse, and manuals.  
 to **Judy Gibbs** for donating to the synagogue a Panasonic fax machine. Our fax number is 281-488-3561.  
 to **Iris Sobsey** for volunteering in the synagogue office each week.  
 to **Sydell and Len Covan** and **Ruth and Jack Wolpa** for donating a yad to the synagogue in honor of the Bar Mitzvah of their grandson, **Scott Wolpa**.

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