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Congregation Shaar Hashalom

(281) 488-5861

From the Rabbi . . .

As I write this, I am in the midst of cleaning the house for Passover, and by the time you receive this bulletin, Passover will have come and gone. Thank you Diane Rosenfeld and all of you who worked on what I know will be a wonderful Congregational Seder!

That is the way things work. We turn our dreams into goals by coming up with a plan of action, and then, with fear and anxiety they happen.

Sometimes the most anxiety-producing events are having our dreams come true. This is what has happened to me. For the past four or five years I have been pursuing something that now, at this writing, is going to happen!

Every Sunday evening, beginning May 4th, from 8:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. I will be hosting a radio talk show with a Baptist Minister and a Roman Catholic Priest on KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio. Tentatively entitled "Faith Matters," the show will begin with the Minister, the Priest, and me discussing a topic or topics of religion, and then opening up the discussion on this or any other topic to the listeners.

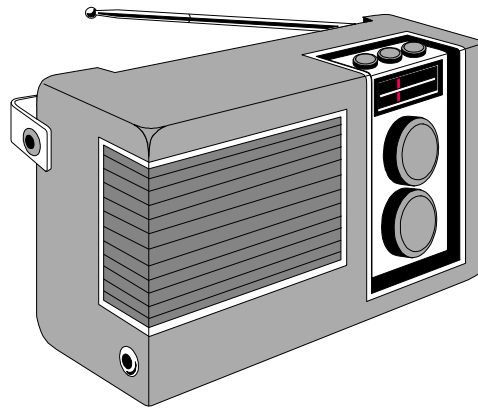
Four or five years ago, I met the Reverend Dr. David Capes, Associate Professor of Greek and New Testament Studies at Houston Baptist University when we both attended the annual Clergy Institute at Congregation Beth Israel. We became friends and we began discussing doing the show with the then Vice-Chancellor of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Galveston-Houston, Father Frank Rossi, whom I knew from doing invocations and benedictions for various B'nai Brith events in Houston. We sent a letter, signed by the three of us, to

radio stations that had a talk format, and only had one station was interested. Unfortunately, that station had little advertising, and we would have had to have bought our time on the radio each week. Of course, none of us could afford that. So we kept in contact with that radio station through the years, hoping for a way to do the show.

Then, a few months ago, I read in the Chronicle that Roger Gray had bought his own radio station and was going to have a talk show format. I had met Roger Gray on a number of occasions, and I knew him from his own talk radio show. I phoned him explaining the format of our show and he immediately liked it. We have met with him a few times, and we have been guests on his and other talk show hosts at KRTK. One change has occurred since we first started this endeavor, and that change is that Father Frank Rossi is now the Chancellor of the Diocese and cannot be on the show each week. This means that Reverend Capes and I will be the weekly regulars, and the priest on the show will alternate between Father Rossi and his new Vice-Chancellor and two or three other priests. Barring any unforeseen problems, we should be on the air within the week that you receive this bulletin.

Dreams really do come true, and when they do, they can be rather intimidating. But I will tell you that because I'll know that members of my congregation are listening to the show, ***I will be among friends!*** I hope you'll listen to KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio on Sunday evenings from 8 to 10 and I hope you'll call in!

Rabbi Stuart Federow
federow@blkbox.com



SISTERHOOD CALENDARS HAVE ARRIVED !!

**PLEASE PICK UP YOUR SISTERHOOD
CALENDAR
AT THE SYNAGOGUE.
CALENDARS *WILL NOT* BE DELIVERED
TO YOUR HOME.**

Congregation Meeting

There will be a congregation meeting on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. to approve the budget for the 1997-1998 fiscal year. Please come and support the efforts of the Congregation Board, particularly the Finance Committee, to keep our budget **BALANCED!**

President's Message . . .

Your newly-elected Board is now engaged in the process of developing a proposed budget for the fiscal year beginning July 1. The budget proposal will be presented at a Congregational meeting scheduled for Monday, May 19 at 7:30 p.m. Note this is a departure from our normal Sunday meetings, necessitated by the fact that Sundays in May are all booked.

Membership has increased during the last two years since Rabbi Federow was hired, and the financial condition of the congregation is somewhat improved, although not all of the dedicated funds have been restored from the borrowing which has occurred to meet current expenses in previous years. Nevertheless, the budgeting process is still difficult due in large part to the fact that expected dues do not increase as rapidly as one might expect.

I am told that few of our congregants responded last year to the request to voluntarily increase their dues to the established fair share of 1.5% of gross income. In fact, few congregants have increased their dues in the last several years. Has your income increased? We all expect raises in our jobs, and most of us receive them at least annually. Should your rabbi be any different? How about the religious school principal? The teachers? The secretary? Close to half of the budget will be comprised of personnel costs. We hope to be able to treat our employees as fairly as you would like to be treated, but this can only be accomplished with your help and generosity. I thank you in advance for considering a voluntary increase in your dues.

I also want to take the opportunity to thank the following who have very generously donated to the roofing fund: Isaak and Blanche Abramowitz, Robert and Debbie Angel, Simone Clapp, Len and Syd Covan, Rex and Amira Hemme, Harry and Nitsana Lazerus, Jeff and Barbara Lipschuetz, Isaac and Ellen Rosen, Cindy and Michael Shulman. In addition, I have received a generous pledge from David and Diane Rosenfeld. Won't you consider making a donation to ensure the integrity of the inside of our building?

Rex Hemme, President

Young Judea Needs You

The current leaders of Young Judea, Ida Diamond and CJ Brand, are looking for replacements for next year's program. Young Judea is a social program for fifth, sixth, and seventh grade Jewish children. Leaders support these young adults in organizing events and help direct their energy in a positive direction. Being a Young Judea leader can be a rewarding experience as you influence the lives and development of our youth. The program needs one or two adult volunteers to keep the program running. If you'd like more information please call Ida at 486-4004 or CJ at 480-3449.

The Shofar, printed monthly, is the bulletin of Congregation Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real, Houston, Texas 77062-4414. Congregation Shaar Hashalom is a liberal Conservative synagogue serving the Clear Lake area. For further information, call the synagogue office at (281) 488-5861.


Coming this Month

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

- 01 Ritual Meeting 7:30 pm
- 02 SOS Family Service 6:30 pm
Regular Service 8:15 pm
- 04 Yom Hashoah - Holocaust Remembrance Day
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 8-10 pm
KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio
- 06 Brown Bag Lunch with the Rabbi 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 07 Wednesday School 5 - 8 pm
Adult Education 8-9 pm
- 09 SHOFAR DEADLINE for June issue
- 10 Sisterhood Fashion Show 7 pm Palais Royal
- 11 Yom Hazikaron - Israel Remembrance Day
Mother's Day
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 8-10 pm
KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio
- 12 Yom Ha'Atzmaut - Israel Independence Day
- 13 Brown Bag Lunch with the Rabbi 11:30 am - 1:30 pm
- 14 Last Day Wednesday School 5-8 pm
Adult Education 8-9 pm
- 15 Board Meeting 7:30 pm
- 16 Teacher Appreciation Shabbat
- 18 Last Day Sunday School 9-12 noon
Congregation Picnic 12-5 pm at Frankie Randolph
Carter Park in Friendswood
Jewish Living in the Bible Belt 1:15-4:30 pm at Brith
Shalom; Rabbi Federow guest speaker
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 8-10 pm
KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio
- 21 Sarah Kitmacher Bat Mitzvah dress rehearsal
Adult Education 8-9 pm
- 22 Education Meeting 7:30 pm
- 23/24 Bat Mitzvah of Sarah Kitmacher
Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" 8-10 pm
KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio
- 26 Memorial Day
- 27 Adult Education 8-9 pm

Yearbooks for Sale

The 7th grade Sunday School class is selling yearbooks for the 1996-1997 religious school year. If you pre-pay, the cost is \$3. If you wait until publication day, the cost is \$3.50. To order in advance, call Emily Rosen (474-5906), Tanya Fingerov (281-461-9124), or Sharon Goldberg (280-0666). You can also order from one of these girls during Sunday School or Wednesday School. Payment is due at the time you order.

	<i>Candle Lighting Time</i>	May 2	6:39 PM
		May 9	6:44 PM
		May 16	6:48 PM
		May 23	6:52 PM

OFFICERS AND TRUSTEES

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	Susan Robertson	281-286-0022
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Young Judeaa	Ida Diamond	281-486-4004
	C.J. Brand	281-480-3449

Recognizing the Reality of the Holocaust

Space Center Intermediate School Student Council has taken on a project to help a middle school in Illinois, recognize the reality of the Holocaust. Students at SCIS are collecting pop-top tabs to send to the Illinois middle school.

To make the large number of Holocaust victims more comprehensible, the students at the middle school are collecting six million pop-top tabs to represent the six million Jews who died before and during World War II. Their teacher decided to take on the project in response to a Northwestern University professor who had written a book and developed a Web site denying the Holocaust occurred. The professor contends the deaths were a result of typhus and other nonviolent causes.

If the students collect six million tabs before the end of the year, Eva Moses Kor, a survivor of Dr. Josef Mengele's "medical experiments" on Jewish twins at Auschwitz, will speak at an assembly at the Illinois school.

The collected pop tabs will be sold to an aluminum dealer and the proceeds will go to Kor's group, CANDLES, Inc. (Children of Auschwitz-Nazis' Deadly Lab Experiment Survivors).

Anyone interested in helping can deliver pop tabs to Space Center Intermediate.

**Using Gift Certificates is an easy way
to raise funds for the Synagogue!**

Education Report . . .

Thank you very much home room parents and parents for the help with the Passover seder; we couldn't have done it without you. Extra thanks to Leslie Schwanke for the help with Passover seder supplies, and for our snack supply all year long.

This month we will have a very special celebration to commemorate Israel's Independence Day on May 11th (11:30am). Yes it will be on Mothers' Day but we expect to see you all. It will be nice if for this day, all students will wear blue and white.

Please remember that May 16th is Teachers' Appreciation Shabbat. Students are welcome to write something about their teacher(s). We will make time for them to read it.

May 18th is the last day of school. School will be over at 12:00 pm and we hope all will join the Mens' Club picnic.

Look for Early Registration information on the bulletin board. We sure hope to see you all next year . . .confirmation class excused. We hope you had a good year and we look forward to see you on August 24th when the next Sunday school year starts.

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

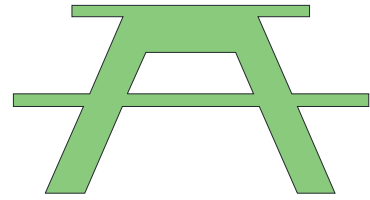
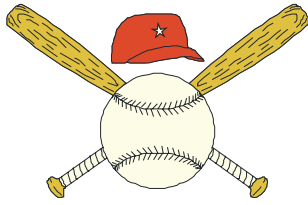
Some Holes in the Bagel Business

Our bagel business is making a lot of dough!! We've been selling up to 135 dozen on a good week! However, to keep the money rolling in, we need your help. Recently, Allen Kufert has started a new work assignment which places him out of the country a good deal of the time. Allen played a huge roll in our bagel effort. He was responsible for picking up the bagels at NY Bagel Shop and bringing them back to the synagogue. He wrote up the labels for the pre-orders, helped bag and sell the bagels, and delivered to several Brookwood customers. If anyone can help with these tasks on a permanent or rotating basis, that would be greatly appreciated. We only have a handful of volunteers currently working on this huge and profitable effort. Volunteers call Don Brand at 480-3449.

I'd like to take this opportunity to extend a huge "Thank You" to Miriam Devin for picking up the responsibility of making the bagel calls to solicit pre-orders (over 100 names on the list), Leslie Schwanke for her full-time assistance as a bagel bagger and seller, Izhak Grinbaum for his frequent help in bagging bagels, and the Wolpas for their donation of the cream cheese. Also, many thanks to those who assist us in bagging and selling during times of need.

In addition to Allen's reassignment, I have changed work locations from Houston to Baytown and can no longer pick up the lox near the North end of the 610 Loop. If anyone has the occasion to be up that way during the week and would be willing to detour to the Seafood Wholesale Co., we could resume lox sales. Please contact me if you can help with the lox pick-up. It's usually one trip every two months.

Don Brand, Bagel Chairman



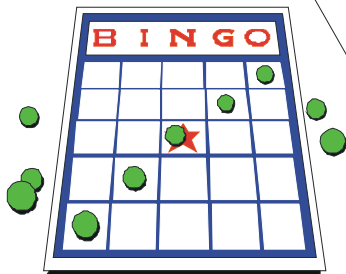
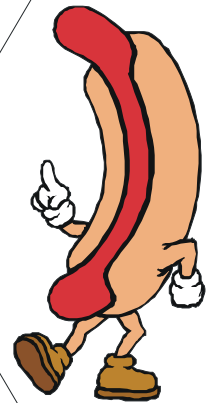
CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHALOM

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May 18, 1997

12 - 5 PM

Frankie Randolph Carter Park



JEWISH LIVING IN THE BIBLE BELT

Jewish Living in the Bible Belt, the second community-wide afternoon of Adult Jewish Education, is taking place on Sunday, May 18th, 1:15-4:30 p.m., at Congregation Brith Shalom. The program will feature four dynamic speakers.

Rabbi Stuart Federow, from Clear Lake, will tell us about a subject he is deeply involved in: "Responding to Missionaries."

Rabbi Jimmy Kessler, from Galveston, an expert in Jewish history of the Southwest, will speak on "Immigration of the Jews to the Southwest."

Dr. Abraham Peck, the Executive Director of Holocaust Museum Houston, will speak on "The Identity of the Southern Jew," a topic he has researched thoroughly in recent years.

In addition, a representative from the Southern Baptist faith

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Simcha Shopping

Do you have a simcha coming up? Does your child have his or her eye on something special in the Gift Shop? Has your future son-in-law or daughter-in-law commented on something particular he or she saw on display?

Let the Gift Shop committee know what that something special is, and we will be better able to assist our customers in choosing just the right gift. Stop by Gift Shop Sunday mornings during religious school, or call Susan Robertson (281-286-0022) or C.J. Brand (281-480-3449).

Need a Gift for the hard to buy for? Give them a Gift Certificate and let them decide.

Life Cycle Events

Yahrzeits

5/01	Jerome Brand	Father of Don Brand
5/02	Joel Rovick	Son of Molly Rovick and Brother of Elaine Ackel
5/04	Berlinska Family	Mishpacha of Ken Wetcher
5/04	Statfeld Family	Mishpacha of Ken Wetcher
5/05	Ira Jacobs	Father of Helene Ringer
5/05	Howard Wachtel	Father of Lynda Hamilton
5/06	Rose Ende	Mother of Nathan Ende
5/16	Lilly Goodman	Mother of Sydell Covan
5/16	Zelda Covan	Mother of Leonard Covan
5/18	David Mendlowitz	Father of Sandra Handler
5/19	Russell Gibbs, Sr.	Father of Russell Gibbs
5/23	Samual Feldman	Grandfather of Ken Unger
5/26	Ella Ross Simms	Wife of Bertram Simms
5/28	Albert Rosenberg	Father of Arlene Leboe
5/30	Hildred Marrus	Grandmother of Richard Lehman
6/01	Louis Daniels	Father of Stewart Daniels

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

Happy Birthday to

5/01	Bill Robertson	5/20	Lauren Polt
5/02	Ruth Fietelson	5/21	Jonathan Izygon
5/02	Jenna Rosenthal	5/22	Ben Diamond
5/02	Nancy Platt	5/23	Joshua Schulte
5/04	Scott Manusov	5/23	Aaron Greene
5/06	Jacob Ben-Ezra	5/23	Laura Platt
5/06	David Cohen	5/25	Melinda Brand
5/06	Shelly Kapsack	5/25	Sandy Ostrosky
5/07	David Rosenfeld	5/30	Oscar Mordkovich
5/08	Sydell Covan	5/30	Danielle Sokolow
5/12	Hilary Blake		
5/13	Harvey Schulman		
5/14	Issac Ben-Ezra		
5/17	Jay Greene		
5/19	Howard Crupain		



Happy Anniversary to

5/07	Samuel and Nancy Platt
5/09	Roger and Maxine Curtis
5/12	Jon and Michelle Kocen
5/18	Bill and Susan Robertson
5/29	Richard and Judy Lehman



Birthdays, 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).

Az di velt zagt, farf men gloiben.
If everybody says so, there's some truth to it.

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We invite you to share
a special day in our lives
when our daughter, Rachel Orit
will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah
on Friday, the sixth of June
at eight-fifteen in the evening
and Saturday, the seventh of June
at nine-thirty in the morning
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seve
Congregation Shaar Hashalom
16020 El Camino Real
Houston, Texas

Leslie and Carl Schwanke

Please share in our happiness
at the Bat Mitzvah
of our daughter

Sarah Anne

Friday, the twenty-third of May
nineteen hundred and ninety-
seven

at 8:15 in the evening and
Saturday, the twenty-fourth of
May

at 9:30 in the morning
Congregation Shaar Hashalom
16020 El Camino Real
Houston Texas



Mother's
Day
may 11



Sisterhood

I'm writing this article the evening that the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Southwest Branch Conference ended. For those who don't know, the Women's League for Conservative Judaism is the national affiliation of Sisterhoods in the Conservative movement. The organization's purpose is to support women in Judaism through Sisterhoods. It also supports the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York, Los Angeles and Jerusalem.

The conference is a time to get together with other Sisterhoods in the Southwest Branch for the states of Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mexico and Texas. This year Ruth Marcus, a national consultant/trainer from the national office of the Women's League, attended and several workshops on leadership, membership, fundraising and Torah study were presented.

Co-presidents Jennifer Briscoe and I attended, and we came back with ideas about making Sisterhood more vibrant and meaningful to its members and the synagogue. In the next few months Jennifer and I will get together and discuss strategies. Stay tuned for more details.

Several members from our Sisterhood were instrumental in making sure the conference ran smoothly. Pia Greenberg was the local planning chair. She did the leg work in Clear Lake, making arrangements at the Nassau Bay Hilton for catering and accommodations. Peggy Wolfe collected registration information and money, and worked at the registration table at the start of the

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Volunteer Needed

to help with mailing the *Shofar* each month. Needs to have some availability during the day. Call Ellen Rosen (281-474-3764) or Hedy Wolpa (281-334-3740) for more information.

The cleaning lady comes every other week, and her birthday is coming up.

A Gift Certificate from the grocery store is a gift that she's sure to appreciate!

May Onegs

5/02	Sharon Valentine
5/09	Kari Sokolow
5/16	Teacher Appreciation
5/23	The Kitmacher family, in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter and sister, Sarah
5/30	OPEN

All congregants are invited to host an Oneg Shabbat. You may select an evening to celebrate a special family event, or to celebrate Shabbat. Please call Jennifer Briscoe (281-334-5539) or Sharon Valentine (281-480-6713) with the date you would like to host an Oneg.

Do a mitzvah and volunteer to host an oneg!



Sisterhood & Palais Royale
present

Real Clothes for Real People

Annual Fashion Show
Saturday, May 10, 7:30 p.m.
Congregation Shaar Hashalom

Rabbi Federow and congregants
model this year's hottest styles

Debbie Angel
Miriam Devin
Fashion Show
Chairs

Silent Auction
Door Prizes
Refreshments

Adults \$8.00
5-12 \$4.00
4 & under no charge

Second Annual
Retro-Vintage
Style Show

Contributions

Building Fund

From Carmelith and Allan Arfa
 In honor of Emily Rosen on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah
 From Diane and Allen Kufert
 In memory of Robert Franklin, father of Diane
 In memory of Rose Ross, aunt of Diane
 From Sharon and Jerry Mendelson
 In memory of Sadie Pepper
 Anonymous
 In honor of Blanche and Isaak Abramovitz on their 50th
 wedding anniversary
 In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle
 In memory of Rose Friedman, mother of Risa Stein

Prayer Book Fund

From Hedy and Jeff Wolpa
 In honor of Sharon Goldberg on the occasion of her Bat
 Mitzvah
 In honor of Emily Rosen on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah

Religious School Fund

From Devora and Israel Paz
 In memory of Eliezer Horowitz
 From Mary Ann Austin
 In honor of Nitsana Lazarus for her contributions to the
 Religious School

Youth Group Fund

From Sheilla and Mike Goldberg
 In honor of Sharon Goldberg on the occasion of her Bat
 Mitzvah
 In honor of Emily Rosen on the occasion of her Bat Mitzvah

General Fund

From Dimitry Drobts
 From Elizabeth and James Lepock
 In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle
 From Claire and Arnold Balsler
 In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle
 From Susan and Frank Simon
 In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle
 From Rita and Don Dressler
 In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle
 From Martin Tannenbaum
 In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle
 From Susan and Bruce Davenport
 In appreciation for the Adult Education offered at ourr
 Synagogue

Cantor Fund

From Diane and David Rosenfeld
 In memory of Hannah Rosenfeld

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I/We are making a donation to Congregation Shaar Hashalom! Please place the donation in the fund indicated.

Your name _____

Full address _____

<p>___ In Honor of _____</p> <p>___ On the Occasion of _____</p> <p>___ In Memory of _____</p> <p>Send notification to _____</p> <p>Address _____</p>	<p>___ In Honor of _____</p> <p>___ On the Occasion of _____</p> <p>___ In Memory of _____</p> <p>Send notification to _____</p> <p>Address _____</p>
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___ Torah Restoration Fund	___ Youth Group Fund	___ Torah Restoration Fund	___ Youth Group Fund
___ Library Fund	___ Playground Fund	___ Library Fund	___ Playground Fund
___ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	___ Building Fund	___ Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	___ Building Fund

*For more donations, please reproduce this form or attach an additional sheet of paper listing the above information.
 Return your form and donation to Elaine Ackel, Corresponding Secretary, Cong. Shaar Hashalom, 16020 El Camino Real,
 Houston, TX 77062. You may also bring it by the synagogue and leave it in the corresponding secretary's mailbox.*

Women's League

As the Local Planning Chair for the Women's League for Conservative Judaism Southwest Branch Conference, I would like to thank those involved for helping make it a BIG SUCCESS! It was the BEST! Thank you to

- Shaar Hashalom for the use of the Sefer Torah and flags.
- Jeri Walden, Hospitality Chair, for keeping the Hospitality Suite well stocked with lots of food and beverages over the three day conference.
- Sheilla Goldberg for helping Jeri transport food and for helping take care of the gifts for the speakers.
- Susan Robertson for helping track down the gift for the National Consultant.
- Ron Zaguli for being the official conference photographer.
- Peggy Wolfe for being Conference Treasurer and for helping with the Registration Desk.
- Anita Osman, Conference Publicity Chair, for the terrific publicity in all of the newspapers.
- Sharon Valentine for leading the entire Monday morning service, including chanting the Torah with incredible skill and spirituality.

Rabbi Federow was our Scholar-In-Residence Monday. He led the morning Torah study and conducted his "Mission Control" program. The ladies did not want him to stop. They had so many questions! Brenda Levine let him have her hour training session so he could talk longer. We need to hang on to our Rabbi, because all the synagogues represented wanted to take him home with them!

Once again, thank you again to everyone. My apologies if I have left anyone out. Just for your information, we sent all of the leftover food, extra toiletries, pads, pens, etc., to the local Battered Women's shelter. . . *And The World Is Entrusted To Us!*

**Pia Greenberg, Local Planning Chair
Southwest Branch Spring Conference**

**Need a crazy prize for the PTA?
How about a Gift Certificate from MacFrugal's!**

Nancy Dickinson, congregation secretary, will be in the office the following hours:

Monday, Wednesday, Friday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Tuesday

12:00 noon - 4:00 p.m.

Thursday

8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

Traveling Without A Modem ?? We Can Put You Back On Line !

This year, the Center for Conservative Judaism wants to make it easier for students and visitors in Israel to stay in touch with family and friends back home. Located at 2/4 Agron Street in the heart of Jerusalem, the Center has inaugurated a new "Conservative connection," inviting visitors from affiliated congregations to use the Center's modem to send and receive e-mail messages.

Simply come to the Center during regular office hours, 8:30 AM to 5 PM, Sunday through Thursday, or call Rabbi Edward Romm for an appointment (02-625-6386). You can also call Rabbi Paul Freedman, Outreach Coordinator, outside of office hours, if necessary (02-625-6205).

Don't forget to call the Center and say hello-even if you don't need the computer. Or, before you go, contact Sarrae Crane in New York (212-533-7800, ext. 2614) for information on the Center's many exciting programs.

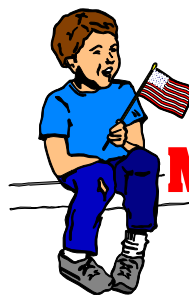


Welcome

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

Robert Yowell has lived in the Clear Lake area for seven years and is an engineer with NASA. His hobbies include flying single engine aircraft. Robert speaks French and is originally from New Rochelle, New York. Welcome, Robert!

**Call Alan and Barbara Cain today to purchase
your Gift Certificates: 488-7116**



may 26

MEMORIAL DAY

We welcome articles and information for the *Shofar*. We prefer articles and information on PC disk (Word, WordPerfect, Write, ASCII or text file) or by e-mail, but we will accept hard copy or neatly handwritten copy. Place disks or copy in the *Shofar* mailbox at the synagogue, call **Hedy** (281-334-3740) or **Ellen** (281-474-3764), or e-mail us at

rosen @radph6.mdacc.tmc.edu

Mazal Tov to

Scott Manusov for earning his Aleph Emblem, the Cub Scout Religious Award for Jewish Boy Scouts.

Laura Rosenthal for earning the 13-year participation award for her 13 consecutive years of participation in the CCISD Science Fair.

Teddy Zwang for winning first place in his grade level at the Houston Chess Association Tournament after five preliminary rounds of play.

Jonathan Hamilton and his family on his Bar Mitzvah.

Laura Rosen for being selected Varsity Cheerleader at Clear Lake High School

Emily Rosen for earning high scores at the Pearland Junior High Drama Festival; she will now compete at the championship festival in May.

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will speak on its policy of missionizing the Jews.

Pre-registration is \$3. Registration at the door is \$5. Call Elizabeth Berke, 713/729-7000, ext. 134 for more information. This program is sponsored by the Bureau of Jewish Education, of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston. It is co-sponsored by all community congregations and the Houston Networking Group (a community singles program).

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From Ellen and Isaac Rosen

In memory of Ruth Caplan, mother of Shelley Kahle

In memory of Rose Friedman, mother of Risa Stein

For the speedy recovery of Jack Wolpa

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

From Sharon and Jerry Mendelson

In honor of their grandson's recovery

From Bertram Simms

In memory of Hermine Simkovitz

From Frances Fine

In memory of Paula Schulman

In memory of Rose Friedman, mother of Risa Stein

For the speedy and complete recovery of Martin Savrick

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conference. Anita Osman was the publicity chair getting out the word about the conference. Anita also acted as our photographer during the event so that the Southwest Branch president, Tammy Weiss from Oklahoma City, OK could record the weekend in the scrapbook.

Maybe next year we can see you in Oklahoma City, the site of next year's conference!

Sharon Valentine, Sisterhood co-President

Di klainer hartz nemt arum di groisseh velt.
The heart is small and embraces the whole wide world.

bat mitzvah announcement

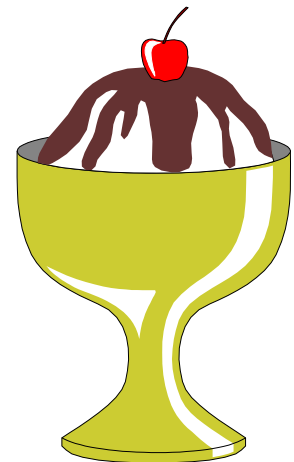
Tsedokeh zol kain gelt nit kosten un g'milas-chassodim kain agmas-nefesh nit farshafen, volten geven in der velt fil tsadikim.
If one could do charity without money and favors without aggravation, the world would be full of saints.



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