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Congregation Shaar Hashalom

Clear Lake, Texas



Rabbi's Message

My, but time flies when you're having fun! With this August, I begin my third year as your Rabbi! And it really has been fun! We have learned together, with each other and, I hope, from each other. I know that I have learned from you. We have prayed together, and we have studied together. We have had fun together at the socials and dinners and picnics and other events. One indication of this for me is that I am writing this in the middle of July, my month off, and I miss you!

Together, we have made Congregation Shaar Hashalom a Tree of Life to those who hold fast to it! By that, I mean that we are providing roots, Jewish roots, to the many members, through Jewish education and opportunities to express their Jewishness, while elevating them through our many activities. Congregational life does not just mean a place to congregate, it means a community of people who come together with common goals and, by organizing, are much more likely to achieve those goals.

In the coming year, may we continue to make Shaar Hashalom a stronger Tree of Life!

Rabbi Stuart Federow
federow@blkbbox.com

Coming in August

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

Rabbi Federow hosts "Faith Matters" every Sunday at 7 pm on KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio.

Bingo every Sunday at 6:45 pm unless otherwise noted.

01/02 Alon Najer Bar Mitzvah 8:15 pm & 9:30 am

07 Ritual Committee meeting 7:30 pm

08/09 Scott Wolpa Bar Mitzvah 8:15 pm & 10 am

14 Sisterhood meeting

15 Andy Gillman Bar Mitzvah 8:15 pm & 9:30 am

17 Sunday school begins 9 am

21 Board Meeting 7:30 pm

22/23 Tanya Fingerov Bat Mitzvah 8:15 pm & 9:30 am

24 Sunday school 9 am - 12:30 pm

27 Wednesday school 5-8 pm

28 Education meeting 7:30 pm

29/30 Melanie Kurtz Bat Mitzvah 8:15 pm & 9:30 am

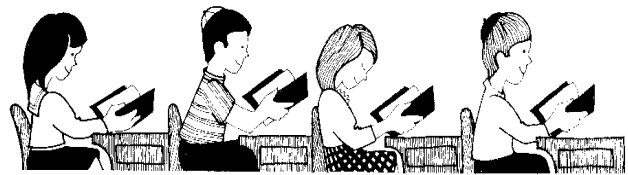
31 Sunday school 9 am - 12:30 pm

Education Report

Summer is a busy time for all of our families. Please remember to mail back the registration forms before our first day of Sunday School (August 17). **We WILL NOT accept registrations on the first day of school.** It is too hectic and confusing. We want all of our teachers and students to be in the right place at the right time!!! So please, get those forms in by the 13th of August. If we have not received your child's forms by the first day of school (August 17), your child will have to start school the next week. Thank you for your cooperation!!

The religious school is looking for two very special people. They have qualities too numerous to mention. These two people have a warm spot in their heart for children. They are willing to make a difference and enjoy special moments with kids. One of these special people doesn't mind waking up on a Sunday morning to be at the synagogue by 10:00 a.m. to teach a wonderful bunch of third graders!!!! The other special person is available on Wednesday evenings to spend quality time with our eighth graders, teaching them a class whose scope is decision making skills and Judaism. If you think you fit this description and are interested in more information, please call Felicia Bank at 286-3848.

Remember: You must register your child before the first day of Sunday School. No registrations will be accepted on the



first day!!!!

Felicia Bank, Education Vice-President
Nistana Lazerus, Religious School Principal

Save This Date!


Friday, September 5, will be a special Shabbat service. The evening will begin with a dairy Pot Luck dinner at 6:30 P.M. Jewish Jeopardy, coordinated by Beth Rosenwasser of the Jewish Federation, will follow. The Shabbat service will begin at approximately 8:00 P.M., and will be followed by an SOS Ice Cream Social oneg. Unlike other SOS Shabbats, there will be only the one service.

CSH Fun Run

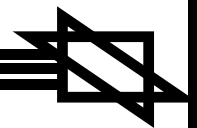
By now everyone has registered to participate in The "I Don't Want To Run In The Shaar Hashalom 5K Fun Run!" Fun Run. However, you still have time to collect more donations "Not To Run"! You will need to turn in your donation forms and money by 10:00 a.m., August 17. A suggested amount to collect is \$1 per kilometer you will not run; however, larger donations are more than welcome. Remember, a Fun Run Trophy will be awarded to the person who collects the most money in donations "Not To Run"! That's right, this is another way to win a real athletic trophy! Please keep in mind that all donations collected go toward the building of the new sanctuary! A beautiful new sanctuary we have been waiting so long for! And we can do it!

Mark it on your calendars, the big event is Sunday, August 17, 9:00 am - 12:15 pm. Some of the the Corporate Sponsors will be coming by to meet everyone. (You don't want to miss the chance to thank them for their support of this unique fundraiser.) All the trophies will be awarded at 12:15. Don't forget to bring your lawn chairs with you and a lot of Ruach! This way you can change into your new Fun Run T-shirts and sit around with friends watching everyone not running!

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

	August 01	6:54 PM
	August 08	6:49 PM
	August 15	6:42 PM
	August 22	6:35 PM
	August 29	6:27 PM

VFW



Please join us
in worship and celebration
when our son
Scott Michael
is called to the Torah as a Bar Mitzvah
Friday, the eighth of August
Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
at eight-fifteen in the evening and
Saturday, the ninth of August
at ten o'clock in the morning
Congregation Shaar Hashalom
16020 El Camino Real
Houston, Texas
Hedy and Jeff Wolpa

Jacquie Osman Graduates from UT

Jacqueline Risa Osman, daughter of Anita and Bob Osman, graduated from the University of Texas at Austin in May, 1997. Jacquie was awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Advertising.

Anita reports that Jacquie is presently job hunting and hopes to find employment as a copywriter and/or art director in an advertising agency, preferably in the New York area, although Jacquie is interviewing on both coasts as well as in Chicago and Dallas.

While in college, Jacquie was in a special program at UT called the "creative track" within her advertising major in the school of communications. Only about 20 of several hundred students were chosen to be in this special program. Needless to say, Anita and Bob are quite proud of Jacquie's achievements and her work. We at Shaar Hashalom share their pride and wish Jacquie a huge mazal tov!

Gift Certificates (SCRIP) On Hand:

Albertsons	The Gap	Baskin Robbins
Burger King	Eckerd Drug	Barnes & Noble
H*E*B	Pizza Hut	Mac Frugal's
Kroger	K F C	Randalls
Schwan's Frozen Foods	Service Merchandise	

Many other stores and restaurants have gift certificates (SCRIP) that is available to us! Please ask Alan Cain to order some for you!

WE CORDIALLY INVITE YOU TO SHARE THE
JOY, WHEN OUR SON,

ALON NAJER

WILL CELEBRATE HIS BAR MITZVAH,
ON FRIDAY, THE FIRST OF AUGUST,
AT EIGHT-FIFTEEN IN THE EVENING AND SAT-
URDAY, THE SECOND OF AUGUST,
AT NINE-THIRTY IN THE MORNING

CONGREGATION SHAAR HASHALOM
16020 EL CAMINO REAL
CLEAR LAKE CITY, TEXAS

JESSIE AND MAURICE NAJER

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

T We invite you to share
A a special day in our lives
N when our daughter, Tanya
Y will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah
A on Friday, the twenty-second of August
 at eight-fifteen in the evening, and
 Saturday, the twenty-third of August
 at nine-thirty in the morning
 Nineteen hundred and ninety-seven
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Irina and Boris Fingerov

Today Rabah

To **Shirley Sher** and **Simone Clapp** for volunteering in the synagogue office each week.

To **Martin Coppersmith** for volunteering to be the temporary office manager.

Mazal Tov

To **Rex Hemme** on his election to At Large Director of the United Synagogue of Conservative Judaism Regional President's Meeting in June, 1997

To **Alon Najer** and Family on Alon's Bar Mitzvah

To **Scott Wolpa** and Family on Scott's Bar Mitzvah

To **Andy Gillman** and Family on Andy's Bar Mitzvah

To **Tanya Fingerov** and Family on Tanya's Bat Mitzvah

To **Melanie Kurtz** and Family on Melanie's Bat Mitzvah

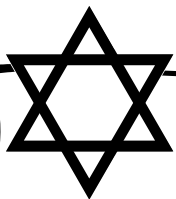
To **Laura Rosenthal** on being selected Lunar Rendezvous Princess

"Faith Matters"

Beginning August 3, Rabbi Federow's radio program, "Faith Matters," will be broadcast from 7:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. The program airs on station KRTK 97.1 FM Talk Radio.



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 our **new address** (irosen@notes.mdacc.tmc.edu)



We cordially invite you
to the Bar Mitzvah of our son

Andrew Scott

on Friday, August 15, 1997; 8:15 p.m.
and Saturday, August 16, 1997; 9:30 a.m.

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Candace and Michael Gillman

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Men's Club

In June, we held our annual Men's Club Banquet at Gulf Greyhound Park. Don Brand organized it again this year and Larry Taylor helped us to get a great deal. We had a good turnout and everyone had a great time. Some people even went home with more money than they started the evening with.

One of the exciting activities of the evening for me was to be able to recognize one of our members as "Member of the Year." It is always fun to be able to thank someone for a job well done and this year was no exception.

But before naming the 96/97 winner (I suspect that many of you have already heard anyway), I would like to thank all of the other Men's Club Members as well for making 1996/97 another successful year. Organizations like Men's Club, Sisterhood, and even Congregation Shaar Hashalom need all kinds of volunteers. Of course it would be great if we had a long list of people who were just dying to spend more hours every week to volunteer to help our organization. However, the reality is that many of our members are already active volunteers in other community or synagogue activities and/or they have a busy schedule at home. Consequently, I appreciate ALL of our volunteers: from the person who may have only had time to make it to one Breakfast all the way to this year's Member of the Year, who put in many hours of time supporting Men's Club. We need people to attend meetings as well as people to organize them! So, a personal THANK YOU from me to everyone who supported Men's Club this year.

Now for this year's special friend of Men's Club, the 1996/97 Member of the Year. This person has actually been working for a couple of years to achieve Member of the Year status. He helped organize the Congregational Picnic 2 years in a row, ran the Men's Club Used Book Sale 2 years in a row, lead a family outing, hosted a breakfast and gave away a couple of kiddish cups. This year's *Member of the Year is Isaak Abramovitz!* Congratulations Isaak! You're a real mensch. Also special thanks to Blanche for sharing your wonderful husband with us.

Upcoming Men's Club activities:

- o August 03 Men's Club family outing to an Astro's Game.
- o August 10 Men's Club Breakfast, at Shaar Hashalom.
- o August 17 Hot Dog Platter Sale for the Un-Runners and for the first day of Sunday School.

Carl Schwanke
Men's Club President

CSH on the Net

In case you don't already know, Shaar Hashalom has an active web site. Just go to

<http://www.uscj.org/sowest/houstosh/index.htm>

and you can have access to current congregation news as well as links to some of the best Judaic web sites on the net.

If you have any items you want posted on this fantastic site, please call me at (281) 486-9549.

Also don't forget to tell our current webmaster Jason Gillman how much you enjoy our website.

Leonard Levine
Website Advisor

Ritual

The High Holy Days will be late this year, but we will be ready for them. Selichot, which has been called a "warm-up" for the Days of Awe, falls on Saturday evening, September 27. The 11:00 P.M. candlelight service will be led by Rabbi Federow, assisted by Dr. Hal Rosenthal. A program and *oneg* at 9:30 P.M. preceding the service, are currently in the planning stages. Rosh Hashanah will be October 1 (Erev), 2, and 3, Kol Nidre October 10, and Yom Kippur October 11, 1997. Seat sign-ups have been planned for the following dates:

Sunday, August 10 9:00 A.M. - 11:00 A.M. (priority)
Monday, August 18 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.
Monday, August 25 7:30 P.M. - 9:30 P.M.

By the time you receive this *Shofar*, you should have received a letter with details.

During the rabbi's July vacation, services were ably conducted by a number of congregants. CLUSY's service leadership during the July 4 week-end was outstanding. Doc Niemczura, assisted by his mom, Pia Greeberg, organized everything; members of CLUSY led almost all parts, including the Saturday Torah chanting. Doc chanted the *maftir* and *haftarah*. Pia provided the Friday Oneg, and parents of the group's members provided the Saturday *kiddush*. The following CLUSY members participated in the Shabbat Services:

Doc Niemczura	Lauren Polt	Melissa More
Jasmine Walden	Danielle Sokolow	Tanya Fingerov
Katie Angel	Jason Gillman	Alon Najer
Melissa Cain	Sarah Kitmacher	Scott Wolpa
Amy Kitmacher	Sharon Goldberg	Solomon Peretz
Rafi Mittlefehldt	Josh Weiss	Andy Gillman

Kari Sokolow is the group's advisor.

Our thanks also to others who led parts of Shabbat services or who served at gabbais during the month of July:

Rex Hemme	Amira Hemme	Israel Paz
Leonard Levine	David Rosenfeld	Men's Club
David Cohen	Sally Harrison	Nurit Mittlefehldt
Eleanor Gould	Melissa Moore	Amy Wald

The monthly SOS service on September 5 will be combined with a Pot Luck dinner and program planned by the Jewish Federation. The Pot Luck dinner will begin at 6:30 P.M., followed by Jewish Jeopardy. The service will begin at approximately 8:00 P.M., and there will be no 8:15 service. An SOS Ice Cream Social oneg will follow.

Diane Rosenfeld
Ritual Vice-President

Did You Know???

The gift certificate (SCRIP) customer base is only about 30 families. In just six short months, over \$1,000 in profit has been turned over to the synagogue's general fund. Just think what we could do if 60 families bought gift certificates (SCRIP)! How about 90 families!! Just ask any of those wonderful families how effortless it is for them!

Call Alan Cain at (281) 488-7116 to place your order.

Life Cycle Events

Yahrzeits

8/01	Matthew Spiegelman	Son of Sheila Falk
8/01	Emanuel Simkovitz	Father of Bert Simms
8/03	J. Robert Fineman	Father of Sue Keitelman
8/04	Felice Rubenstein	Mother of Susan Robertson Wife of Earl Rubenstein
8/04	Hortense Blum	Mother-in-law of Earl Rubenstein
8/05	Grace Eichler	Mother of Peggy Wolfe
8/06	Morris Wetcher	Father of Ken Wetcher
8/09	Lillian Camhi	Sister of Miriam Devin
8/09	Anna Rubenstein	Mother of Earl Rubenstein
8/13	Jeanne Berman	Mother of Joel Berman
8/15	Sally Rosen	Mother of Isaac Rosen
8/20	Sherry Moss	Mother of Jaime Moss
8/26	Dorotte Unger	Mother of Ken Unger
8/26	Milton Caplan	Father of Shelley Kahle
8/27	David Crupain	Father of Howard Crupain
8/29	Kallman Rosen	Father of Blanche Abramovitz
8/30	George Breido	Grandfather of Reina Sher-Kraft
9/02	George Sherry	Grandfather of Jaime Moss

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

Happy Anniversary to

8/04	Sheila and Steve Falk
8/07	Jeanine and Neil Levin
8/14	Susan and Gary Kitmacher
8/20	Anita and Bob Osman
8/20	Ellen and Isaac Rosen
8/20	Hedy and Jeff Wolpa
8/24	Jan and Martin Coppersmith



Happy Birthday to

8/01	Mike Wolfe	8/19	Jennifer Briscoe
8/02	Steve Kraft	8/20	Sheryl Kapsack
8/02	Travis Walden	8/20	Bryan Waxman
8/02	Ida Diamond	8/21	Phillip Osman
8/03	Rosalind Perez	8/22	Ed Mordkovich
8/04	Forrest Truman	8/25	Melanie Kurtz
8/04	David Gould	8/26	Helene Ringer
8/06	Zach Schulte	8/26	Russell Gibbs
8/08	David Gibbs	8/26	Sid Orenstein
8/08	Linda Truman	8/27	Alex Brand
8/10	Diane Kufert	8/29	Debbie Unger
8/11	Patricia Block	8/30	Andrew Kocen
8/13	Barbara Rosenthal	8/30	Hayley Diamond
8/14	Beth Liebling	8/31	Brian Mendelson
8/14	Abby Levy		
8/16	Josh Weiss		
8/18	Claire Berman		
8/18	Amy Kitmacher		
8/17	Gary Moore		



Birthday, anniversary, and yahrzeit information come from the synagogue data base. To make additions or corrections, please call the synagogue office (281-488-5861).

From the CSH Mailbag

Shaar Hashalom Temple of Clear Lake,

The Ronald McDonald House of Galveston would like to take this time to extend our deepest appreciation for your very delicious spaghetti/salad that your group prepared for lunch.

With your continued thoughtfulness we are able to make the stay of our families more pleasant.

Our staff and families enjoyed the meal very much. We send our love to everyone who helped with the lunch.

We sincerely thank you Shaar Hashalom Temple, for all of your love and support. Thank you for being our special friends.

Sincerely,

Ronald McDonald House of Galveston

(The Ronald McDonald House of Galveston was one of several organizations for which CSH members volunteered on Mitzvah Day, June 29th. -eds.)

Hello friends! Harvey and I send regards from Duesseldorf, Germany. It has been very interesting settling in and meeting people. You all would identify the situation very easily---remote residential area, 35 minutes from the nearest large city, isolated from a larger Jewish community and having to form

your own circle of Jewish friends.

The people have been very nice in Willaer, the small city in which we live. There is only one Jewish family in the surrounding area and no synagogue. We hope to meet another new family from the U.S. who moved close by.

There is a beautiful synagogue with a Rabbi and a Rabbinic intern in Duesseldorf, but there seems to be little contact with outlying Jewish communities. We have attended meetings there, but see little contact with its members.

We would enjoy hearing from friends in the Clear Lake community since we do really miss the Jewish contacts. One never appreciates what you've had until its gone. We have an e-mail address and mailing address---it will take 2 stamps to send mail here.

Regards to all---hope everyone stays well and enjoys the Texas summer!

Risa and Harvey Stein
Sonnacker 20
40489 Duesseldorf
Germany
email: HLStein@compuserve.com

CLUSY News

Parents: Have Your Teens Read This!

Shalom. This article will be brief. I'll have more to report after the Jewish Movie Marathon and the Business Meeting August 3. The Business Meeting is very important! Please plan to be there so we can finish planning our year and set dates.

CLUSY had the honor of leading the 4th of July weekend services. I would like to thank everyone who participated. Everyone did a great job! I think our abilities are a great reflection of what a wonderful job the Shaar Hashalom Religious School does. We would like to thank Nurit Mittlefedhlt for providing the Torah readers with tapes and copies of their part. Thank you to everyone who brought food for the Kiddush luncheon and helped clean up afterwards. Finally, we would like to thank Shaar Hashalom for trusting us to serve as the service leaders. We are looking forward to leading Shabbat services next year!

LTI is the USY Leadership Training Institute. It is extremely important that we get our officers through this valuable program. We are very grateful to Sisterhood and Men's Club for their generous financial support in helping send us there!

Upcoming CLUSY Events:

- August 3 Business Mtg. at the Hemme's, 10:00 am
- August 10 Pool Party, 9-11 pm
- Aug 29-Sept 1 LTI (leadership training for all USY officers), Camp Young Judea
- Oct 1 - 31 T-shirt Fundraiser
- Oct 12 or 19 Build Sukkah for Shaar Hashalom Sukkah Walk
- Nov 21-23 SWUSY Fall Kallah
- Dec 6 CLUSY Chanukah Party
- Dec 13 All City USY Chanukah Dance
- Dec 21-25 USY International Convention in Philadelphia

For more information on USY, visit their WEB site at <http://uscj.org/usy/>. If you are in the 8th -12th grade and would like to be a part of USY, call me (281-482-5497.) I can also be reached at jniemczu@ghgcorp.com. Hillel taught: "Do not withdraw from the community." Pirkei Avot 2:5

Doc Niemczura
CLUSY President



Fractured Bible Stories - Part 2

Bible Stories Retold by Young Scholars Around the World

The jewels below are said to be written by actual students and are "genuine, authentic, and unretouched." Compiled by Richard Lederer, they appear in the 12/31/95 issue of National Review. Part 1 appeared in the July Shofar.

Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol. The greatest miracle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and the obeyed him.

David was a Hebrew king skilled at playing the liar. He fought with the Finklesteins, a race of people who lived in Biblical times. Solomon, one of David's sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.

Art/Engagement Calendar

Now Available for 5758 (1997-1998)

Don't miss out on this unique edition commemorating Israel's 50th Anniversary. The calendar includes exquisite Judaica from Conservative congregations as well as photos of Israel taken by USYers. Also included are listings of Jewish holidays, Shabbat candlelighting times, Torah and Haftorah readings, essays by prominent Israelis, and more.

Send your name, address, number of calendars requested, and a suggested donation of \$25 per calendar to:

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Found at the Rosens' house. Khaki jacket with navy blue collar and trim. "Southwest Carbon and Alloy" embroidered on front left breast-pocket area. For more information or to claim, call Ellen Rosen (474-3764).

Sisterhood

Here is the list of Sisterhood officers and committee chairs for 1997-1998. As you can see most of the slots have been filled. We want to thank the nominating committee for their hard work and persistence in preparing the slate. The committee members were Sheilla Goldberg, Diane Rosenfeld, and Ida Diamond. The slate of officers and the installation will take place at a later meeting.

**Sharon Valentine
Jennifer Briscoe
Sisterhood co-Presidents**

President	Sharon Valentine Jennifer Briscoe
Cultural V.P.	
Kitchen V.P.	Anna Sussman
Financial V.P.	Peggy Wolfe
Treasurer	Peggy Wolfe
Membership	
Parliamentarian	Anita Osman
Historian	Jeri Walden
Publicity	Anita Osman
Torah Fund	Pia Greenberg
Garage Sale	Jennifer Briscoe
Programming	Roz Perez
Break Fast	Tracy Manusov
High Holiday Baby Sitting	
Flower Bulbs	Sandy Ostrosky
Paidup Membership Dinner	
Summer Social	
Good and Welfare	Denise Snow
Calendar	
Fashion Show	Sharon Valentine Debbie Angel Keri Sokolow
Gift Shop	Susan Robertson Sheilla Goldberg
Entertainment Books	Miriam Devin
Sisterhood Shabbat	

Faith Matters
hosted by Rabbi Stuart Federow
Sunday evenings 7 p.m.
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Houston Jewish Outdoor Club

The Mosaic Outdoor Club of Houston welcomes all outdoor enthusiasts 21 years of age and older, married and single. We are a non-profit organization dedicated to providing a way for Jewish people to meet and enjoy outdoor activities together. Activities include, but not limited to, biking, camping, canoeing, hiking, horseback riding, inline skating, rock climbing, running, sailing, volleyball, picnics and parties. If interested please contact Gayle Luber at (281) 486-2637 or Mike Strug at (713) 665-5336 or E-mail at mikestrug@hotmail.com.

Upcoming events:

Sunday, August 3rd. Spend a day of softball with the Mosaic Outdoor Club and the Networking Group of Houston. Enjoy a picnic before the game.

Sunday, August 10th. Spend part of the day on the water of the San Jacinto River. Meet at 11 a.m. at Southwest Paddlesports, 1101 Hamblen Rd. (281) 359-3474 (5 minutes north of Humble, TX). The cost is from \$15-35 depending on how much time you want to spend on the water. RSVP to Jeff Baygood at (281) 360-0768 or email at jbaygood@hal-pc.org.

Weekend of August 16-17 (tentative). Spend a day of tubing down the Guadalupe River. Details coming soon.

Wednesday, August 20th. Join the Mosaic Club as we watch the Houston Hotshots battle the Monterrey LaRaza in an indoor soccer match at the Summit.

Bureau of Jewish Education "If Not Now, When?..."

High Holidays, Shabbat, Bar/Bat Mitzvah, what do these have in common? They all involve reading Hebrew. How much more significant would the High Holidays be if you could follow the prayers in the Machzor? How much more meaningful would your simcha be if you could participate in the service more fully by reading the Hebrew when you are called to the Torah?

You can begin on your road to greater participation in the services and Jewish life by coming to the community-wide Hebrew marathon on Sunday, September 21, from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM at the I. Weiner school on S. Gessner. When you leave the building that day, you will be a Hebrew reader, and you will be armed with a list of classes where you can hone your skills so you will be well rehearsed for the High Holidays and/or your simcha.

Cost is \$25, which includes lunch, snacks, drinks, and all materials. Contact Elizabeth Berke at 713-729-7000, ext. 134 for more information and a registration form.

This is a program of the Adult Education Programs Committee, of the Bureau of Jewish Education, of the Jewish Federation of Greater Houston.



Bar/Bat Mitzvah Students Listen Up

Having trouble with some of the Hebrew prayers? Need help with the tropes? Just can't seem to understand your Parshah? Really need a friend right now to support you through all this?

CLUSY has volunteers to help give you the extra tutoring that may help your training go a little easier. We want to help you get through this very special time in your life with pride and confidence!

To request a CLUSY Tutor call SATO VP Jenny Diamond (486-4004) or CLUSY Prez Doc Niemczura (482-5497 or jniemczu@ghgcorp.com).

One advantage of letting us help you is you make a new friend you'll see again in the 8th grade, when you get to join CLUSY!

Doc Niemczura, CLUSY President

FYI

- The *Shofar* deadline is the 10th of each month. All articles, announcements, and information must be submitted by that date. Anything submitted after the 10th will be considered for the following month.
 - It is the custom of our congregation to print Bar/Bat Mitzvah notices or invitations in the *Shofar*. All services at Shaar Hashalom are open services. Please submit your invitation by the 10th of the month preceding the issue in which your invitation is to appear. For further information, consult the *B'nai Mitzvah Manual*, or contact the *Shofar* editors. There is no charge for reprinting your invitation in the *Shofar*.
 - The Shofar has a new e-mail address:
irosen@notes.mdacc.tmc.edu
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Weekly Parshah by E-mail

Looking for a bit of Torah study while spending time at the computer? Subscribe to the free "A Byte of Torah - The Electric Torah Weekly." Send a e-mail to listserv@shamash.org with the message: SUB bytetorah <first name> <last name>.

I have subscribed for the last year and a half. Each week, the subscriber receives a one page lesson which briefly covers the Dvar Torah and Mussaf of the week. It is just enough to start you thinking.

The editor is Zev S. Izkowitz, formerly an Army rabbi who recently married and moved to Astoria. He used to take the month of August off, so don't expect to receive e-mail that month.

Judith Jackson

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Ritual Fund

From Gail and Don Roache

In honor of David Rosenfeld with wishes for a speedy and complete recovery

Youth Group Fund

From Sharon and Mitchell Polt

In honor of the Confirmation Class

Gift of Israel Now for Teens

The Jewish Federation of Greater Houston will help your family pay for your teenage child's trip to Israel with The Gift of Israel.

The Gift of Israel is a saving account created especially for a child's teen trip to Israel. Teens may choose from over 250 approved programs. Best of all, the Federation and participating synagogues will also make yearly contributions, as early as third grade, if the child is enrolled in a Jewish education program and is a member of any of our local Congregations. If a Gift of Israel account is created in third grade, opportunities for savings increase!

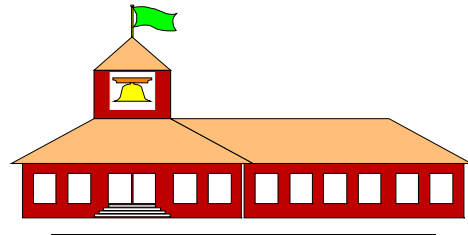
Students who have completed the 8th, 9th, or 10th grade this past 1996-1997 school year will have a one time opportunity to enroll in The gift of Israel High School Saving Program until August 15, 1997. After August 15th, the High School Program will not be available as a point of entry into The Gift of Israel. Accounts will only be established from 3rd-6th grade or at the time of the Bar/Bat Mitzvah.

You can begin saving for the experience of a lifetime with the Bureau of Jewish Education's Gift of Israel Program.

For more information, call Laura Huvad at (713) 729-7000, or fax (713) 721-6232.

Have You Heard?

Our local Venture store will soon be a K-Mart. Your K-Mart purchases, paid by SCRIP that you purchase from the synagogue, can help raise funds for the synagogue! Ask Alan Cain for the details!



G-d decided it was time to end the world, so He called together those whom He considered the three most influential people in the world - Bill Clinton, Fidel Castro, and Bill Gates.

"The world will end," G-d told them. "You must go tell the people."

President Clinton made a live statement on CNN. "I have good news and I have bad news," he said. "The good news is that we have been right; there is a G-d. The bad news is that He is ending the world."

Castro sent out a worldwide message to all Communists. "I have bad news and worse news," he said. "The bad news is that we have been wrong all along; there is a G-d. The worse news is that He is ending the world."

Bill Gates got on his computer and sent out a worldwide e-mail on the Internet. "I have good news and I have better news," he wrote. "The good news is that G-d thinks I'm one of the three most influential people in the world. The better news is that we don't have to upgrade Windows '95!"

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 In memory of Moshe Aharon Finchelstain
 From George Rosen
 In memory of Morris Rosen
 From Ellen and Isaac Rosen and daughters
 In honor of Jacquie Osman's college graduation
 In honor of Ruth Wolpa's award for 25 years of service to the JCC
 In honor of Rachel Schwanke's Bat Mitzvah
 In honor of Len and Sydell Covan's 50th wedding anniversary
 In honor of our 1997 high school graduates: Daniel Schwanke, David Levine, Laura Rosenthal, Stuart Gibbs and Aurit Lazerus
 In honor of our 1997 Confirmands: David Wolpa, Jasmine Walden, Aaron Schwanke, and Jonathan Lazerus
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 In honor of David Rosenfeld with wishes for a speedy and complete recovery and happy and satisfying retirement
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 In memory of Silvia Sherry, Jaime's grandmother
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 In honor of, and with thanks to, Rabbi Federow

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