



Congregation
Shearith Israel



The Shofar

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B'NEI MITZVAH



Simon Justin Files

January 6, 2024 | Beck Family Sanctuary
Morning Service

Simon is the son of Debra Weinberger and Steven Files; grandson of Margaret and James Files of Tucson, Arizona and Norma Weinberger, z”l and Sanford Weinberger, z”l. Simon attends Ann and Nate Levine Academy and is the brother of Mia and Jenna Files.

Nathan Newburn

January 13, 2024 | Beck Family Sanctuary
Morning Service

Nathan is the son of Rachel and Josh Newburn; grandson of Anna Bette and Oscar Newburn and Jean and Stephen Sand of Centreville, Maryland. Nathan attends George Bannerman Dealey International Academy and is the brother of Rebekah Newburn.



Phillip Baer Kelly

January 27, 2024 | Beck Family Sanctuary
Morning Service

Phillip is the son of Roni Proter Kelly and Shawn Kelly, z”l; grandson of Sharon and Larry Kelly of Texarkana, Texas, and Shlomit and Jerry Proter. Baer attends Greenhill School and is the brother of Kessler Kelly.



Kaiya Willow Jayson

February 17, 2024 | Beck Family Sanctuary
Morning Service

Kaiya is the daughter of Janine and Hal Jayson; granddaughter of Adrienne and Allan Young of Toronto, Canada and Annette Jayson, z”l and Bill Jayson, z”l. Kaiya attends Oak Hill Academy.





Robert Jonathan Grossman
Jenna Rachel Somer and Katie Mae Somer
 March 2, 2024 | Aaron Family Main Sanctuary
 Morning Service

Robert is the son of Stephanie and Barry Grossman; grandson of Janice Grossman and Fred Grossman, z”l, and Linda Fisch. Bobby attends Westwood Junior High and is the brother of Benji Grossman.

Jenna and Katie are the daughters of Sandy and Michael Somer; granddaughters of Joseph Somer and Phyllis Somer, z”l and Linda Fisch. Jenna and Katie attend Brentfield Elementary School.

Heaton Darryl Stern
 March 9, 2024 | Beck Family Sanctuary
 Morning Service

Heaton is the son of Ronit and Michael Stern; grandson of Barbara Stern and Howard Stern, z”l, and Michele Vernon of Houston, Texas and Art Vernon of West Hempstead, New York. Heaton attends Parkhill Junior High School and is the brother of Hannalee Stern.



Daniel Zachary Stavchansky
 March 30, 2024 | Beck Family Sanctuary
 Morning Service

Daniel is the son of Sara and Marcus Stavchansky; grandson of Salomon Stavchansky and Ruth Stavchansky, z”l of Austin, Texas, and Sandra and David Dietz of Leander, Texas. Daniel attends Ann and Nate Levine Academy.

SHOFAR SPONSORSHIP

Janine and Hal Jayson in honor of the Bat Mitzvah of their daughter Kaiya.

Stephanie and Barry Grossman and Sandy and Michael Somer in honor of the B’nei Mitzvah of their children Bobby, Jenna and Katie.

LOOKING BACK....

1st Annual Shearith Women's Retreat



Forty women of all ages spent a beautiful weekend together in October at the Adolphus. Over Shabbat, they connected over spirited services, inspiring and personal learning, and nurturing self-care for body and soul.

On Sunday morning, many of them Walked Against Hate with ADL. They look forward to continuing our new tradition of the Annual Shearith Women's Retreat for many years to come!

Blessing of the Animals

Weitzman Family Religious School (WFRS) and the Shearith Community were joined by our furry friends to recognize the second weekly Torah portion of the Jewish Year, Parashat Noach.

We learned that Jewish tradition teaches us through mitzvot to take care of animals in many ways. Scooby snacks were indulged for humans and each furry friend received a new toy and treat for the new year.



Dress Up Shababa



Our kiddos and their adults had a fun time dressing up in their favorite costumes at our Dress Up Shababa! It was an evening full of joy, laughter, and learning about Shabbat.



Grade Shabbatot on Friday Evenings

3rd Grade Shabbat

All 3rd graders from our Shearith community with their grownups joined us for a delicious Shabbat meal. Whether the 3rd grader attended religious school or a day school, this Shabbat generated an opportunity for them to connect with old friends, make new ones, and do it all in an informal and relaxed Shabbat setting.

5th Grade Shabbat

All Shearith 5th graders and their grownups were welcomed for an Israel pride Shabbat. Thank you to our co-hosts Rachel and Josh Newburn, Jessica and Jeff Marx, and Melissa and Zach Goldberg for creating a fun and educational game of Israeli Bingo for the after dinner activity. 5th graders learned new Israeli landmarks and Jewish symbols.

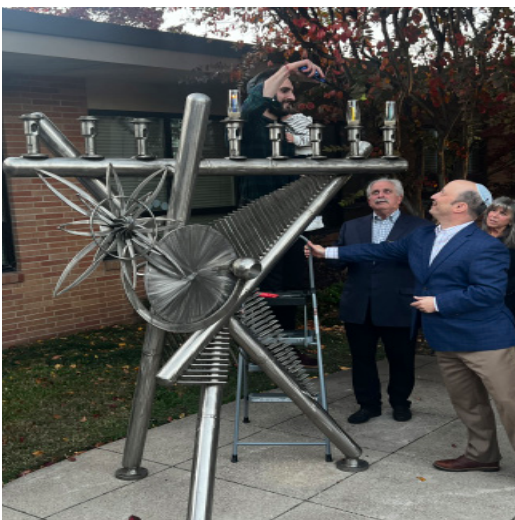
Unconventional Hanukkah Challenge



The annual Religious School Unconventional Hanukkah Challenge for 4th - 6th grade exploded with creativity! This was the most difficult year to choose a winner because everyone did an incredible job!! The one rule for the challenge was that the Hanukkah menorah had to be kosher.

The students were allowed to create a usable or non-usable hanukkah which was completely up to them. Mazel tov to this year's winner, Nate Zehavi! Honorable mentions were Griffin Lazebnik, Owen Austein, and Rachel Brown.

Tobolowsky Hanukkiah Dedication



The dedication of the Tobolowsky Hanukkiah in the Cohen Small Waldman Chapel Courtyard kicked off a special and light filled Hanukkah weekend at Shearith with record breaking attendance!



Yad B'Yad



We had such a special and joyful time at Yad B'Yad! Grandparents and their grandkids had the opportunity to sing, participate in arts and crafts, hear stories, and so much more! We can't wait for the next round of Yad B'Yad.



LOOKING FORWARD...

JOIN THE KLEI KODESH



Torah on Tap | 7pm

Tuesday, January 30

Tuesday, February 27

Tuesday, March 19

Topletz Auditorium

Come see where Torah intersects with real life! Join us for Torah on Tap in person at Shearith Israel. For more information and to RSVP, please contact Theresa Hurt at thurt@shearith.org.

RABBI ARI SUNSHINE

Foundations for a Thoughtful Judaism: Practice

Shalom Hartman Institute Curriculum

Wednesdays | 7pm

Sardas Beit Midrash and Zoom

Join Rabbi Ari Sunshine for an informative series of classes on religious practice.

Classes are as follows:

1/24: Caring for Others;

1/31: Connecting with God;

2/7: Identifying with a Collective

2/14: Refining Oneself

2/28: Understanding Holiness

3/6: Sanctification of Time

3/13: Sanctification of Space

3/20: Sanctification of Body

For more information, contact Theresa Hurt at thurt@shearith.org.



Thursdays with the Rabbis

1st and 3rd Thursdays, Beginning January 4 | 1 pm

Sardas Beit Midrash, Zoom

Ahad Ha'am famously said: "More than Jews have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jews." But the Torah says very little about how we are to observe this pinnacle of Jewish time. We'll trace the history of the practice and spirit of Shabbat and think together about the place Shabbat, its rituals, and restrictions have in today's world. To RSVP, please contact Theresa Hurt at thurt@shearith.org.

RABBI ADAM ROFFMAN



Women's Torah Study

Wednesdays | 12 pm

Sardas Beit Midrash, Zoom

Join Rabbi Shira Wallach for a weekly encounter with biblical and rabbinic texts that focus on the role and legacy of women in our tradition, and then study modern commentaries written by women rabbis and scholars that allow us to challenge and deepen our relationship with our sacred canon. We will continue using *Dirshuni: Contemporary Women's Midrash*, which can be purchased online. Please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org to RSVP and to join our email list.

RABBI SHIRA WALLACH

Learning for Parents

Thursdays | 7pm

January 18, February 8, March 7

At members' homes

We love intergenerational learning with our kids! And it's also important to continue to challenge and nourish our souls as grownups. Join Rabbi Shira Wallach and your Shearith co-parent BFFs as we think about the impact of ritual—both Jewish and secular—in our endeavor to create sacred spaces in our homes, in the midst of all the stress and chaos! Please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org to RSVP.



HAZZAN
ITZHAK ZHREBKER

MLK Shabbat Service and Community Dinner

Friday, January 12 | 6 pm

Beck Family Sanctuary

Join us for a Friday night Shabbat service with Hazzan Itzhak Zhrebker and a guest appearance from One Voice Gospel Choir! They will be performing with Shearith's Youth and Adult Choirs. Stay for a delicious Shabbat dinner following the service. You don't want to miss this amazing evening!

Musical Shabbat Service

Friday, February 16 | 6 pm

Beck Family Sanctuary

Join Hazzan Itzhak Zhrebker, choir, and a band leading Shabbat prayers set to music. If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org.

Beatles Shabbat Service

Friday, March 15 | 6 pm

Beck Family Sanctuary

Join Hazzan Itzhak Zhrebker, choir, and a band leading Shabbat prayers set to Beatles Classics! If you have any questions, please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org.

For more information on musical programming, visit www.shearith.org.



RABBI AVI MITZNER

Tuesdays with Torah and Rashi

Every 2nd and 4th Tuesday Beginning January 9 | 1 pm

Join Rabbi Avi Mitzner as we take a close and in-depth look at the Torah with the help of Rashi's commentary. Rashi was an early and influential medieval Torah and Talmud commentator. Widely known as the father of all commentators, his commentary on the Torah is considered an indispensable tool for Torah study. Through our study of Rashi's commentary, we will learn the skills of reading the Torah closely, analyzing the role and importance of every word in the Torah. To RSVP, please contact Theresa Hurt at thurt@shearith.org.

LIFELONG LEARNING & PROGRAMS

SHEARITH PRIME

Shearith Prime delivers great programs and social events for adults in their prime, 50s and 60s-ish.

SAVE THE DATE!

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, January 19 | 7pm

Prime Weekend Trip to NYC

February 16-19

Shabbat Dinner

Friday, March 8 | 7 pm

Prime Dinner and Movie Night

Sunday, March 31

Stay tuned for details and registration information!

20S & 30S

Our 20s and 30s community aims to do the following:
Provide a foundational community for every stage of your life. Grow together as Jews. Connect individuals within DFW to their modern Jewish Identity.

Torah on Tap

Quarter Bar

Wednesday, January 31 | 6:30pm

Jews & Jo

Sunday, February 4 | 11am

Torah on Tap After Dark | 6:30pm

Tuesday, February 20

Torah on Tap Hamantaschen

Thursday, March 7 | 6:30am

Library and Kitchen at Congregation Shearith Israel

For more informatin about these events, contact Michelle Bach Refoua at mrefoua@shearith.org.

ISRAEL BOOK CLUB

Saturday | January 20 | 1pm

Sardas Beit Midrash

In light of the current situation in Israel, Bill Katz or Charles Silver will be leading a discussion about what is happening in Israel. They will be discussing several Mosaic articles about Gaza one is by Michael Oren "How Gaza became Israel's unsolvable problem". The other Ecstasy and Amnesia in the Gaza Strip." By Mor.

Saturday | February 24 | 1pm

Sardas Beit Midrash

For February we will do *The Escape Artist* by Freedland - a teenager's escape from Auschwitz. Lita Marishak will present this book.

March | Date TBD

Stay tuned for more information!

For more informatin about the Israel Book Club, contact Michelle Bach Refoua at mrefoua@shearith.org.

JOIN US FOR OUR PURIM CELEBRATION!



SOCIAL ACTION It Feels Good to Do Good



November - Warm Clothes Drive

In November, we had our yearly Warm Clothes Drive for the homeless. Thank you to everyone who donated new or gently used items. A special thank you to the SISTERhood Yarn Yentas who knitted and donated beautiful adult & children hats and scarves. The Yarn Yentas also knitted lap blankets for military veterans who are wheelchair-bound and receiving care at the Dallas Veterans Affairs (VA) medical center.

On December 10th, as part of our Warm Clothes drive, Social Action partnered with the Religious School and were joined by the residents of CHAI Dallas to make over thirty fleece knotted blankets! This was the first time to make knotted blankets; the RS students also made gift-tags, book-marks and Hanukkah arts & crafts.

Donated adult items were given to The Bridge Homeless Recovery Center and children items to the Family Gateway.

Upcoming Events:

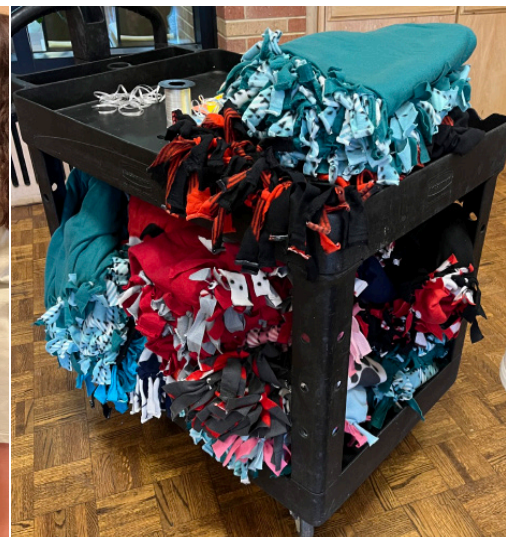
January - Book Drive

In 2018, Social Action built and stocked a Little Free Library at the West Dallas campus of Literacy Achieves. Although this campus is currently closed, our LFL still serves the surrounding neighborhood. Social Action will also donate books to other non-profits this year. An Amazon Link was sent out or you can bring new or lightly used children's books to the bins by the Minyan Doors.

February - Bye-Bye Bags for The Vogel Alcove

Social Action along with SISTERhood, Religious School & Nathan Newburn, a Bar-Mitzvah student, are partnering to create Bye-Bye Bags for the children of Vogel Alcove. The children at Vogel are sent home each day with a Bye-Bye bag that contains a water bottle and 3 food items. These items guarantee that at the very least, the children will have something to eat while staying in the homeless shelter or their transitional housing.

Many thanks for supporting our projects! Five hundred dollars of our Social Action budget was used to purchase new men and women coats. Additional funds will be used to purchase items for the upcoming Bye-Bye Bags. Please join us at our monthly Social Action meetings to help repair the world, and please designate your CSI donations for Social Action to enable us to continue to fund these worthy endeavors! Contact Mindy Fagin at mrfagin1@yahoo.com at or Andrea Solka at andrea@solka.net to participate. We'd love to see you!





Youth & Family

Congregation Shearith Israel

GRADE SHABBATOT ON FRIDAY EVENINGS

All Shearith youth are invited to their own grade shabbat with their families to enjoy a delicious Shabbat meal so that each grade can get to know one another. Whether you are enrolled in a religious school, or a day school, all Shearith youth are welcomed with their grownups. We welcome parents to co-host these evenings for the grades your children are affiliated with. Join us!

FAMILY FUN SHABBAT (Geared Toward 1st - 7th Grade)

A wonderful opportunity for grade-level students to practice leading the Shabbat morning service in a low-key, laid-back setting. Stay for games based on the weekly Torah reading, and of course, lunch and playground time!

SHABABA (Geared Toward Kindergarten and Younger)

A Shabbat experience led by Rabbi Shira Wallach that invites each person in the room to engage in the magic and love of community. Offered both at our South location on Douglas Avenue and at the Levine Academy ECC. Follow us on Facebook, check our e-blasts, and visit shearith.org for registration information.

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL FAMILY PROGRAMS PER GRADE ON SUNDAY MORNINGS

We are excited to bring back our religious school family programs on Sunday mornings beginning

again in January. Each grade has its own date, and the student from that class and their parent(s) will learn together with one of our rabbis. Then the learning will be put into action through a special activity involving you and your student!

4TH - 6TH GRADE RABBINICAL ADVISORY (Religious School Only)

4th - 6th grade religious school students will be placed into three advisory groups, each of which will meet with one of our rabbis throughout the school year. The rabbis will each discuss one topic with their group this year: Reading and Understanding the Hebrew Bible, A Tour of Ritual Objects, or What are Mitzvot and Why Should we Observe Them? Over the course of three years, students will rotate through each topic with all three rabbis. We're excited that this returning program will both give our students an opportunity to build relationships with our rabbis and also help them dive even deeper into the topics that will help them transition into Jewish adulthood.

JANUARY 2024

FAMILY FUN SHABBAT
Saturday, January 13 | 10:30am
Fonberg Family Chapel

LEARNING FOR PARENTS
Thursday, January 18 | 7pm
Rituals for Real Life: Join Rabbi Shira Wallach as we learn more about establishing (and maintaining!) home rituals, Jewish

and secular, that empower and excite both our day-to-day and special times. Please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org to RSVP.

K-7th GRADE SHABBAT Friday, January 19 | 6pm

At the end of a long week, join us for a joyful and relaxed Kabbalat Shabbat service, yummy dinner, and fun Shabbat activity for both kids and their grownups. All Shearith youth in kindergarten through seventh grade are welcomed along with their grownups!

4TH - 6TH GRADE RABBINICAL ADVISORY and Tu Bishvat Celebration with CHAI (Religious School Only)
Sunday, January 21 | 11am

RED CARPET SHABABA NORTH
Friday, January 26 | 5:30pm
Join us for this star-studded Shababa filled with incredibly fun red-carpet moments! After the service, enjoy a family-friendly dinner and dazzling company.

FAMILY HAVDALAH & MOVIE NIGHT
Saturday, January 27 | 6pm
Come for dinner, a candlelit ceremony to say goodbye to Shabbat, and a movie! You bring the stuffies and sleeping bags and we will provide the movie snacks!

5TH GRADE STUDENT & PARENT PROGRAM (Religious School Only)
Sunday, January 28 | 11:00am



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FEBRUARY 2024

7TH GRADE SHABBAT

Friday, February 2 | 6pm

All Shearith 7th graders and their grownups are invited to a delicious Shabbat meal so that each youth can get to know one another regardless of what religious or day school they attend. We welcome parents to co-host this evening with other Shearith parents too. Join us!

SHEARITH STREET SHABABA & TINY TREASURES

Saturday, February 3 | 11am

Our annual celebration of all the new babies born to Shearith families! Submission deadlines for the Shearith Street keepsake book is January 10th.

KINDERGARTEN STUDENT & PARENT PROGRAM

(Religious School Only)

Sunday, February 4 | 11:00am

4TH - 6TH GRADE RABBINICAL ADVISORY (Religious School Only)

Sunday, February 4

LEARNING FOR PARENTS

Thursday, February 8 | 7pm

Rituals for Real Life: Join Rabbi Shira Wallach as we learn more about establishing (and maintaining!) home rituals, Jewish and secular, that empower and excite both our day-to-day and special times. Please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org to RSVP.

3RD GRADE SIDDUR PARTY

(Religious School Only)

Wednesday, February 10 | 6:30pm

SOCIAL ACTION PROJECT WITH NATHAN NEWBURN

Sunday, February 11 at TBD

FAMILY RETREAT

February 23-25

Join Rabbi Wallach, Rabbi Roffman, and Rabbinical Intern Joe Blumberg for a summer-camp inspired weekend that features beautiful Shabbat services, hilariously fun family programs and learning, outdoor fun, and best of all: Havdalah around the fire pit with s'mores. Don't tell the kids, but after they go to sleep, the grownups get to hang out.

ALL ABILITIES PARTY

Sunday, February 25 | 3pm

MARCH 2024

1ST GRADE SHABBAT

Friday, March 1 | 6pm

All Shearith 1st graders and their grownups are invited to a delicious Shabbat meal so that each youth can get to know one another regardless of what religious or day school they attend. We welcome parents to co-host this evening with other Shearith parents too. Join us!

4TH GRADE STUDENT & PARENT PROGRAM

(Religious School Only)

Sunday, March 3 | 11:00am

4TH - 6TH GRADE RABBINICAL

ADVISORY (Religious School Only)

Sunday, March 3

LEARNING FOR PARENTS

Thursday, March 7 | 7pm

Rituals for Real Life: Join Rabbi Shira Wallach as we learn more about establishing (and maintaining!) home rituals, Jewish and secular, that empower and excite both our day-to-day and special times. Please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org to RSVP.

PURIM

Sunday, March 24

Details coming soon!

ALOHA SHABABA NORTH

Friday, March 29 | 5:30pm

Join us for a Shababa Luau filled with palm trees and flamingo dancing! After the service, enjoy a family-friendly dinner with your Shearith friends.

2ND GRADE SHABBAT

Friday, March 29 | 6pm

All Shearith 2nd graders and their grownups are invited to a delicious Shabbat meal so that each youth can get to know one another regardless of what religious or day school they attend. We welcome parents to co-host this evening with other Shearith parents too. Join us!

FAMILY FUN SHABBAT

Saturday, March 30 | 10:30am

Fonberg Family Chapel

JOIN THE YOUTH CHOIR!

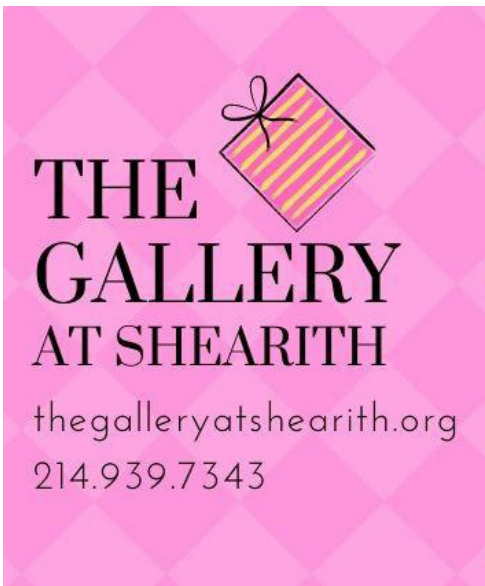


Discover Your Voice

Get ready to sing your way to success! Our Youth Choir classes take place during Sunday Religious School from 9:45am to 10:15am.

To learn more and register, please contact Taylor Hayden at thayden@shearith.org.

THE GALLERY AT SHEARITH



The Gallery is open weekly, Tuesdays through Thursdays from 10 am to 12 noon! We are happy to meet you at the shop anytime you need us. For more information, call 214-939-7343 or visit <https://www.thegalleryatshearith.org>.

Getting married? Let us curate your wedding registry: we can provide a special online marketplace link for your guests!

For more information contact Mireille at (972) 333-2865.





SISTERHOOD NEWS AND EVENTS

Something for Every Age & Stage

We are excited for another year of fun and enriching events. Find out more about these events at shearith.org/sisterhood.

30's & 40's Rock!

Sunday, January 7 | 10am

Come and stretch with Susie Carp, instructor at both Good Vibes Yoga and at Haven Yoga and also a Shearith SISterhood member. Please bring a mat if you have one. If not, then let us know. RSVP- by December 22, 2024 to Jessica Billig - jibillig@gmail.com

Arts and Crafts - Hamsa Workshop

Thursday, January 18 | 6:30pm

Make your own family heirloom with a hamsa workshop. Cost: \$10 per person to cover supplies
Light snacks will be provided.
Please bring your own beverage.
RSVP by: January 8, 2024 to Ann Cobert at

bubbecobert@gmail.com

24th Annual MAH JONGG TOURNAMENT

Sunday, February 18 | 10am
In Memory of Tootsie Fonberg, z"l

Registration begins at 9:30am. Play begins promptly at 10:00am (last round finishes at approximately 3:00 PM).

\$50 entitles you to four rounds of play and lunch. Prizes will be awarded to the top finishers. Cost increases to \$55 after February 1, 2024.

For questions or more information contact: Debbie Weinstein (214) 914-1168 or Hweinst451@aol.com, Shayna Weinstein McKim (214) 729-5336 or shayna.weinstein@yahoo.com.

ONGOING PROGRAMS

Mahjong Group
Wednesdays | 2 pm

Weekly on Wednesdays at 2 PM at Whole Foods Preston Forest, 2nd Floor. Players of all levels are welcome! If you are interested in playing evenings or Sundays please let us know.

Contact Marna Edenson mtedenson@gmail.com or 214-493-1551

Yarn Yentas

2nd Sunday of the Month | 2 pm
Whole Foods - Preston & Forest

Come knit, crochet, and schmooze

with fellow yarn yentas over Zoom or in person. Try out our group, if you haven't as yet (plenty of teachers if you don't know how to knit and/or crochet); re-join our "family" if you haven't come for a while. We miss you. Contact Lita Marishak at lita@compuserve.com.

Lunch Bunch and Cultural Group

We meet periodically for lunch and an outing. We are finalizing this year's schedule which will include the Dallas Arboretum for lunch and a tour, a bus tour with the Dallas Jewish Historical Society and a visit to the 6th Floor Museum. For more information contact Susan Schackman at sjschack@att.net or Roz Benjet at rbenet1@cs.com.

Book Group

1st Sunday of the Month | Zoom

Join in as we read and discuss books of note!

Upcoming Dates:

January 7th: *Remarkably Bright*

February 4th: *The Librarian of*

March 3: *Kunstlers in Paradise* by Cathleen Schine

Book group generally meets first Sunday of the month. Contact Susan Ehrlich at susehrlich@gmail.com or Marcy Helfand at marcy@helfandpc.com.

DECEMBER 6 FUNDRAISER FEATURING TRACY WALDER, AUTHOR OF *THE UNEXPECTED SPY*



ANNUAL CAMPAIGN

Our 2023-2024 Annual Campaign for Excellence Is Well Underway!

We have already received over \$30,000 for this year's campaign with a goal of reaching \$750,000. This goal is a modest increase above last year's total of \$731,000, which was the largest amount we have ever raised in an Annual Campaign. Thanks to everyone for your support!

When it comes to the Annual Campaign, any and every amount matters to help us pursue our vision to provide innovative, accessible, and engaging experiences that broaden our reach and create meaning and joy for your community.

Our contribution levels for the Annual Campaign are as follows.

Aluffim (Champions) \$25,000 - \$49,999

Solelim (Trailblazers) \$10,000 - \$24,999

Mitnadvim (Benefactors) \$5,000 - \$9,999

Bonim (Builders) \$2,000 - \$4,999

Shomrim (Guardians) \$1,000 - \$1,999

Tomchim (Supporters) \$500 - \$999

Tormim (Contributors) \$18 - \$499

Some other things to consider:

- Donations of any amount are accepted.
- You can make your gift from a variety of sources including cash, IRA distributions, stock, or grants from a donor advised fund.
- Donations can be one-time contributions or debited monthly to your account.
- The Annual Campaign runs through the end of May 2024, but may be fulfilled through December 31, 2024.
- As you plan your gift, please consider an increase of 10% or more this year.

In the upcoming months, our dedicated Annual Campaign solicitors, under the leadership of Scott Cobert and Isaac Gian, will be calling on you for your support.

Thank you in advance for taking their calls and for your continued support. Let's make this year's Annual Campaign for Excellence the best one yet!

SHEARITH ISRAEL FOUNDATION



Upon reaching a recent milestone birthday, I began to think about how I wanted to create a lasting commitment to the organizations important to my family. Shearith Israel was at the top of that list. In the same way my parents did for their congregation in Waco, I wanted to

help ensure the continuation of my congregation by establishing an endowment fund within the Shearith Israel Foundation.

Mike, z”l and I were married in 1979 and about to become parents in 1981. Mike was working for Mike Jacobs at the time and Mike and Ginger suggested we join Shearith Israel. It was an easy decision as my father’s cousin Manny Hoppenstein and sister Naomi Dunn and their families were already members. We immediately joined the young couples club and met many congregants who have become life-long friends to this day. I joined Sisterhood where I was mentored and learned leadership skills. Those skills were invaluable, and I became Sisterhood president in 1995.

I was privileged to be a member of the Shearith Israel Board of Directors, off and on for over 25 years, chaired a number of committees, and got the opportunity to become more involved. I have seen Shearith Israel endure highs and lows while maintaining a strong reputation as an esteemed Conservative congregation with a prominent position in the Jewish and non-Jewish Community.

Shearith Israel has been my spiritual home and a place to celebrate joyous occasions as well as being embraced by a loving community during some deeply traumatic times.

In light of what is happening in the world, it is my hope that by establishing the Lev Family Endowment Fund of the Shearith Israel Foundation for the general support of the Synagogue, my family and I will continue to support Conservative Judaism through Shearith Israel, and that our congregation will continue to be financially strong and viable for the generations of families that will follow.

-Marsha Lev

Help Support Shearith Israel’s Future.

To learn more, please contact Kyle Queal, COO, at 214-939-7342 / kqueal@shearith.org or Larry Kohn, Foundation President, at lkohn1@airmail.net.



As part of our participating in OnBoard, Congregation Shearith Israel was provided with the opportunity to raise matching funds to be eligible for a challenge grant from a well-respected national foundation to increase our impact on the Jewish community by supporting capacity-building initiatives in our staffing structure and growth so that we can expand our mission impact. Shearith is grateful for the challenge grant and for our participation in OnBoard and the positive impact it has had on our professional leadership and on the growth of our organization.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Matthew and Jessica Emmanuel and their children Emi and Ezra

Jenna Fonberg

David Fredston & Alexandra Kreskai and their children Colette, Claire, and Colton

Taylor and Sarah Gold and their child Evan

Colby Davis

Sally Levine and Zachary Leff

Morris Newman

Garrett Rippner

Camner and Kelly Rubin and their children Ari, Jonas, and Miriam

Kim Stein and her children Dylan, Jake, and Sophia

Alex and Montana Strull

Ethan and Kelly Tobias and their child Leah

MILESTONE BIRTHDAYS



JANUARY

Marlene Kreditor 92
Bella Garber 96
Gisela Swento 96

FEBRUARY

Naomi Dunn 91

MARCH

Sue Sayah 91
Farida Esquenazi 93

WELCOME BABIES!

Oh BABY!

Elizabeth Mia Conn

Born October 14, 2023; daughter of Rachel and Andrew Conn; sister of Olivia; granddaughter of Sharon (Gordon, z"l) Kuhr, and Zina and Mark Conn of Los Angeles; niece of Rebecca and Jonathan Rosen, and Michelle and Benjamin Kuhr; cousin of Grant, Stella, and Amelia Rosen and Ari and Goldie Kuhr. Elizabeth's Hebrew name is Tikvah, Hope, for Israel.

Dylan Stephen Fischgrund

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Arielle Lillian Kastriner

Born October 20, 2023; daughter of Chelsie and Jared Kastriner; sister of Oren and Eliana Kastriner; granddaughter of Linda and David Kastriner, Jeannette Resendez, and Raul Ybarra; niece of Maxine and Shea Kastriner, and Benjamin Ybarra.

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January

Shabbat	Candle Lighting
January 5	5:16pm
January 12	5:22pm
January 19	5:29pm
January 26	5:35pm

February

Shabbat	Candle Lighting
February 2	5:42pm
February 9	5:49pm
February 16	5:55pm
February 23	6:01pm

March

Shabbat	Candle Lighting
March 1	6:06pm
March 8	6:12pm
March 15	7:17pm
March 22	7:22pm
March 29	7:27pm

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Monday - Friday | 7 am

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