

# Shearith People

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# L'SHANAH TOVAH TIKATEIVU



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High Holy Days—with friends old and new, with our ancient and beautiful tradition, and that you will find inspiration in this time to be present—as a participant, as a volunteer, as a leader—not just this week, but throughout what we hope will be a happy and healthy year for all of us.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu—may we all be inscribed for a year of sweetness, goodness, and life,

*Rabbi Ari Sunshine • Rabbi Shira Wallach • Rabbi Adam Roffman • Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker • Avi Mitzner*

Dear Shearith Family,  
What a thrill it has been to see our campus begin to fill up again with the start of another year in the life of this amazing community! From the gasps of awe and delight at the sight of our magnificent new playgrounds, to the electricity in the air as nearly 200 children fill our religious school classrooms and hallways, to the swell of music and emotion echoing from our sanctuaries, we are tremendously proud

## SECURING SHEARITH NOW AND FOR THE FUTURE



From political division and extreme weather to mass shootings and deep fakes, countless sources of insecurity exist today, and the Jewish community is obviously not immune to such forces. All the data suggest that violence is on the rise along with an upward trend in antisemitic incidents which, according to the Anti-Defamation League, are at the highest level since the 1970s.

Shearith wants its members and guests to feel secure about this amazing shul, and now is no time to rest on our laurels. We want this place of prayer to be an increasingly safe and stable institution. This applies to both our synagogue's physical security and financial future.

On the physical front, we have taken multiple steps to shore up our security including the addition of:

- New entrance door cameras and intercoms
- 50 Stop the Bleed Kits
- Push bar on the exit gate of the sacred garden
- Security shades and safety handles on educational wing classrooms
- Walkie talkies in offices and classrooms across the property for emergency communication
- LED lights in the north parking lot
- Additional armed officer for the Weitzman Family Religious School on Sundays
- Two-factor authentication (2FA) for email and virtual private network (VPN) connections
- Enhanced SPAM filtering to reduce phishing attacks

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- \$175,000 in grant applications for security enhancements

With more funding we could implement upgraded interior security cameras and access control technology, install more robust cybersecurity measures, and apply ballistic film to the glass entrances. With more funding we could also build a perimeter fence around the synagogue, which – in light of the enhanced visibility from the new playground - a recent security expert described as “almost absolutely essential” for our shul.

It's been said that “safety is a small investment for a

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rich future.” I couldn't agree more. Now is the time to shore up Shearith for generations to come. Speaking of which, we are in the early stages of an extraordinary effort to raise funds for the Shearith Israel Foundation. Stay tuned for more information.

As we enhance physical safety measures while building up our foundation, we are securing Shearith now and for the future.

– Kyle Queal,  
Chief Operating Officer

## A SWEET NEW YEAR



As a member of a multigenerational family, I have seen how our Shearith community has evolved over the years. I grew up, the son of Holocaust survivors, traveling from East Dallas to attend Shearith Religious School just to be around other Jewish children. Little did I know then that I had met my future wife, Diane, in Sunday school kindergarten class! Together, and with friends we still have today, we attended “Junior Congregation” services, learned Hebrew, and participated in USY; and we celebrated our B'nai Mitzvahs, Confirmation, and Graduation. Over those years, my exposure to Jewish education and social circle brought me closer to Judaism. Our family always celebrated holidays together, and Shabbat always began with the rituals of candle lighting, hamotzi, and the blessing over the wine – I

will never forget those Friday nights. After college, Diane and I married at Shearith Israel, and the rest is history – three wonderful children, married and now seven grandchildren. I am fortunate that my family has remained at Shearith Israel; and I am blessed and humbled to serve as President of our congregation.

My predecessors have provided CSI with a path and legacy of success. We have a marvelous Klei Kodesh who continue to inspire us and are helping us to discover all that the shul has to offer. As a result, our overall membership has steadily increased and younger families are joining! The Weitzman Family Religious School has also continued its year-over-year growth. The social action committee continues to heal the world, one person and project at a time. The mortgage was “burned,” and the David A. Segal, z”l Simcha Play Center will soon be open to be enjoyed by our youngest members. We have retired past debt, and our annual campaign has been robust. But we must continue to look forward to the future to provide sustainability of our community with our endowment. L'dor v'dor, from generation to generation. What will our legacy be?

Thank you for the privilege of serving as your President. From my family to yours: Shana tovah u'metukah.

–Dr. Mark Fleschler,  
Board President

# PRAYER

We are blessed with several wonderful prayer service options by our Klei Kodesh here at Shearith. I especially enjoy services with music and singing and in Psalm 100, 'Mizmor l'Todah', we are told to "Worship God with gladness; come before God with joyful songs."

My favorite service is Kabbalat Shabbat on Friday nights. It is a special collection of songs and prayers, including Yedid Nefesh, L'Cha Dodi, and several psalms.

What are psalms?

The word Psalms, (in Hebrew "Tehillim" or "praises") is derived from the Greek word (psalmoi), meaning "instrumental music". Psalm 29, for example, is a powerful hymn sung during the Kabbalat service and is a song of praise and a call to worship for the assembled congregation.

Another wonderful prayer service occasionally held on Saturday mornings is "Learn, Pray, Sing," and it is an hour of inspirational teaching about

the Shabbat morning service with meaningful and intentional prayer and joyful music.



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The Hebrew verb for praying is lehitpalel; it is reflexive and understood to mean that the subject acts to judge or self-examine. The conclusion of the silent recitation of the Amidah contains a personal prayer that always resonates deeply with me: "My God, keep my tongue from evil, my lips from deceit. Help me ignore those who would slander me. Let me be humble before all. Open my heart to Your Torah, that I may pursue Your mitzvot. Frustrate the designs of those who plot evil against me; nullify their schemes. Act for the sake of Your name, act for the sake of Your triumph, act for the sake of Your holiness, act for the sake of Your Torah. Answer my prayer for the deliverance of Your people.

May the words of my mouth and the meditations of my heart be acceptable to You, God, my rock and my redeemer."

- Scott Mackler

Daily Minyan | Musical Shabbatot | Shabbat Hour | Learn, Pray, Sing

To learn more or get involved, contact Theresa Hurt, Executive Assistant at [thurt@shearith.org](mailto:thurt@shearith.org) or 214-939-7314.



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# MUSIC

Small-Waldman-Cohen Series | Kol Neshamah - Women's Choir | Kol Rina - Men's Choir

To learn more or get involved, contact Julia Lizhnyak, Assistant to Hazzan Zhrebker at [jlizhnyak@shearith.org](mailto:jlizhnyak@shearith.org) or 214-939-7315.

As the saying goes, "time flies when you're having fun."

I can honestly say that this is true in my case. Twenty-two years ago, I was asked to join the Music Committee, and, soon after, I agreed to chair the Small-Waldman-Cohen Music Series. Along with meeting many talented, creative musicians from all over the world, I've also had the honor of meeting (or re-meeting) many of our congregants, some who have become lifelong friends.

Joining the Shearith Israel Adult Choir has also been rewarding, enjoyable, and very entertaining. The weekly rehearsals for The Kabbalat Shabbat Services have been a special time to catch up with other choir members, and also allow me to escape from the day-

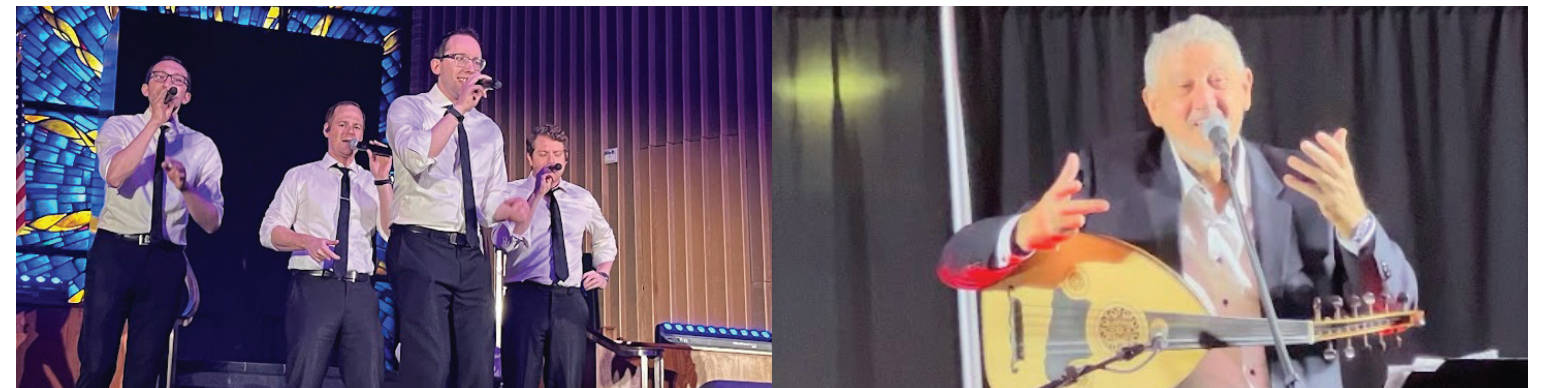
to-day stresses we all have to deal with. Every week, I drive home with a smile on my face and end up humming the songs the rest of the night.

My time with Cantor Zhrebker and all the other choir members has been a special gift – and, a gift we're also able to share with the congregants at Friday night services. Cantor Zhrebker's enthusiasm is infectious, and I'm proud to say that I've davened with the Beatles, Billy Joel, Motown, Leonard Cohen, Shlomo Carlebach, and many more.

For me, singing with the choir is a joyous, fulfilling experience that just makes me happy. And, the chance to share this happiness is why I'll continue to be a part of the Music Committee, the Adult Choir, and continue to daven at morning minyans.

-Dena Fein

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# ADULT LEARNING

Shearith Israel has always offered opportunities for adult learning but never as many and varied options as there are today. In addition to weekly Torah study on Saturday morning



ic. I enjoy this class because over the years you learn in detail about areas of Judaism rarely discussed in depth elsewhere. One such topic was how responsa, official answers to current questions of Jewish law, are developed. I was surprised that some of the precedents used in decisions were, on the surface, not obviously related to the topic. This past year we studied laws and traditions related to death and mourning.

For those desiring a lively discussion of Torah and midrash, over a meal of pizza and beer under the rabbi's guidance, "Torah on Tap" is hard to beat. It is offered in two sessions, one directed at younger adults and the other for older members.

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If you have ever wondered about questions such as what

makes a bourbon, Spirited Study may be for you. Offered several times a year, often before a holiday, it is a chance to learn about a specific type of alcoholic spirit from an expert. At the same time, the rabbi leads a discussion of a chosen Torah topic.

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- Don Schwarz

and Rabbi Sunshine's Tuesdays with Tanakh, there are many interesting and unique choices available. Each rabbi has a preferred format so you can choose both a subject and format that appeals to you.

My personal favorites have been the twice monthly study with Rabbi Roffman and Torah on Tap with Rabbi Sunshine.

Each year Rabbi Roffman delves into a different top-



Shabbat Morning Torah Study | Tuesdays with Tanakh | Thursdays with the Rabbis | Israel Book Club | Women's Torah Study | Torah on Tap | Yoga with Debbi Levy | Introduction to Judaism

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# VOLUNTEERING



I learned the value of Tikkun Olam from my family right here at Shearith Israel! My Zadey, Milton Angrist, was in the Chevra Kadisha for over 50 years and my Bubby, Fannie Angrist, was the President of Sisterhood. My mother, Barbara Fagin, taught Hebrew School and was a Librarian. So, when I went from full-

time lawyer to part-time seven years ago, I had the opportunity to expand my volunteering and Shearith was the obvious choice.

I work in the gift shop regularly and I enjoy helping customers find just the right thing!

I am also a member of the Ladder Project. We've helped over 30 people with housing, jobs, medical care and more. We move furniture, shop for groceries, take clients to appointments and help them rebuild their

lives after homelessness. The Afghan Refugee family we helped have become close friends and I see them every few weeks!

Also, I've been the co-Chair of Social Action for 7 years. I enjoy making a difference in people's lives whether it be the Warm Clothing Drive, providing pajamas to low-income seniors, E-recycling, supplying a low-income area with food and water or building and stocking a Little Free Library in West Dallas.

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I love working with my wonderful co-chair, Andrea Solka to do good throughout the year. I am most proud of the Galentine's Gala - an event that I created in 2018! This

year 150 people attended the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Gala entitled Gourmet Gals: Dallas Jewish Foodies raising money and products to help low-income women and girls with their most basic needs. All these good deeds just inspire me to keep doing more!

- Mindy Fagin

Mitzvah Meals | Shul Drivers | Mishloach Manot | Apples & Honey | Ushering

To get involved with volunteering, contact Michelle Refoua, Director of Membership & Programming at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org) or 214-939-7310.

# WELCOME JOE BLUMBERG!



Help us welcome Joe Blumberg, our Rabbinic Intern, to our Shearith Family!

Joe will be with us for the High Holy Days and select weekends throughout the 5784 (2023-2024) programmatic year.

Joe is a musician, organizer, and second-year

rabbinical student at the Jewish Theological Seminary in New York. He comes to Shearith with a deep love for intergenerational Jewish community and a passion for exploring how Jewish text and ritual can better connect us with each other and with the Divine. Joe holds a B.A. in American Religious History from Yale and lives in New York, where he can often be found playing bluegrass and Pickleball.

To volunteer to host Joe during one of his visits over Shabbat (within walking distance to Shearith) or to lend Joe a car for one of his weekday visits, please e-mail Theresa Hurt at [thurt@shearith.org](mailto:thurt@shearith.org).

# THE LADDER PROJECT



**W**hat if you could help someone get out of homelessness in a unique and wholistic way – going a step beyond volunteering at a soup kitchen, writing a check to your favorite charity, or handing a \$5 bill to someone on the street corner?

What if you could meet someone living in a homeless shelter, learn about his or her life, find him a job and an apartment – and then, one morning, drive him

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from the shelter to his new home, filled with furniture, food, and everything needed to be comfortable and safe? And what if that person became self-sufficient thanks to your continued efforts? How would that make you feel?

Your fellow Shearith Israel congregants know that feeling. They have been doing this work since 2018 through The Ladder Project, which has helped 30 men, women and children, in 15 different families, transition out of homelessness – 23 of whom are still living independently, many highly successfully.

The beauty of the program is that the nine members of the LP Executive Committee - and countless others who have contributed jobs, furniture, household

items, medical and dental services, financial advice, moving help, money – pitch in on their timetable, when they have the time, energy and inclination. The saying “It takes a village to raise a child” applies here: when you have 1,000 members of a synagogue, you have plenty of resources to save a life. Or 30.

Here is how you can help today:

- We need specific furniture items: small couches or loveseats; small end tables and coffee tables; small kitchen tables with 2-4 chairs; queen (only)-sized beds (with nearly new, unstained mattresses); small clothing dressers; silverware, pots, pans, mixing bowls, pyrex dishes; floor lamps; TV stands.
- We need people to do computer searches for: affordable apartments; low-cost car and rental insurance; area food pantries; used cars; driver’s license appointments; doctors; jobs.
- We need car rides in emergencies: doctor’s appointments, job interviews, extended-stay motel check-ins, child-care pickups. (This is not frequent, and it’s never dangerous: no volunteer has ever felt afraid or unsafe, ever).
- We need moving-day volunteers to drive a UHaul, carry clothing and furniture, shop with clients at Walmart, and organize an apartment – assembling beds, hanging shower curtains, shelving dishware. The ultimate in satisfaction.
- We need car mechanics, optometrists, internists, therapists, dentists, lawyers.
- We need cash donations (of any size): go to the Ladder Project drop-down on the CSI donations page at [www.shearith.org](http://www.shearith.org), or send a check to CSI, 9401 Douglas Ave., Dallas, TX 75225 and put “Ladder Project donation” on the check’s memo line. (Donations are spent entirely on homeless clients – no overhead, no staff salaries, no waste.)

Thank you for your continued support. The Ladder Project Executive Committee: Mindy Fagin, Jeff Hoppenstein, Marsha Lev, Kevin Libby, Laura Miller, Melanie Morris, Nonie Schwartz, Andrea Solka, Harrian Stern.

– Laura Miller

To get involved with The Ladder Project, contact Laura Miller, Chair at [laurasmiller@icloud.com](mailto:laurasmiller@icloud.com).

# SOCIAL ACTION

**D**ue to the Social Action Committee and generous donors, the unsheltered ate delicious fruit every other week throughout the summer, 149 low-income seniors are sporting brand new pajamas, twelve pregnant servicewomen received beautiful handmade blankets for their precious newborns, schoolchildren (and teachers) at a DISD school in East Dallas have supplies to get their school year off to a great start, and much more!

Volunteer Marna Edenson sums it up this way: “The projects that we do are small enough to make an impact. And there are a lot of ways to participate. You can give money, donate supplies, or give time. That is what makes this group so much fun.”

Marna has participated in a variety of social action projects including

delivering the school supplies to Eduardo Mata Elementary School and, along with the other SISTERhood Yarn Yentas, knitted soft, beautiful baby blankets to be provided by Social Action for inclusion in baskets presented by the Jewish War Veterans Auxiliary to pregnant service people. In addition,

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Marna and other volunteers such as Ety Friedman, Ann Cobert, and Lita Marishak have knitted scarves, gloves, lap blankets, and booties for other social action projects, like the warm clothing drive that ben-

efits organizations such as Literacy Achieves, Family Gateway, and more. Marna says, “We make blankets to provide a special touch.”

Other projects included a food drive to the community of Sand Branch, an unincorporated area in southeastern Dallas County without running water or a sewage system. We had 20+ volunteers delivering over 700 pounds of food, free turkeys, and water to 83 families, in partnership with the Dallas Bar Association. Ann Cobert, a regular volunteer said, “Doing the service projects gives me a sense of purpose and brings me joy serving the community while representing Shearith.”

Andrea Solka and I, (Mindy Fagin) the co-chairs of Social Action, hope you will come join us to help repair the world! It feels good to do good!

– The Social Action Team



JFS Food Drive | Support Healthcare Workers | Shavuot Fruit Drive | Sandwich Drive | Galentine's Gala | Little Free Library | Support the Marom Jewish Community in Uganda | The Ladder Project

To get involved, contact Mindy Fagin at [mrfagin1@yahoo.com](mailto:mrfagin1@yahoo.com) or Andrea Solka at [Andrea@solka.net](mailto:Andrea@solka.net).

# FAMILY CENTER



After welcoming our oldest child, Aaron, in 2018 our first experience with the Family Center was Tiny Treasures. It was such a fun and special way to get to “show off” our new son along with the other families who were celebrating and allowed us to connect with the entire congregation by ending the event in the main sanctuary. When our youngest son, Caleb, was born in 2020 it was a different experience as we were fully immersed in the pandemic. Shearith went above and beyond to make sure that all the Tiny Treasures were still recognized and pivoted to a Zoom event. While it was not the same as being in person, we still felt all the love and support from the Shearith community. This past year we were honored to be invited to be part of the Family Center team where we were able to plan educational and family-oriented events throughout the year. Aaron and Caleb are always asking when the next event will take place and more importantly

**L** Lauren is a fourth-generation member of Congregation Shearith Israel and her sons are now fifth-generation. Both of her parents, Lynne and Larry Kohn, moved to Dallas at a young age with their families and Shearith Israel became their new home. Patrick was born in Sweden but grew up in California where he and his family attended a synagogue that was led by a dear family friend. As Lauren and Patrick’s relationship evolved, Shearith naturally became the place where they could embrace the Jewish religion together.

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when they will get to see Rabbi Wallach. She exudes such a calmness that cannot be denied yet is always up for a fun song and dance to get congregants of all ages involved! The Family Center has and will continue to provide a wonderful platform for our entire (immediate and extended) family to get together and celebrate being Jewish.

*-The Fabry Family*

Shababa | Yad B'Yad | Holiday Celebrations | Havdalah & Movie Night | Tiny Treasures | Family Shabbat Retreat | Family Seder | Messy Party

To learn more or get involved, contact Frances Jameson, Family Center Team Chair at [francesj@gmail.com](mailto:francesj@gmail.com) or 972-333-6042.



# WEITZMAN FAMILY RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

**W**e moved to the Dallas area at the end of 2020 to be closer to family. Erin grew up in Michigan, and I am from Florida. We moved from Maryland in part because of how much we decided we liked the Dallas area during our recurring family visits. When we started looking for a synagogue, we immediately fell in love with Shearith. We met Sarah during our initial tour, and attended a couple of events which confirmed to us that Shearith was the right place for our family.

The Weitzman Family Religious School looked to be just as wonderful and nurturing as the rest of the congregation, so we were excited for our kids to begin and continue their Jewish education there. WFRS has been even more outstanding than we hoped. Our kids, Grace and Duncan, had a wonderful experience at a new student session in the spring of 2022. This past school year was their first at WFRS. Grace was going into 3rd grade, and starting Wednesday Hebrew. Duncan was going into 1st grade.

They have both made great friends. Grade level Shabbat dinners and family sessions were highlights of our first year in WFRS. Grace joined the choir, and both kids are always excited to talk about what they learn each week when we pick them up. They spend the entire ride home - and we live in Heath! - telling us everything they did. Grace and Duncan are looking forward to reconnecting with their friends this coming year in 4th and 2nd grade. Erin and I are incredibly grateful that we have found such a wonderful place for our children to learn about their heritage.

*- The Lauer Family*



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Holiday Celebrations | Family Shabbats | Family Programs | Shabbaton | Blessing of the Animals

To learn more or get involved, contact Sarah Lipinsky, Director of Education at [slipinsky@shearith.org](mailto:slipinsky@shearith.org) or 214-939-7348.

# 20s & 30s



me the perfect opportunity to meet other young Jewish Adults.

Torah on Tap is one of my favorite events hosted by 20s and 30s. About once a month, we gather at a bar in Uptown or the shul and engage in informal conversations on a thematic Jewish topic and text (as a bonus, free food and drinks). It's been a source of inspiration and intellectual growth, deepening my understanding of Judaism while meeting new people.

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This past year, the 20s and 30s hosted unique social events at Bowl and Barrel, a Chanukah Party at Peticolos Brewery Taproom, and a Happy Hour at Electric Shuffle. These events have brought together dozens of young adults across the metroplex as an opportunity to network and build new friendships.

I am grateful that Shearith has this group for young Jewish adults like me looking for a way to be active in the Jewish community here in Dallas.

-Lauren Grossman

**G**rowing up, I attended Shearith Israel for religious school, my Bat Mitzvah, confirmation, and high school graduation. However, I lost touch with the Dallas Jewish Community when I left for university over a decade ago. Upon returning to the USA, two years ago, after six years of living overseas, I joined my parent's synagogue as a member as a starting place. However, I still didn't know anyone around my age, and Shearith's 20s and 30s gave



Torah on Tap | Holiday Get-Togethers | Trivia Nights | Volunteer Opportunities | Shabbat Dinners

To get involved, contact Michelle Refoua, Director of Membership & Programming at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org) or 214-939-7310.

# PRIME

**W**hat is Shearith Prime? A steak option? An Amazon subscription? An interest rate? A special number in mathematics? Prime is a vibrant group of Shearith members aged 50 to 60-ish (though they don't card us at the door) who get together with current friends and connect with new friends in a warm, informal social setting. We gather at people's homes to welcome Shabbat and share dinner, schmooze at game nights, and even take trips together. Conversations can run the gamut from "how 'bout them Cowboys" to a serious discussion about the state of affairs in Israel. It's a great opportunity to socialize. Prime programs are planned monthly from early Fall to late Spring. We enjoy the fun and food, the camaraderie and conviviality. We have loved attending Prime events and encourage you to join us.

- Hedy and Bruce Meltzer

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Shabbat Dinners | Holiday Get-Togethers | Cultural Outings | Trips

For more information, Contact Avi Mitzner at [amitzner@shearith.org](mailto:amitzner@shearith.org) or 214-939-7304.



# PILLARS

Coffee Talk | Bingo | Golden Years Shabbat | Holiday Events

To get involved, contact Michelle Refoua, Director of Membership & Programming at [mrefoua@shearith.org](mailto:mrefoua@shearith.org) or 214-939-7310.

**S**everal years ago, we met with the Rabbi at Shearith to establish a fund. As we discussed what we wanted the fund to do, we immediately thought about supporting our seniors since we had both recently lost a parent. We hoped the fund would focus attention and gratitude on our seniors. We also wanted to provide entertainment, education, an increased sense of worth, and provide help for seniors and their children.

*We're so proud of this group...*

That's how Shearith's Pillars group began. Since 2009, Pillars has welcomed guest speakers and entertainers, hosted bingo and movie get-togethers, held resource fairs with vendor booths, and many other activities. One of our favorites is the annual Golden Years Shabbat celebrating our beloved seniors.

We're so proud of this group because our seniors are our "Pillars." We hope other members will agree and choose to participate.

- Paula and Marc Wolens

# SISTERHOOD

I have been a member of the Shearith Israel Sisterhood for many years, but between working full time and raising twin girls, I didn't have a lot of time for many of the activities. Several years ago, at the request of a friend to "help out" on some event, I have become a more active member for the last few years, resulting in my becoming the VP for



School and Youth for the Sisterhood. And I am glad that I have become more involved as there is truly something for everyone in the Sisterhood.

There are activities for people that just want to get together with friends and do something fun. In the last few years, these have included a comedy night and an entertaining night at The Market Event with food.

This year's first upcoming event will be the "Magic" of Sisterhood – a night filled with fun, food, and a magician. But for me, one of the highlights has been the Challah Bake, in which the Sisterhood provides all the ingredients and supplies that are needed to create delicious challah. We are then led by an experienced baker through the steps of making our own challahs. A room full of laughter, flour everywhere and very sticky hands – and then going home to bake a homemade challah for Shabbat.

The Sisterhood has meetings and events for people with a variety of interests such as a book group that

*...there is truly something for everyone in SIsTerhood.*

helps sponsor meetings with the authors, a Yarn Yenta group, a Mah Jongg group that plays weekly as well as an annual Mah Jongg tournament. They run an amazing gift shop, The Gallery, at Shearith where I have bought beautiful Judaica gifts for myself and others. And they sponsor many events at Shearith Israel – from the Yom Kippur break fast to a Sisterhood Shabbat, as well as providing gifts for the Tiny Treasures shabbat, for each B'nai Mitzvot, as well as siddurim for the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade religious school children.

There is much more that the Sisterhood does than I would have room to describe – but the one thing that I have found is that these activities became more fun once I started getting involved and doing them. I may have had more fun in helping plan and set up for some of these events than during the event itself. Getting to meet some of the amazing women and having a chance to laugh with them has been the best reward for me.

*-Shari Birnbaum*

Book Club | Yarn Yentas | Mah Jongg | Cultural Outings and Lunch Bunch | Torah Fund | The Gallery

To learn more or get involved, contact Dora Rudberg, SIsTerhood President at [dsrudberg@gmail.com](mailto:dsrudberg@gmail.com).

# MEMBERSHIP



It's wonderful to come together for the High Holy Days, and we're all so thankful for such energy and excitement during this special time of year. But did you know that Shearith is a dynamic, exciting place all year round? It's true. And the best way to experience all

that Shearith has to offer is by becoming a member! By becoming a member, you get to support all the wonderful programming that Shearith has to offer; from

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exciting programs for young children in the Family Center, to Shearith 20s & 30s events, to Prime and Pillars, there's something for every age and stage of life. By becoming a member today, you get to be a part of all the wonderful things that are happening here at the shul. It's an investment in your community that pays dividends in rich experiences for all ages. If you're interested in becoming a member, contact Michelle Refoua or visit us online at [Shearith.org](http://Shearith.org).

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# SHEARITH ISRAEL FOUNDATION



Our parents, Rebecca and Jay Rudberg, z"l, philanthropically supported many organizations that they loved. They specifically created Legacy Gifts for the Foundations at Shearith Israel, Dallas Jewish Federation, and Hadassah. My parents were quiet, frugal, and unassuming, but had a deep love for the Federation's mission, the Hadassah Hospital, and a passionate commitment to support Shearith Israel's ability to continue to influence and grow Jewish life at the Synagogue and in Dallas. The funds are structured to support these three organizations in perpetuity.

In 1973, the Jewish Federation of Dallas started its annual Dallas Teen Tour to Israel, and I was on the trip. In 1975, Dora's parents, Sylvia and Walter Sussman, z"l, gave her the same opportunity, and she spent six weeks in Israel. The trips resulted in our realization of the importance of sending Jewish children to Israel to allow them to foster an understanding and love of their homeland and heritage with the ultimate goal of forging a connection to Eretz Yisrael.

Dora and I met with Rabbis Wallach and Roffman at the early planning stages of the recent Shearith Israel Family Trip to Israel. The biggest hurdle was cost, particularly for young parents, where the cost was already a stretch that could potentially make a trip

prohibitive. The Rudberg Fund was able to help. Distributions from the fund are used for scholarships to help cover the costs for the children whose parents are unable to afford that portion of the trip.

I can imagine how proud my parents, Rebecca and Jay, z"l would be knowing how the Mitzvah through the Endowment they created would impact generations of children able to experience Israel. I'm confident they knew of the good their Legacy Gift would provide when they established it decades ago.

*...the Endowment they created would impact generations of children...*

We are pleased to share my parent's story and very proud of their foresight in establishing their Endowment at the Shearith Israel Foundation. This past June the Fund provided money to help send 23 Shearith Israel children to Israel with their parents led by Rabbis Wallach and Roffman, and continued to fulfill their wishes by allowing young Jewish children the opportunity to experience Eretz Yisrael.

Because of the power of compounding investments and funds being constantly added by way of regular donations, the "Rebecca and Jay Rudberg Family Israel Trip Fund" is healthy, growing, and will be ready to help again to send Shearith Israel children to Israel for generations.

**-Dora and Cary Rudberg**

# SHEARITH ISRAEL & ITS FOUNDATION

## *Leaving a Legacy*



The Klei Kodesh and leadership of Congregation Shearith Israel and the Congregation Shearith Israel Foundation offer heartfelt appreciation to those who have generously left a Legacy Gift to the Synagogue and / or the Foundation.

With our 140th anniversary around the corner, we are looking forward to continuing to grow the awareness and resources of the Congregation Shearith Israel Foundation. We are deeply grateful for each family who has decided to make Shearith's mission and vision part of their legacy.

**"We are who we are because of those who came before us."  
- Rabbi Jonathan Sacks, z"l**

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This is an initial list compiled from the information gathered by the Synagogue and the Foundation of those who acknowledge they have bequeathed a Legacy Gift to Shearith Israel and / or the Shearith Israel Foundation. An additional list of those who are deceased and left a Legacy Gift will be forthcoming as well as a list of those who have established current endowments. **If you have bequeathed a Legacy Gift and your name is not on this list (or have any questions), please let us know so we can recognize you by adding your name.**

### **Help Support Shearith Israel's Future.**

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

For years we've been great fans of The Museum of Biblical Art Dallas by North Park which houses eleven galleries, including The National Center for Jewish Art.

One of the current exhibits at The Museum is of the work of Iranian artist, Helen Zarin. We were so struck by one of her paintings, Moses with Tablet, that we purchased it and donated it to the shul last spring. This beautiful work is now displayed on the east side of the building between the administrative offices and the Cohen, Small Waldman Chapel Courtyard.

The artist, Helen Zarin was born in Shiraz, Iran in 1970. As a high school student, Zarin studied with the well-known Persian artist and teacher, Saber. Later she enrolled in the Art and Culture Society, a national organization for gifted Persian Artists. After displaying her works in Vienna, she moved to the United States in 1993. Zarin now lives and works in Baltimore.

*We were so struck by one of her paintings, Moses with Tablet, that we purchased it and donated it to the shul last spring*



Like us, we hope the Shearith community will be blessed by Zarin's colorful and creative representation of Moses, the great prophet and hero of Judaism.

- Cherie & Dr. Neil Small

## SIMCHAT TORAH HONOREES

### Mishpachat Torah

**Frances, Matt, Phoebe,  
and Ella Jameson**

### Mishpachat B'reishit

**Alex, Victoria, and Max Segal**

Celebrate with our honorees on Simchat Torah Morning, Sunday, October 8, at 10:30 am for the Family Service or 9:30 am for the Congregational Service.

## TODAH RABAH

We are excited to announce that our 2022-2023 Annual Campaign has closed, and we have exceeded \$730,000 which is a new all-time high! This great milestone is nearly 10% greater than last year's Campaign. A big Todah Rabah to each of our 528 families who participated in the Campaign and to each of our tireless Campaign solicitors without whose support this achievement would not have been possible.

Shearith's Annual Campaign for Excellence plays a critical role in our shul's financial well-being and in our ability to execute our great mission. As we enter our new fiscal year, we are proud that we have "Burned

our Mortgage" and to see the progress we have made on our beautiful new playground which will open soon for our young families. Moving forward, we have stable membership, a growing number of young families, increased religious school enrollment, enhanced security, and world-class spiritual leadership.

Please join me in giving a big Yasher Koach to Annual Campaign Co-Chairs, Scott Cobert and Isaac Gian, who along with Rabbi Sunshine, diligently led this year's campaign to new heights. **We are proud to be a part of this amazing community!**

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# SHEARITH HISTORY ON DISPLAY



Congregation Shearith Israel has a rich, nearly 140 year old history that has made us a steadfast and influential congregation in the Dallas Jewish Community. Shearith's history is *your* history, and also *your present*. Generations of families continue to grow, learn, and worship here. Those same generations have also donated their memories to the Dallas Jewish Historical Society to be preserved, displayed, and enjoyed.

Displays from the Dallas Jewish Historical Society have recently been installed in the main hallway, library, and near the west entrance. They share a sampling of Jewish Dallas through the activities of Congregation Shearith Israel and its member families from the 1890s to the present day. Be sure and see what is on display today.

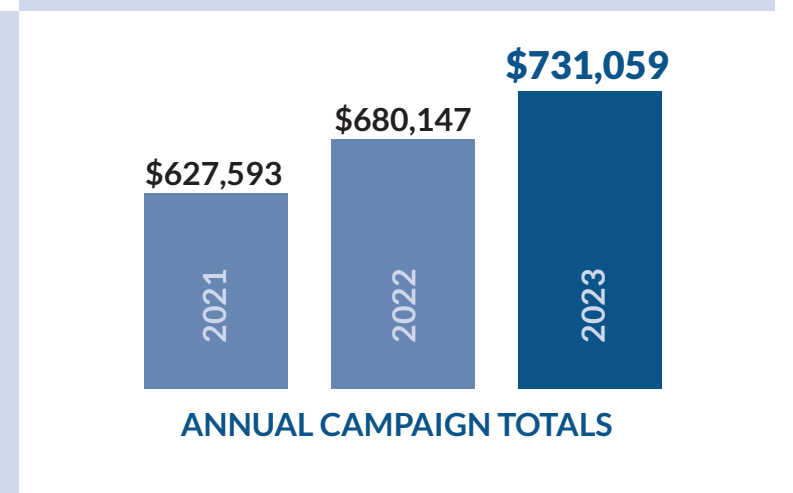
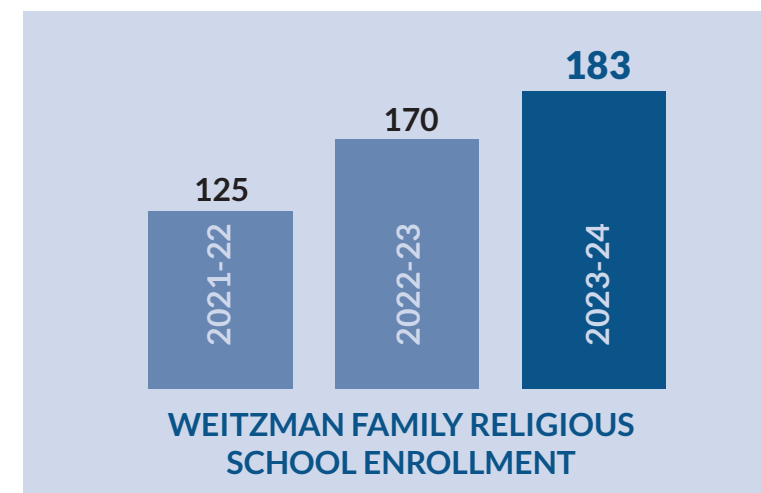
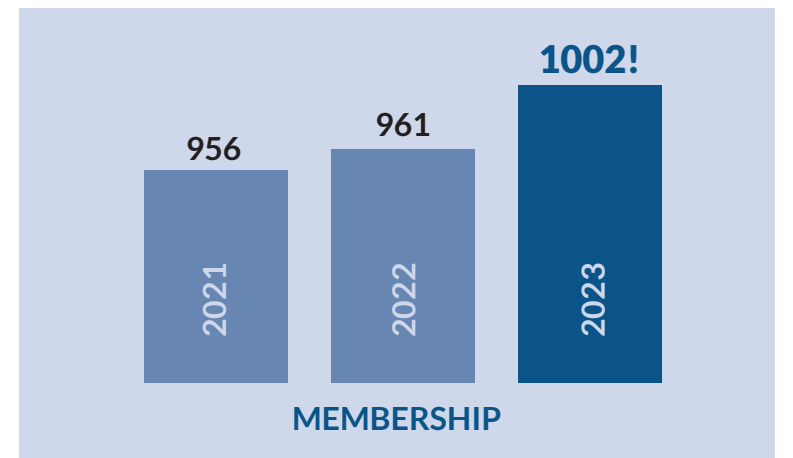
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Shearith Israel is the grateful recipient of a recent Impact Grant for \$10,000 from the Jewish Federation of Greater Dallas to go towards a visitor, volunteer, and vendor management and emergency a notification system. Last year we also recieved an impact grant for internal access system security improvements at our campus. We extend a big thank you to the Federation for their generous support through these grants, and for the many ways they continue to offer valued partnerships with us and all of the Jewish organizations in the Dallas area. Todah Rabah!



## WE'RE GROWING!

*Our community is growing, our school is thriving, and our annual campaign continues to break records!*



# HAPPY RETIREMENT, KIM!



A calming presence. That's how many have described Kim's tenure with Shearith. Of course, she was and remains a friend, mentor, and trusted steward. Under her guidance, our shul has made great gains, not the least of which is fulfilling Kim's dream of retiring our mortgage once and for all. To her coworkers, Kim was a source of strength, consistently steady in a crisis, never missing a beat, with common sense advice – always ready with words of calm wisdom. To the congregants, Kim was a trusted caretaker of the shul's resources, guiding our community to a stable, bright present with the promise of an even brighter future. To the many Board members, Kim has been a guiding force, confidante, and steady hand in even the biggest crisis. In other words, Kim is the consummate *mensch*. Bon voyage, Kim. Your legacy will live on in Shearith's future successes!



# HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

## EREV SHABBAT/ROSH HASHANAH

Friday, September 15

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

6:00 pm: *Rabbi Shira Wallach, Rabbi Adam Roffman, Joe Blumberg, and Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*; One-hour service

Beit Aryeh

6:00 pm: *Rabbi Ari Sunshine and Avi Mitzner*; One-hour service

Topletz Auditorium

6:00 pm: *Rabbi Matt Rutta leads a service for 20s & 30s*

7:15 pm: *Candle Lighting*

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 1

Saturday, September 16

8:45 am: Shacharit in **Beck Family Sanctuary ONLY**

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

*Rabbi Ari Sunshine and Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*

10:00 am: Torah Service, Musaf

12:00 pm: Sermon

1:00 pm: Service concludes

Beck Family Sanctuary

*Rabbi Shira Wallach, Rabbi Adam Roffman, and Joe Blumberg*

10:00 am: Torah Service

11:00 am: Sermon

11:20 am Musaf

12:45 pm: Service concludes

Beit Aryeh

*Avi Mitzner and Rabbi Matt Rutta*

9:00 am: Shacharit

10:00 am: Torah Service and Musaf

12:00 pm: Sermon

12:30 pm: Service concludes

Big Tent Services (*Cohen Small Waldman Chapel Courtyard*)

9:00 - 9:45 am: Young Families (Infants - Kindergarten)

10:00 - 10:45 am: School Age Families (Grade 1 - 7)

## ROSH HASHANAH DAY 2

Saturday, September 16

Fonberg Family Chapel

6:00 pm: Mincha and Ma'ariv

*Candle lighting after 8:15 pm using existing flame*

Sunday, September 17

8:45 am: Shacharit in **Beck Family Sanctuary ONLY**

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

*Rabbi Shira Wallach, Rabbi Adam Roffman, Joe Blumberg, and*

*Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*

10:00 am: Torah Service, Shofar, and Musaf

12:00 pm: Sermon

1:00 pm: Service concludes

Beck Family Sanctuary

*Rabbi Ari Sunshine and Rabbi Matt Rutta*

10:00 am: Torah Service, Shofar

11:00 am: Sermon

11:20 am: Musaf

12:45 pm: Service concludes

Big Tent Services *Fonberg Family Chapel*

9:00 - 9:45 am: Young Families (Infants - Kindergarten)

10:00 - 10:45 am: School Age Families (Grade 1 - 7)

Topletz Auditorium

10:00 am: Re[New]

*Rabbi Shira Wallach and Avi Mitzner*

Shofar and Tashlich

4:30 pm: North (Frankford Park) and  
South (Bachman Lake Park)

Evening Service in *Fonberg Family Chapel/Zoom*

6:00 pm: Mincha only

## SHABBAT SHUVAH

Friday, September 22

7:06 pm: *Candle Lighting*

Fonberg Family Chapel

6:00 pm: Shabbat Service

Beit Aryeh

6:00 pm: Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 23

Beck Family Sanctuary

9:30 am: Shabbat Service

6:00 pm: Evening Service *Fonberg Family Chapel*

## KEVER AVOT

Sunday, September 24

10:00 am: Shearith Israel Memorial Park (Dolphin Road)

11:30 am: Shearith Israel North Cemetery (Sparkman-Hillcrest)

## KOL NIDRE

Sunday, September 24

Candles are lit before Kol Nidre

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

6:45 pm: *Rabbi Adam Roffman and Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*

Beck Family Sanctuary

6:45 pm: *Rabbi Ari Sunshine, Avi Mitzner, and Joe Blumberg*

Beit Aryeh

6:45 pm: *Rabbi Shira Wallach and Rabbi Matt Rutta*

# HIGH HOLY DAYS SERVICE SCHEDULE

## YOM KIPPUR DAY

Monday, September 25

8:30 am: Shacharit in **Beck Family Sanctuary ONLY**

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

*Rabbi Ari Sunshine, Joe Blumberg, and Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*

10:00 am: Torah Service

10:45 am: Yizkor

11:20 am: Sermon

11:45 am: Musaf

Beck Family Sanctuary

*Rabbi Adam Roffman and Rabbi Shira Wallach*

10:00 am: Torah Service

10:45 am: Sermon and Yizkor

11:35 am: Musaf

Big Tent Services

9:00 - 9:45 am: Young Families (Infants - Kindergarten)

10:00 - 10:45 am: School Age Families (Grade 1 - 7)

Beit Aryeh

*Avi Mitzner and Rabbi Matt Rutta*

9:30 am: Shacharit

10:30 am: Torah Service

11:15 am: Sermon and Yizkor

12:00 pm: Musaf

Study Session in *Fonberg Family Chapel/Zoom*

4:15-5:15 pm

## MINCHA SERVICES

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

5:30 pm: *Rabbi Ari Sunshine and Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*

Beck Family Sanctuary

5:45 pm: *Rabbi Adam Roffman and Rabbi Shira Wallach*

Beit Aryeh

5:45 pm: *Avi Mitzner and Rabbi Matt Rutta*

## NE'ILAH SERVICES

Aaron Family Main Sanctuary

6:30 pm: *Rabbi Ari Sunshine and Hazzan Itzhak Zhebker*

Beck Family Sanctuary

6:45 pm: *Rabbi Adam Roffman and Rabbi Shira Wallach*

Beit Aryeh

6:45 pm: *Avi Mitzner and Rabbi Matt Rutta*

8:03 pm: Final Shofar Blowing and Havdalah

Break-The-Fast

Douglas and Beit Aryeh, sponsored by SISterhood

## EREV SUKKOT

Friday, September 29

6:56 pm: *Candle Lighting*

Beck Family Sanctuary

6:00 pm: Shabbat/Yom Tov Service

Beit Aryeh

6:00 pm: Shabbat/Yom Tov Service

## SUKKOT DAY 1

Saturday, September 30

Beck Family Sanctuary

9:30 am: Shabbat/Yom Tov Service

## SUKKOT DAY 2

Saturday, September 30

6:00 pm: Evening Service

*Candle lighting after 7:56 pm using existing flame*

Sunday, October 1

Fonberg Family Chapel

9:30 am: Yom Tov Service

6:00 pm: Evening Service

## HOSHANAH RABBAH

Friday, October 6

Fonberg Family Chapel

7:00 am: Morning Minyan

## EREV SHEMINI ATZERET

Friday, October 6

6:47 pm: *Candle Lighting*

Beck Family Sanctuary

6:00 pm: Shabbat/Yom Tov Service

Beit Aryeh

6:00 pm: Shabbat/Yom Tov Service

## SHEMINI ATZERET/YIZKOR

Saturday, October 7

Beck Family Sanctuary

9:00 am: Shabbat/Yom Tov/Yizkor Service

## SIMCHAT TORAH EVENING

Saturday, October 7

Topletz Auditorium

7:45 pm: Congregational Service

*Candle lighting after 7:47 pm using existing flame*

## SIMCHAT TORAH

Sunday, October 8

Beck Family Sanctuary

9:30 am: Morning Service

Fonberg Family Chapel

10:30 am: Family Service

Fonberg Family Chapel

6:00 pm: Evening Service

# SAVE THE DATE!



## Simchat Torah Family Service And David A. Segal z”l Family Simcha Play Center Grand Opening Sunday | October 8

It's finally time! Join us for a morning of rejoicing with our Eitz Chayim\*, old and new!

**9:30 am:** Traditional Service begins

**10:30 am:** Family Service begins

**11:15 am:** The whole community meets outside for Hakafot (singing and dancing with the Torah!), blessing our Honorees, and dedicating our Play Center

**12:00 pm:** Lunch and Ice Cream Bar!

Register at [shearith.org](https://shearith.org). The event is complimentary but your RSVP ensures there's enough food for everyone.

\*Eitz Chayim, Tree of Life, is another word for Torah AND the artistic inspiration for our Play Center!