

Congregation Israel of San Antonio, Texas

"Progressive Judaism in Prayer and Practice"

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Parashat Vayiggash

"Meeting Yourself, Again"

First Friday Shabbat Dinner

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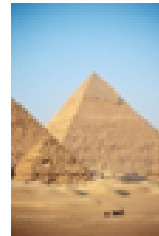
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Welcome ~B'ruchim Habaim

Shabbat Shalom! We welcome you most cordially to services conducted by Hazzan David Silverstein and David Miron and our lay leadership teams.

Daily Minyan and Memorial services available by request 24 hours in advance.

We are a community that encourages participation in a meaningful Jewish life and in prayer. To that end, funding for the rental of St. Andrew our musical and educational programming is ongoing. If you can help us continue forward with financial health, please do visit with Hazzan Silverstein.

All who wish to participate in Hebrew or English please contact Hazzan Silverstein by Wednesday of each week. If you are new to San Antonio, kindly advise Hazzan Silverstein or one of our friendly ushers so that we may welcome you in a warm fashion. We especially welcome our active and retired Military personnel without charge to our services and events.

To include a name on the Yahrzeit (Remembrance) or Mi Sheberach (Healing) prayer list, please provide those names to Hazzan Silverstein (210) 387-2436 or at (210) 764-0859 by 2:00 p.m. each Wednesday. You may also submit a prayer request for healing at the service itself. Please hand it to the Hazzan prior to services.

If you know someone who is hospitalized and would like to be visited by Hazzan Silverstein, please contact him at the same phones listed above. St. Andrew Administrator is Mr. George Siglin. He will be happy to direct your inquiry to the appropriate person if you contact the church office. We are grateful to him and to Pastor Bonnie Claycomb and Pastor Greg Weyrauch and to the entire membership of St. Andrew for their warm hospitality and accommodation of our congregational family.

Refuah Shelema

(Prayers for Healing)

Prime Minister Ariel ben Vera (Ariel Sharon)

Members of the US and Israeli Defense Forces and their families.

Victims of cruelty and Genocide

Gerry Barberra	Esther Handler	Phyllis Peskoff
Cindy Faye Barbier	Patty Handler	Esther Jane Prather
David Blemings	Heldi Heck	Andree Ruggeri
Dr. Moshe Brauer	Moshe Holtzberg	Lynn Seltzer
Martha K. Chapman	Dr. Richard Lackritz	Bernard Shapiro
Allsa Stahl Cimmino	Laurie Lichtenstein	Ruth Shapiro
Dorothy Ferguson	Martha Marks	Lil Smith
Howard Freedman	Jeremy McClure	Bonnie Thigpen
Elyse Haber-Freedman	Balley McClure	Doug Thigpen
Penny-Lynn Goldstein	Sterling Neuman	Robin Weiner
Ashley Gonzales	Arnold Peskoff	Betsy Will

Called On High -Yizkor Elohim, "May Adonai Remember..."

Sharon Levine, daughter of Barbara and Melvyn

Cathy Collins, Aunt of Barbara Silverstein

Chaplain Betty Hilton

Leibush Tettebaum

Norma Schwatzblatt Rabinovich

Gavriel and Rivkah Holtzberg

Yocheved Orpaz

Ben Tzion Chroman





A Brief Statement of Our Philosophy

Our three-year old Jewish congregational community strives to provide an atmosphere of welcome, warmth, and the holiness of beauty with music and participation during worship. We wish to pray in a manner consistent with the principles of a *Progressive Judaism* – a philosophy which blends ritual aspects of current Jewish denominational practices, traditional and contemporary thought. We strive for an intellectual pursuit of Jewish philosophy that we may encounter a spiritual path through inquiry and study of Torah as our ever present guide.

Together we work :

- to welcome all who are committed, interested and inquiring and wish to pray and learn, celebrate and mourn together in a Jewish way;
- to affirm the inherent dignity, honor, and integrity of every human being as *b'tzelem Elohim*: created in God's image;
- to be dedicated to *Torah* study, deeds and acts of kindness, in Godly partnership and observances
- to work to attain *tikkun olam*, by helping others by our deeds.



Happy Birthdays / Anniversaries in January

Barbara and David Silverstein (28)

David and Sheryd Jackson (25)

Sheryd Jackson, Melvyn Levine

"First Friday Lights"

Shabbat evening Family style dinner featuring "Community Crafted Cuisines" of the world –Shabbat delights of ethnic flavor created by our own *Baleboste Catering Teams*. Following our Shabbat evening service, join us for dinner in a circle of friends and family. Always held on the first Friday of each month beginning at 7 p.m. St. Andrew Church 16320 Huebner Road. All are welcome and always without charge.



Watch for *Il Trovatore* by Verdi coming in June 2009, CISA's fifth Theater Party

"Hadassah and Stem Cell Research"

Hadassah will be discussing embryonic and other stem cell research, at 3 PM, Sunday Jan 11 at the Jewish Community Center. Free and open to the public. There will be opportunities for questions and discussion. Please contact Micki Harris at (210) 824-4178 or Marion Bernstein at (210) 493-1801. Our website also contains more details.

CISA Sisterhood City-Wide Luncheon

Takes place, Tuesday, February 10 at Rodfei Sholom. See our website for details or contact Karen Potyk / Anne Susswein after services for more.

Hazzan /Chorale in the Community: Hazzan was guest panellist at Oblate School of Theology The topic was "God's House Divided: The Different Movements within our Faith Traditions" Discussants: Dr. Scott Woodward, Imam Omar Shakir, Hazzan David Silverstein. Hazzan was a part of the 20th anniversary celebration of St. Andrew Lutheran Church-ELCA, our hosts. Mazal Tov Pastor Greg and Bonnie and the St. Andrew family. Hazzan was in NY and Los Angeles for the second debate between Rabbi David Wolpe of Sinai Temple and Christopher Hitchens as a preview for our Be Whya Series, "Faith and Fantasy," coming soon. After the New Year. Hazzan was empanelled in discussion, "The Legacy of the Holocaust on Contemporary Jewish Arts: Lessons of Hope, Faith and Moral Strength," at the Central Library. Hazzan and Our Voices of Israel Chamber Singers officiated at the Raul Jimenez Thanksgiving Day Dinner and Ecumenical Service on Thanksgiving morning at the Henry B. Gonzalez Convention Center. Hazzan, Moshe Brauer and Mike Winakur officiated at the adoption of Judaism ,brit and naming of Joshua Rosenthal and Florence Rosenthal, children of Sandra and William .





With Our Congregational Family

"Im ayn Kemach, Ayn Torah-Without sustenance, there is no Torah"

Service attendance 88; 157 on Roster; Cash flow : \$10619.66, receivable \$4000. Needed for Beyond Carmen concert program \$ 600 to cover the artists. We Thank the Scottish Rite Cathedral for their gift of the facilities and staff for "Beyond Carmen" Concert. Other help: Rental of St. Andrew at \$150 weekly. Music honorarium \$200.00. Can you help? You can by paying all your tax deductible dues for 2008-9 now. Sponsorship levels help us through the year and are welcomed to sponsor services music, rental and Onegal Shabbat. They are the backbone of the year's needs, augmenting dues and membership contributions.

Today Rabah to

Rebecca and Solomon Paley In appreciation

Jeffrey Schechter In appreciation of Kol Nidre

Stuart and Joan Bernstein In appreciation of Selichot and Kol Nidre services and L'cha Dod and Hashkivenu rendered by Hazzan and Cindy.

Evelyn Halstaad Cooper, In appreciation of CISA

Jane Jacobs, In appreciation of CISA

Brad and Nancy Smith, In appreciation of CISA

Sharon Davison In memory of her father, Dr. David Madorsky of blessed memory, for sponsoring CISA's concert "Beyond Carmen" benefitting the American Lung Association, Southwest

Karen and Pat McClure, for sponsoring CISA's concert "Beyond Carmen" benefitting the American Lung Association, Southwest

Dr. Paul Berman, In appreciation of CISA

William and Sheryl Lawn, In appreciation of CISA

Moshe Brauer, In appreciation of CISA and a return to good health

Roger and Karen Potyk, In memory of Roger's mother, Fanny Potyk, and in memory of Sharon Levine by sponsoring CISA's concert "Beyond Carmen" benefitting the American Lung Association, Southwest;

Dr. Teresa, Kayla and Jack Mynler by sponsoring CISA's concert "Beyond Carmen" benefitting the American Lung Association, Southwest

Mazal Tov to Adah and Gary Stock celebrating their 40th Wedding Anniversary Nuptials!

Bernadette and Harvey Abend, In appreciation of CISA

MITZVAH OPPORTUNITY Bailey's Peeps – Bailey McClure is the lovely granddaughter of our members Karen and Pat McClure. She lives courageously with severe asthma. CISA is planning to participate in the American Lung Association 2009 Breathe San Antonio 5K Run/Walk And Health Expo on February 14th, 2009 following services. Help us save lives. Please visit our web site at www.congregationisraelsatx.org for more information.



"Beyond Carmen" musical mitzvah weekend February 13-15 2009 featuring **Audrey Babcock and Dan Nadel** singing Sephardic Songs in a modern music tapestry at CISA, Friday Night Sephardic Style, and a benefit concert on Sunday afternoon at the Scottish Rite Cathedral (Alamo & E Streets, 3:30 PM)! Can we count on you, too? Details on our site about our Mitzvah through Music community event **SPONSORS AND BENEFACTORS** welcomed. *Thank you to our sponsors to date!!*

