



Congregation Israel of San Antonio, Texas

"Progressive Judaism in Prayer and Practice"

January 15, 16 - 29 Tevet, 1 Shevat 5770

Parashat Vaerah
Rosh Chodesh Shevat
"Are You Excellent?"



Hazzan David Silverstein, JD, Founding Ritual Leader, Director

David Miron, Organist and Choir Director

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Steven Samet, Men's Chavurah

Havdalah, Will Travel 7pm on the new moon, each month

Our newest Torah study program for this year begins **Saturday evening, January 16 at 7:00 pm** with Havdalah, Will Travel. On the new moon each month we will be hosted by a member family for a beautiful farewell to the Shabbat with Havdalah, followed by topics of interest culled from the parasha and literature. We will begin the series with "Why Does Faith Matter? A Perspective on Faith in Uncertain Times." We will be reviewing Rabbi David Wolpe's Why Faith Matters and Mitch Albom's Have a Little Faith in the coming months. As always, coffee and dessert will be enjoyed. There is no charge, but tzedakah is invited and welcomed. Bring a prospective member family with you and let them experience the CISA style in intimate surroundings. We thank Laura Richtberg, Karen McClure and Karen Potyk for conceiving this newest gem!



Congregation Israel of San Antonio

A Progressive Jewish Congregation

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www.congregationisraelsabx.org



Welcome ~ B'ruchim Habaim

Shabbat Shalom, ChatimahTovah! 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 **(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 to the entire membership of St. Andrew for their warm hospitality and accommodation of our congregational family.**

Refuah Shelemah (Prayers for Healing)

Prime Minister Ariel ben Vera (Ariel Sharon)
Members of the US and Israeli Defense Forces and their families.
Victims of mental, physical and spiritual cruelty and Genocide world-wide
Victims and Survivors of the Haitian Disaster

Howard Alwais	Elyse Haber-Freedman	Harry Mazal	Lil Smith
Gerry Barberra	Penny-Lynn Goldstein	Jeremy McClure	Anne Susswein
Bob Blankenship	Ashley Gonzales	Bailey McClure	Bonnie Thigpen
Bob Bowen	Esther Handler	Teresa McPherson	Doug Thigpen
Martha K. Chapman	Patty Handler	Victor Mendoza	Marcia Waldgeir
Alisa Stahl Cimmino	Stacey Hershfield	Arnold Peskoff	Robin Weiner
Stacey Clarke	Moshe Holtzberg	Phylliss Peskoff	Betsy Will
Michael Cox	Robert Horne	Andree Ruggeri	
Edward Eastman	Cindy Kirk	Marina Sanson	
Bob Ainsley	Linda Lackey	Lynn Seltzer	
Dorothy Ferguson	Sira Lawn	Ann Sizer	
Howard Freedman	Laurie Lichtenstein	Ricky Shapiro	
Edie Friedlander	Martha Marks	Jenny Shipman	

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





A Statement of Our Philosophy

Our 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 *Progressive Judaism*-- a philosophy which blends ritual aspects of current Jewish denominational practices, traditional and contemporary thought.

We strive for an intellectual and soulful pursuit of Jewish philosophy that we may encounter a spiritual path through inquiry and study of Torah. 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; and to work to attain *tikkun olam*, by helping others by our deeds in our community in cooperation with other religious and secular organizations.



Happy Birthdays / Anniversaries in January
Sheryd Jackson (01/06), Mary Pat Silberman (01/27),
David and Sheryd Jackson (01/01),
Pat and Karen McClure (01/02),
Hazzan and Barbara Silverstein (01/11)

"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 Team*. Following our Shabbat evening service, please join us for dinner in a circle of friends and family. Always held on the first Friday of each month.

"Past Events Enjoyed"

Be sure to visit our website for photographs of events celebrated over the past months, from Bat Mitzvahs to wedding consecrations. Congregation Israel had outstanding turnouts for every event. Check them out at www.congregationisraelsatx.org

If you would like to become a member of our wonderful Congregation and enjoy everything we have to offer throughout the year, contact Hazzan Silverstein at 387-2436 or download an application from our website.





With Our Congregational Family

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

Service attendance last week: 48; 148 on our roster. Cashflow: \$10,090.62 receivable \$14,000. **Other help needed** : Rental of St. Andrew at \$75.00 weekly. Music honorarium \$100.00. Can you help? You can by paying *all your tax deductible dues for 2009-10 now*. **Sponsorship levels** help us through the Year and are welcomed to sponsor services, music, rental and Onegai Shabbat. They are the backbone of the year's needs, augmenting dues contributions.

Todah Rabah to

Dr. Jerald Winakur and Lee Robinson, for his inspirational message on Erev Rosh Hashanah
Christopher and Laura Richtberg in honor of CISA

All Our Volunteers for set ups and culinary Delights

Jay and Mary Pat Silberman

William and Sharyl Lawn, in honor of CISA



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Renew Congregation Israel of San Antonio

As we celebrate entering our fourth year we ask for your help in making and renewing your contributions for 2009-2010 so we can maintain the congregation and community. For special arrangements, please contact the Hazzan directly for a visit. 210.387.2436.

