



Congregation Israel of San Antonio, Texas

"Progressive Judaism in Prayer and Practice"

January 29,30 - 14,15 Shevat 5770

Parashat Beshalach ~ Shabbat Shirah "Singin' in the Sea"

Hazzan David Silverstein, JD, Founding Ritual Leader, Director

David Miron, Organist and Choir Director



George Siglin, Administrator

David Jackson, Webmaster



Anne Susswein, Sisterhood Liaison

Steven Samet, Men's Chavurah

Havdalah, Will Travel 7pm each month

Our newest Torah study program for this year continues Saturday evening, Feb.20 at 7:00 pm With Havdalah, Will Travel. On the new moon of each month we will be hosted by a member family for the beautiful farewell to the Shabbat with Havdalah, followed by topics of interest culled from the parasha and literature. We will continue 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!

Location for February will be announced shortly. Photos of our first HWT are contained in our website.



Congregation Israel of San Antonio

A Progressive Jewish Congregation

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Visit us at

www.congregationisraelsatx.org



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 **(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;

Haitian Community

Howard Alwais

Bob Ainsley

Patti Babb

Gerry Barberra

Bob Blankenship

Bob Bowen

Irene Brother

Sidney Brother

Martha K. Chapman

Alisa Stahl Cimmino

Stacey Clarke

Michael Cox

Edward Eastman

Dorothy Ferguson

Howard Freedman

Edie Friedlander

Elyse Haber-Freedman

Penny-Lynn Goldstein

Ashley Gonzales

Esther Handler

Patty Handler

Stacey Hershfield

Moshe Holtzberg

Robert Horne

Linda Lackey

Sira Lawn

Laurie Lichtenstein

Martha Marks

Harry Mazal

Jeremy McClure

Bailey McClure

Teresa McPherson

Victor Mendoza

Arnold Peskoff

Phyliss Peskoff

Andree Ruggeri

Marina Sanson

Lynn Seltzer

Ann Sizer

Ricky Shapiro

Lil Smith

Anne Susswein

Bonnie Thigpen

Doug Thigpen

Marcia Waldgeir

Robin Weiner

Betsy Will



Haitian Relief

We wish to inform our congregants that they can donate to relief efforts in Haiti through the Joint Distribution Committee (a department of United Jewish Appeal) or American Jewish World Service.

<https://www.jdc.org/donation/donate.aspx>

https://secure.ajws.org/site/Donation2?df_id=3460&3460.donation=form1

Or to the Red Cross International





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 & February

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),

Stuart Bernstein (02/20),

Jay and Mary Pat Silberman (02/02)

"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: 51; 148 on our roster. Cashflow: \$10,090.62 receivable \$12,000. **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

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

Karen and Pat McClure for hosting our first Havdalah Will Travel; and to all who created culinary delights!

Ricky Shapiro, in honor of the Hazzan blessing her mezuzah

Mazal Tov to:

Sharyl and Bill Lawn and family on the upcoming marriage of Sira Jeanine to Michael Cox, In March

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

Harold Eckoff, Father of Patty Handler (14-15 Shevat, 29-30 Jan)



Havdalah, Will Travel 7pm each month. Above, Hazzan Silverstein celebrates Havdalah. Will you travel with us?

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.

