



# Congregation Israel of San Antonio, Texas

*"Progressive Judaism in Prayer and Practice"*

February 5, 6 - 21, 22 Shevat 5770

Parashat Yitro

*"Given in a Desert, Imbided in the Soul"*

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## Havdalah, Will Travel (Upstairs)

Our newest Torah study program for this year continues Saturday evening, Feb. 20 at 7:00 pm With Havdalah, Will Travel (Upstairs). 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 20: 16320 Huebner Road (at St. Andrew) upstairs in the Conference Center. Photos of our first HWT are contained in our website.



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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 **(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 Sheleimah

#### (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  
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

Stephen Levine  
Laurie Lichtenstein  
Martha Marks  
Harry Mazal  
Jeremy McClure  
Bailey McClure  
Teresa McPherson  
Victor Mendoza  
Arnold Peskoff  
Phyliss Peskoff  
Andree Ruggeri  
Harry Sanson

Marina Sanson  
Lynn Seltzer  
Ann Sizer  
Ricky Shapiro  
Jenny Shipman  
Lil Smith  
Anne Susswain  
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](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 February*  
*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](http://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 Oneqai 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

Roger and Karen Potyk, for providing CISA's challah for February

David and Sheryd Jackson, for sponsoring Havdalah rentals at St. Andrew

### *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..."*

Dottie Ostrow, Sister of Roger Potyk (24-25 Shevat, 8-9 February)



### *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.

