

Congregation Israel of San Antonio, Texas
"Progressive Judaism in Prayer and Practice"

April 17, 18 2009—Nissan 25 5769

Shabbat M'Varchim HaChodesh Iyar
S'firat HaOmer 9

"Religious Questions, But No Answers?"

Hazzan David Silverstein, JD, Founding Ritual Leader, Director

David Miron, Organist and Choir Director

George Siglin, Administrator



CISA Third Annual Congregational Meeting

To be held

Wednesday evening, May 6, 2009 7:00 PM

At the home of

Barbara and Hazzan David Silverstein

Please contact the Hazzan

for items to add to the proposed roster for that evening.

See our recent e-mailing for details.



Congregation Israel of San Antonio

A Progressive Jewish Congregation

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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 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

Gerry Barberra	Ashley Gonzales	Arnold Peskoff
Cynthia Faye Barbier	Esther Handler	Phyllis Peskoff
Sylvia Barbier	Patty Handler	Andree Ruggeri
Sidney Brother	Heidi Heck	Edie Sands
Martha K. Chapman	Moshe Holtzberg	Lynn Seltzer
Alisa Stahl Cimmino	Dr. Richard Lackritz	Ruth Shapiro
Stacey Clarke	Laurie Lichtenstein	Lil Smith
Dorothy Ferguson	Martha Marks	Bonnie Thigpen
Howard Freedman	Jereme McClure	Doug Thigpen
Edie Friedlander	Bailey McClure	Edwin Wariner
Elyse Haber-Freedman	Teresa McPherson	Robin Weiner
Penny-Lynn Goldstein	Myra Moskowitz	Betsy Will

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

Roy Clint, Father of Connie Brauer, shloshim
Billie Eugene Cooper, Father of Evelyn Halstead Cooper
Murray Jacobs, Father of Steven Jacobs





A 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.

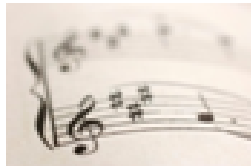
We strive for an intellectual pursuit of Jewish philosophy that we may encounter a spiritual path through inquiry and study of Torah, our ever present guide. Together we work to welcome all who are committed, interested and inquiring and wish to pray and learn, celebrate and mourn together in a Jewish 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 in our community in cooperation with other religious and secular organizations.



Happy Birthdays / Anniversaries in April
Connie Brauer, Bernard Fischman,
Hal Handler, David Jackson, Steven Jacobs,
David Silverstein

"First Friday Lights"

Shabbat evening Family style dinner featuring "*Community Crafted Cuisines*" of the world—Shabbat delights of ethnic flavor created by our own *Balebooste 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.



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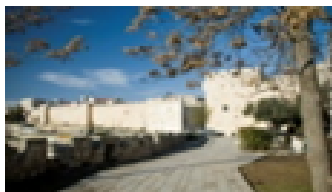
CISA's fifth Theater Party

Watch for Il Trovatore by Verdi coming in June 11-13 2009
Hazzan Silverstein will again be a part of the music and drama
wielding a sword and an anvil hammer—look out!

Congregation Israel Goes to Israel

October, 2009

See Our Spiritual Homeland with Hazzan David Silverstein
Details and Itinerary on the Website. *Very* Limited Participation





With Our Congregational Family

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

Service /Seder attendance last week- 165; 155 on our roster Cash flow : \$3400.19, receivable \$2560. Other help needed : 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 Onegai Shabbat. They are the backbone of the year's needs, augmenting dues contributions.

Mazal Tov to

Jerry and Harry Mazal, on the naming of Erika Skillen, daughter of Aimee and Jeff, sister of Andrea

Aimee and Jeff Skillin on the naming of their daughter Erika Lynne, sister of Andrea

Todah Rabah to

Anna Giron, in honor of CISA

Laura and Christopher Richtberg, in honor of CISA

Anonymous in appreciation "enjoyed by all..."

Sharon Davison, Estate of Dr. David Madorsky for sponsoring CISA's concert "Beyond Carmen"

David and Sheryd Jackson, in memory of Esther Jane Prather, for sponsoring CISA's concert "Beyond Carmen" and for Sheryd's honor

Ruth Shapiro, in honor of CISA

Yael and Edie Friedlander, in memory of Yael's sister, Evelyn Bach, for Bailey's Peeps and for Barbara and Hazzan Silverstein's rendering of a portable ark

Ray Baird, Marcia Greenberg, Larry and Lynn Amos, KC McClure, Drew Elson,

Risa Weinberger and Jan Jacobs in honor of CISA's concert Beyond Carmen

Dr. Dara, Nadia, Dana, Darius and Cyrus Battji, in honor of CISA's concert, "Beyond Carmen"

Chana Giron, in appreciation of CISA

Marian Smith, in memory of her Father-in-Law, Bernie Smith

Michael Winakur, in honor of Bailey's Peeps

Steve Samet in memory of his mother Ruth Cohn Samet and for Maot Chittim

Dr. Moshe and Connie Brauer, for Misheberach for CISA



The Bar-Yadin Family will be bestowed the Myrtle Wreath Award by the San Antonio Chapter of Hadassah on Friday May 1, 2009 as part of The Greater Southwest Region of Hadassah's annual Conference, Omni Hotel, 9821 Colonnade Boulevard. The Bar-Yadin Family will be honored for their philanthropy. Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m., following Kabbalat Shabbat service conducted by Young Judeans. Reservations are due no later than April 22, 2009. Please contact either Carolyn Glick, 492-7333 or Sharon Gewertz, 492-4472 For reservations or to obtain further information.

