Looking Back, Looking Ahead

It is June, and it’s a time of transitions. At the end of this month, I will move to Calgary Alberta to become the permanent rabbi of that city’s Temple B’nai Tikvah, and a month after that, you’ll welcome Rabbi Natan Trief as your next spiritual leader.

During transitional times such as these, we tend to look ahead, greeting the future with eager anticipation. At the same time, however, it’s also important for us to use these moments as opportunities to look at past and present, as well. As I look at Beth Shalom Synagogue’s past and present, I see many good reasons to feel great about where it will be going in the future. For example….

Tikkun Olam

Whether packing brown-bag meals for the needy on Sundays, or getting bike locks for kids who can use them, or welcoming families of international refugees coming to this country and this city for safe haven, we at Beth Shalom are working hard to repair this broken world of ours. When I first arrived last year, there was hardly any tikkun olam activity taking place here at all. Now there’s a lot of it, and we should feel proud.

Ritual

Our newly reconstituted ritual committee is doing important work in strengthening the ritual life of our congregation. We’re experimenting with innovations such as learners’ services and Shabbat morning Divrei Torah, we’re looking at the possibility of purchasing new prayerbooks for the High Holidays, we’ve been blessed with the wonderful music that Nick May is bringing to our Shabbat services. There’s more ritual work to do, of course, but even in the past year, we’ve come a long way.

Children

Although the number of our school-age children is dismayingly low, this year we welcomed a few brand new babies into our community, and we also have a good number of preschoolers who are coming up through the ranks. We have good reason to hope for a sizeable bunch of school-age children to be participating in congregational activities within the next few years.

The Mood

No longer is our congregation riven with strife and conflict as it was in previous years. Disagreements always arise, of course, but these days, the mood at Beth Shalom Synagogue is overwhelmingly one of community rather than conflict, of
A few days ago I went through one of the most profound and meaningful moments of my life. I was ordained a rabbi of the Jewish people. As the President of Hebrew Union College, Rabbi Aaron Panken, placed his hands over me and recited the ancient words of the priestly benediction, I began to tremble.

I had chosen for the organist to play the Israeli national anthem, HaTikvah, during my individual blessing. The combination of Rabbi Panken’s words, the gravity of the moment, and the melody of HaTikvah helped to create such a powerful moment. I felt so humbled and so excited to go through this experience with the dear friends I have made in rabbinical school and, of course, my wife, Samantha, who also became a rabbi.

As I was standing up there, my mind began to wander and I thought about my own story and the journey that got me to this place. Apart from the other emotions swirling in my head, I was flooded with a sense of awe and gratitude. As the iconic and profound melody of HaTikvah played overhead, I thought about Israel, so thankful to have her in my life and so proud of her myriad accomplishments. We just celebrated her 68th birthday on Israeli Independence Day (Yom Ha’atsmaut) May 12th. This day, as it does every year, immediately follows Israel’s somber Memorial Day (Yom HaZikaron) where we think about the more than 24,000 fallen Israelis who made the ultimate sacrifice so Israel can exist on our behalf. This rapid and abrupt transition, going from intense sadness to profound joy, epitomizes Israel’s struggle and reinforces the imperative to never take her for granted.

This is the last column before summer gets into full swing, Rabbi Glickman leaves, and we transition to Rabbi Trief. We have learned much from Rabbi Glickman through his sermons and his books, which teach all who have read them far more than we knew about our Jewish ancestors in the Middle East and what occurred before and during the Holocaust. We thank him for all he has taught us.

On a personal level, it has been a joy and an honor to serve as your interim rabbi, and I thank you from the bottom of my heart for having provided me the opportunity to do so.

Shalom, Rabbi Mark Glickman
As we head toward summer, we are also entering the final month of our transitional year with Rabbi Glickman. Many thanks to Dale Maas for his leadership and vision for Beth Shalom to engage in this interim year of introspection. We have benefitted from Rabbi Glickman’s presence to regain a sense of who Beth Shalom is, as well as, who Beth Shalom can be.

With John Carlson’s leadership, and Rabbi Glickman’s facilitation, the entire Beth Shalom Community was involved in parlor meetings helping to define who we are, what our principles are as a Jewish organization, and where we are heading. Through our reflective efforts, Beth Shalom Synagogue now has a mission statement which conveys the basic precepts that make us the “Reform congregation that honors tradition.”

Rabbi Glickman also urged us to recognize and remedy a void in our synagogue life — communal efforts toward Tikkun Olam. Thanks to the leadership of Diane Dean, Brown Bag Sundays have provided extra meals for distribution at St. Vincent De Paul. The Tikkun Olam committee, under the enthusiastic leadership of Josh Burton, hosted an event supporting Front Yard Bikes — a community bike shop teaching participants of all ages how to fix and maintain bicycles. And most recently, we have assisted Catholic Charities of Baton Rouge with their refugee resettlement efforts, through donations of house hold items and apartment set up.

Now we look forward to continued growth as we welcome our next settled Rabbi, Natan Trief. Rachel and I had that honor of attending Natan, and his wife, Samantha’s ordination at HUC on May 8. As excited as we are for his arrival in August, I can assure all of you that Natan shares our enthusiasm for our upcoming relationship.

Beth Shalom has truly benefitted from Rabbi Glickman’s guidance during this interim year. Thanks to his efforts we are certainly well prepared for our upcoming transition.

Todah rabah and l’hitraot Rabbi Glickman! L’shalom,

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**CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL & COLLEGE GRADUATES**

**Matthew Beychok**, son of Rochelle & Michael Beychok, graduated from University High School and will be attending Loyola.

**Max Levy**, son of Michelle & Gus Levy graduated from University High School and will be attending Tulane.

**Aaron Posner**, son of Linda & Mark Posner, graduated from Episcopal High School and will be attending Elon.

**Abby Rayner**, daughter of Liz Clubb & Mitch Rayner, graduated from University High School and will be attending Savannah College of Art and Design.

**Sammy Baum**, nephew of Gary Baum, will be attending Bucknell University.

**Lexi DeWitt**, daughter of Syliva DeWitt, graduated from LSU with a BS in Biology and will be attending Pharmacy School at University of Tennessee.

**Ashley Kober**, daughter of Lynn Kober and the late Richard Kober, graduated from LA Tech with a BA in Psychology and will be pursuing a Masters in Psychology at LA Tech

**Joshua Saltz**, son of Brenda & Louis Saltz, graduatated from LSU with a BS in Chemical Engineering and will be pursuing a Masters in Chemical Engineering at U. C. Berkeley.
Greetings from The Rayner Center

May was full of excitement and creativity here at The Alfred G. Rayner Center. We completed our end of the year projects and explored colors and shapes, a science activity, ABC’s and 123’s, marine life, and Mother’s Day.

Teacher’s Appreciation Week was a huge success! Thanks to all of our parents and grandparents for the lovely gifts, contributions, and volunteered time given to our teachers. On Thursday, May 12th, our teachers enjoyed a sit down luncheon in their honor.

The Rayner Center hosted our Moving on Ceremony on May 26th at 7:00 p.m. and all who attended and participated were full of glee. We would like to congratulate the students of Mrs. Monique’s and Mrs. Courtney’s Pre-K class for all their hard work as they move onward and upward.

We will begin our summer, with the theme of Under the Sea in June and July. We’ll finish our summer in August with preparing our students for the 2016-2017 school year. We will discover these themes through stories, activities, art, and music. Our summer calendars of activities will include pajama day, water fun day, movie day and plenty of popsicles to cool off from the sun rays and humidity.

Wishing everyone a safe summer!

Todah Rabbah,
Rabbi Glickman
Steven Winkler, John Carlson, Rayner Center Council, Cathy Melanson, Beth Shalom Synagogue congregates for all of their love and support!

Hey everyone! My name is Marla Aronson and I have been elected to be BaRFTY’s 2016-2017 Communications Vice President. I look forward to writing the monthly bulletin articles and I would like to introduce the new BaRFTY board.

• Ari Hoffman-President
• Sierra Sager-Social Actions Vice President
• Eliana Levy-Programming Vice President
• Maggie Mullinex- Membership Vice President

BaRFTY is also getting a new advisor: Nick May. We are really excited for the upcoming year!! Thank you for your support!!

-Marla Aronson (CVP)

Barfty News

The Baton Rouge unit of Hadassah continues to be active in achieving our goals in helping our organization. Our recent Israeli Independence Day celebration combined delicious Middle Eastern dishes, an uplifting film about Jerusalem, and capped off with Israel folk dance led by David Kirshner. We were able to educate members of the community about Hadassah’s important work through its hospitals that serve Israel and the other medical research arm that spurs innovation throughout the world. A delightful, successful, evening that owes thanks to the efforts of so many.

Please save the date of June 26, 2016 at 2:00 p.m. at Goodwood Library for our next book discussion. We will be talking about “Marriage of Opposites” by Alice Hoffman which has been described as “a forbidden love story set on the tropical island of St. Thomas about the extraordinary woman who gave birth to painter Camille Pissarro—the Father of Impressionism.” Looking forward to another one of our lively discussions.

A game night has been planned with the date TBA.

Some of our ladies will be attending the Hadassah Convention that is to be held this year in Atlanta. We will update with all of the latest information we learn there.

Have a wonderful summer and thank you for your continued support of Hadassah.

Marilyn Martell
Ruth Katzen
Co-Presidents
Hadassah Baton Rouge Unit

Brandon Bonaventure, Jonah Hoffman, and Jacob Loach helping out during Second Night Seder
Join us for an Oneg Shabbat in honor of

Rabbi Mark Glickman

Friday, June 24, 2016 following Kabbalat Shabbat Worship

Beth Shalom Synagogue
9111 Jefferson Highway
Baton Rouge, LA

WE ARE BETH SHALOM: A STATEMENT OF MISSION

How Does Beth Shalom Reach Out to the World?

We encourage Tikkun Olam that is relevant to our members, individually and to our congregation collectively. We collaborate with secular and other faith based organizations. We begin in our local community and reach out to impact our global environment and to improve living conditions for all peoples, especially our sisters and brothers in Eretz Yisrael.

LOOKING AHEAD

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Erev Rosh Hashana
Sunday, October 2, 2016

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Erev Yom Kippur
Tuesday, October 11, 2016

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Erev Sukkot
Sunday, October 16, 2016
June Anniversaries:
3 Steve & Miriam Bensman
5 Jack & Elinor Goldberg
9 Nate & Linda Brener
Norman & Sara Silverman
Harold & Carol Wexler
11 Miriam Katzen-Ronch, Ida Leibovitz
12 James & Robin Fletcher
Ray & Rhea Schneider
5 Dale & Laurie Maas
9 David & Bridget Feldbaum
11 Steven & Monica Winkler
12 Morris & Mimi Bonadona
17 Julie Hoffman & Ara Rubyan
Louis & Brenda Saltz
19 Mitch Rayner & Liz Clubb
25 Harold & Edna Silverman

July Anniversaries:
3 Cindy Levy & Terry Howey
5 James & Robin Fletcher
Ray & Rhea Schneider
6 Dale & Laurie Maas
9 David & Bridget Feldbaum
11 Steven & Monica Winkler
12 Morris & Mimi Bonadona
17 Julie Hoffman & Ara Rubyan
Louis & Brenda Saltz
19 Mitch Rayner & Liz Clubb
25 Harold & Edna Silverman

August Anniversaries:
1 Michael & Carol Carpenter
18 Bill & Dauna Emmich
Bob & Nancy Singer
23 Lawrence & Susan Smolinsky

June Birthdays:
2 Joanne Kleiman, Joshua Stephenson
3 Alicia Kober, Shiloh Schecter
4 Diane Dean, Sarah Maas
6 Caron Glickman
8 Michaelyn Gibson
9 Jennifer Moses
10 Mark Glickman
12 Silvia Dewitt
17 Byron Howey
18 Lea Edwards
19 Joshua Bonadona
22 Mark Posner
23 Brooke Beychok
25 Steve Cavalier
27 Becky Gant, Sean Becnel
28 Joshua Burton

July Birthdays:
1 Lillian Berkowitz
3 Julie Hoffman, Jeff Smith
4 Connie Finkelstein, Jacob Hausmann
5 Eliana Levy, Celia Strickler
7 Louis Saltz, Celia Strickler
Rachel Stephenson
9 Miriam Bensman
12 Kitty Wissenberg
16 Abigail Rayner
21 Donald Austern, Mitch Rayner
23 Patti Fox
24 Harold Wexler
25 Gail Sherman, Hannah Yaun
30 Michael Carpenter, Melanie Fields

August Birthdays:
1 Michael Beychok, Samuel Green
4 Ian Hollander
6 James Fletcher
7 Dauna Emmich, Jenna Gant
9 Anton Feldbaum
10 Matthew Ceppos
14 Jonathan Green, Rose Green
15 Benjamin Maas
16 Gimme Brownleader
Sheila Horowitz
18 James Bullman, Ari Plha-Paul, Jr
20 Sara Silverman
21 Elaine Kaplan
22 Michelle Levy
23 Eric Bush
24 Rachael Maas, Kali Sherman
Melanie Mintz
25 Donna Goldich
26 Steve Bensman, Regan Dean
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28 Bob Singer
31 Donald Bonaventure, Steven Paroczay, Carin Carlson

Yahrzeits:
June 10: William Ettinger, Abraham Roza, Michael Kovnar, Norma Chapman, Avrum Feuerwerker, Bleema Feuerwerker, Menashe Feuerwerker, Mendel Feuerwerker, Otilia Feuerwerker, Pearl Feuerwerker, Reisel Feuerwerker, Shapshe Feuerwerker, Shlomo Feuerwerker, Morris Clemens, Helen Haymon, Rose Lieberman, Doris Diamond, Sam Schermer, Samuel Shoot
June 17: Ronald Blum, Judah Fink, Michael Shackleton, Joel Tatar, Jeanette Orentlicher, Lena Mykoff, Celia Jacobs, Jacob Wichner, Byrde Haspel, Anna Tepper
July 15: Karl Baum, Pauline Fletcher, Lewis Kaufman, Frances Shils, Marilyn Slipman, Albert Maas, Jr., Sidney Mendelvitz, William Spielberger, Lorretta Friedman, Sarah Mendelvitz, Rosina Weil, Bella Guss, Gerald Posner, Michael Saltz, Max Ross, Ethel Watsky
Aug. 5: Alisa Ginsburg, Sam Scheinuk, Ada Shackleton, Mose Wander, Sam Sar, Jack Flicker, Herman Knurr, Louis Rubenstein, Bertha Shook, Jeannette H. L. Simon, Shirley Hutt, Harry Tatar, Benjamin Cherry, Harold Young
Aug. 19: Molly Ross, Dr. Bernard Kaplan, Rena Shaab, Peter Bush, Ben Glazer, Ezekiel Malen, Maureen Rosin, Meyer Horowitz, Albert Weintraub
Aug. 26: Jennie Safer, Folix Brianis, Nathan Ball, Frances Hershberg, Marion Meskin, Harvey Posner, Leonard Rosenson, Pearl Rayner, Max Watsky, Nina Frank, Louis Hyman, Rosa Raffelson, Everardo (Lalo) Rodriguez, Dr. Irving Rusoff, Leah Bensman, Bluma Hoffman, Miriam Katzen-Ronch, Ida Leibovitz
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**21st of Iyyar, 5776**
- **June 5th:**
  - 9 AM Bagels & Torah
  - 10 AM Morning Services

- **June 6th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study
  - 11 AM Confirmation Class

**36th day of the Omer**
- **June 12th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study
  - 11 AM Confirmation/Class

**37th day of the Omer**
- **June 13th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**38th day of the Omer**
- **June 14th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**40th day of the Omer**
- **June 20th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**36th day of the Omer**
- **June 26th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**41st day of the Omer**
- **June 27th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**42nd day of the Omer**
- **June 28th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**Parashat Bechukotai**
- **June 29th:**
  - 10 AM Talmud Study

**43rd day of the Omer**
- **June 30th:**
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**Parashat Nasso**
- **July 1st:**
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**August 2016**

- **Board meeting**
- **Kabbalat Shabbat Services**
- **Candle lighting**
- **Welcome oneg**
- **Bagels & Torah**
- **Morning Services**
- **Havdalah (50 min)**

**Rosh Chodesh Av**

**Parashat Matot-Masei**

**Parashat Eikev**


Regarding Hospital Visits

Our Rabbi is eager to keep in touch with members of the congregation who are in the hospital or recuperating at home.

As recent legislation prevents hospitals from circulating patient’s names, we rely on you to call the synagogue office and let us know when you, a family member or friend are in the hospital and would welcome a visit from Rabbi Glickman.

May He who blessed our ancestors grant all who are ill a complete and speedy recovery.

Joanne Kleiman
Bill Emmich
Dauna Emmich
Howard Hershberg
Becky Gant

Join Us for Kabbalat Shabbat Worship & An Oneg Honoring Rabbi Natan Trief Friday August 5th at 7 PM

Baruch HaBa Welcome!

JOIN US FOR KABBALAT SHABBAT WORSHIP & AN ONEG HONORING Rabbi Natan Trief
FRIDAY AUGUST 5TH
AT 7 PM

BETH SHALOM SYNAGOGUE
9111 JEFFERSON HIGHWAY
BATON ROUGE, LA

Boomers Plus Jewish Singles Group

If you are a Jewish single over 45, you are cordially invited to join our casual group for monthly coffee and conversation, synagogue & community service projects, & cultural activities. Please call Heidi Shapiro at 225-924-2597. (Please put “Jewish Singles” in the subject line of your e-mail.)
Thank You for Your Generous Donations

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| My aunt, Hermina Kellner - Judy Roheim |
| My aunt, Martha Simonyi - Judy Roheim |
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| Shirley Reznikoff - Connie Finkelstein |
| Marian Maas Broach - Myra Broach |
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Beth Shalom Synagogue

Shavuot Celebration

Saturday, June 11
10 AM
Confirmation of Eliana Levy & Rachel Posner

7:30 PM
Erev Shavuot Worship
following services & until midnight
Tikkun Leil Shavuot

Rabbi Glickman presents
  The Lonely Man of Faith – Lessons from the Rav
  &
  Building a Palace in Time – Abraham Joshua Heschel’s Shabbat Insights

Joel Goldman presents
  The Gospels: A Jewish Perspective

BYOB– Bring Your Own Blintzes (or other favorite study food)

Sunday, June 12
10 AM
Shavuot Morning Worship

Monday, June 13
9 AM
Shavuot Morning Worship & Yizkor