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A message from the organized Jewish community of San Antonio

The organized Jewish community of San Antonio is saddened by the occurrence of another act of vandalism and anti-Semitism on the property of another synagogue in our city. A storage building at Congregation Agudas Achim was tagged and two barbecue pits were stolen. Law enforcement representatives have taken this incident seriously and are investigating it.

We greatly appreciate and are heartened by the many messages of support that we have received in the wake of the previous vandalism, which occurred last week at Congregation Rodfei Sholom. We have heard from neighbors of that congregation, expressions of support from many different religious groups in our city as well as messages from many citizens around our community. We believe

that San Antonio has a long history of interfaith cooperation and are pleased that we stand together against acts of vandalism and hate.

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On behalf of the Congregations of Agudas Achim, Beth Am, Chabad Lubavitch of South Texas, Rodfei Sholom, Temple Chai, Congregation Israel of San Antonio, and Temple Beth-El; The Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community, the Barshop Jewish Community Center, Jewish Family Service, Golden Manor Jewish Senior Services, and The Jewish Federation of San Antonio

Israel rejects reports of U.S. withdrawing Sinai force

TEL AVIV (JTA) — A senior Israeli defense official disavowed reports that the United States is considering withdrawing its peacekeeping force in the Sinai Peninsula.

"These reports aren't true," Amos Gilad, head of the Defense Ministry's Political-Military Affairs Bureau, told Army Radio, according to reports. "They reflect only the

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MATISYAHU PERFORMS AMID PALESTINIAN PROTESTS



Matisyahu performing at the European Maccabi Games on July 28, 2015, in Berlin. (Sean Gallup/Getty Images)

(JTA) — American Jewish singer Matisyahu sang his son Jerusalem at the Rottom SunSplash Festival in Spain on August 23 as protesters waved Palestinian flags. Matisyahu performed a 45-minute set two days after the festival apologized for canceling his performance in the face of pressure from the Boycott, Divestment and Sanctions, or BDS, movement.

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Items selected for publication are done so solely at the discretion of the Journal Editor and the Jewish Federation. Submissions may be edited and/or re-written for content and length.
We aim to fairly reflect the breadth and depth of activities and Jewish life taking place in the San Antonio Jewish community.

CANDLE LIGHTING

Friday, Sept. 4 7:34 p.m. - Candle lighting	Tuesday, Sept. 15 Rosh Hashanah II 8:50 p.m. - Havdalah (72 min)	Friday, Sept. 25 7:08 p.m. - Candle lighting
Saturday, Sept. 5 Leil Selichot - 9:03 p.m. Havdalah (72 min)	Friday, Sept. 18 7:17 p.m. - Candle lighting	Saturday, Sept. 26 8:37 p.m. - Havdalah (72 min)
Friday, Sept. 11 7:25 p.m. - Candle lighting	Saturday, Sept. 19 Shabbat Shuva 8:46 p.m. - Havdalah (72 min)	Sunday, Sept. 27 Erev Sukkot 7:06 p.m. - Candle lighting
Saturday, Sept. 12 8:54 p.m. - Havdalah (72 min)	Tuesday, Sept. 22 Erev Yom Kippur 7:12 p.m. - Candle lighting	Monday, Sept. 28 Sukkot I
Sunday, Sept. 13 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:23 p.m. - Candle lighting	Wednesday, Sept. 23 Yom Kippur 8:41 p.m. - Havdalah (72 min)	Tuesday, Sept. 29 Sukkot II 8:33 p.m. - Havdalah (72 min)
Monday, Sept. 14 Rosh Hashanah 5776		Wednesday, Sept. 30 - Sukkot III

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New Year brings hope for better year

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It is this brilliance of the Jewish calendar that inspires us to move forward with hope each year that what is ahead of us will be better than what is behind us. Your Jewish Federation leadership wants to begin this New Year with a vision of an even greater and stronger Jewish community



**Letter from
our CEO**

RONIT
SHERWIN

than we've known already. Rabi Nachman of Bratslav once stated, *"If we are not going to be better tomorrow than we were today, then why have tomorrow?"*

In the spirit of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav, I wish for each of us his ambition for improvement. May we wake up each day with the intention to do better than the day before. On behalf of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio, we wish each of you a good and sweet new year. *Shanah tovah u'metukah.*

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September 1

- Cantorial Assembly Trip to Spain: Informational Meeting, Agudas Achim, 7 p.m.
- Board Meeting, Temple Beth-El, 7 p.m.

September 2

- Temple Chai Breakfast with the Rabbi, 7:45 a.m.
- Agudas Achim Movie Club, Alamo Drafthouse, 3 p.m.

September 3

- Agudas Achim Brews & Schmooze at Big'z Burger Joint, 5 p.m.
- The Vex Theater Presents, "Boeing, Boeing", 7:30 p.m.

September 4

- First Friday Family Shabbat & Dinner, Temple Beth-El, 5:30 p.m.

September 5

- The Vex Theater Presents, "Boeing, Boeing", 8 p.m.

- Agudas Selichot Service Gabriel Mitchell of AIPAC, followed by Tacos & Tequila, 8:30 p.m.

September 6

- Religious School, Temple Beth-El, 9 a.m.
- The Vex Theater Presents, "Boeing, Boeing", 2:30 p.m.

September 7

Labor Day

- Clergy Open House, Agudas Achim, 11 a.m.

September 8

- Mid-Week Hebrew Classes, Temple Beth-El (Grades 3-6), 4:30 p.m.
- JFSA Board meeting, The Campus, 7 p.m.

September 9

- NCJW Opening Event with Sheriff Susan Pamerleau, TBD, 11 a.m.
- Temple Beth-El Mid-Week

- Hebrew Classes, the Campus (Grades 3-6), 4:30 p.m.

September 10

- Campaigners Thank You & Training Event, the Campus, 6 p.m.
- The Vex Theater Presents, "Boeing, Boeing", 7:30 p.m.

September 12

- The Vex Theater Presents, "Boeing, Boeing", 8 p.m.

September 13

- Religious School, Temple Beth-El 9 a.m.
- The Vex Theater Presents, "Boeing, Boeing", 2:30 p.m.

September 14

- Rosh Hashanah

September 15

- Rosh Hashanah
- Mid-Week Hebrew Classes, Temple Beth-El (Grades 3-6), 4:30 p.m.

September 16

- Temple Beth-El Mid-Week Hebrew Classes, the Campus (Grades 3-6), 4:30 p.m.

September 17

- HMMSA Film Event, the Campus, 5:30 p.m.

September 20

- Agudas Achim, Kever Avot at Memorial Gardens, 9 a.m.
- Agudas Achim, Kever Avot at Palmetto Street Cemetery, 10:30 p.m.
- Religious School, Temple Beth-El, 9 a.m.
- PJ Builds a Sukkah, Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning, 3 p.m.

September 21

- Breakneck Through the Bible Class", Rodfei Sholom, 8:25 p.m.

September 22

- Kol Nidre

September 23

- Yom Kippur

September 26

- JCC Family Overnight Adventure, the Campus, 6 p.m.

September 27

- Religious School, Temple Beth-El, 9 a.m.
- Jewish War Veterans Post 753 Meeting, Campus 9:30 a.m.
- Shawarma in the Sukkah at Agudas Achim, 6:30 p.m.

September 28

- Sukkot
- Club Agudas Achim, Sangria in the Sukkah 7 p.m.

September 29

- Sukkot
- Temple Beth-El Mid-Week Hebrew Classes, the Campus (Grades 3-6), 4:30 p.m.
- Agudas Achim Singles in the Sukkah, 7 p.m.

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- September 30
- Sukkot
 - Heintz Preschool of Congregation Agudas Achim, 13th Annual Pizza in the Hut, 4 p.m.
 - Mid-Week Hebrew Classes, Temple Beth-El (Grades 3-6), 4:30 p.m.
 - Introduction to Judaism, Temple Chai, 7 p.m.
 - JCC Board Meeting, the Campus, Sept 30, 7:30 p.m.
- October 1
- Sukkot
 - Women’s Torah Study Group, Temple Chai, 7 p.m.
 - Young Couples Club of
- Agudas, in the Sukkah, 7 p.m.
- October 2
- Sukkot First Friday Family Shabbat & Dinner, Temple Beth-El, 5:30 p.m.
 - Musical Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck Dinner in the Sukkah, Agudas Achim, 6:15 p.m.
- October 3
- Sukkot
 - Teen Campout in the Sukkah, Agudas Achim, 7 p.m.
- October 4
- Sukkot
 - Religious School, Temple Beth-El, 9 a.m.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Congratulations for recognition given recently at the 2015 Small Business Leaders Awards to Sol Schwartz of Sol Schwartz & Associates for the Lifetime Achievement Award and to Morris Miller of XENEX Disinfection Services for the Business Innovation Award.

From Dr. Elliot and Marcia Goren Weser

YOUR FEDERATION DOLLARS AT WORK

We are stronger together

Once again, the Days of Awe approach. Once again, the Jewish community – in San Antonio and around the world – greets them with trepidation.

What kind of year will 5776 be? What will it hold for the Jewish people?

There is, as always, cause for concern. An internationally brokered agreement regarding Iran’s nuclear weapons creates at least as much uncertainty as security. Israel, though thankfully not facing an armed conflict as it did one year ago, faces continuous attacks. Jewish communities across the globe remain targets of vandalism and violence.

There is also, as always, cause for hope. Israel remains militarily strong and economically vibrant. As important, our local Jewish community remains united and strong. During last year’s Jewish Federation campaign, we increased our donor base by 7.5 percent, a positive indicator of how much our donors and volunteers care about the local community, Jewish



Message from the Campaign Chair

JONATHAN GURWITZ

communities around the world, and Israel.

WE ARE STRONGER TOGETHER – that’s our campaign slogan for 2015. Together, through our collective dollars and our collective efforts, we are making a difference. Whether your primary concerns are local or abroad, Jewish education or social services, helping those affected by natural disasters in the United States or the victims of terrorism in Israel -- your involvement and support makes a difference.

Here are some examples of how Federation campaign dollars have been used in the past year:

- Federation has been a lifeline for vulnerable and displaced Jews throughout Ukraine. More than \$4 million has been allocated to meet the needs of Ukranian Jews and facilitate aliyah for

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PJ Library invites you to...

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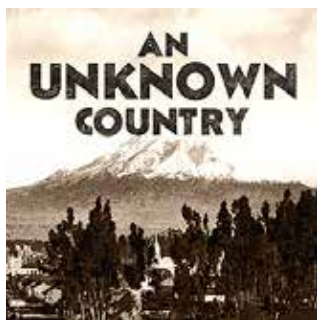
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An Unknown Country: The Jewish Exiles of Ecuador

On September 17 there will be a showing of the documentary *An Unknown Country: The Jewish Exiles of Ecuador* sponsored by the Holocaust Memorial Museum of San Antonio (HMMSA). The film, which was directed by award winning producer Eva Selig, is the story of European Jews who fled Europe escaping the Nazi terror to find refuge in a destination that was very new for them.

Eva Selig will introduce the film with Eva Balcazar, who will introduce the film, was a child in Berlin at the



time of the Night of Broken Glass (Kristallnacht) in November 1938. She left with her parents shortly after and they ended up in Ecuador where she grew up.

There will be reception from 5:30 p.m. to 6:20 p.m. outside the Holocaust Memorial.

Then the film will be shown in the Holzman Auditorium. There is no charge for the event, but RSVP's are requested at (210) 302-6807 or online at www.hmmsa.org.

The program is held in conjunction with the Chamber Orchestra of San Antonio, who will perform works forbidden by the Nazis on October 3. Paul Montalvo, artistic director of COSA, will have information available about the performance.

Both programs highlight the resilience of art and culture that was suppressed by the Nazis.

Calendar of Jewish Holidays for parents

The Community Relations Council of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio has sent copies of the *Calendar of Jewish Holidays 2015-2016* to local public schools and universities. The calendar includes a description of each holiday and also includes an extension into 2017 for longer range planning.

The Community Relations Council

encourages Jewish parents to share important holiday dates with their schools and teachers. Any Jewish parent who would like copies of the calendar to provide to their child's teacher is invited to call the Community Relations office at (210) 302-6960 for copies. Copies are also available online at www.jfsatx.org.

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those who want to relocate.

- Federation has coordinated with Israel's Prime Minister's office to provide security services for Jewish schools and institutions in France, as anti-Semitism grows in Europe.

- Federation has been funding NATAL – the Israel Trauma Center which provides mental health support for victims of terror. NATAL has touched more than 130,000 lives.

- Federation dollars ensured that more than 350 local children up to age 7 receive books, free of charge, every month courtesy of PJ Library. Parents and grandparents are sharing Jewish experiences by reading books about Jewish values and Jewish holidays with their children and grandchildren.

- Federation supports senior services which are provided by the JCC through programs like the weekday senior meals program that allows local seniors to enjoy hot meals in the company of their peers.

- Federation supports the critical Safety Net services which are provided through Jewish Family Service.

- Through formal and

informal Jewish education, our children and young adults are developing their Jewish identities at the Shmuel Bass Torah Academy of San Antonio, Jewish camps, the Judaics After School (JAS) program at the JCC, Jewish overnight camps, and Israel trips. Federation provides camperships, scholarships and other support.

- Federation dollars support the Holocaust Memorial Museum, where more than 16,000 students and adults were educated around issues of tolerance, bullying and genocide.

Our Jewish Federation funds programs that strengthen our people, advocate on behalf of our shared values, and educate every generation to ensure our traditions endure. By supporting our community, Federation enhances Jewish continuity and sustains each of us.

May the Jewish community of San Antonio continue to support this important work – we are STRONGER TOGETHER. L'Shanah tovah tikatevu – may we all be inscribed in the Book of Life for a good year.

Jonathan Gurwitz is the 2015 campaign chair of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio.

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Jewish Children's Regional Service touches lives of Jewish youth

Every year, the Jewish Federation of San Antonio allocates funds to the Jewish Children's Regional Service (JCRS), which has served more than 1500 Jewish youth in Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee and Texas this year.

Many of the programs offered by JCRS, such as special needs scholarships, Hanukkah gifts, and outreach programs are unique and not offered by other Jewish social service organizations.

This December, more than 200 Jewish youth and 30 state hospital residents from the region will each receive a bag of 8 Hanukkah gifts selected and wrapped by JCRS volunteers.

The youth who receive these gifts may be ongoing clients of JCRS, or new clients referred by local rabbis and Jewish Family



Volunteers individually wrap about 1500 gifts for Jewish youth and state hospital residents.

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Throughout the year, JCRS also provides books to children through the PJ Library Program, special needs scholarships, camp scholarships and college scholarships to children in need.

Funds to support the annual budget of JCRS comes primarily from large and small contributions from individuals, families and foundations, and the annual income derived when a family starts a scholarship fund at the agency.

To learn more, visit www.jcrs.org.

Service agencies. Eligibility for all programs is based on documented, financial need.

Families who reside in the region can register for gifts this month by

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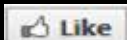
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YOUR FEDERATION DOLLARS AT WORK

Beldon Holocaust collection moved to new location

The Beldon Library's Holocaust collection has been moved into the library's Reference Room. The move was made to facilitate and encourage research and study.

Hours for the Beldon Library and the Reference room are: Mondays: 12:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Tuesdays: 10 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., and Wednesdays: 1:15 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

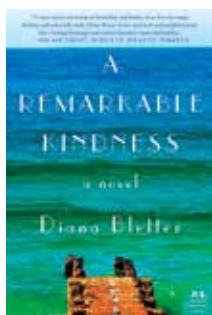
Beldon Librarian Lynn Waghalter wishes all a "Happy and Healthy 5776" and she recommends that "everyone read more books in 5776. A good way to start would be with Israeli author

Diana Bletter's recently released book, *A Remarkable Kindness*."

Bletter will be in San Antonio to discuss her book on November 3 at 2 p.m. Check with the Beldon

Library for more details or contact the Jewish Federation at (210) 302-6960.

Other upcoming authors include a reading with Bonnie Lyons from her newest poetry book.



Partnership Book Club at the Beldon Library

This fall the Beldon Library will host a discussion of *A Remarkable Kindness* (William Morrow/Harper Collins, 2015). The novel is the intertwined stories of four American women who are members of a burial circle in a small beach village in northern Israel. As they participate in this ancient, powerful ritual for the dead, they come to understand what it means to truly be alive.

The author of the book Diana Blatter, a National Jewish Book Award Finalist, lives and works at Moshav Shave Tzion in the Matte Asher region of Israel.

The program will be part of the Jewish Federation's Partnership with the Western Galilee program. Blatter will participate in various activities. More details will be published in the October issue of the *Jewish Journal*.

For more information contact the Beldon Librarian Lynn Waghalter at (210) 302-6805 or the Partnership Coordinator Lauren Abraham, at (210) 302-6970.

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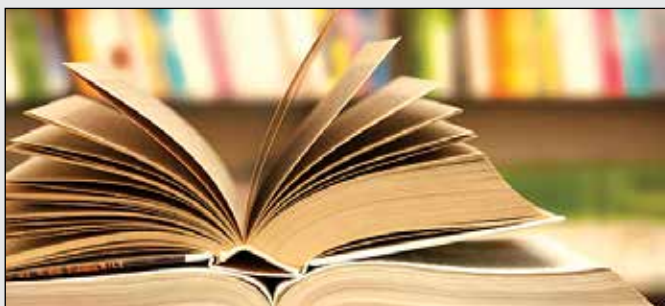
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Wishing you and your families a Happy and Healthy New Year 5776

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A bucket list is defined as “a number of experiences or achievements that a person hopes to have or accomplish during their lifetime.” The San Antonio Jewish Coalition for Literacy (a program of the Jewish Federation of San Antonio) offers a meaningful experience that can truly be considered for placement on a person’s bucket list. This experience consists of helping an elementary school student improve his/her math and/or reading skills during the regular nine month school year. All that a person needs to give is 1.5 hours once a week. When a student has made a significant improvement due to the given help, just think what such an experience will mean for that person’s bucket list. The Coalition is looking for additional volunteers in order to help more students. If you put want to put this great experience for the upcoming school year on your bucket list, please contact Nathan Ratner, the Coalition’s coordinator, at (210) 302-6972 or ratnern@jfsatx.org.

Author Jo Ivester to be featured speaker at human rights event

Austin author Jo Ivester will present her book and lead a discussion on Thursday, Sept. 17, at 12 noon at the JCC at a Lunch & Learn event. She will also reflect on how her own experiences depicted in her book relate to the *Helen Suzman: Fighter for Human Rights* exhibit, currently on display at the Campus, presented by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio and the Barshop Jewish Community Center (See story page 34).

In 1967, when Jo Ivester was ten years old, her father transplanted his young family from a suburb of Boston to a small town in the heart of the Mississippi cotton fields, where he became the medical director of a clinic that served the poor population for miles around. But ultimately it was not Ivester’s father but



Author Jo Ivester

her mother – a stay-at-home mother of three who became a high school English teacher when the family moved to the South – who made the most enduring mark on the town.

“I am fortunate enough to have an inspirational woman in my own life. My

mother, Aura Kruger, was a role model to me in many ways. Like Helen Suzman, she was devoted to making a difference,” said Ivester.

In her book, *The Outskirts of Hope*, Ivester uses journals left by her mother, as well as writings of her own, to paint a vivid, moving, and inspiring portrait of her family’s experiences living and working in an all-black town during the heights of the civil rights movement.

Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Maya Siler at (210) 302-6820 or silerm@jcc-sa.org, or online at www.jccsanantonio.org/authorspeakerseries. Admission to the lecture is free. Lunch is \$8. Please indicate your preference for lunch or no lunch to Maya.

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surmising of some people.”

The 700-member Multinational Force and Observers was placed in the Sinai to monitor compliance with the Camp David Accords. The accords brought about Israeli-Egyptian peace in return for

Israeli withdrawal from the territory.

The force has little offensive capability and has faced rising danger from Islamic militants, according to The Associated Press. Militant activity in the area has increased since Egyptian President Mohamed Morsi was deposed in 2013 and

replaced by Abdel Fatah Al Sisi, who has launched a campaign to defeat the Sinai militants.

But Gilad said that there was every reason to believe the force was staying put.

“Israeli-Egyptian peace relations are a strategic pillar of the region,” he said. “The force is acceptable to the Americans, Egyptians, Israelis. Its budget was recently increased. The administrative and command echelons are doing everything to preserve it.



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CHABAD CENTER FOR JEWISH LIFE & LEARNING

14535 Blanco Rd. (210) 764-0300

Saturday, Sept. 5

Selichot Services - 1 a.m. (Sun. Morning)

Sunday, Sept. 13

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Shachrit - 8 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14

Rosh Hashanah Day One

Shachrit - 9 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 11 a.m.

Shofar Service - 12 p.m.

Mussaf - 12:45 p.m.

Minchah - 5:30 p.m.

Tashlich@ Edgewater - 6 p.m.

Maariv - 8:15 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Rosh Hashanah Day Two

Shachrit - 9 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 11 a.m.

Shofar Service - 12 p.m.

Mussaf - 12:45 p.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7:20 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Fast of Gedalya

Shachrit - 6:30 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Erev Shabbat Shuvah

Shachrit - 6:30 a.m.

Minchah & Kabbalat Shabbat - 7:20 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Shabbat Shuvah

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 11 a.m.

Minchah, Seudat Shlishit & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Erev Yom Kippur/Yom Kippur Eve

Shachrit - 6:30 a.m.

Minchah - 3 p.m.

Kol Nidrei - 7:15 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Yom Kippur Day

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 12 p.m.

Yizkor - 1 p.m.

Minchah - 5:45 p.m.

Neilah - 7 p.m.

End of Fast - 8:05 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 27

Erev Sukkot

Shachrit - 8 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7:15 p.m.

Annual Sukkot Dinner following services,

RSVP 764-0300

Monday, Sept. 28

Sukkot Day One

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Sukkot Day Two

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7 p.m.

Wednesday-Friday, Sept. 30-Oct. 2

Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shachrit - 6:30 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 7 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 3

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.

Minchah, Seudat Shlishit & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4

Hoshanah Rabbah/Shemini Atzeret Eve

Shachrit - 8 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv (Hakkafot) - 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 5

Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah Eve

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.

Yizkor - 11:30 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.

Children's Program - 7 p.m.

Simchat Torah Dancing-Hakkafot - 8 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Simchat Torah

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading, Aliyot Honors/Hakkafot - 11 a.m.

Minchah & Maari - 6:45 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 10

Shabbat Bereishit

Shachrit - 9:30 a.m.

Babysitting & Junior Minyan - 10:30 a.m.

Torah Reading & Sermon - 10:30 a.m.

Minchah & Maariv - 6:45 p.m.

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CONGREGATION AGUDAS ACHIM

16550 Huebner Road; San Antonio TX 78248 (210) 479-0307 www.agudas-achim.org

Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 5 - 8:30 p.m.

Havdalah and Special Speaker in partnership with AIPAC

Mr. Gabriel Mitchell

“Turkey: Israel’s Friend or Foe?”

Torah Scroll Mantle Change and Procession
Selichot Service followed by Tacos & Tequila

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 13 - 8 p.m.

Babysitting provided during service

First Day Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 14 - 8 a.m.

Youth Services (birth –high school) 11 a.m.

Babysitting provided during service

Second Day Rosh Hashanah

Tuesday, Sept. 15 - 8 a.m.

Youth Services (birth -8th grade) 11 a.m.

Babysitting provided during service

Kiddush luncheon following

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, Sept. 18 - 6:15 p.m.

Oneg following

Shabbat Shuvah

Saturday, Sept. 19 - 9 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon following

Kever Avot/Memorial Services

Sunday, Sept. 20

Memorial Gardens – 9 a.m.

Palmetto Street - 10:30 a.m.

Tashlich Service

Sunday, Sept. 20 - 5:30 p.m.

Riverwalk at original Agudas Achim site
102 Aubrey St. 78204

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, Sept. 22 - 7 p.m.

Babysitting provided during service

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Sept. 23 - 9 a.m.

Youth Services (birth – high school) 11 a.m.

Musaf - 11:15 a.m.

Yizkor - 12:30 p.m.

Afternoon Recess - 2 p.m. – 4 p.m.

Avodah – 4 p.m.

Martyrology - 4:30 p.m.

Mincha - 5 p.m.

Neilah - 6:15 p.m.

Babysitting provided during services

Children’s Processional - Final Shofar - Family

Havdalah - 8:12 p.m.

Break the Fast

Erev Sukkot

Sunday, Sept. 27 - 6:15 p.m.

Oneg following

Family Dinner – Shawarma in the Sukkah

Reservation required

Sukkot First Day

Monday, Sept. 28 - 9 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah

Club Agudas Achim – Sangria in the Sukkah
7 p.m.

Reservation required

Sukkot Second Day

Tuesday, Sept. 29 - 9 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon in the Sukkah

Singles in the Sukkah - 7 p.m.

Reservation required

Heintz Preschool’s Pizza-in-the-Hut

Wednesday, Sept.30 - 5 p.m.

Reservation required

Young Couples Club of Agudas (YCCA)

Thursday, October 1

7pm

Saki & Sushi in the Sukkah

Reservations Required

Friday Night With Friends Musical

Chol Hamoed Kabbalat Shabbat and Potluck Dinner

Friday, Oct. 2 - 6:15 p.m.

Family Dinner - 7:15 p.m.

Dairy/parve potluck

Shabbat Chol Hamoed Sukkot

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 9 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon following service in Sukkah

Teen Camp Out in the Sukkah

Saturday, Oct. 3 - 7 p.m.

Havdalah 8 p.m.

Reservation required

Hoshanah Rabbah

Sunday, Oct. 4 - 7:30 a.m.

Breakfast in the Sukkah

Sh’mini Atzeret (Yizkor)

Monday, Oct. 5 - 9 a.m.

Yizkor -11 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon following

Erev Simchat Torah

Monday, Oct. 5 - 6 p.m.

Family Hot Dog Dinner sponsored by Sisterhood

Reservation required

Service/Kinder Consecration - 7:15 p.m.

Dancing with Sifrei Torah

Dessert following

Simchat Torah

Tuesday, Oct. 6 - 9 a.m.

Service & Dancing with Sifrei Torah

Kiddush luncheon following

Friday Night with Friends Musical Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, Oct. 9 - 6:15 p.m.

Oneg following

Shabbat Bereshit

Saturday, Oct. 10 - 9 a.m.

Kiddush luncheon following

CONGREGATION BETH AM

7150 IH 10 West, San Antonio, TX 78213/[betham{grandecom.net/}](http://betham.grandecom.net/) (210) 492-2173/ www.bethamsatx.org/Reconstructionist

Kabbalat Shabbat

Friday, Sept. 4, 6:30 p.m.

Fellowship Hall, UUC
(includes Selichot service)

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 13, 7:15 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 14, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Service, Fellowship Hall

Tashlich, 3 p.m.

Joske Pavilion, Brackenridge Park

Shabbat Shuva

Saturday, Sept. 19 10 a.m.

Fellowship Hall

Kol Nidre

Tuesday, Sept. 22, 6:45 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Sept. 23, 9:30 a.m.

Morning Service, Fellowship Hall

Yizkor, noon

Fellowship Hall

Forum, 5 p.m., Lounge

Mincha, 6 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Ne’ila, 7 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Havdalah, 8 p.m., on patio, followed

by Break-the-Fast, Lounge

Sukkot

Friday, Oct. 2, 6:30 p.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat, Fellowship Hall
followed by dinner in the Sukkah

Simchat Torah

Sunday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.

Jefferson Bldg. at the UUC

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CONGREGATION ISRAEL OF SAN ANTONIO

2652 Inwood Briar San Antonio, TX 78248 (210) 387-2436/Fax (210) 764 0859 www.congregationisraelsatx.org

Selichot Penitential Service

Saturday, Sept. 5

Selichot penitential Services-9 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 13

Evening Service -7:30 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 14

Morning Service-9 am

Rosh Hashanah-Day 2

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Morning Service-9 a.m.

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Kol Nidre Service -7 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Morning Service-9 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service-12:30 p.m.

Mincha -5 p.m.

Followed by Neilah

Concluding Shofar-8:12 p.m.

Followed by Maariv, Havdalah and

Break the Fast

CONGREGATION RODFEI SHOLOM

3003 Sholom Drive San Antonio, TX 78230 rodfeisa@gmail.com (210) 493-3557 www.rodfeisholom.org

Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 5

Services - 11:45 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 13

Evening Services - 7 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 7:24 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah

Monday, Sept. 14

Morning Services - 8 a.m.

Shofar Service - 11 a.m.

Evening Services - 7 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 8:23 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Morning Services - 8 a.m.

Shofar Service - 11 a.m.

Shabbos Shuva

Shabbat of Repentance

Friday, Sept. 18

Kabbalat Shabbat - 7 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 7:18 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 19

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

Havdalah - 8:17 p.m.

Tashlich

Sunday, Sept. 20

10 a.m. - 12 noon

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, Sept. 22

Mincha - 3 p.m.

Kol Nidre - 7 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 7:13 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Sept. 23

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Yizkor Memorial Service - 12:30 p.m.

Mincha - 5:15 p.m.

Ne'ilah - 6:45 p.m.

Sounding of Shofar - 8:12 p.m.

Erev Sukkot

Sunday, Sept. 27

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 7:07 p.m.

Sukkot

Monday, Sept. 28

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 8:06 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 29

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 8:06 p.m.

Chol Ha-Moed Sukkot

Wednesday, Sept. 30 & Thursday,

Oct. 1

Morning Services - 6:30 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 2

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Kabbalat Shabbat - 6:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 7 p.m.

SHABBAT CHOL HA-MOED

SUKKOT

Saturday, Oct. 3

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

HOSHANA RABBA

Sunday, Oct. 4

Morning Services - 8 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 6:59 p.m.

YIZKOR/SHEMINI ATZERET

Monday, Oct. 5

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

Yizkor Services - 10:30 a.m.

Mincha/Ma'ariv - 6:45 p.m.

Candle Lighting - 7:58 p.m.

Hakafot-Simchat Torah - 8 p.m.

SIMCHAT TORAH

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Morning Services - 9 a.m.

FORT SAM HOUSTON JEWISH CONGREGATION / JEWISH MILITARY COMMUNITY

All services will be held at The Fort Sam Houston Main Post Chapel, Building 2200, 1605 Wilson Way, Fort Sam Houston, Texas 78234

Call (210) 221-2754 for more information.

Eve of (Erev) Rosh Hashanah, 1st day

Sunday, 13 SEP, 2015 @ 2000 Hrs (8 p.m.)

Rosh Hashanah, 1st day

Monday, 14 SEP, 2015 @ 0900 Hrs (9 a.m.)

Eve of (Erev) Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day

Monday, 14 SEP, 2015 @ 2000 Hrs (8 p.m.)

Rosh Hashanah, 2nd day

Tuesday, 15 SEP, 2015 @ 0900 Hrs (9 a.m.)

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, 18 SEP, 2015 @ 2000 Hrs (8 p.m.)

Eve of (Erev)

Yom Kippur – Kol Nidre

Tuesday, 22 Sep, 2015 @ 1915 Hrs (7:15 p.m.)

Beginning of fast and candle lighting 1913 Hrs (7:13 p.m.)

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, 23 SEP 2015 @ 0900 Hrs (9 a.m.)

Yom Kippur Holiday and fast ends with blowing of the Shofar @ 2012 Hrs (8:12 p.m.).

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JEWISH COMMUNITY OF THE HILL COUNTRY

960 Barnett, Kerrville, Texas 78028 www.jchc-kerrville.org. For more information call President Dale Flashberg (830) 331-8941

Rosh Hashanah

Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, Sept. 13, 2015 at 7 p.m.
Rosh Hashanah Services – Monday, Sept. 14, at 10 a.m.
Lunch with Tashlich Service follows

Yom Kippur

Kol Nidre – Tuesday, Sept. 23, at 7 p.m.
Yom Kippur – Wednesday, Sept. 24 at 10 a.m.
Break the fast follows

TEMPLE BETH-EL

211 Belknap Place; San Antonio, TX 78212 (210) 733-9135 www.beth-elsa.org

SELICHOT

SATURDAY, SEPT. 5

6 p.m.--Selichot Dinner & Movie
8:30 p.m.--Selichot Dessert Reception
9 p.m.--Selichot Service

ROSH HASHANAH

SUNDAY, SEPT. 13

6:30 p.m.--Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (early service)
8:45 p.m.--Erev Rosh Hashanah Service (late service)

MONDAY, SEPT. 14

9 a.m.--Children's Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m.--Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m.--Rosh Hashanah Morning Service (Barshop Auditorium)
12:30 p.m.--Tashlich Service at San Pedro Springs Park, after service, with Apples and Honey

KEVER AVOT-

CEMETERY MEMORIAL SERVICE

SUNDAY, SEPT. 20

3 p.m.--Temple Beth-El Cemetery (Palmetto St.)
4 p.m.--Beth-El Memorial Park (Austin Highway)

YOM KIPPUR

TUESDAY, SEPT. 22

6:30 p.m.--Kol Nidre Service (early service)
8:45 p.m.--Kol Nidre Service (late service)

WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 23

9 a.m.--Children's Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
9 a.m. to 5 p.m.--Meditation and self-study with music for adults (Oppenheimer Chapel)
10:30 a.m.--Yom Kippur Morning Service (Wulfe Sanctuary)
10:30 a.m.--Yom Kippur Morning Service (Barshop Auditorium)
1 p.m.--Yom Kippur Symposium
2:30 p.m.--Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
4:30 p.m.--Yizkor-Memorial Service
4:30 p.m.--Program for school-aged children
5:30 p.m.--Neilah-Concluding Service
Following services, Break-the-Fast in the

Barshop Auditorium, hosted by Temple Beth-El Sisterhood

SUKKOT

SUNDAY, SEPT. 27

6 p.m.--Erev Sukkot Service at the home of Rabbi Mara and Larry Nathan

MONDAY, SEPT. 28

10:30 a.m.--Sukkot Morning Festival Worship (Wulfe Sanctuary)

ATZERET-SIMCHAT TORAH

SUNDAY, OCT. 4

6:30 p.m.--Erev Atzeret-Simchat Torah Service and Consecration

MONDAY, OCT. 5

10:30 a.m.--Atzeret-Simchat Torah Morning Festival Worship Service with Yizkor

TEMPLE CHAI

2121 Lockhill Selma, San Antonio, TX 78213 (210) 340-2090 All services will be held at the Temple's new facility at - 2121 Lockhill Selma (NE Corner of NW Military Hwy) unless otherwise noted. More information at www.templechaisa.org/hhd.

Selichot

Saturday, Sept. 5
Service – 9 p.m.

Erev Rosh Hashanah

Sunday, Sept. 13
Service – 8 p.m.

Rosh Hashanah – Day

Monday, Sept. 14
Service – 10 a.m.

Shabbat Shuvah

Friday, Sept. 18

Service – 6:45 p.m.

Tashlich

Sunday, Sept. 20
Ceremony – 10:30 a.m. (at Brackenridge Park, near Joske Pavilion)

Erev Yom Kippur

Tuesday, Sept. 22
Kol Nidre Service – 8 p.m.

Yom Kippur

Wednesday, Sept. 23
Morning Service – 10 a.m.
Afternoon Study with Rabbi David Komerofsky – 1 p.m.
Contemplative Musical Service – 3 p.m.
Yizkor Memorial Service – 4 p.m.
Neilah Closing Service – 5 p.m.
Break-the-Fast by Temple Chai Sisterhood – 6:30 p.m.

Shabbat Sukkot

Friday, Oct. 2
Service – 6:45 p.m. (at the home of Rabbi David Komerofsky and Ronit Sherwin)

Shabbat

(celebration of Simchat Torah)

Friday, Oct. 9
Service – 6:45 p.m.

HIGH HOLIDAYS

Music to serve as centerpiece at Temple Chai High Holiday services

Temple Chai will welcome back Cantorial Soloist Lauren Langbaum during the congregation's high holiday services at 2121 Lockhill-Selma. Langbaum will be accompanied by Temple Chai's long-time principal pianist, Manahara Virasinha.

Langbaum, a musical theatre graduate student in New York, graduated from San Antonio's Clark High School and Boston Conservatory of Music with a degree in Classical Vocal Performance. She has performed in a variety of operas and musical theatre shows in New York City and recently



Cantorial Soloist Lauren Langbaum

understudied the role of Antonia in *The Man from La Mancha* at Barrington Stage Company.

The Selichot service on September 5 features soprano Lisa Goldstein, RJE, presenting special melodies accompanied by Michael Stern, M.D. A veteran

Jewish educator, Goldstein previously has served as Cantorial Soloist for the High Holy Days at Village Reform Congregation in Pembroke Pines, Florida, and as year-round soloist for Beth El The Beaches Synagogue in Ponte Vedra, Florida.

Violinist Stephanie Vargas also returns to render Bruch's masterpiece, *Kol Nidre*, on erev Yom Kippur. Virasinha, a native of Sri Lanka who studied at Baltimore's Peabody Conservatory of Music, joins music director and pianist Stern for Temple Chai's Yom Kippur afternoon Contemplative Music Service, a wordless, meditative addition to the

main theme of *t'shuvah*, repentance.

"Our services this year will be even more meaningful and spiritually uplifting now that Lisa will begin our observances and Lauren will be singing at all of our High Holy Days services," said Ron Heller, Temple Chai president. "We are blessed to have such high-quality singers, and musicians like Manahara and Mike who add great depth to our experiences."

The community is welcome to attend. For more information, please call the Temple Chai office, (210) 340-2090, or go to www.templechaisa.org.

Agudas Achim Kol Nidre Food Drive

The Social Action Committee of Congregation Agudas Achim will host a Kol Nidre Food Drive benefiting the San Antonio Food Bank.

Donations of non-perishable foods may be dropped off in one of the several food bank barrels at the synagogue. Items most needed include peanut butter, canned vegetables and soups, cereal, tuna, macaroni and cheese, beans and rice. No glass items, please.

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HIGH HOLIDAYS

High Holidays at Chabad Center

Annual Sukkot Family Dinner to be held at Chabad

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning will host a community Sukkot Family Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 27, at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd. Services will be held at 7 p.m. and the dinner will begin at 7:30 p.m.

The festive event will be held in the center's spacious Sukkah and will feature a traditional holiday dinner, singing and L'chaims. Cost is \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

To RSVP, contact Chabad at (210) 764-0300 or by emailing info@ChabadSA.com.

Chabad to Host Annual Sushi in the Sukkah

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning's annual Sushi in the Sukkah event will take place on Wednesday, Sept. 30, from 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd. The adult only event will be held in the center's spacious Sukkah and will feature an on-site sushi chef, a kosher wine selection, and lots of socializing. Cost is \$20 per person.

RSVP by calling Chabad at (210) 764-0300 or by emailing info@ChabadSA.com.

Simchat Torah at Chabad

The Chabad Center for Jewish Life & Learning invites the community to attend its Simchat Torah Kiddush and Hakafot on Monday, Oct. 5, at the Chabad Center, 14535 Blanco Rd. An interactive educational program for children will begin at 7 p.m. Hakafot dancing and a Kiddush with light refreshments will begin at 7:45 p.m. No RSVP is necessary.

Lulav and Etrog Sets Available

Chabad will have Lulav & Etrog sets available for sale. Please contact the Chabad office at 210-764-0300 by September 8. Cost is \$50 per set.

Rosh Hashanah story time with Rabbi Abraham

Area families are invited to join Rabbi Jeffrey of Congregation Agudas Achim for a fun interactive Rosh Hashanah story time on Thursday, Sept. 10 at 4:30 p.m. at Barnes & Noble at The Shops at La Cantera. Rabbi Abraham will read holiday books and play games with children preschool to early elementary school age. There is no charge to attend. Following the program, families will gather for a no-host dinner at Grimaldi's Pizza.

Camp out in the Sukkah

Congregation Agudas Achim USY invites all community teens to join them for a sleepover in the Sukkah on Saturday, Oct. 3 at 7 p.m. The free event will include an outdoor Havdalah service followed by games, snacks and surprises. Contact USY Advisor, Eric Steitz for more information and to RSVP at usy.advisor@agudas-achim.org.

Sukkah decoration Fun Day

Rodfei Sholom invites area children to a Sukkah Sunday Fun Day on Sunday, Sept. 27 from 9:30 – 11 a.m. to make decorations and hang them in the congregation's Sukkah. Enjoy light refreshments, while creating masterpieces that will beautify the Sukkah or can be taken home to be enjoyed during Sukkot.

RSVP by Monday, Sept. 21, to the synagogue office at (210) 493-3557 or rodfeisa@gmail.com.

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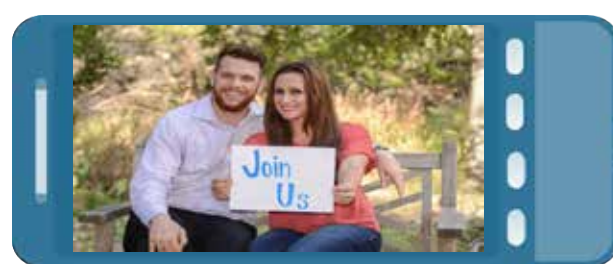
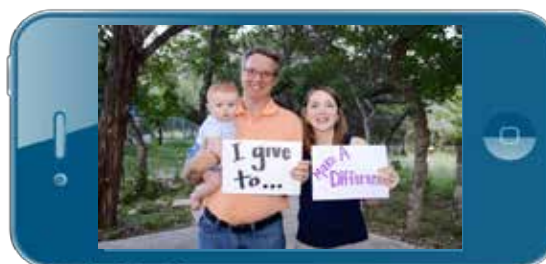
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HIGH HOLIDAYS

Rodfei Sholom High Holiday festivities

Rodfei Sholom will host its annual Rosh Hashanah luncheon on Tuesday, Sept. 15 (second day of Rosh Hashanah), immediately following services. It will be a complete, traditional home-cooked meal including gefilte fish, round raisin challahs, apples and honey and much more. RSVP by Friday, Sept. 11.

On Friday, Oct. 2, Rodfei Sholom will host its annual Shabbat dinner in the Sukkah. RSVP by Friday, Sept. 25.

All seniors are welcome to attend the dinners at a reduced price thanks to a generous grant from Golden Manor and co-sponsorship of Rodfei Sholom.

For more information

and to RSVP contact the synagogue office at (210) 493-3557 or rodfeisa@gmail.com.

The congregation will send a Rosh Hashanah gift to seniors, as it does for all the holidays. If you would like to add someone's name to the list, contact the synagogue office.

New Year celebration for Young Jewish adults

To ring in the Jewish New Year, Jewish Federation and The Tribe, a social organization open to all young Jewish adults in the San Antonio area, will celebrate the Jewish New Year with an Appletini celebration on Saturday, Sept. 26 at 8 p.m.

The dessert and cocktail event offers the opportunity to visit to meet new friends, reunite with old friends, and make a toast to

the new year.

The event will be held at the home of Elisa and Lance Reinsmith. For more information, directions and to RSVP, contact Caitlin Strayer at the Federation offices at (210) 302-6800 or strayerc@jfsatx.org.

For upcoming events, follow the Tribe on Facebook.

Heintz Preschool to host annual Pizza In The Hut

Heintz Preschool will host its 15th annual community-wide Pizza in the Hut, a lively annual celebration of Sukkot, on Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. in the Schaffer Courtyard at Congregation Agudas Achim.

Kids DJ, Magic Mike, is back by popular demand. Guests will dance and eat in celebration of the Festival of the Tabernacles. Tickets for adults are \$10 and children 2-11

are \$5. Children under 2 are free. Admission includes a pizza dinner, music, dancing and arts and crafts. Tips are accepted, as all proceeds support Heintz Preschool enrichment programming throughout the school year.

Reservation deadline is Friday, Sept. 25. For more information and to make reservations, contact Celina Geidesman at (210) 479-0429 or c.geidesman@agudas-achim.org.

Sukkot at Agudas Achim

Congregation Agudas Achim offers several opportunities to fulfill the mitzvah of eating in the Sukkah with several different dinners:

Shawarma in the Sukkah: Sunday, Sept. 27 following Sukkot service beginning at 6:15 p.m. Celebrate Sukkot with an authentic Israeli dinner. This family dinner requires reservations and the cost is \$18/adult, \$10/children 6-11, and under 5 is free

Sangria in the Sukkah: Monday, Sept. 28 at 7 p.m.

Club Agudas Achim (Agudas' 40s-50's group) is hosting this adult only evening in the Sukkah featuring a light dinner of tapas and sangria. Reservations are required and the cost is \$15/person.

Singles in the Sukkah: Tuesday, Sept. 29 at 7 p.m.

All Jewish singles are invited to mix and mingle in the Sukkah. Pizza and beer will be served. Reservations are required and the cost is \$15/person.

Saki & Sushi in the Sukkah: Thursday, Oct. 1 from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

The Young Couples Club of Agudas (YCCA ages 25-45) will host an evening in the Sukkah featuring sushi, and saki. The cost is \$50/couple. Reservations are required.

Potluck in the Sukkah: Friday, Oct. 2 following Friday Night With Friends musical kabbalat Shabbat service at 6:15 p.m. Bring the family and your favorite covered dish and feed your soul at Agudas Achim's popular musical kabbalat Shabbat service and then feed your body at the informal dairy/parve potluck in the Sukkah. No reservations necessary. There will be a Bounce House for the kids.

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New Jewish bereavement group and learning series offered by JFS and congregations

Recognizing an ongoing need for grief support and information in our Jewish community, San Antonio area congregational rabbis and cantors are partnering with Jewish Family Service (JFS) to offer comfort and guidance for people who are grieving the loss of loved ones. Whether you are suffering a recent loss or are simply curious about what Judaism teaches about death, the learning series and support group are available to anyone seeking wisdom and counsel.

JFS and the congregations will offer a three-part series in October, followed by a regular support

group. The learning series, *Walking a Narrow Bridge – Navigating Grief and Mourning in Jewish Tradition*, will meet three consecutive Tuesdays (Oct. 13, 20 and 27) at 7 p.m. at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community. The series is open to the entire community, and is appropriate for anyone with questions about traditional practices and their modern interpretation and application. The topics will range from the practical to the philosophical, with a variety of approaches presented.

As a follow-up to the series, JFS will offer an

ongoing support group, *Makom Yinachem – A Space for Comfort*. More information about the support group and how to register will be available at the learning series.

These initiatives are sponsored by Jewish Family Service in cooperation with Chabad Center for Jewish Life and Learning, Congregation Agudas Achim, Congregation Rodfei Sholom, Temple Beth-El, and Temple Chai.

To learn more, call JFS at (210) 302-6920, visit www.jfs-sa.org, or contact one of the sponsoring congregations.

Getting closer to God in the New Year

It is not a new concept to state that Judaism is a liturgical religion. The very basis of its worship is a set order of prayers at fixed times of day, every day. Even with that said, there is considerable liberty for the interjection of personal petitions in the weekday *Amidah*. Our deeply rooted belief in *Olam Habah*, The World to Come, comes about as the result of an earthly life of moral, intellectual and spiritual *forshpeiz*, acquirement.

This approach promises that living a life of *Kedushah*, holiness, will in effect give us a foretaste of the world to come. It is a difficult and challenging effort, but who said it should be easy? I am reminded of



Rabbi's Voice

ABRAHAM
Senior Rabbi at
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Agudas Achim

the comment from a *chavruta*, study partner, as I told him I was going home to relieve the babysitter before our prayer service was over. "When you get to heaven, it is like a baseball game, and you may get in the ballpark, but the 'better' you have been, the better your seat." We must strive to make our lives the constant effort of getting closer to God. This is the essence of Judaism from whatever denomination or stripe you hail.

The piercing blast of

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Keeping the Spark Alive

This Jewish new year of 5776 is called a *Shanah Meuberet*, a “pregnant year,” otherwise known as a Jewish leap year.

Unlike a secular leap year which requires the addition of only one day (February 29th), a Jewish leap year requires the addition of an entire month, a second month of Adar, to reconcile the difference between a solar year and a lunar year.

In the Gregorian calendar, which is a solar based system, a year is 365 days. These 365 days are then divided into twelve parts which form the secular months of the year. The Jewish calendar, however, is a lunar based calendar following the monthly cycle of the moon. Each lunar cycle is approximately 29.5 days, and twelve lunar months comprise a Jewish year, which is 354 days -- eleven days shorter than the solar year of 365 days.

In order for the festivals to retain their timing relative to the seasons, as the Torah mandates, an adjustment must be made to enable the lunar calendar to maintain harmony with the solar cycle. This is the reason that every two or three years, an entire month is added to the Jewish year.

There is an important lesson that we can learn from this system. The moon, which waxes and wanes, represents the dynamic, ever



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changing aspects of life. The sun, however, which shines strongly and constantly, represents the steady, consistent, never changing aspects of life.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur come around every year with predictable consistency and it is sometimes hard to motivate ourselves for another round of synagogue attendance, sermons, dinners etc. Perhaps, if we recognized that each year possesses its “mystical karma” and carries its own unique message, we would be energized anew and open our hearts to the soul stirring inspiration of this year’s High Holiday season.

Our annual observance of our High Holidays is the consistent sun aspect of our tradition. Bringing new enthusiasm and energy to the holiday and finding new meaning and relevance to our hallowed traditions, is bringing in the lunar quality to the celebration of our High Holidays.

This is essentially what a leap year and the reconciling of the solar and lunar cycles teaches us. That not only are the sun and the moon, the forces of change

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High Holy Day Reflections – 2015

“Where do you belong?” For many Jewish people, that’s a pretty simple question; it’s about synagogue membership. I am a member of several congregations, and my family is deeply connected to youth group and religious school in a few different places. I am personally most active as the spiritual leader and a member of Temple Chai. Because Temple Chai is celebrating our first High Holy Days this year in our own space (with possibilities and limitations that were never issues before), I’m thinking a lot about what it means to “belong.”

We Jewish people talk about “belonging to congregations” and intend it in a positive way, because



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Spiritual leader
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joining a synagogue means finding a spiritual and social community of which we can be an active part and where we feel at home, like we truly belong. But “belonging” is naturally exclusive. In order for some people to belong, it must mean that there are others who do not belong. Some are in and some are out, and that’s necessary because congregations require ongoing support to do what people need for them to do. Membership commitments

cannot be taken for granted and are significant this time of year because seats for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur are at a premium. Worship services are meant to challenge the soul and elevate the spirit, and shouldn’t be reduced to paying-for-praying. Of course a congregation must ensure that it has sufficient space for the people who sustain it year-round. It would be inappropriate to displace people whose involvement and support make possible not just the High Holy days, but everything else congregations do the other 360 days each year.

But how we interact with those who choose to

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May it be a good year ahead

What's the difference between wishing someone "Happy New Year" and wishing someone a Shana Tovah? Reconstructionist Rabbi Bonnie Koppel puts the seemingly synonymous greetings in perspective: "When we say "happy new year" we evoke images of revelers drinking champagne, laughing and dancing-a party atmosphere. But what comes to mind when we ask for a "shana tovah," a **good** year? Certainly, an image of sobriety and concern."

What might make this a good year? Our attention is drawn to more fundamental concerns: health, family life, education and professional development. But also more global concerns: well-being in our Jewish community,



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MARA S. NATHAN
Senior Rabbi at
Temple Beth-El

security in Israel, a just and equitable United States of America. To have a good year we should be working towards bringing these ideals towards fruition. For us Jews, being 'Happy' is really beside the point.

Leo Rosten the great 20th Century Yiddishist, addressed the issue of what is happiness, writing: "Ask an American mother what she wants most for her child. The chances are she will reply: 'To be happy.' But there was a time when what we most wanted for our children or ourselves, was to

amount to something. What is this myth, happiness, that has bamboozled so many of us?.....Where was it ever promised to us that life on earth can ever be easy, free from conflict and uncertainty, devoid of anguish and wonder and pain?...The purpose of life is not to be happy. The purpose of life is to matter, to be productive, to have it make some difference that you lived at all. Happiness, in the ancient, noble sense, means self-fulfillment-and is given to those who use to the fullest whatever talents God or luck or fate bestowed upon them. Happiness, to me, lies in stretching, to the farthest boundaries of which we are capable, the resources of the

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How will I be better in the New Year?

Rosh Hashanah. It is the day Man was created. It is the New Year (for certain things). It is the day that renews our acceptance of G-d as King.

It is the day nations are judged. We talk about things we can do to better the world. *Tikkun Olam* (repairing the world) is always a major theme. Or *Lagoyim* (a light to the nations) is another.

Themes and missions that touch on the Universal part of the day, but lack somewhat in the individual, personal relationship-based aspect of Rosh Hashanah.

Rosh Hashanah is also the day that we are examined and examine.

The day that we look back at the previous year and ask ourselves, "How different am I today than at this time last year?"

Based on my performances in the past, is it realistic and truthful that I think that this coming year I will be better?

I think there are two reasons we neglect that aspect. Firstly and simply, it is overshadowed by the magnitude of the Universal



Rabbi's Voice

AVRAHAM SCHEINBERG
Assistant Rabbi
at Congregation
Rodfei Sholom

theme of the day. It is enough to fill our whole day.

Secondly, it is because we would rather fix the world (or talk about it) than fix ourselves.

We would rather tackle world hunger than not shooting death daggers with our eyes at anybody that annoys us before our morning coffee. Really? Unfortunately, yes.

Talking about what is wrong with the world, community or other people. Easy. Talking about what is wrong with ourselves, not so much. Thinking of ways for the world to be better, Yes. Thinking of ways for myself to be better, No. We want to believe that by perfecting the world we are perfecting ourselves. But, by perfecting ourselves we perfect the world, might be closer to the truth. May we all merit a sweet year and be written in the Book of Life.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

TEAM SAN ANTONIO TAKES JCC MACCABI GAMES® BY STORM



Three San Antonio soccer boys, Jacob Roos, Ben Carlson, and Ethan Kabbe, joined a South Jersey mixed team, and received the bronze medal at the 2015 JCC Maccabi Games in Dallas, TX.



Peyton Ausburn and Merrill Kasanoff represented San Antonio on a blended girls basketball team with girls from the 92nd Street Y and Albany.

The Barshop JCC recently took twenty-eight athletes (including two athletes from our Sister City in Israel) to compete in this year's JCC Maccabi Games® in Dallas. Over the span of six days, from August 2-7, the athletes competed in a variety of different sports against teams from throughout the U.S., as well as Israel, Mexico, Australia, and Panama. Team San Antonio competed in basketball, soccer, baseball, volleyball, tennis, table tennis, dodge ball, and even had one "Star Reporter" who was able to attend multiple events per day, take pictures and video, and write articles to be printed in the daily news flyer that was distributed within the Dallas JCC for everyone to see. The team brought home bronze medals in soccer, baseball, and volleyball, as well as individual bronze and silver medals for tennis.

ALAMO BREWERY TOUR ON TAP FOR RECENT JNETSA GATHERING

On August 6, more than 3 dozen JNetSA participants enjoyed a private tour and evening event at Alamo Brewery. Rabbi Avraham Scheinberg gave the D'var Torah. JNetSA holds monthly Jewish networking events featuring various inspiring community and business leaders. The full schedule of JNetSA events can be found on www.jnetsa.com.

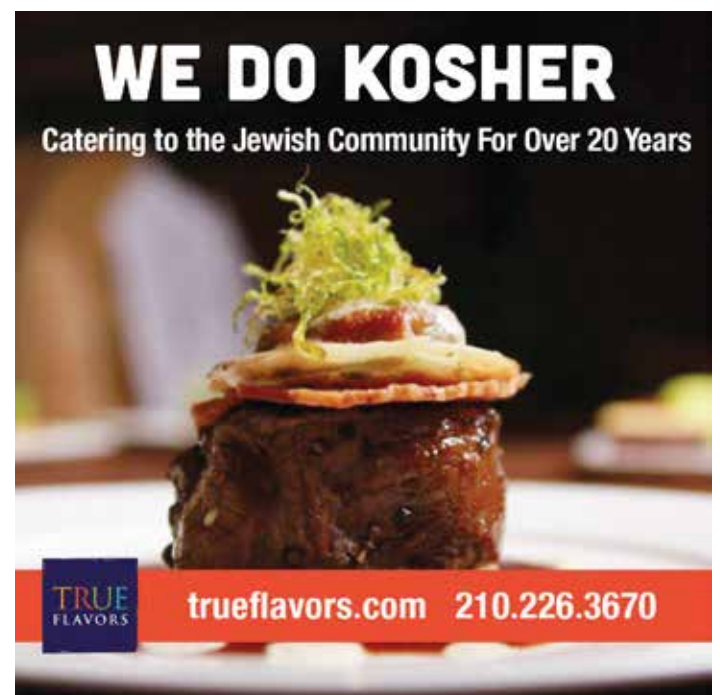
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On Tuesday, July 28, more than 50 seniors of Chabad's Sunshine Club met for *kibbitzing* with friends over lunch prepared by Aroma Grill. Rabbi Levi Teldon shared a D'var Torah about the Jewish people being the "fewest among the nations" and Danielle Saar, a TV news reporter, comedian, and actress, entertained the crowd with interactive improv games and stories about life being single having a Jewish mother. Participants also had the opportunity to share their favorite Jewish joke.

For more information about the Sunshine Club, visit www.ChabadSA.com/SunshineClub.



RODFEI SUNDAY FUN DAY

Moms and kids enjoyed time together during the Sunday Fun Day at the Painted Plate



CLUB AGUDAS ACHIM

Barbie Scharf Zeldes and Eric Muchnick join other members of Club Agudas Achim, a group for the 40's-50's set, during the group's recent progressive dinner.



IT'S A WRAP FOR THIS YEAR!

Camp Gan Israel concluded its 27th summer session with more than 100 happy campers throughout the months of June and July. For more information and photo albums, visit www.GanIsraelSA.com.



WHAT'S HAPPENING



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Campers from Camp Rodfei enjoyed a fun-filled day during a field trip to SeaWorld San Antonio in July.



YCCA DATE NIGHT

The Young Couples Club of Agudas (YCCA) headed to Dave & Buster's last month for an evening of fun. Contact Agudas Achim for future programs at (210) 479-0307.

SUMMER ENRICHMENT PROGRAM AT RODFEI SHOLOM



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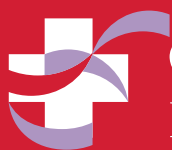
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HIGH HOLIDAYS

A time for personal reflection and community commitment

In the High Holiday Season should we be spending time seeking personal salvation or national salvation? Should we be spending time on the issues confronting Israel and the Jewish people or spending time on moral perfection and personal salvation? What should be our primary goals on this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur?

Our Torah reading on Rosh Hashanah begins with Abraham and Sarah and the birth of a great nation. G-d says, "For I know him that he will command his children and household after him. And they will keep will keep the ways of the Lord to preform righteousness and justice." (Genesis 18:19)

It is precisely Abraham's and his children's love of righteousness and justice, those quintessentially political virtues that G-d picks out for praise and wishes to see perpetuated.

The book of Ruth in describing Ruth's conversion to Judaism speaks to a new relationship with G-d and a new nationality. Ruth says, "my people will be your people she tells her mother in-law Naomi" and only then



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the phrase and "your G-d will be my G-d". (Ruth 1:16)

Religious covenant with the Jewish people has always been linked with Jewish nationhood. As G-d says to Abraham, "And the Lord says to Abraham, get the out of thy country and from thy father's house and to the land that I will show thee and I will make of thee a great nation and will bless thee and make thy name great". (Genesis 12:1-3) Abraham is to become the "Father of Many Nations". He is destined to lead the establishment of the Earthly Kingdom of G-d."

While the Jewish people are a nation their nationhood is not dependent on the land of Israel. Torah and Sinai occurred before entering the Holy Land. After the Jews entered the Promised Land their nationhood did not depend on remaining in it. After they were exiled from

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Sheriff Pamerleau to speak at NCJW meeting

Bexar County Sheriff Susan L. Pamerleau will be the speaker at the opening meeting of the San Antonio section of the National Council of Jewish Women (NCJW) on Wednesday, Sept. 9 at 7 p.m. at the home of Shari Pulman.

Sheriff Pamerleau is the chief law enforcement officer for the County and oversees the operation of the Bexar County Adult Detention Center. While in the Air Force, she achieved the rank of Major General and has already made major improvements in the operation of the jail and in public safety. A nationally recognized speaker on family violence, and the author of a recent *Express News* op-ed column on early childhood education, Sheriff Pamerleau shares many of NCJW's



concerns regarding the well being of women and children.

The September 9 meeting is open to NCJW members and their guests at no charge although donations are always appreciated. A dessert reception will follow the Sheriff's speech. For further information or reservations, contact Lee Markman, (210) 525-8785 or lmarkman7500@gmail.com.

Agudas Achim Sisterhood Fashion Show and New Member Luncheon

Congregation Agudas Achim Sisterhood will host its 2015 New Member Luncheon and Fashion Show on Sunday, Oct. 4, 2015 at 12 noon in the

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Temple Chai Women's Torah study group begins 8th year

Temple Chai's Women's Torah study group, which started in 2007, begins its 2015-16 season on Thursday, Oct. 1, at 7 p.m. at the congregation's new location at 2121 Lockhill-Selma (northwest corner of Military Highway).

The year will be devoted to examining the biblical depiction of women in Ruth, Esther, and the Song of Songs. The group will meet on the first Thursday of each month, through May 2016, at the Temple Chai office.

The Jewish Publication

Society's newest paperback edition of *The Five Megillot and Jonah*, which includes both English and Hebrew, will be the core text for the class. Supplementary readings and information will be provided.

The class is open to all women in the community; it has studied parashot, contemporary midrashim, and Talmud tractates in the past. For more information and to register, please call Marcia Goren Weser at (210) 824-8791 or marcia@emweser.com.

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Congressman Castro to speak at JWV September meeting

Congressman Julian Castro will speak on Veterans Affairs in the halls of Congress at the monthly meeting of the San Antonio Jewish War Veterans Post 753, Sunday, Sept. 27 at 9:30 a.m. at the Campus of the San Antonio Jewish Community. A light breakfast will be served.

If you are interested in attending the event and are not a member of the San Antonio Post, RSVP to Irwin Barath at (210) 341-4502,



JWV to host Game Day with patients

On Tuesday, Sept. 29, Post members will sponsor a Bingo/Social at Audie Murphy VA Hospital - CTC section from 7 p.m. to 8 pm. If you are interested in volunteering, contact Ken Ashworth at (210) 647-0330 or Herschel Sheiness at (210) 494-8768.

Mid-Winter Meeting planned for January

The San Antonio post will host the mid winter Department of Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana and Oklahoma meeting from January 22-24, 2016. This event will set the tone for the operation of the Department for the period of January to the end of June 2016.

Temple Chai offers *Introduction to Judaism* course

Temple Chai, a progressive congregation, will offer an eight-week "Introduction to Judaism" course beginning Wednesday, Sept. 30 from 7-8:30 p.m. The course will meet at Temple Chai's new location, 2121 Lockhill Selma (at the corner of NW Military Highway).

Taught by Rabbi David Komerofsky, this course introduces the basics of Jewish thought and practice. Interfaith couples, non-Jews considering conversion, and

Jews looking for adult-level basics may find it meaningful. A mix of study, discussion and practical experiences, the course is designed for those interested in exploring a Jewish life. Topics include Jewish holidays, life-cycle events, theology, prayer, Israel and history.

"The only prerequisite is curiosity," said Rabbi Komerofsky. "This course brings ancient ideas and practices to life in a progressive context. The

richness of Jewish life in all of its diversity is a gift that is available to anyone who chooses to accept it. Whether Jewish by choice, by accident or both, it's never too late to learn."

"Introduction to Judaism" is open to the community with \$180 pre-registration. There is no charge to Temple Chai members. For more information or to register, call (210) 340-2090 or visit www.templechaisa.org/intro.

IN THE COMMUNITY: SENIORS



SENIORS LEARN ABOUT YESHIVA

At the August 5th L'Chayim Club luncheon at Congregation Rodfei Sholom, seniors enjoyed hearing young men in the Summer Educational Enrichment Development (SEED) program talk about their experiences in *The World of the Yeshiva*.

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IN THE COMMUNITY: YOUTH

New family programs at Congregation Agudas Achim

Inda Posner Religious School at Congregation Agudas Achim is introducing new family programming this school year. Every month there will be a family service for a different grade in the school, which will include something for

parents and children to work on together as a family. Additionally, there will be a new five-part Family B'nai Mitzvah Class for those families beginning the Bar/Bat Mitzvah process. Contact Sami Burgess at (210) 479-0307 for more information.

Registration open for Chabad Hebrew School

Registration is now open for Chabad Hebrew School. The program is accessible to all Jewish children in the San Antonio area, regardless of their affiliation or level of religious observance.

The program's curriculum, taught using discussion-based and hands-on methods, covers a wide range of topics, including Jewish history, prayer, Israel, weekly Torah portion and Jewish holidays. The Hebrew reading curriculum called Aleph Champ is based on the martial arts motivational philosophy of color-coded reading levels and testing, leading to a winning cycle of learning.

"We create an environment that brings Judaism to life, fosters creativity and supports your child's personal style of learning," said Rabbi Chaim Block. "Our curriculum has been designed to make lasting

positive impact on the life of your child through drama, song, art and stories."

For more information, call Chabad at (210) 764-0300 or visit www.ChabadSA.com/HebrewSchool.

Chabad launches new C-TEEN program

An all-new transformative program for teens is set to begin in early September at Chabad. The program connects Jewish teens with one another in a fun, social setting and guides them in learning about themselves, studying, participating in mitzvah projects, all within a Jewish context and setting. For the inaugural year, 15 special programs and activities, as well as 3 Shabbatons, have been planned. Programs include; Model Shofar Factory, Top Golf, CTeen at the Spurs, Enchanted Rock Excursion and more.

In addition to this new program, Rabbi Yossi Marrus' Torah Teens learning program will continue for its fourth year.

Close to 100 Jewish teens participated in the 2014-2015 school year studying a broad range of Jewish topics including courses on Jewish history, Israel, and modern psychology and more.

"I believe that it is important and vital for teens to continue studying about Judaism, Israel and other relevant issues," said Rabbi Marrus. "These young adults are the future of our people and when given the opportunity truly enjoy the discussions and study about their own heritage."

The 2015-2016 study schedule includes 22 weeks of learning and events. Courses taught will be; Semester 1: Pre High

Holiday Semester (2 wks, Sept.)

Semester 2: Living Your Dream Course (6 wks, Oct.-Nov.)

Semester 3: Jewish Myth Busters (6 wks, Jan.-Feb.)

Semester 4: Jewish Love Secrets (6 wks, Feb.-March)

Semester 5: Jewish Leaders of the 21st Century (2 wks, May)

Classes are taught on Wednesday evening from 7:30-9 p.m. at the Chabad Center. Registration is by individual class or by course.

For more information, visit www.chabadsa.com/cteens, call (210) 764-0300, or email rabbimarrus@chabadsa.com.

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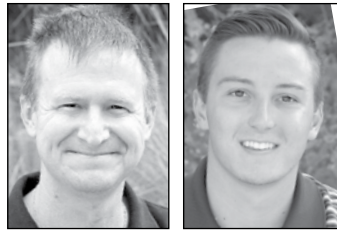
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JCC creates new roles for growing youth programs

As programs continue to evolve at the JCC and the wider Jewish community, more and more families are turning to the JCC for programs and services. In an effort to maintain the best experience for families, the JCC continues to invest in its full complement of youth services.

Dylan Ashworth, long time Youth Coordinator and BBYO City Director, will shift his role to Associate Director of Youth and Camping Services, focusing on program and services for children grades kindergarten through fifth. Dylan will be responsible for the JCC's Kids Club afterschool program, school-



LEFT: Devin Billstein, JCC Teen and Camp Services Coordinator
RIGHT: Dylan Ashworth, JCC Associate Director of Youth and Camping Services

out days, and enrichment programs, and will continue to play a major role with Lisa Guerrero, Director of Youth & Camp Services, in planning and implementing fall, winter, spring and summer camps. To contact Dylan, call (210) 302-6868 or email ashworthd@jcc-sa.org.

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Simultaneously, Devin Billstein, a recent graduate of the University of Toledo, has joined the JCC staff as Teen and Camp Services Coordinator, and will be responsible for planning and implementing programming for teens, including after school, summer camp, and the JCC Maccabi Games. In addition, he will oversee the local BBYO program as City Director. New to San Antonio, Devin's work with Toledo Hillel has provided him with experience in engaging with and communicating to teens and young adults. To contact Devin, call (210) 302-6867 or billsteind@jcc-sa.org.

Agudas Achim introduces new Pre-K class and baby playgroup

As part of its new initiative LIFE (Learning Is For Everyone), Congregation Agudas Achim is beginning two new monthly programs. On the first Sunday of each month, beginning October 4th, Agudas will have a new Pre-K class from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. The Pre-K Class will explore Judaism and Jewish holidays. There are member and non-member rates.

In addition to the Pre-K class, Agudas is also excited to introduce "Babies, Bagels, and Blocks," its new baby playgroup for children and their parents from 0-18 months. This is an opportunity for parents to grab a bagel and connect with other young families. The program is free and no RSVP is required.

Director of Congregational Learning, Rabbi Ariel Greenberg said, "I am thrilled about these new opportunities for our young children to learn, play, and explore!" For more information contact Sami Burgess at (210) 479-0307.

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JCC launches new program, Moving Traditions

This month, the JCC will launch Moving Traditions, a program for sixth through ninth graders. Participants will discuss important issues and challenges of their everyday lives through the lens of Jewish values, inspiring teens to stay connected to the Jewish community through high school.

Beginning September 20, the program will meet monthly on Sunday evenings at 5:30 p.m. The enrollment fee will cover a kosher dinner each month.

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IN THE COMMUNITY: YOUTH



More than 30 PJ Library moms enjoyed a night of lessons and friendships at the Mom's Night Out event.

PJ Library hosts Mom's Night Out

By Lauren Abraham,
PJ Library Coordinator

PJ Library and the Jewish Federation of San Antonio hosted *Let Your Hair Down, A Mom's Night Out* on July 23 at the home of PJ Library Committee Member and new Federation board member, Michelle Kaufman Vizurraga.

"It was fun to see so many new faces and friends and I really enjoyed hosting this event to remind each of the PJ moms that we are special and important," said Kaufman Vizurraga. "While rushing around and taking our kids to school and doing our own work, it is often challenging to find time for ourselves. This was the perfect night for us."

Hairstyles by Monica's Monica Boggs and *Makeup by Michele's* Michele Clementi, a PJ Library mom, presented their top tips for busy moms on the go. The demonstrations



Makeup artist and PJ Library Mom, Michele Clementi demonstrates tips for busy moms with volunteer model and new PJ mom and Chair of Young Adult Division Kelly Klein.

were interspersed with words of Jewish wisdom and inspiration from Jewish Federation CEO Ronit Sherwin, and Director of Women's Philanthropy, Julie Schack. Super Sunday chairs Liz Davis and Danielle Sarfati also talked about upcoming plans for a PJ Library *Super Hero Super Sunday* event, which takes place the same day as Federation's Super Sunday Fundraising event on

October 11.

The night ended with time for the moms to get to know one another and be able to make new friends with common bonds. Each woman walked out with a party favor of a purse mirror wrapped in a silver mesh bag with an inspirational note tucked inside.

To learn more about PJ Library and upcoming events, follow *PJ Library San Antonio* on Facebook.

Heintz Preschool expands hours and after school programs

For the 2015-2016 school year, Heintz Preschool at Congregation Agudas Achim will expand its hours of operation from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Heintz will continue to have its regular school day from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., followed by special extra-curricular programs after school each day including Art on Mondays, Soccer Shots on Tuesdays, Cooking and Zumba on Wednesdays,

and Kid Tech Computers on Thursdays. These extra-curricular programs are open to the entire community.

For more information contact Preschool Director Celina Geidesman (210) 479-0429 or c.geidesman@agudas-achim.org.

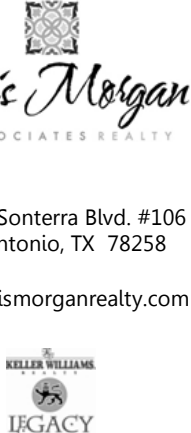


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KABBALAT SHABBAT AT THE JCC

JCC Block and Dreeben School for Young Children Judaica specialist, Mary Levy, leads Kabbalat Shabbat with the children each Friday. Blessings and songs are sung. Children enjoy challah and grape juice and give money for Tzedakah.

Agudas Achim expands weekly Children's Shabbat offerings

Congregation Agudas Achim is now offering two different Children's Shabbat services, from 11 a.m. – 12 noon on Saturdays. In addition to its weekly Bim Bam Shabbat service for children in 1st grade

and under led by Lauren Abraham, a new Mini Minyan for children in 2nd through 5th grade will be led by Rabbi Ariel Greenberg. These Shabbat programs are open to all.

SAFTY accepting new members and preparing to host regional conclave

From October 23-25, San Antonio Federation of Temple Youth (SAFTY) and Temple Beth-El will host more than a hundred teenagers from NFTY-TOR, the Texas-Oklahoma region of NFTY, the international youth organization of the Union for Reform Judaism. SAFTY is planning an event focused on self-discovery and learning how to be a community-builder. Teens will also participate in a sub-regional Maccabiah. This is the first Fall Conclave SAFTY has hosted in seven years, and was awarded to SAFTY thanks to their growth to become one of the largest youth programs in the region.

SAFTY membership is open to any Jewish teen in San Antonio, and is committed to exploring Jewish practice and building social connections between Jewish teens. SAFTY is guided by experienced adult leadership at Temple Beth-El but is led by an elected board of teens who work to help continue SAFTY's legacy of being an open and inclusive space for all Jewish teens. To become a member, please visit our website.

For more information, contact Sam Stern, Temple Beth-El Director of Youth Engagement at sstern@beth-elsa.org or go to www.beth-elsa.org/Conclave and www.beth-elsa.org/SAFTY.

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Hillel San Antonio launches partnership with Texas Hillel at UT-Austin, selects Alan Yancelson as its new professional

Hillel San Antonio has named Alan Yancelson as its first full-time professional staff person. Alan begins his tenure as Hillel San Antonio enters a new and exciting partnership with Texas Hillel at UT-Austin. Alan is based in San Antonio and his role is to engage students at area universities.

In collaboration with the Jewish Federation of San Antonio and the Bar Yadin Family Foundation, students at UTSA, Trinity, Incarnate Word and other campuses will enjoy a full range of opportunities for



Jewish life. Hillel San Antonio has grown over the past two years with the support of the Barshop JCC, and will now build on that strong foundation as a full part of the Hillel movement.

Alan Yancelson earned his BBA from the McCombs School at UT-Austin and was an active student and intern at Texas Hillel. He brings these experiences to his work on campus in his hometown, connecting students with Jewish life in creative ways. He will work with other professionals engaging young adults in San Antonio, and is part of the Jewish student life team of Texas Hillel.

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Helen Suzman was a member of the South African Parliament for 36 years, from 1953-1989. She was the sole opposition voice condemning apartheid during the 13-year period (1961-1989) when she was the governing body's only member of the Progressive Party.

The exhibition explores nearly four decades of Suzman's life and vision through photographs, personal letters, quotations from speeches, and news articles. Suzman was nominated twice for the Nobel Peace Prize in recognition of her contribution to the pursuit of justice in South Africa. She received the United Nations Award of the International League for Human Rights in 1978. In 1989 Queen Elizabeth made her an Honorary Dame Commander (Civil Division) of the Order of the British Empire. Suzman died on January 1, 2009,



at the age of 91. Flags across South Africa were flown at half-mast in her honor.

Suzman's life will be displayed through a 29-paneled, free-standing exhibit on the upper level of the Campus. Admission is free and open to the community. Exhibit hours will follow Campus operating

hours. Drop-ins are welcome; no reservations necessary. The exhibition is presented by the Jewish Federation of San Antonio and the Barshop Jewish Community Center.

This Exhibition was originated by the Isaac and Jessie Kaplan Centre for Jewish Studies and Research at the University of Cape Town, South

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On Wednesday, Oct. 7, the Rodfei Sholom Book Club will gather to discuss *No Uncertain Terms: A South African Memoir* by Helen Suzman. For details, contact Rodfei Sholom.

Africa.

Curator: Millie Pimstone

Project Initiator and Coordinator: Prof. Milton Shain

Graphic Designer: Linda Bester

Exhibition production for the American tour was funded by the Dobkin Family Foundation, New York

Exhibition Manager: Jill Vexler, Ph.D.

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The Vex presents *Bad Jews*

The Sheldon Vexler Theatre's seventeenth season continues with Joshua Harmon's comedic drama, *Bad Jews*. Directed by Mark McCarver, the cast features two Vex "veterans", Brandi Hollsten and Chris Rothbauer, and two actors who are new to The Vex stage, Nicholas Bright and Ava L'Amoreaux.

As the *New York Times* review states, "There's nothing like a death in the family to bring out the worst in people." The night after their Holocaust-survivor grandfather's funeral, three cousins engage in a verbal (and sometimes physical) battle. In one corner is Daphna Feygenbam (L'Amoreaux), a "Real Jew" who is volatile, self-assured and unbending. In the other is her equally stubborn cousin Liam (Rothbauer), a secular and entitled young man, who has his "shiksa" girlfriend, Melody (Hollsten), in tow. Stuck in the middle is Liam's brother, Jonah (Bright), who tries to stay out of the fray. When Liam stakes claim

to their grandfather's Chai necklace, a vicious and hilarious brawl over family, faith, and legacy ensues.

Rachel Rustin, Director of Jewish Journeys for the Barshop JCC, is serving as a dramaturg for The Vex's production of *Bad Jews*. A dramaturg is someone who researches the history and/or composition of a play or musical. When asked about *Bad Jews*, Rustin stated, "[The play] is a powerful piece that deals with topics of Jewish identity, observance, and continuity. It will be a great opportunity for audience members to engage in conversations about the importance of family, faith, and legacy."

Bad Jews runs October 17 through November 14. Performances are Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., Saturdays at 8 p.m., and Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Tickets, which range in price from \$16-22 depending on type, may be purchased by calling The Vex Box Office at (210) 302-6835. To learn more about the show, visit www.vexler.org.

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the *shofar* has been heard throughout the month of *Elul*, the month leading up to *Rosh Hashanah*, and even more so during the High Holy Days as we approach the end of *Yom Kippur*. At the end of the Ten Days of *teshuva*, repentance, we hear that long, long blast as we return to the routine of day-to-day life. Normalcy is delayed for a short moment by especially pious ones known as the

medakdekim. Who knows if there is even one among us? However, as Rabbi Jacob Halevi (1365-1427), known as the *Maharil*, iterated, these are the ones who immediately after *Maariv* (following *Yom Kippur*) take the first step in the construction of the *Sukkah*, thereby proceeding from one *mitzvah* to another.

Each of us is especially called upon during the Ten Days of Repentance to contemplate the meaning and purpose of his or her

HIGH HOLIDAYS (CONT.)

own life with the goal of directing it along the route leading to God and correspondingly, godly conduct. A few short days after *Yom Kippur* comes *Sukkot*. As one of the foremost conservative thinkers, Rabbi Max Artz, stated, we have just examined the “awesome consideration of our failures and shortcomings, turning to a sharing of joy with the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow that are

within thy gates. That joy is *Simcha Shel Mitzvah*—the joy of performing the will of God.” It is not as daunting as it seems and certainly worth the effort. I do not simply want all of us to just get into the ballpark; I aspire for a seat (for you and me) between home plate and first base, in the front row!

L'Shanah Tovah U'Mitukah
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Rabbi Jeffrey Abraham

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attend once or twice-a-year (and purchase tickets for that opportunity) is also important. Do we charge an exorbitant price to make room for them amongst the faithful? Do we make them sit in a special section? Do we turn them away from the start in favor of encouraging year-round membership? When space is limited, the question of “belonging” becomes more than academic.

On the High Holy Days we reflect on what matters most. Amongst the many questions we ask ourselves,

it's worth pondering the question that begins so many conversations in the Jewish community: “Where do you belong?” Let's reflect on how we think about our relationship with our congregations and consider changing the way we relate to our institutions. I believe strongly that Jewish people don't belong to synagogues. Synagogues belong to the Jewish people.

If you're already a member of a congregation, you belong to something that should enrich your Jewish life year-round. It belongs to you. You'll get the most out of it by putting

the most into it. And if you're not a member of a synagogue and therefore think you don't belong, remember that finding a spiritual home is an adventure that needn't be limited to the few days when the space is most crowded.

You belong wherever you feel at home. Wherever you choose to make an emotional, spiritual and financial investment, that's where you belong. There's a seat for you whenever you're ready to claim it, and with it the opportunities and commitments that come with a real sense of belonging.

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and consistency, not in conflict, but they actually compliment one another.

Our sages teach that each year on Rosh Hashanah a new Divine light and energy descends into the world that has never been there before. May we merit to tap into that special light and find new life and vitality that will inspire ourselves and loved ones throughout the coming year.

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human mind.”

This year, as we enter into the New Year, perhaps we would be better served to shift our focus from the desire for a happy year, to a deeper appreciation of what might make this a good year. This year, as we enter the New Year, let us commit to a greater appreciation of the many blessings and gifts we possess so that we can better recognize the limited happiness “the stuff” we acquire can truly bring. This year, as we enter the New Year, let us consider what we need in our lives that might make us more whole so that we are better able to strengthen and heal our relationships with each other. This year, as we enter the New Year, may we find within ourselves a clearer vision of purpose and a deeper sense of peace that enables us to discover the worth, the fulfillment, the ‘happiness’ that we all crave.

With blessings for a good new year!

Shanah Tova,
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U.S. & WORLD

U.N. nuclear watchdog rejects AP report that Iran will do own inspections

(JTA) — The International Atomic Energy Agency, which will control inspections of Iran’s nuclear program under the recently finalized agreement, said a report that Iran will conduct its own inspections is inaccurate.

The Associated Press reported August 19 on an agreement signed between the IAEA, the nuclear watchdog of the United Nations, and Iran that would let experts and equipment chosen by Iran inspect the

Parchin military complex on behalf of the IAEA. Iran has been suspected of nuclear weapons research at Parchin. The Iranian inspectors would then report their findings to the IAEA.

But the head of the IAEA said the report “misrepresents” the arrangement, according to Reuters, which did not provide further detail on his denial.

“I am disturbed by statements suggesting that the IAEA has given

responsibility for nuclear inspections to Iran,” IAEA Director-General Yukiya Amano said, according to Reuters. “Such statements misrepresent the way in which we will undertake this important verification work.”

The IAEA has said it is satisfied with arrangements it had made with Iran concerning inspection of military facilities, Reuters reported.

“The separate arrangements of the

roadmap are consistent with IAEA verification practice and they meet the IAEA requirements,” IAEA spokesman Serge Gas said in a statement.

White House National Security Council spokesman Ned Price said the Obama administration supported the arrangement.

The administration is “confident in the agency’s technical plans for investigating the possible

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the land following the destruction of the temple in 70c.e. their nationhood remained intact for millennia, enabling a Jew born into 12th century Damascus, 15th century Warsaw and in 21st century Texas to consider themselves a member of the same nation.

When Hillel said, “do not separate do not separate yourself from the community” he was stating an

ultimate truth of Jewish existence. We have a relation a relationship with G-d. We seek personal salvation. Our religion requires us, our mandate demands of us that we become part of the Kingdom here on Earth that will lead to our salvation to our living as a community, nation, and religion. We are “Goy Kadosh” a holy nation, as well as, “Mamlechet Kohanim” a nation of priests.

That is why this Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur we will seek personal

growth. We will be concerned about our individual salvation. But, equally we look to the redemption and salvation of all mankind through the example of a Holy Nation. As we return to G-d during these “Ten Days of Repentance” we remind ourselves of our duty and responsibility to community, nation and the world, as well as, ourselves and families.

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military dimensions of Iran’s former program,” Price said, according to AP. “The IAEA has separately developed the most robust inspection regime ever peacefully negotiated.”

The report’s revelation met harsh criticism from Israeli and American opponents of the deal. Israeli Energy Minister Yuval Steinitz, the government’s point man on Iran, released a biting sarcastic response to the report.

One must welcome this global innovation and outside-the-box thinking,” he said. “One can only wonder if the Iranian inspectors will also have to wait 24 days before being able to visit the site and look for incriminating evidence?”

Steinitz was referring to a provision in the original agreement that allows for a 24-day waiting period before international inspections of undeclared sites with suspected nuclear activity. That deal eases sanctions on Iran in exchange for restrictions on its nuclear program.

“This side agreement shows that true verification is a sham, and it begs the question of what else the administration is keeping from Congress,” said Rep. Kevin McCarthy of California, the majority leader in the U.S. House of Representatives, according to the Times of Israel.

John Cornyn of Texas, the second-ranking Republican

senator, said, “Trusting Iran to inspect its own nuclear site and report to the U.N. in an open and transparent way is remarkably naive and incredibly reckless. This revelation only reinforces the deep-seated concerns the American people have about the agreement.”

Under the agreement, the IAEA allows Iran “to employ its own experts and equipment in the search for evidence or activities that it has consistently denied — trying to develop nuclear weapons,” the AP article said.

While the document obtained by the AP is a draft, and not the final version of the agreement, one official familiar with its contents told the news service it “doesn’t differ substantially from the final version.”

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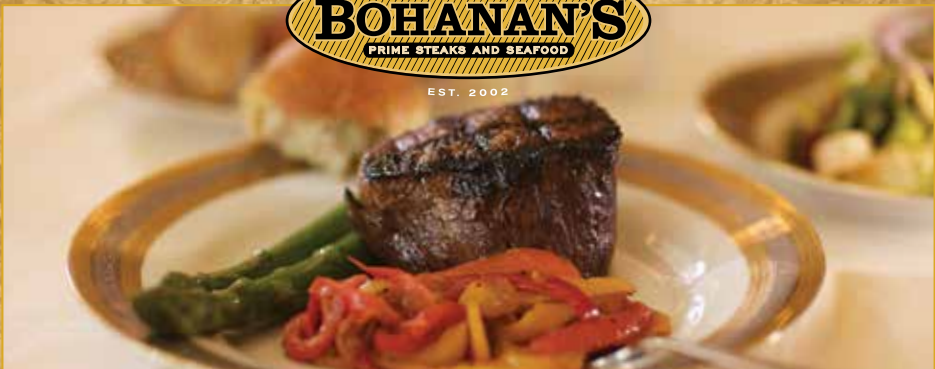
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