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From the Rabbi.

The new year is starting off with a lot of "news". Susan Silver has taken over as the new congregational president. I have a new 5-year contract extension with an option for 5 more. I have a new home at 3624 Chimney Corner Dr. in Chimney Hill (see announcement for *Chanukat Habayit* inside), and the parsonage is up for sale. And I have a new grandson, born to Ellie and Ben in Pearland, near Houston! In addition, we are thrilled to have Amanda's warmth, energy, and ability in our office. If you haven't met her, you should stop by and introduce yourself. A lot can happen in a little bit of time, particularly when everyone is working together toward the same goals.

Last month, we had our annual congregational meeting. During my remarks, I spoke about how excited I was at the vibrancy our congregation is showing, and how this contributed greatly to my desire to stay in Waco as your rabbi.

We continue to make our minyanim on a regular basis, the Food for Thought lunches continue to be strong, and our new monthly spirituality service is meeting an important need. We are also still getting the occasional new member, so if we are not growing, we are at least holding our own.

As far as the building is concerned, the new HVAC system is working beautifully. The fundraising for it was extremely successful. We are now in the middle of moving the library to the school wing and making the current library into more of a chapel - a mikdash m'at.

I also pointed out in my remarks that none of this could have happened without the lay people committed to keeping this congregation going. The list is too long to put here in the newsletter, because it includes just about everyone. Many people

donated to the HVAC campaign. Many people have been volunteering to make sure all of our events are planned. The entire board is working together to do what is necessary to keep our congregation functioning and vibrant. And they do it all with very little thanks. Let's all make an effort in the new year to be grateful to those who do things at the shul that we appreciate. You'd be amazed at the difference a small thing like this can make in our community.

I will keep on working to keep this energy and enthusiasm continuing throughout the coming years. One of the things I will strive to do to achieve this is to put appropriate thanks in the newsletters for those going "above and beyond", even if they do it regularly. I will also be happy to include other "good news" that you have happen to you and in your families if you just call or send it in to the office. One that needs to be particularly mentioned now is our tremendous gratitude to Judy Hersh for being president these past two years. As many of you know, there is a lot more to being president than running board meetings. Judy has clearly gone above and beyond, and leaves the shul in great shape at the end of her tenure.

In Pirkei Avot, we read, "Mitzvah goreret mitzvah" - following one positive commandment leads to following another. If we all continue to work together, continue to be mindful and grateful of those helping to keep our community going, and continue to be positive about our future, we will make this community an even better place.

Ken yirbu - may we continue to increase the good we have going,

Rabbi Gordy

JANUARY SERVICE SCHEUDLE

<p><u>Saturday, January 1</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 6:48 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, January 7</u> Candle Lighting 5:23 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 8</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 6:54 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, January 14</u> Candle Lighting 5:29 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Saturday, January 15</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 7:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, January 21</u> Candle Lighting 5:35 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 22</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 7:06 p.m.</p> <p><u>Friday, January 28</u> Candle Lighting 5:41 p.m. Kabbalat Shabbat 6:00 p.m.</p> <p><u>Saturday, January 29</u> Shacharit 9:30 a.m. Shabbat ends 7:12 p.m.</p>
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Mark your Calendars!

January 6, 2011 will be the first Food for Thought luncheon of the New Year. The luncheon will begin at 11:45 a.m. Please make a note that the Food for Thought Luncheons will now be held the first Thursday of each month.



CAJ Board Meeting Wednesday, January 12, 2011 7:30 p.m.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

1/7 Simone & Jake Bauer
 1/20 Audrey & Nate Koss
 1/24 Susan & Larry Goldstein

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1/1 Shanna Rogers
 1/5 Craig Hoffman
 1/6 Daniel & Max Silver
 1/11 Benson Offit

1/12 Mae Woolf
 Mike Stupak
 1/14 Autumn Nicole Novy
 1/16 Felicity Jortner
 1/17 Alice Todd
 1/26 Eliana Fuller Holgate
 1/27 Mona Farley
 1/28 Elliot Wolpo
 1/30 Julius Burge
 Diane Glick



To My CAJ Friends,

Thank you for all the cards, phone calls, well wishes, the gift certificates, and being your guest of honor at the Food for Thought Luncheon, on the occasion of my retirement from CAJ. It has certainly been my privilege to have been a small part of such a warm and caring congregation these past few years. I wish for you all good health and a long life.

Faye Arthur

MAZEL TOV

Harold Kamenetsky for his Birthday

Pearl Jacobson

Hilda Ruttenberg

Rabbi Gordon & Sharon Fuller on his new home

Hilda Ruttenberg

Bobbye Brickman

Rabbi Gordon & Sharon Fuller on the birth of their grandson

Pearl Jacobson

Abbye & Susan Silver

Nate Koss on his Birthday

Hilda Ruttenberg

Elayne Lynn

Bobbye Brickman

David & Lorraine Hoppenstein

Jarrad Harelik on his new store

Hilda Ruttenberg

Jack Seriff for his Birthday

Elayne Lynn

Herb Stolzer for his Birthday

Pearl Jacobson

Jeff Wolf on the birth of his grandson

Debbie Hersh

Dalia & Brandon Alford on the birth of their son

Debbie Hersh

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Inez & Gerry Bonneville

Noahites

Laurieanne Tuttle

CHANUKAT BAYIT

On Sunday, January 16, at 3:00 p.m. come help Rabbi & Sharon bless their new home as they put up the mezuzot at 3624 Chimney Corner Drive, in the Chimney Hill development. Please R.S.V.P. by calling or emailing the synagogue office. NO GIFTS, PLEASE!

Mitzvah of the Month

In conjunction with our
On - Going Mitzvah

Habitat for Humanity – Hoppenstein House Build

Each year, the Hoppenstein's donate a home to Habitat for Humanity. In support of them, we will help kick-off the 2011 house on Sunday, January 30th, from 1:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at 1557 Clark in North Waco near the Waco Center for Youth.

IN MEMORY OF:

Alphonse Podrizki

Dr. Serge Podrizki

Frances Novy

David Novy

Stanley & Diane Novy

Cochavah & Itzak Lavi

Craig & Lydia Hoffman

Harry Schwarz

Robert Schwarz

Arthur Rubel

Barry & Hanna Phillips

Hilda Ruttenberg

Harry Jornitzky

Flora Slatko

Jonathan Skiba

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

GET WELL SOON

Lorraine Hoppenstein

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Nate & Audrey Koss

A/C DONATIONS

Stanley & Florence Hersh

Judy Hersh

Thomas & Oriel Offit

Bobbye Brickman

Esther & Naman Lipinsky

Morris Marcus

Frances "Torchy" Hoffman

Barry & Hanna Phillips

Paul Barron

Abbye & Susan Silver

Jim & Marcia Olmstead

Rick & Melanie Bauer

Jeff Wolf

Jeff Levin

Mona Segal

Elliot & Barbara Wolpo

Lynne Lipsitz

Melvin Lipsitz – In honor of Rabbi Fuller

Steve Schwarz – In honor of his parents,

Harry & Klair Schwarz

Clifton Robinson – In honor of the

Stanley Hersh Family

Elaine Slansky – In honor of Steve

Schwarz

Tu Bishvat Seder

Tu Bishvat Seder Wednesday evening, Jan. 19th 7:00 p.m.

This will be the required monthly all-school program of the Religious school; however, the entire congregation is invited.

Please RSVP to the office, via email or phone.

Thank You!!

☀ Thanks to Inez, Gerry, Aislinn & Jayden Bonneville for the delicious
Latkes.

☀ Thank you to Inez, Katie & Maura Jortner for directing the Chanukah play.

☀ Thanks to David Jortner & Inez Bonneville for

☀ volunteering to manage the archives.

☀ Thank you to Judy Hersh for catering the

☀ Annual meeting & the Kiddush lunch on December 25.

Jewish Community Council of Greater Waco Kick-off & Annual Meeting

“From Moses to Waco”

Meyer Bodoff will be the speaker.

Bagel Brunch at 12:30 p.m., Sun. Jan. 23 in the home of
Abbye & Susan Silver, 15044 Sendero Lane.

SHABBAT DONATIONS

12-4-2010

Stanley & Florence Hersh

Bill Burge & Tracy Hall

Judy Hersh

Jake & Simone Bauer

12-11-2010

Stanley & Florence Hersh

Jake & Simone Bauer

12-18-2010

Stanley & Florence Hersh

Jake & Simone Bauer

Judy Hersh

David & Lorraine Hoppenstein

12-25-2010

Stanley & Florence Hersh

Judy Hersh

Jake & Simone Bauer

Rabbi Gordon & Sharon Fuller –

Given for daughters recover
after childbirth

GWIC Annual Banquet

The Greater Waco Interfaith Conference will be holding their annual banquet on Tuesday, January 18 at 6:30 p.m. It will be held in the Columbus Avenue Baptist Church Fellowship Hall at 1300 Columbus Avenue in Waco. This year's banquet will honor the Humanitarian of the Year, Shirley Cangston of Restoration Haven. Also, the distinguished speaker for the banquet will be Judge Kenneth Starr, President of Baylor University. Tickets will be \$25 per person. For reservations please call 881-5784.

January 2011

25 Tevet 5771 - 26 Shevat 5771

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 No Religious School 26 Tevet Zevachim 53	3 27 Tevet Zevachim 54	4 28 Tevet Zevachim 55	5 29 Tevet Zevachim 56	6 ROSH HODESH Food For Thought Lunch 11:45 a.m. 1 Shevat Zevachim 57	7 2 Shevat Zevachim 58	8 25 Tevet Zevachim 52 3 Shevat Zevachim 59
9 No Religious School 4 Shevat Zevachim 60	10 5 Shevat Zevachim 61	11 6 Shevat Zevachim 62	12 CAJ Board Meeting 7:00 p.m. 7 Shevat Zevachim 63	13 8 Shevat Zevachim 64	14 9 Shevat Zevachim 65	15 10 Shevat Zevachim 66
16 Religious School Starts Chanukat Bayit 3:00 p.m. 3624 Chimney Corner Drive 11 Shevat Zevachim 67	17 12 Shevat Zevachim 68	18 13 Shevat Zevachim 69	19 Tu Bishvat 7:00 p.m. 14 Shevat Zevachim 70	20 TU B'SHEVAT Tu Bishvat 15 Shevat Zevachim 71	21 16 Shevat Zevachim 72	22 17 Shevat Zevachim 73
23 JCCW 12:30 p.m. @ the Silver's Home 18 Shevat Zevachim 74	24 19 Shevat Zevachim 75	25 20 Shevat Zevachim 76	26 21 Shevat Zevachim 77	27 22 Shevat Zevachim 78	28 23 Shevat Zevachim 79	29 24 Shevat Zevachim 80
30 Hoppenstein House Build 1:30 - 5:00 25 Shevat Zevachim 81	31 26 Shevat Zevachim 82					

HOW TO OBSERVE THE YAHRZEIT

It is traditional to kindle a Yahrzeit Candle in the home on the evening Yahrzeit begins. It should remain lighted until sunset the next day. Possible prayer before lighting a Yahrzeit candle: Eternal God, I/we light this candle in memory of (name) _____, my/our beloved (relationship) _____. The light of the flame rekindles all the warm memories of the moment we shared together, and reassures me /us that a piece of his/her soul dwells in my/our heart(s) forever. May his/her soul be bound up with the bonds of eternal life. Amen. Candles are available at the Gift Shop. Every effort should be made to say Kaddish at congregational services. It is meritorious to perform some Mitzvah or to contribute to the Synagogue in commemoration of the deceased.

Kaddish will be said December 31

*Teveth 25 Abe Hayman
Gussie Hayman
Leo Ringold
Pearl Rubenstein*

Teveth 26 Harold Fink

Teveth 27 Jake Lynn

Teveth 28 Ella Bettis

Mrs. H. Novitch

Teveth 29 David Brickman

Morris Fred

Fannie Reed

Abe A. Rosenberg

J. Rubin

Mary Ruttenberg

Shevat 2 Harry Fetter

Kaddish will be said January 7

*Shevat 3 Annie Hoffman
Rebecca Borschow*

*Shevat 5 Aaron Levy
Leonard Parven
B. Tobolowsky*

*Shevat 6 Henry Heyman
Elizabeth Israel*

*Shevat 7 Morris Hoffman
Diane Koss*

Shevat 8 Dave Lebowitz

*Shevat 9 Florence Rubinsky
Abe Miller
Jeanette Schein*

Kaddish will be said January 14

*Shevat 10 Mrs. N. Suravitz
Abe Hoffman*

*Shevat 11 A. Brickman
Mrs. H.B. Cohen
Sam Genecov
Chaim Goodman
B. Levinson*

*Shevat 12 Morris Braunston
Albert Shifrin*

*Shevat 13 Arthur Levy
Phillip H. Robinson
Esther Wolf
Joe Zoblotsky*

Shevat 14 Rose Berman

Mrs. Jake Berkman

Manuel Harris

Shevat 15 Max Harelik

Naomi Stein

Shevat 16 Betty Safan

Pearl Wolpo

Bessie Tannenbaum

Joe Statman

Anna Kroll

Nathan Salpeter

Florence Cohen

Kaddish will be said January 21

Shevat 18 Sarah Lebowitz

Doris Sprecher Silver

Mrs. M. Cohen

Shevat 19 Meyer Hoffman

Shevat 20 Fannie Mark

Louis Kantrovich

Margaret Hoffman

Shevat 21 Jeanette Levy Lemson

Sam Israel

Jacob D. Aronson

Shevat 22 Hymie Greenspan

Esther Anna Gulman

Frances Segal

Issie Polonsky

Shevat 23 Sadie Schaevitz

Naomi Smith

Kaddish will be said January 28

Shevat 24 Ann Chodorow

Sam Greenberg

Raven Jornitsky

Mark Harris

Bernard Stewart

Shevat 25 Zelig Feldt

Ben Koffman

Barney Brickman

Shevat 26 Bella Levy