

# HCRJ

SEPTEMBER 2018

## HOUSTON CONGREGATION FOR REFORM JUDAISM



*The staff at Houston Congregation for Reform Judaism would like to wish you a Happy New Year full of peace, prosperity, health and fulfillment.*

*L'Shanah Tovah Tikatevu,*

Rabbi Steve Gross

Melissa Wolfson

Justin Deutsch

Fran C. Brochstein

### **Important Memorial Information for Yom Kippur**

At our Yom Kippur Memorial Service, it is our custom to read aloud the names of those whom death has taken from our midst since last year at this season. Our records, however, may not be completely accurate.

Please help us honor the memory of your loved ones. If a loved one has passed away this year and you wish to have his/her name read aloud at our Memorial Service on Yom Kippur afternoon, please contact the temple with the following information:

1. The name of your loved one
2. The date of death
3. A phonetic spelling of the name to help with pronunciation

Thank you for helping us honor their memories with a prompt response to this article.

## September Calendar

2		No Religious School
5	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg
	10:30 AM	Interest Group: Elder and Probate Law Presentation
7	6:00 PM	Tot Shabbat
	6:15 PM	Family Dinner
	7:15 PM	Family Shabbat Services
9		No Religious School
	8:00 PM	Rosh Hashanah Eve Service
10	9:30 AM	Rosh Hashanah Youth Service
	11:00 AM	Rosh Hashanah Adult Morning Service
12	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg
14	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services: Shabbat Shuvah
16	9:00 AM	Religious School Family Breakfast
17	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
18	8:00 PM	Kol Nidre
19		Yom Kippur (see page 4 for service times)
21	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services
23	9:30 AM	Religious School
	12:00 PM	Sukkot Tailgate: A Congregational Pot Luck in the Sukkah
24	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Yoga
25	11:30 AM	Knitzvah Group
26	10:00 AM	Senior Chai Mah Jongg
	1:00 PM	Senior Chai Chalk Class
28	7:15 PM	Shabbat Services
29	10:00 AM	Social Action Project: Undies for Everyone
	5:30 PM	Bat Mitzvah of Eleanor Dow
30	9:30 AM	Religious School
	10:30 AM	Book Discussion: <i>The Promise</i> with Author Ann Weisgarber
	11:00 AM	Sushi in the Sukkah for 8th-12th Graders

## Family Shabbat September 7 at 6:15PM



**September Menu:** Roasted chicken, pasta, sides, chicken nuggets and mac-n-cheese

Dinner is \$5 per person over 4 years old.



## For Our Tots:

Tot Shabbat Services on September 7 at 6:00PM. Join us for Shabbat fun.

## Zachary Koenig's Bar Mitzvah Project

For his Bar Mitzvah project, Zachary Koenig is collecting donations to support the Galveston Bay Foundation. The Galveston Bay Foundation protects the bays of Galveston by cleaning up the trash and preserving animals in the process. In addition to donating a portion of his own Bar Mitzvah gifts, Zachary will also be conducting a service project to clean up the bay by collecting and sorting trash and recyclables.

Your donations to the dedicated box in the HCRJ lobby are greatly appreciated by November 1.



From Shofar making, honey bottling, to the first day of religious school and a Meals on Wheels social action project, it's been another busy month at HCRJ!



## ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

### Honors and Memorials Fund

In honor of the birthdays of Adam Forman, Gloria Herman, Gale Paschkes, Patricia Susman, Ross Davis, Tevin Marks and the anniversary of Ione and Sidney Moran

From **Larry and Kaki Buck**

In honor of Isabel Schnadig's birthday

From **Charlotte Robinson**

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From **Marcia and Bill Chaffin**

In memory of Adelle Shaw, Dorothy Chaffin and Carl Seemann and in honor of Michael and Madeleine Appel and in honor of a speedy recovery for Johnita Lebow

From **Doris and Larry Bernard**

In memory of Freda Lewis

From **Julia Miller**

In memory of Adelle Shaw and Elayne Snyder

From **JoAnn and Mikal Innerarity**

In memory of Louis Shain

From **Stephen and Lila Shain**

In memory of Ted Bernstein

From **Joan and Larry Katz**

In memory of Esther Reznitsky

From **Martin and Betty Weisberg**

In memory of Elvin Ainsworth

From **Mel, Nancy, David, Priscila and Johnny Gross**

In memory of Leland Shain

From **Stephen and Lila Shain**

### Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

From **Sidney and Ione Moran**

In memory of Celia Shapiro

From **Paula Marks and Family**

In honor of Isabel Schnadig's birthday

From **Pearl Goldman**

In honor of the 100th birthday of Rose Zoll

From **Linda and Richard Zoll**

### Adult Education Fund

In honor of Justin Deutsch

From **Jordan and Bernice Loftus**

### Family Breakfast Sponsorship

In honor of Caroline and Matthew McElroy

From **Gary and Mike Nathanson**

### Oneg Sponsorship

From **Sidney and Ione Moran**

From **Ted and Maria Johnson**

### General Operating Fund

From **Jimmie Shields**

From **Ted and Maria Johnson**

From **Larry and Kaki Buck**

From **Sherry Snyder**

### Welcome to our New Members

Joan and Sheldon Camenson

Mary Lynn Selzer

Melinda and Sebastian Grunewald

Patty and Ed Hurwitz

Lane and Doris Kalmin

### Sabbath Oneg Sponsorships

#### A wonderful mitzvah opportunity awaits you!

Celebrate a life cycle event or honor a loved one by sponsoring a Friday Night Oneg (Sabbath reception), a Family Sabbath Dinner or a Religious School Breakfast. These events represent just some of the ways our community gathers in fellowship, and your sponsorship enables us to frame these occasions with additional beauty and joy.

If you wish to sponsor a meal or a Sabbath reception, please contact the temple at least two weeks prior to the event. Thank you for your ongoing support of HCRJ.

- ☐ Sabbath Oneg —\$100.00
- ☐ Religious School Breakfast—\$100.00
- ☐ Family Shabbat Dinner —\$150.00
- ☐ Contribution to Arrangements Fund

### September Oneg Sponsorships

**September 7:** Open to sponsor

**September 14:** Open to sponsor

**September 21:** Open to sponsor

**September 28:** Oneg sponsored by the Fogiel family in honor of Eleanor Dow's Bat Mitzvah.

Sponsorship donations can be made online at [www.hcrj.org/donations](http://www.hcrj.org/donations) or by calling the temple office at 713-782-4162.

### Brag and Boasts



**Mazel Tov to Eleanor Dow**, daughter of Sandra Fogiel and Stuart Dow, who will become a Bat Mitzvah on September 29, 2018.



**Mazel Tov to Fran Brochstein** on the birth of her grandson Ethan Alexander Haney who was born on August 21, 2018.



**Mazel Tov to Robyn and Chris Campbell** on the birth of their son Landon James Campbell who was born on August 21, 2018. Landon is also the grandson of Joel and Sheryl Androphy.

Our heartfelt condolences...

On the death of Maria Garcia, grandmother of Adriana Bain and her husband, David, and great-grandmother of Benjamin and Eliana, who passed away July 28, 2018.

On the death of Irwin Levy, husband of Judith, who passed away on August 7, 2018. Irwin was a founding member of HCRJ.

*May the memory of our beloved ones always remain a blessing to those who were graced by their presence.*



## High Holy Days Schedule – 2018

### Rosh Hashanah (New Year)

**Sunday, September 9**

8:00 p.m. — Rosh Hashanah Eve Service  
*Reception will follow this Service*

**Monday, September 10**

9:30 a.m. — Rosh Hashanah Youth Service  
11:00 a.m. — Rosh Hashanah Adult Morning Service

### Kol Nidre

**Tuesday, September 18**

8:00 p.m. — Kol Nidre - Yom Kippur Eve Service

### Yom Kippur (Day of Atonement)

**Wednesday, September 19**

9:30 a.m. — Yom Kippur Youth Service  
11:00 a.m. — Yom Kippur Adult Morning Service  
1:00 p.m. — High Holy Days Discussion Hour  
2:15 p.m. — Transition and Reflection Period  
3:00 p.m. — Afternoon Service  
4:00 p.m. — Memorial Service & Concluding Service  
*Break-the-Fast at approximately 5:30 p.m.*

### High Holy Days Discussion Hour

**Wednesday, September 19 at 1:00PM**

Yom Kippur is our Day of Atonement, a day that we strive to find favor in the eyes of God. In Islam and Christianity concepts of judgment are often linked to concepts of heaven and hell. During our Yom Kippur discussion hour we will explore concepts of judgment in each of our faiths and how heaven and hell fit into our faith traditions. Pastor Taylor Ince from Sojourn Galleria Church Imam M. Ahmad Khan, the Development Director at Zaytuna College, will join us.



Pastor Taylor Ince  
Sojourn Galleria Church



Imam M. Ahmad Khan

### Rosh Hashanah Lunch

Immediately following Rosh Hashanah services you are invited to join a small group of congregants for lunch at Le Peep. If you would like to attend, please contact Justin Deutsch at [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org) to RSVP.



### High Holy Days Food Drive



Please bring non-perishable food (preferably nutritional canned items) to the HCRJ office through the High Holy Days to be donated to the hungry. There will be a basket for donations located at the entrance for your convenience. Food will be donated to the Houston Food Bank.

### Sacred Shabbats During the High Holy Day Season and Beyond

#### **Family Shabbat and Selichot Services - Friday, September 7, 7:15PM**

This special Family Shabbat service will help us usher in the High Holy Day season. Join us for a worship experience suitable for all ages which is designed to jump start our spirits for the Days of Awe. Please bring your shofars to blast in the New Year.

#### **Shabbat Shuvah - Friday, September 14, 7:15PM**

*Shabbat Shuvah* is the Sabbath between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The name is derived from the opening word of the Haftarah reading that urges us: *Shuvah Yisrael* "Return, O Israel, to the Eternal your God."

Join us on Friday night, September 14, for a Sabbath experience as we seek to find ways to direct our good intentions from Rosh Hashanah and set a path of return as we prepare ourselves for Yom Kippur.



### Adult Bingo Night at HCRJ

Want to call a round of bingo? For \$300, you can be an event sponsor AND a bingo caller!

*Sponsorship includes dinner and bingo for 2!*

*Call Justin to snag one of 9 sponsor opportunities.*

Event proceeds benefit HCRJ's growing religious, social and educational programming

Babysitting available

Sign up online at [hcrj.org/event/hcrjadultbingo](http://hcrj.org/event/hcrjadultbingo) or contact Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org)

**Adult Bingo Night Chairs:**

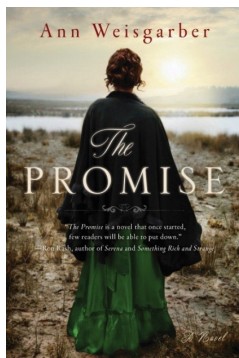
**Arna Isman, Mitzie & Warren Krams, Gale Paschkes**

**Saturday, October 13th, 6 p.m.**

**\$36 per person; includes:**  
6 bingo cards for all ten games  
Dinner from Local Foods  
Dessert  
Prizes  
Fun!

## **Book Discussion: *The Promise* By Ann Weisgarber**

Sunday, September 30, 10:30AM



Join us in September for our next book discussion at HCRJ! Author Ann Weisgarber will discuss her book, *The Promise*. Caught in a scandal, Wainwright, a pianist, must leave her comfortable life in Ohio. She travels to Galveston, Texas, and marries the recently widowed Oscar Williams, a childhood admirer whom she has not seen in years. Catherine is unprepared for the life that awaits her. The weather is sweltering, Oscar's home is rustic and remote, and his little boy, Andre, resents her presence. But it's Oscar who most unnerves her. He has expectations that Catherine is unable to fulfill. Then there is Nan Ogden, Oscar's housekeeper. Catherine's arrival comes as a shock to Nan. Not only had she promised Oscar's first wife that she would take care of Andre, but she has feelings for Oscar that she struggles to hide. Meanwhile, a powerful hurricane in the Gulf of Mexico gathers strength and spins toward Galveston. Author Ann Weisgarber, the author of *The Personal History of Rachel DuPree*, *The Promise*, and the upcoming *The Glovemaker*, will lead our discussion.

Books are available for \$15 at the temple office. A light breakfast will be provided at the discussion. Please RSVP to Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).



### **Sukkot Tailgate: A Congregational Pot Luck Lunch in the Sukkah** Sunday, September 23 at 12:00PM

Join us for a pot luck lunch in the HCRJ Sukkah. We will eat a delicious lunch, sing and shake the lulav and etrog. For the entire congregation! We will also have the Texans-Giants game on the big screen in Shelby Hall. Please contact Justin to RSVP at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org) to let us know what you would like to bring for lunch.

### **Sukkot Shabbat Services** Friday, September 28 at 7:15PM

Join us for Shabbat services followed by a special oneg under the Sukkah

### **Sushi in the Sukkah for 8th - 12th Grade** Sunday, September 30

11:00AM 9th and 10th grade sushi roll competition  
12:00PM 8th to 12th graders enjoy sushi and snacks in the Sukkah

Join us for two mitzvot in one!

- Celebrate Sukkot by eating a meal in the sukkah, shake the lulav and Etrog and hang out with friends.
- Dine on sushi. Inspired by the theme of Simchat Torah and the idea that we are celebrating the rewinding of the Torah. We will dine on all things ROUND in honor of the Torah scrolls.

RSVP to Michelle Renfrow at [hcrjyouth@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrjyouth@hcrj.org)

### **Interest Group:** **Elder and Probate Law Presentation** Wednesday, September 5, 10:30am



After the summer off, our Interest Group is back in September! On Wednesday, September 5, local attorney Stephen Smith will present on elder and probate law at HCRJ. Stephen is a member of the Houston Bar Association's Speakers Bureau.

Come early for bagels and coffee and bring a friend. RSVP to Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).

### **Join us for the AUTUMN *CARS* Coffee & Conversation** Saturday, October 27 from 10 am to 12 noon

Car detailing demo at 11 am  
HCRJ Parking Lot  
801 Bering, Houston

FREE and open to the entire community! RSVP to [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org) to reserve a spot to show your special car

*Cars, Coffee & Conversation is sponsored by:*



## Social Action Projects



### Undies for Everyone

**Saturday, September 29, 10:00AM to 12:00PM**

In September, our congregational social action activity is at Undies for Everyone! Undies for Everyone is an organization that collects and distributes underwear directly into the hands of Houston students and others in need. Our volunteer responsibilities will include organizing and packing. This is a project for all ages. Sign up with Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).

### Books Between Kids

**Saturday, October 20, 1:15-3:30PM**

In October, we will be at Books Between Kids! Books Between Kids is a non-profit organization founded in 2012 to serve Houston's at-risk children by providing them with books to build their own home libraries. Last year, Books Between Kids distributed over 300,000 books to over 40,000 kids in Houston. Our volunteer responsibilities will be counting and inventorying donations, sorting books, boxing books and helping stock the sorting table. This is a project for all ages. Want to participate? Contact Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).

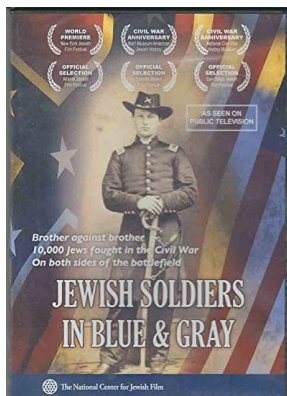


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### Film Screening: Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray

**Sunday, October 21, 2pm**

Are you ready for our next HCRJ film screening?



Brother against brother, Jew against Jew, 10,000 Jewish soldiers fought in the nation's deadliest war, in numbers proportionally higher than other American groups. *Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray* explores the little known history of the Civil War Jews who fought on both sides of the battlefield—7,000 for the Union and 3,000 for the Confederacy. Allegiances during the War Between the States split the Jewish community as deeply as it did the nation at large: some prominent Jews, including Jewish slave owners, cited the Torah to justify slavery, while others were leaders in the abolitionist movement or established their synagogues as stops on the Underground Railroad. *Jewish Soldiers in Blue & Gray* unreels remarkable history, including Ulysses S. Grant's infamous "General Order No. 11" expelling Jews from Kentucky, Tennessee and Mississippi; the rise of Sephardic Jew Judah P. Benjamin to Secretary of State of the Confederacy; the imprisonment of Confederate spy Eugenia Levy Phillips; and the unlikely story of Abraham Lincoln's Jewish doctor who moved through the South as a Union spy.

Refreshments will be provided. Please RSVP to Justin at 713-782-4162 or [admin@hcrj.org](mailto:admin@hcrj.org).



The Senior Chai program is dedicated to enriching the lives of those 60 and above. Your input is valuable to us in shaping a calendar of events that meet your interests, so please send any programming ideas to [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org). This program is underwritten by the Barg and Shelby families in memory of David & Mozelle Barg and Robert & Esther Shelby. Please RSVP for all Senior Chai programs to Melissa Wolfson at [hcrj@hcrj.org](mailto:hcrj@hcrj.org).

### Chalk Class

**Wednesdays, September 26—October 31, 1:00PM to 3:00PM**

Artist, Noelle Shawa, will begin a 6-week chalk series on September 26. No cost to attend and no experience required.

### Yoga Class

**Mondays, 10:00AM to 11:15AM, No cost to attend**

Taught by Suzy Shapiro, a certified yoga instructor, this class will focus on strength and stamina, balance and flexibility, and a new sense of well-being.

### Mah Jongg

**Wednesdays, 10:00AM to 12:00PM**

Join us for a weekly game of mah jongg! Coffee and light snacks are served. Instruction provided on request. No cost to attend.



## BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Laurie Tenny  
9/2 Jacob Siegel  
9/2 Karen Kabin  
9/2 Virginia Schroeder  
9/3 Brian Fielkow  
9/4 Gary Rachlin  
9/4 Susan Alexander  
9/5 Dena Sokolow  
9/5 Robert Frank  
9/7 Robert Lebow  
9/7 Sheldon Camenson  
9/8 Brian Rosen  
9/8 Robert Cremins  
9/8 Arden Burleigh  
9/8 Malcolm Goldin  
9/9 Norman Steel  
9/10 Sheryl Cohen  
9/10 Leslie Mogil  
9/11 Lisa Danek  
9/12 Sandy Kantor  
9/12 Gregg Goldstein  
9/13 Doug Lerner  
9/13 Betsy Levinson  
9/15 Philip Schneider  
9/16 Lynne Gaudette  
9/16 Janie Polunsky  
9/16 Laura Cohen  
9/18 Joan Camenson  
9/19 William Chaffin  
9/19 Judy Fred  
9/20 Shayna Andrews  
9/21 Mitchell Leben  
9/23 Chantal Rosenthal  
9/24 Karol Zyskind  
9/24 Amy Lawch  
9/24 Richard Slosburg  
9/25 Peter Shaper  
9/25 Sebastian Grunewald  
9/25 Shirley Sirota  
9/26 Randi Schramm  
9/26 Nancy Gross  
9/27 Larry Wagner  
9/28 Carole Feld  
9/28 Chris Campbell  
9/28 Dana Abramczyk  
9/30 Stephanie Pevow  
9/30 Joshua Solera  
9/30 Philip Warner

## KIDS' BIRTHDAYS

9/2 Lilly Harrison  
9/4 India Pye  
9/6 Louis Fisher  
9/7 Eleanor Dow  
9/9 Ben Shaper  
9/11 Sararose Fox  
9/11 Zachary Koenig  
9/12 Patrick Grunewald  
9/16 Reid Sline  
9/18 Ryan Gonzalez  
9/18 Riley Shaper  
9/18 Ian Goldstein  
9/19 Samuel Berko  
9/21 Adam Helfand  
9/22 Amelia Tenny  
9/22 Mirit Wenderfer  
9/22 Thomas McGuire  
9/23 Lisa Hoff  
9/26 Matthew Burleigh

## ANNIVERSARIES

9/1 Jason & Ellen Shohet  
9/2 Robert & Dana Abramczyk  
9/2 Mikal & JoAnn Innerarity  
9/3 Leonard & Teri Goldfield  
9/4 Fred & Kay Zeidman  
9/5 Norman & Sheila Loewenstern  
9/10 Mitch & Dawn Rubinstein  
9/14 Shawn & Kate Gross  
9/25 Dan & Suzanne Fleckman  
9/28 Claude & Andrea Joseph

## YARZEITS

9/1 Asnah Androphy  
9/1 Morris Borden  
9/1 Henni Friedlander  
9/1 Alfred Mowery  
9/3 David Wolfe  
9/4 Jacob Naden  
9/4 Sam Fruhman  
9/4 Nesta Green  
9/4 Patricia Alpert  
9/5 Rebecca Shain  
9/5 Nate Tudzin  
9/5 Julia Heffler  
9/5 Morris Marcus  
9/6 Stephen Lindheim  
9/7 Shirley Rosenblatt  
9/7 Anne Katz  
9/9 Sam Kessler  
9/9 Mildred Levin  
9/10 Emma Appel  
9/10 Adele Paschkes  
9/12 Allan Rosenthal  
9/13 Robert Weinstein  
9/13 Yetta Sacks  
9/14 Robert Czarlinsky  
9/15 Joseph Lebow  
9/18 Lawrence Helfand  
9/18 Libbye Cohen  
9/18 Irving Eisen  
9/19 Edward Oppenheimer  
9/19 George Curruti  
9/20 Libby Eisen  
9/20 Michael Kelly  
9/20 Libby Eisen  
9/21 Arthur Manning  
9/21 Esther Smith  
9/21 James Hopkins  
9/22 Bayla Markman  
9/22 Morris Markman  
9/22 Maureen Cremins  
9/22 Elsie Camenson  
9/23 Stuart S. Pines  
9/24 Myra Cohen  
9/25 Jean Breslauer  
9/25 Edgar Schnadig  
9/25 Evelyn Pfeffer  
9/26 Shannon Pfeffer  
9/26 Bernie Fleisher  
9/27 Harry Melcer  
9/28 Nethe More  
9/28 Judi Lindheim Hall  
9/28 Lester Baron  
9/29 Karmen Weller  
9/30 Hyman Mizruchy

You are invited to join HCRJ  
 for our monthly



September 7, 2018  
 Dinner 6:15 pm  
 Sabbath Services 7:15 pm

\$5.00 per person

Please feel free to bring a side dish to show off your culinary talents.

### September Family Shabbat Menu

Roasted chicken, pasta, sides, chicken  
 nuggets and mac-n-cheese

**Steven M. Gross**, Senior Rabbi  
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Newsletter articles, suggestions for articles and corrections are welcome. Deadline for submission is the 15th of the month.