Shofar

Temple Beth El

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Friday, July 5 & 26 @ 7:30 PM
Shabbat Worship Service

Tuesday, July 9 @ 7:00 PM
Board Meeting

Friday, July 12 @ 6:00 PM
Family Night Service

Friday, July 19 @ 6:00 PM
Chardonnay Shabbat

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Dear Chevrei,

"They marched from the mountain of the Eternal a distance of three days. The Ark of the Covenant of the Eternal traveled in front of them on that three days' journey to seek out a resting place for them, and the Eternal's cloud kept above them by day, as they moved on from camp." (Numbers 10:33-34)

My esteemed New York colleague, Elliot Cosgrove, retells the following parable:

The owner of an antique store took on an apprentice. The owner managed the shop from the back of the store, leaving his young apprentice to meet the customers in the front.

To his family's dismay, the owner, ever concerned about the welfare of his business, never saw fit to take a vacation. A customer would enter, and from the back of the store, the owner would eavesdrop on the customer's conversation with the apprentice. "The price you offer for that antique is quite low," the apprentice would say. "I will have to check with the owner."

The owner would sadly shake his head in the back of the store, knowing that it was way too soon for a vacation.

Over time, the owner began to hear a slight shift in the apprentice's tone. "The price you offer for that antique is far too low; my boss would never agree to that sum."

Still, the owner would shake his head, knowing that his hour of freedom had yet to arrive.

Eventually, one day, from the back of his shop, the owner overheard the following exchange:

"The price you offer is far too low. I could never part with this antique at that price."

In that moment, the owner knew that finally, it was safe for him to take his long-awaited and much-deserved vacation.

I know there is a great deal of trepidation about my leaving you. I know some hearts are broken. I know you wish me well. And I know it will not all be a walk in the park.

Yet the fact is that this congregation has always dealt pretty well with my occasional absences. There have always been some among you able to lead a service, or read from the Torah scroll, or deliver a dvar Torah. Our board has long been a "working board," its members chairing or at least serving on various committees, which get the work of the synagogue done, from collecting dues to paying the bills, from running and teaching the religious school to covering adult Torah study classes, from organizing acts of social justice to solidifying our presence in the community-at-large.

Certainly, there are things I do that no one can do quite the same way. But your new chapter is, like my own, an opportunity for you to expand your horizons, to experiment, and to grow in ways you might not have previously considered – both as individuals and as a congregation.

"Growth," writes Rabbi Cosgrove, "depends on two parties acting together. One individual must let go, and the other must exhibit the quality of self-reliance."

In our Torah portion, the Children of Israel are compelled to face the wide open expanse of their future. Physically and spiritually, they enter the midbar. Leaving Mount Sinai, they set out on their long journey toward the steppes of Moab and the banks of the Jordan River.

As Rabbi Cosgrove observes, the stories you will read over the next few weeks describe how the Children of Israel become the Adults of Israel. These stories also describe how God must continually redefine the Divine relationship with the people, discovering when to hold on and when to let go.

"The desert is a frightening expanse, filled with pitfalls and the possibility of failure, " he writes – yes - but those who are "wise and courageous know that it is actually ONLY in the Midbar that we can truly find ourselves…There is no task more essential to the human soul than coming into one's own and letting those around you be given the chance to do the same."

So please, think of our pending parting as a golden opportunity for you to truly be in the Midbar – a chance to really experience all the growth and transformation and self-realization that can only happen there.

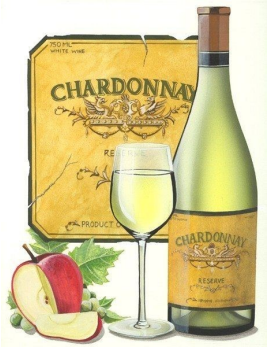
I wish you every possible blessing as we go our separate ways. Know that I carry each of you in my heart; that life will assuredly throw us together for occasional visits; and that you have made an indelible impression on me, as I hope I have on you.

L'shalom ulivracha – for peace and for blessing, always your Rabbi Emerita,

Cheryl Rosenstein

Temple Beth El

"Chardonnay Shabbat"



Friday, July 19th

"PrOneg" (appetizers and libations) served at 6:00 PM

Shabbat Service at 6:30 PM

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(Note: No 7:30 PM service that night!)

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President Ilene Schechter Perspectives

This is my first article in our monthly Shofar!

Thank you to the Congregation for the confirmation of the slate of Officers and Trustees. We have an awesome Board that will work diligently to enhance Temple Beth El and your worship experience!

I'm excited to continue with the great work that was done by Elliott and the previous boards. I look forward to meeting with everyone at our services and functions.

We say goodbye to our Rabbi and her family. She helped to shape the lives of our families for the past 26 years. I'm very grateful, on a personal note, that my love of Reform Judaism was shaped by her inspiration and dedication to Temple Beth El. Good luck Rabbi Cheryl Rosenstein and family. Rick, we will truly miss your baked goods! Benji and Ari, thank you for your enthusiasm and participation in our children's lives. All of you will be missed!

Thank you Doug for your beautiful musical accompaniment at your many services with Rabbi. We look toward your continued musical performances! Doug is on vacation during the summer so if any of you musically inclined members want to share with us, please let us know!

You might now be asking, "How do we support Temple Beth El and the upcoming services as we search for a Rabbi?"

Get involved! Use your voice to inspire all members. Host an Oneg, visit an ill member, teach our children, encourage past members to return to find a home here again. We will be leading services with same vigor and enlightenment as in the past.

Final note, please stay in touch with us with your updated contact information. You'll be receiving letters in the mail in regards to membership and dues. Complete the update and return as soon as you can. We will be working on an updated Membership book.

Welcome to all new members and again thank you to all Congregants and your support.

Shalom,

Ilene Schechter

Oneg

	July		August
5	Gail & Steve Magnus	2	Susie Easley Amy Knight
12	Jeff Russinsky & Linda Morales	9	Pamela Elilsheva & Irvin Pike Judy Strauss
19	Young Jewish Professionals	16	Steve & Janet Newbrough Ron & Laura Lauria
26	Marsha Parr Linda Hakimi	23	Elliott Magnus Jill Egland
		30	Vivian Gonzales

If you are unable to host your scheduled night, please **find a replacement; then call the office** at 322-7607 so that our Shabbat Worship Service cards are updated accordingly. **Reminder:** Part of clean-up includes washing and putting away dishes and utensils.

2	Amy & John Knight	18th
2	Cheryl Rosenstein & Richard Shiell	30th
3	Thomas & Miriam Stull	65th
4	Rudie & Maria Chavez	40th
4	Michael & Esther Greenberg	20th
10	Robert & Patricia Young	36th
15	Neil & Lynne Rosenstein	57th
19	Steve & Janet Newbrough	38th
26	Steven & Fanny Jacobs	38th
26	Marc & Ellyn Widelock	43rd
28	Ronald & Laura Lauria	47th
29	Michael & Sharon Miller	50th
30	Holley Arbeit & Jack Grippi	41st

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3	Tiffany Mayer	
3	David Neumeister	
3	Patricia Young	
7	La Zelle Broida	
8	Christopher Jacobson	
13	Ronald Lauria	
13	Donna Schwartz	
16	Lenore Harriman	
17	Elliott Magnus	
18	William Wolfe	
19	Bill Neal	
20	Emerson Marin Kniffen	13th
22	Debi Hazel	
22	Gail Lipton	
22	Larry Saslaw	
23	Michael Waldrop	
24	Michael Broida	
26	Ann Diamond	
26	Andrew Scott Hansford	
27	Selwyn Kay	
30	Fanny Jacobs	
31	Cesar Preciado	17th

Service & Pulpit Honors

Friday, July 5 @ 7:30 PM Shabbat Worship Service		**Parashat -** Numbers 16:1-18:32	**Haftarah** I Samuel 11:14-12:22
Torah Reader Pamela Elisheva	**Candle Blesser** Donna Schwartz	**Torah Bearer** Heber Cruz-Berber	**Torah Blesser** Jeff Schwartz
D'var Torah Pamela Elisheva	**Kiddush** Ron Lauria	**Oneg Hosts** Gail & Steve Magnus	**Usher** Irvin Pike
Friday, July 12 @ 6:00 PM Pot Luck Shabbat			**D'var Torah** Irvin Pike
Candle Blesser Amy Snyder	**Kiddush** Roy Snyder	**Oneg Host** Jeff Russinsky & Linda Morales	**Usher** Chris Jacobson
Friday, June 19 @ 6:00 PM Chardonnay Shabbat		**Parashat -** Numbers 22:2-25:9	**Haftarah** Micah 4:6-6:8
Candle Blesser Laura Wolfe	**Kiddush** Bill Wolfe	**Oneg Hosts** Young Jewish Professionals	**Usher** Colleen McGraw
Friday, July 26 @ 7:30 PM Shabbat Worship Service		**Parashat -** Numbers 25:10-30:1	**Haftarah** I King 18:46-19:21
	Candle Blesser Elaine White	**Torah Bearer** Peggie Soltis	**Torah Blesser** Robert Young
Torah Reader D'var Torah Marc Schulman	**Kiddush** Doug White	**Oneg Hosts** Marsha Parr Linda Hakimi	**Usher** Steve Magnus

I would like to send a big thank you to Eli and Jude Ruiz for all the wonderful (mostly Jewish) books they gave to Ha-Gan. Know that they will be read for years to come as they help shape young Jewish minds (and hearts) with their stories and pictures.

Miss Irene

Changes?

Please notify Lorrie in the Temple office with your membership information -- addresses (including email), phone number(s), births, marriage, yahrzeits.

Please help up keep our data base and membership directory updated.

Publish Your News In The Shofar

Your items of interest are welcomed for publication. **Deadline is 12 noon on the 15th of the month.**

Call Lorrie at 322-7607
or email at tbebakersfield@gmail.com

July 2019 Yahrzeits

7/5 Shabbat Worship Service	
Lawrence Brandon, father of Rogers Brandon	**7/6**
Albert Finkelstein, father of Miriam Tann	**7/6**
Greta Harow, remembered by Irvin Pike & Pamela Elisheva	**7/9**
David Jacobson, grandfather of Christopher Jacobson	**7/9**
Esther Lewi, mother of Ana Genel z"l; grandmother of Janet Blumberg	**7/10**
Lily Shoemaker, great-great-grandmother of Shyanne Southern	**7/11**
Robert H. Soren, grandfather of Sharon Miller	**7/11-Tammuz 8**

7/12 Family Night Service	
Phyllis Fram, mother of Joe Fram	**7/12**
Rita Russ Sager, cousin of Jeffery Russinsky	**7/12**
Phyllis Schechter, mother of Ilene Schechter	**7/12**
John Alan Sheeter, husband of Helen Armistead; son-in-law of Stan z"l & Norma z"l Schwartz; brother-in-law of Jeff Schwartz	**7/12**
Ruth Joy Bell, mother of Marty Weinberg	**7/13**
Faye Harris Crafton, sister of Billie Bizieff z"l	**7/14**
Rose Korman, grandmother of Stan Schwartz z"l; great-grandmother of Jeff Schwartz & Helen Armistead	**7/14-Tammuz 11**
Susan Perell, great-aunt of Nancy Brennan	**7/15**
Estelle Vengarick, remembered by Irvin Pike	**7/15**
Joseph Davis, remembered by TBE	**7/16**
John Cothran, remembered by TBE	**7/18**
Genia Gross, remembered by TBE	**7/18**
Dorothy Kaliner, grandmother of Marcy Smith	**7/18**
Allen Kaplan, brother of Marsha Parr	**7/18**

7/19 Shabbat Worship Service	
Esther Krantz, cousin of Arline Pike z"l & Irvin Pike	**7/19**
Haseline Nesmith, great-aunt of William Hoschele	**7/20**
Kayla Schinder, sister of Etel Lewis	**7/21**
Dana Robin Jacobs, sister of Steven Jacobs	**7/22-Tammuz 19**
Dale Chesser, brother of Christy Rudnick	**7/23**
Glenna Glatzer, grandmother of Gaby Scully	**7/23**
Ann Allison, mother of Bob Allison	**7/24**
Heather Tanger Black, niece of Arline Pike z"l; cousin of Irvin Pike	**7/24**
David Kalish, remembered by TBE	**7/25**

7/26 Shabbat Worship Service	
Richard Anderson, father of Elaine White	**7/26**
Monica Balcorta-Haro, niece of Cristina Balcorta	**7/27**
Ellie Pierce, remembered by Irvin Pike & Pamela Elisheva	**7/27**
David Salnitsky, uncle of Esther Brandon	**7/27**
Sima Magidow, mother of Mary Speare	**7/28**
Jacob Hadida, grandfather of Dorise Bitton	**7/28-Tammuz 26**
Lillian Sachs, mother of Shirley Ann Newman z"l; grandmother of Heidi Allison	**7/29**
Abram Goldberg, father of Michael Goldberg	**7/30**
Morton Greenberg, father of Michael Greenberg	**7/30**
Ann Purcell, friend of Jill Egland	**8/1**

In Memory

We mourn the loss in recent days of. . .

Marco A. Rosa

June 2, 2019 - Iyar 28 5779

Brother of Indiana Schenkman

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Vivian Gonzales
In honor of Colleen McGraw & Peggie Soltis wedding; in honor of Rabbi Rosenstein
Nancy & Arthur McCombs
In honor of Rabbi Rosenstein

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