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# Celebrate Purim!





# The President's Perspective

I think many of us are basking in the afterglow of a truly spectacular Shabbat installation of Rabbi Klein and the 75<sup>th</sup> Gala Celebration when so many of our Temple Beth El Family and greater community gathered together. What was most gratifying for me was the joyous, and a very well-attended Shabbat Service-installation. It was complemented with songs and guitar music by Rabbi, Rocky and Kinneret, a zoom reading by Zimra, passing of Torahs among the 5 Rabbis, past presidents and the current

Temple Board, and guest commentary and song from Rabbi Peskind, Rabbi Rosenstein, and Rabbi Lazar. What was especially wonderful, was to look out on a sanctuary that was full of smiling, singing and exuberant members, guests, and children enjoying themselves in Shabbat observance and celebration.

All of us standing here now are so fortunate for to have had the founding families who had a vision to create a reform Jewish community here in Bakersfield. When I came here some 37 years ago in 1985, I was warmly welcomed by many members of that first generation and by Rabbi Peskind. The names of Roslyn Strauss, Mary Speare, Bea Shilkrout, Hulda and Mel Magnus, Shirley and Marvin Lipco, Norma Schwartz, to name just a few, are very near and dear in my life experiences. This has been our community home with Jewish values, Jewish traditions, and Jewish learning for so many families. It is in those values and traditions to pay it forward for those who will follow.

I want to thank so many of you who sent in pictures and tributes for the 75<sup>th</sup> Celebration Book, L'dor V'dor: from generation to generation! The pictures from the very beginning at the groundbreaking and through the years bring back memories of friends and families with whom we all shared time together: learning and living our Jewish faith, values, traditions, foods, and history.

Thank you for your financial support for helping us honor these past 75 years. You have given us a wonderful financial boost...\$25,000 or so, to start us into the next 75 years. Thank you to Avital Anders, Esther Brandon, and Irvin Pike who organized and hosted such a wonderful celebration. Let's keep it going!

Shalom, Larry Saslaw President



# The Rabbi's Reflections

"Building Temple Beth El, G-d Will Dwell Among Us"

On Friday, February 24th, Parashat Terumah, at my Installation service, I was afforded to respond to the majesty of the moment, a powerful ceremony that I will forever remember as a spiritual highlight of my career. I offered my thoughts about our collaborative future work at Temple Beth El—Creating holiness among us:

This week, we read Exodus, chapter 25:

Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart is so moved. And let them make Me a Temple, Mikdash, that I may dwell among them.

B'tocham, among them, within them. Not "That [G-d] may dwell within IT," the Mikdash, the temple, a place that is holy...Gd will be felt, through their efforts, within THEM, B'tocham.

We are together, WE are the holiness, an expansive Jewish community, communal leaders, pastors, Temple Beth El past, present, and future. A Gibush: a crystallization, of holiness, made manifest within the Bakersfield ether, each of us attempting to be servants of G-d: I am a mere low-ranking officer in this effort at making life meaningful alongside you. I join seven others before me. Two of them we are blessed are here.

Ana Av'da d'kud'sha b'rich hu, I am nothing more than a servant of the Holy One of Blessing, tasked through this installation, to tease out in this Mikdash, this holy space, Temple, the holiness that is b'toch, within, each and every one of you.

Whether you know it's there, or not. You, your neighbor. Together we will build a world of love, Olam Chesed Yibaneh. Building Temple Beth El together, A shul of love. Building a Mikdash, causing Gd to dwell within us.

You who are within its walls. Those with walls in other faith institutions. Those opting out of sacred spaces.

Even people without walls, homes, spaces, the downtrodden and marginalized. All of us. Not us collectively. YOU. And YOU. And You.

When I first arrived, at the beginning of a pandemic, I started to ask you, "Bring your Whole Self, Whoever you are." The moniker now on the back of my business card.

You belong here, because Gd dwells within you, because you and those around you are bringing the gift of yourself to the rest of us...



#### Rabbi, continued from page 3

it's through the gift of yourself that Gd is made manifest, we are B'tzelem E-lohim, in the image of Gd, we will imagine a better world and justice and peace, and then pursue it, together.

My late father Sherman Klein is here. He passed 12 years ago next Thursday night. I cannot help but wish that he and my mother, Lila Klein, were here to celebrate with us today, that Temple Beth El continues, or better yet, Thrives, through our shared enterprise of Asu Li Mikdash v'shachanti b'tocham.

I say, Na'aseh Lo Mikdash, let us make for Gd a Sacred Space. That we connect to Gd, to all that is meaningful.

I am unworthy of all the kindness that You have so steadfastly shown Your servant:

May each of you feel the blessing of daily sacred living, a vision that links us to rabbis, over the generations. Ken y'hi ratzon, may it be G-d's will.

Rabbi Jonathan Klein

## **Happy Anniversary!**

#### March 10

Joshua & Edith Rudnick William & Laura Wolfe

#### March 19

Stacy & Mark Davis

#### March 23

Michael & La Zelle Broida

#### March 24

Jeffrey Russinsky & Linda Morales

# Prayer Book Bookplates In Honor or In Memory of...

We have new prayer books. Consider ordering a commemorative bookplate, which are available for \$54 each. To order, make check payable to Temple Beth El, "attention: Bookplates." You can also place an order on the TBE website.

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- TBE 75th Anniversary Celebration

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- · Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
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#### To contribute online:

https://templebethelbakersfield.org/donation/



# Simcha Set Luncheon at Mossman's

on Wible Road, March 6,11:30am

#### March 1

Esther Brandon

#### March 2

Stephen Bronstein John Knight

#### March 3

Elaine White

#### March 4

Julia Brennan

#### March 5

Elijah Escobedo Zoe Zanoff

#### March 8

Sarah Klein

#### March 11

Adam Ray Rodriquez

#### March 12

Laura Russinsky

#### March 13

Rudie Chavez Robert Smith

#### March 14

Jeffrey Russinsky

#### March 15

Dawn Baron Linda Hakimi

March 16
Peggie Soltis-McGraw

#### March 17

Tom Armistead
Jill Egland

#### March 18

Lucas Baron

#### March 20

Isabella Rudnick Rachel Wainwright

#### March 21

Merriem Palitz

#### March 22

Michael Feldman

#### March 27

Stacey Rodriquez Mauritz Theron

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# SISTERHOOD CHAI-LIGHTS

#### March 2023

Sisterhood members continue to participate in many exciting and interesting activities! We continue to have activities Via Zoom but please note we are now having some in-person events! All activities can be started at any time and no prior attendance is needed.

The following is a list of activities coming up in March and in the future!

**Thursday March 16th at 4:30pm** Sisterhood Leadership Meeting **Sunday March 19th at 3pm** General Meeting.

Rosh Hodesh-**Sunday March 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm** for a ½ hour via TBE Zoom!!

Book Club meeting- **March 26<sup>th</sup> 1 pm** via TBE Zoom! Current book is When I Grow Up by Ken Krimstein, a graphic novel

#### **Upcoming Events:**

Sisterhood Tea/kitchen fundraiser along with Refuat Ha'Nefesh and women's prayer program for May.

Please consider joining some great women!! We are now on Facebook! If you would like an invite to join our group please let one of the leadership team know!!

All Sisterhood activities are via TBE Zoom and in person as noted!! We hope to see you all at future activities and meetings! If you have any questions please feel free to email me!!

Helen Armistead- Secretary; armisteadlmft@gmail.com

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Bob & Heidi Allison: in memory of Bert Kantor and Gretchen Bloch

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Ronald & Laura Lauria: in memory of Thomas G. Lauria

Alexis Lukehart: in memory of Loraine Baranowicz Laura & Ricardo Reyes: in memory of Francisco Reyes Elaine & Douglas White: in memory of Stanley Witer

#### Rabbi Discretionary Fund

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llene Schechter:in honor of Rabbi Klein's installation

#### **Caring Committee**

Shulamit Shroder & Joshua Canepa: Rabbi Klein officiating wedding, llene for all her help

#### **Social Action Comm**

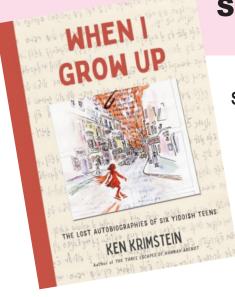
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#### **Religious School Donation**

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Sisterhood Book Club will meet on Sunday, March 26th at 1pm via TBE Zoom. Join us if you have or have not read the book. This is a graphic novel and we are looking forward to our usual insightful and delightful conversation.

# When I Grow Up: The Lost Autobiographies of Six Yiddish Teenagers

Jewish history is full of unbelievable moments. In 2017, thousands of pages of previously unknown documents were

discovered in the basement of a Lithuanian church. Included among them were personal essays submitted to a contest sponsored by the Yiddish scholarly and cultural organization, YIVO. Author and cartoonist Ken Krimstein, with the help of translator Ellen Cassedy, has written and illustrated a graphic nonfiction narrative based on six autobiographical reflections of young Jews written on the verge of the Holocaust. More than an adaptation, Krimstein's book is a transformation of these works into an utterly original form. Each author speaks from the past with the honesty and introspection of early adulthood, not knowing that the world in which they have grown up is about to be destroyed.

#### **KITCHEN NEWS**

# REMINDER from Sisterhood Leadership

When using the Kitchen please make sure it is left the way it was found!! This is a shared space!! Please be courteous of others!! Please clean up after use as we do not have janitors for this service. Please take home any leftover items and DO NOT leave them in the refrigerator!! We thank you for your cooperation!!



#### Rosh Chodesh Nisan - Sunday, March 19 - 6:30p - Zoom

# Oneg Hosts for March

March 3
Mark and Stacy Davis

March 10

Lyle and Marianne Gartenlaub

March 17th
Steve and Gail Magnus

March 24 & 31

Hosts Needed!



President Larry Saslaw welcomes Congregation B'nai Jacob Boardmember, Dian Olmstead to Temple Beth El. The lease agreement is signed. TBE will host CBJ while they search for a new home.



#### An Update from RAC-CA

#### Regional Gatherings: It's not too late to sign up!

The upcoming **Regional Gatherings** will include time to connect and share questions, ideas and successes (and flops!) in the work of organizing for justice in our congregations, as well as training and resources specific to the RAC-CA Climate Tzedek Campaign, and updates on the campaign and how our congregation can be involved.

Our Regional Gathering is in Los Angeles – Sunday, March 26, 10:30 a.m.–2:30 p.m. at Temple Israel of Hollywood

These gatherings will be in-person, with a virtual option for parts of the program. Please let Larry Saslaw or Jill Egland know if you are interested in participating. It would be great to have a strong contingent of Kern County Jews!

# March 2023 Yahrzeits

| Adolph Bernstein, father of Stacy Davis   | 3/1           |  |
|---|---------------|--|
| Ruth Broida Harter, mother of Greg Broida, grandmother of Michael Broida                          | 3/1           |  |
| Michael Calvin Brust, remembered by David and Lillian Brust                                       | 3/2           |  |
| Harold Greenstein, father of Jay Greenstein   | 3/2           |  |
| Sherman Klein, father of Jonathan Klein   | 3/2, Adar 9   |  |
| +Edwin Baum, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/3           |  |
| Rabbi Israel Newman, uncle of Heidi Allison; brother-in-law of Shirley Newman z'l                 | 3/3           |  |
| Estelle Salnitsky, aunt of Esther Brandon   | 3/3           |  |
| +David Savetnick, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/3           |  |
| rch 3 Shabbat Services  | •             |  |
| Loraine Baranowicz, sister of Alexis Lukehart   | 3/4, Adar 11  |  |
| Fay Berger, great-grandmother of Leah Bank  | 3/4           |  |
| Herbert Blatt, husband of Rose Blatt z'l; father of Barbara Kessler; grandfather of David Kessler | 3/4           |  |
| David Kohn, uncle of Muriel Vekas z'l and Arline Pike z'l; great-uncle of Irvin Pike              | 3/4           |  |
| Amran Sheriki, father of Haya Klein   | 3/4, Adar 11  |  |
| Hyman Krute, uncle of Jackie Rudnick z'l  | 3/5           |  |
| Sheila Overture, niece of Arline Pike z'l, cousin of Irvin Pike                                   | 3/5           |  |
| Art Rockoff, husband of Jan Rockoff z'l   | 3/5           |  |
| Marie Redding, mother of Jeanne Moore   | 3/6           |  |
| Melvin Adelstein, brother of Sylvia Katz z'l; uncle of Larry Saslaw                               | 3/7           |  |
| Mazal Hadida, grandmother of Dorise Bitton  | 3/7, Adar 14  |  |
| +Morris Katz, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/7           |  |
| William Greenberg, father of Ella Abrams  | 3/8 Adar 15   |  |
| Esther Schwartz, grandmother of Diane Andrews   | 3/8           |  |
| +Abraham Gelfenbein, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/9           |  |
| +Miriam Lipcowitz, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/9           |  |
| Naum Genel, father-in-law of Ana Genel z'l  | 3/10          |  |
| +Sarah Purlmutter, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/10          |  |
| Myer Makoff, brother-in-law of Florence Makoff z'l  | 3/10, Adar 17 |  |
| rch 10 Shabbat Services   |               |  |
| William Fish, grandfather of Larry Fish   | 3/11          |  |
| +Herbert Baron, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/11          |  |

| +Isaac Shewach, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/11, Adar 18 |  |
|--|---------------|--|
| Barry Schwartz, father of Stacey Rodriquez   | 3/12          |  |
| Mike Scott, foster son of Stan z'l and Norma Schwartz z'l                                      | 3/12          |  |
| Esther Flaxman, aunt of Larry Saslaw   | 3/14          |  |
| +Bessie Rosenthal Kaplan, mother of Marsha Parr; aunt of Freyda Hensley                        | 3/14          |  |
| Jay Leopold, brother-in-law of Judy Strauss  | 3/14          |  |
| Moishe Elizar Neuman, grandfather of Heidi Allison; father-in-law of Shirley Ann Newman z'l    | 3/14, Adar 21 |  |
| Shifra Neuman, grandmother of Heidi Allison; mother-in-law of Shirley Ann Newman z'l           | 3/14, Adar 21 |  |
| Shirley Roseman, aunt of Judith Joyce  | 3/14          |  |
| Rifka Rubenstein Sprung, grandmother of Maxwell Newman z'l; great grandmother of Heidi Allison | 3/14          |  |
| Sarah Kasse, great aunt of Steve Magnus; great-great aunt of Elliott Magnus                    | 3/15          |  |
| +Marilyn Greenlee, mother of Marilyn Press and Arnold Reed                                     | 3/15          |  |
| Sam Saslaw, uncle of Larry Saslaw  | 3/15          |  |
| Catherine Holt, mother of Harold Holt  | 3/16          |  |
| +Jean R. Segal, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/16          |  |
| Rae Cherry, sister of Norma Schwartz z'l; aunt of Helen Armistead and Jeff Schwartz            | 3/17, Adar 24 |  |
| March 17 Shabbat Services  |               |  |
| +Isaac N. Marks, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/18          |  |
| Samuel J. Young, father of Robert Young  | 3/18          |  |
| Samuel Epstein, father of Etta Robin   | 3/19          |  |
| Peter Perez, stepbrother of Joshua Rudnick   | 3/19          |  |
| Allen Wolfe, father of Bill Wolfe; grandfather of Matthew and Daniel Wolfe                     | 3/19          |  |



| Stanley Schwartz, husband of Norma Schwartz z'l; father of Helen Armistead and Jeff Schwartz                         | 3/19, Adar 26 |  |
|--|---------------|--|
| Allen Wolfe, father of William Wolfe   | 3/19          |  |
| +William Pike, father-in-law of Arline Pike z'l; grandfather of Irvin Pike   | 3/20          |  |
| Bradley Dillon, grandson of Peggie Soltis-McGraw   | 3/21          |  |
| Anne Caplan, mother of Diane Rogers  | 3/21, Adar 28 |  |
| Dr. Ralph Franklin, friend of Dan z'l and Mary Speare  | 3/21          |  |
| Ida Kruger, great-aunt of Sarah Mawhirter  | 3/21          |  |
| John Nichter, father of Sheryn Pincoski z'l  | 3/22          |  |
| +Arline Pike, mother of Irvin Pike   | 3/22          |  |
| March 24 Shabbat Services  | •             |  |
| Peter Golombek, remembered by Carla and Len Epstein  | 3/25          |  |
| David Kosakowski, husband of Dorise Bitton   | 3/25, Nisan 3 |  |
| +Erich Rosenbaum, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/25          |  |
| Tony Rodriquez, father of Adam Rodriquez   | 3/26          |  |
| Betty Younger, wife of Milton Younger z'l  | 3/26          |  |
| Hannah Somkin, grandmother of Ilene Schechter  | 3/28          |  |
| Emily Lepp, great-aunt of Laura Lauria; great-great aunt of Amanda Garza   | 3/28, Nisan 6 |  |
| +Minnie Myers, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/28          |  |
| +Emile Stein, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/29          |  |
| David Shroder, uncle of Shulamit Shroder   | 3/29          |  |
| +Hyman Hoffman, grandfather of Steve Magnus; great-grandfather of Elliott Magnus                                     | 3/30          |  |
| +Harry Garfenbein, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/30          |  |
| Bruce Pagni, friend of Peggie and Colleen Soltis-McGraw  | 3/30          |  |
| +H. Oscar Drazin, remembered by Temple Beth El   | 3/31          |  |
| +Heidi Roseanne Mailman, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/31          |  |
| +Anna Solin Shewach, remembered by Temple Beth El  | 3/31          |  |
| March 31 Shabbat Services  | •             |  |
| lone Lollar, mother of Laura Wolfe   | 4/1           |  |
| +Marvin David Teplitz, brother-in-law of Mary and Dan z'l Speare   | 4/1           |  |
| Esther Bernstein, mother of Stacy Davis  | 4/2           |  |
| Abraham Levey, grandfather of Arline Pike z'l and Muriel Vekas z'l; great-grandfather of Irvin Pike                  | 4/2           |  |
| +Sam Rudnick, brother of Marcus Rudnick z'l, Miriam Stull, Milton and Phil; uncle of Joshua Rudnick and Libbie Mahan | 4/2           |  |
| Milton Shilkrout, uncle of Judy Strauss  | 4/2, Nissan 1 |  |
| Tommy Uhacz, remembered by Irvin Pike  | 4/2           |  |
|  | 4/2           |  |

The Religious School is collecting tsedakah for the **Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry**,

an organization that helps owners continue caring for their family pets despite economic hardship.

#### **Did You Know?**

A record number of dogs and cats are taken to shelters or abandoned because their owners can no longer afford to feed them.



"Bakersfield Pet Food Pantry knows that our strength lies not only in the words we stand by, but most importantly through the actions of our initiatives."

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#### Making A Difference

"We started in April of 2009, donating pet food to folks who were receiving food from a local church and soup kitchen in Oildale. Quickly we saw a need far broader in this town than imagined. Bakersfield has a high unemployment rate along with overcrowded animal shelters.

"Many community members don't have enough money to feed their beloved four-legged companions. They often have to make a choice between feeding themselves or their pet.

"To date, over 700,000 pounds of pet food has come through our pantry to be given to those in need. Hardship continues for many in our community and the need seems to grow each year.

"We get calls everyday from desperate pet owners asking for help. Many of our pet food recipients frequent food banks themselves. We are solely dependent on public support of monetary contributions, pet food, and volunteer work.

"Our goal is no family pet goes hungry."

Please donate! Go online to templebethelbakersfield.org/donate

# **March 2023**

| Sunday   | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday | Thursday                                      | Friday  | Saturday                 |
|--|--|--|-----------|---|---|--------------------------|
| activitie<br>using a   | E NOTE: All tenes will be conducted on-site/ZOOM unless otherwise                      | cted<br>I hybrid   | 1         | 2   | 6:00pm<br>Family Services                                     | 4:30pm<br>Class via Zoom |
| <b>9:30am</b><br>Religious School                                  | 11:30am<br>Simcha Set<br>at Mossman's<br>on Wible Rd.<br>6:00pm<br>Megillah<br>Reading | 7 9:00am Prayer Book Study (via zoom) 6:00pm Religious Practices Meeting 7:15pm Hebrew Language Class via zoom | 8         | 9   | 6:00pm<br>Chardonnay<br>Shabbat (Services<br>begin at 6:30pm) | 4:30pm<br>Class via Zoom |
| <b>12</b><br>9:30am<br>Religious School                            | 13   | 9:00am Prayer Book Study (via zoom) 7:00pm Board Meeting   | 15        | 4:30pm<br>Sisterhood<br>leadership<br>meeting | 7:00pm<br>Shabbat<br>Services                                 | 4:30pm<br>Class via Zoom |
| 9:30am<br>Religious School<br>6:30pm<br>Sisterhood<br>Rosh Chodesh | 20   | 9:00am Prayer Book Study (via zoom) 7:15pm Hebrew Language Class via zoom                                      | 22        | 23 Nisan Rosh Chodesh                         | 7:00pm<br>Shabbat<br>Services                                 | 4:30pm<br>Class via Zoom |
| 26 No Religious School  10:30am RAC Regional Gathering             | 27   | 9:00am Prayer Book Study (via zoom) 7:15pm Hebrew Language Class via zoom                                      | 29        | 30  | 7:00pm<br>Shabbat<br>Services                                 |                          |

# Religious School Update



Yes, the Temple Beth El Religious School is small right now. I wish it wasn't, and when everyone *does* shows up, the cacophony is totally delightful!



Lennon Mawhitter is ready for Purim... are you?

One dynamic that changes when there are just a handful of students is the type of conversations we are able to have. We talk a lot—about things we think are "ha-ha" funny, what we like on our matzo, the pros and cons of Queen Esther's castle construction (we made it out of Legos. One thing we all agreed on was that there definitely needed to be a mote), our favorite foods (We're all over the place on that one.), and how we were able to practice gimlut chasadim (acts of lovingkindness) in the previous week. Our big "ahah" moment recently was realizing how often we're able to be kind and helpful without even really thinking about it… it's just what you do when you're a human being.

So, I am proud to report that Temple Beth El's Religious School is currently hosting some truly marvelous little humanoids. And it's an absolute gift to play a part in their getting to know their Jewishness.

L'Dor V'dor

Jill Egland, Principal

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