

# The Shofar

Temple Beth El ~Bakersfield, CA

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Shalom friends who are my family,

This is my first letter to share as president of our congregation! I am excited for what all the future holds and frankly, I am a bit nervous about the responsibility. Our outgoing president, Larry Saslaw, both literally and figuratively has presented us with a large pair of shoes to fill. I am grateful to him, Rabbi Klein, the leadership team along with everyone else who has been participating in supporting and building our community.

Being Jewish and loving that about myself is core to who I am. I love the purpose-driven wisdom, justice and the joy Judaism imbues. Hebrew for synagogue is Beit Kneset. It literally translates as “house of gathering together”. The social component of our community is both integral to Judaism and simply fun. It is why the slogan **יש תמיד סיבה למסיבה** “Yesh Tamid Siba LeMesiba” - **There is always a reason for celebration** speaks to me. We are blessed to have a rich history of traditions that inform how we choose to conduct ourselves and celebrate life. We will have lots of opportunities to enjoy each other’s company as we share Shabbat, holidays, study together, and participate in other life cycle events.

We are putting together a community calendar that will be easily accessible to everyone. The intention is that we can plan and participate in the events, learning opportunities, clubs and other happenings that interest us.

For the short term, please be sure to join us for installation of the new board on Chardonnay Shabbat, July 14<sup>th</sup>. We have a special surprise – the unveiling of the **TEMPLE BETH EL ICE CREAM BAR!!!** La Rosa is making a special, signature, vegan treat just for us!!!

Much more information and ruminations will follow.

Humbled for the opportunity to serve us,

Avital Anders

# Happy Anniversary!

**July 4**

Rudie & Maria Chavez

**July 10**

Robert & Patricia Young

**July 19**

Steve & Janet Newbrough

**July 20**

Michael & Leora Freedman

**July 29**

Ronald & Laura Lauria

# Happy Birthday!

**July 1**

Heidi Allison

**July 3**

Joshua Rittenberg

Patricia Young

**July 6**

Lisa Levine

**July 7**

LaZelle Broida

**July 8**

Christopher Jacobson

Deborah Rosenthal

**July 13**

Theresa Goldner

Ronald Lauria

Donna Schwartz

**July 15**

Amanda Garza

**July 17**

Elliott Magnus

**July 18**

William Wolfe

**July 22**

Larry Saslaw

Pamela Stahl

Rabbi Wynne Waugaman

**July 24**

Michael Broida

**July 27**

Selwyn Kay

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## **Kol Nidre Donation**

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## **Memorials/Yahrzeit**

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## **Tree of Life**

Ruth Klein: Bnai Mitzvah for Hunter Rittenberg and Tzipporah Escobedo

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## **Caring Committee**

Esther and Rogers Brandon: Birth of Isabella Brandon, daughter of Sam and

Tania Brandon

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**The Simcha Set Luncheon**  
**Simcha Set is taking a summer vacation and will resume**  
**Thursday, August 10th**

## **Sisterhood Chai Lights**

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. Here is a list of activities for July and the future: All Sisterhood activities are via TBE Zoom and in person as noted.

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE PART OF SISTERHOOD LEADERSHIP,  
PLEASE CONTACT KATHLEEN CHAMBERS!!!**

**Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> @ 4:30pm:** Sisterhood Leadership Meeting

**Sunday, July 16 @ 10am:** Breakfast and General Meeting (location to be advised)

Please notify Helen Armistead @: [armisteadlmft@gmail.com](mailto:armisteadlmft@gmail.com) or (661) 472-1758 to  
advise that you will attend. Location to be advised

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup> @6:30pm:** Rosh Chodesh for a half hour via the TBE Zoom

## **Book Club**

Current Book Club selections are *Lift and Separate* and *Husbands and Other Sharp Objects*. All are written by Marilyn Simon Rothstein. Book Club will meet via Zoom on **Sunday, August 27<sup>th</sup>**.

**For The Future:** Rosh Hashanah Oneg September 15<sup>th</sup> and Latke Brunch December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please contact Helen should you wish to help.  
[armisteadlmft@gmail.com](mailto:armisteadlmft@gmail.com)

Sisterhood membership drive is beginning in July. \$18 for the year. You may pay on the TBE website or send a check to TBE WOTBE with Linda Hakimi's name on the envelope and the purpose i.e. Sisterhood membership.

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

If you have any questions, feel free to send me an email:  
Helen Armistead-Secretary [armisteadlmft@gmail.com](mailto:armisteadlmft@gmail.com)

## **July 2023 Calendar**

**PLEASE NOTE:** All Temple activities will be conducted using an on-site/**ZOOM** hybrid model unless otherwise stated

**Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup>, 4:30pm: Scrolls class Song of Songs**

**Tuesday, July 4<sup>th</sup> : Independence Day**

**Friday, July 7<sup>th</sup>, 6pm: Family Service**

**Saturday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm: Scrolls Class Song of Songs**

**Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:30am: Prayers of Our Prayer Book**

**Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm: Sisterhood Leadership meeting**

**Friday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, 6pm: Chardonnay Shabbat**

**Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm: Scrolls Class Song of Songs**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 10am: 9-9:30am: Sisterhood Breakfast and General Meeting**

**Sunday, July 16<sup>th</sup>, 6:30pm: Rosh Chodesh (TBE Zoom)**

**Tuesday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:30am: Prayers of Our Prayer Book**

**Friday, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm: Shabbat Services.**

**Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 4:30pm: Scrolls class Song of Songs**

**Tuesday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 9-9:30am: Prayers of Our Prayer Book**

**Friday, July 28<sup>th</sup>, 7pm: Shabbat Services.**

**Saturday, July 29<sup>th</sup>, 4:30pm: Scrolls class Song of Song**

## July, 2023 Yahrzeits

<b>6/30 Shabbat Services Yahrzeits</b> + Memorialized on the Yahrzeit plaques on the wall in the foyer	
<b>Bert Everett Davis</b> , father of Mark Davis	7/1
<b>Edna Solomon</b> , grandmother of Greg Broida	7/1
<b>+Beulah Davis</b> , remembered by Pearl Davis z'l	7/2
<b>Cleotilde Espinosa</b> , mother of Maria Chavez	7/2
<b>+Zelda Leiberman</b> , remembered by Temple beth El	
<b>+Socorro Gonzalez</b> , mother of Rose Broida; grandmother of Michael Broida	7/2
<b>+Robert Pike</b> , husband of Arline Pike z'l, brother-in-law of Muriel Vekas z'l; father of Irvin Pike	7/3
<b>Eddie Holt</b> , uncle of William Wolfe	7/4
<b>Connie Wellman</b> , wife of Peggy Soltis-McGraw	7/4
<b>Lawrence Brandon</b> , father of Rogers Brandon	7/6
<b>7/7 Shabbat Services Yahrzeits</b>	
<b>+Meier Weimer</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/7
<b>+ Charlotte Rutman</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/8, Tamuz 19
<b>David Jacobson</b> , grandfather of Christopher Jacobson	7/9
<b>+Dora Stern Hoffman</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/9
<b>+Howard Clendenney</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/10
<b>+Benjamin Fleishman</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/10
<b>+Sarah Wolfe Adelson</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/11

<b>+Goldie Strauss Zieser</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/11
<b>+Phyllis Ann Fram</b> , mother of Joe Fram	7/12
<b>Rita Russ Sager</b> , cousin of Jeff Russinsky	7/12
<b>Phyllis Schechter</b> , mother of Ilene Schechter	7/12
<b>John Alan Sheeter</b> , husband of Helen Armistead; brother-in-law of Jeff Schwartz: son-in-law of Stan z'l and Norma Schwartz z'l	7/12
<b>Ruth Joy Bell</b> , mother of Marty Weinberg	7/13
<b>7/14 Shabbat Services Yahrzeits</b>	
<b>Louise Levine</b> , mother of Andrew Levine	7/14
<b>Jacob Hadida</b> , grandfather of Dorise Bitton	7/15, Tamuz 26
<b>Judith Lynn Kanter</b> , sister of Stacey Davis	7/15
<b>Estelle Vengarick</b> , mother of Anthony Vengarick; remembered by Arline Pike z'l, and Irvin Pike	7/15
<b>+Samuel Gordon</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/16
<b>+Joseph H. Davis</b> , remembered by Temple beth El	7/16
<b>+Randall Alan Rudnick</b> , remembered by The Rudnick Family	7/16
<b>Beatrice Brust</b> , , mother of David Brust	7/17
<b>Genia Gross</b> , remembered by Ruth Klein	7/18
<b>Dorothy Kliner</b> , grandmother of Marcy Smith	7/18
<b>Allen Kaplan</b> , brother of Marsha Parr	7/18
<b>Esther Krantz</b> , Cousin of Arline Pike z'l, and Irvin Pike	7/19
<b>+Leo Henry Horn</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/20, Av 2
<b>7/21 Shabbat Services Yahrzeits</b>	
<b>Kayla Schinder</b> , sister of Etel Lewis	7/21
<b>+Abraham Messerman</b> . remembered by Temple Beth El	7/22

<b>+Dorothy Esther Klakoff</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/23
<b>Ann Allison</b> , mother of Bob Allison	7/24
<b>Mollie Lande</b> , mother of Rose Blatt; grandmother of Barbara Kessler, great-grandmother of Barbara Kessler	7/24
<b>Ethel Miller</b> , mother of Michael Miller	7/24
<b>Heather Tanger Black</b> , niece of Arline Pike z'l and cousin of Irvin Pike	7/24
<b>+Sherwood Ross Schwartz</b> , remembered by Temple Beth El	7/24
<b>Birch ShilkROUT</b> , uncle of Judy Strauss	7/25
<b>Richard Anderson</b> , father of Elaine White	7/26
<b>David Salnitsky</b> , uncle of Esther Brandon	7/27
<b>7/28 Shabbat Services Yahrzeits</b>	
<b>Gertrude Greenberg</b> , mother of Ella Abrams	7/28
<b>Sima Magidow</b> , mother of Mary Speare	7/28
<b>Helen Schneider</b> , mother of Norma Schwartz z'l; grandmother of Helen Armistead and Jeff Schwartz	7/28
<b>Lillian Sachs</b> , mother of Shirley Ann Newman z'l; grandmother of Heidi Allison	7/29
<b>Barney Rosenstein</b> , father of Neil Rosenstein; grandfather of Cheryl Rosenstein	7/30, Av 12
<b>Grace Winnik</b> , mother of Lynne Rosenstein; grandmother of Cheryl Rosenstein	7/31, Av 13
<b>Ann Purcell</b> , friend of Jill Eglund	8/1
<b>Sam Magidow</b> , father of Mary Speare	8/3
<b>Milton Schulman</b> , Grandfather of Marc Schulman	8/3, Av 16

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