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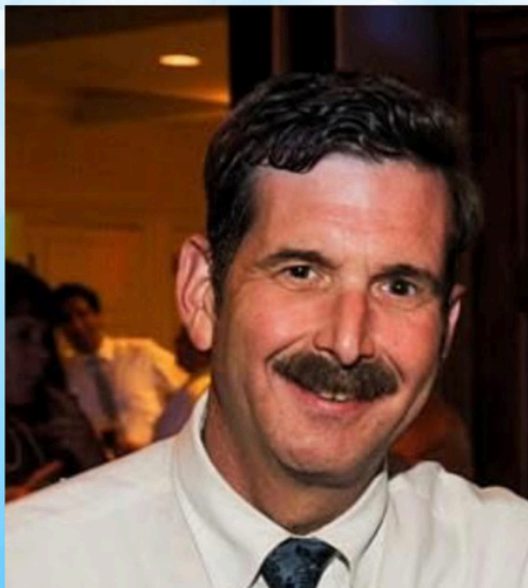
SHOFAR

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**Family Shabbat 6-7pm
followed by Oneg
Shabbat treats**

**Tim Fromm
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5-5:30pm,
Greenlawn
Northeast**

June 6



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Bakersfield, California

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whoever you are*

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What's
Inside*

LETTER FROM THE RABBI

A “Thank You,” and Coffee, Anyone?
Rabbi Jonathan Klein

Dear Heilige (Yiddish for “holy”) Sisters and Brothers of Temple Beth El,

First, I want to extend a special thank you to **Avital Anders**, our fearless leader for the past two years. Under her watch, we have seen tremendous programmatic growth and solidification of our programs. From the “Third Annual Lag B’Omer Picnic” held this May, to a well functioning Pastrami King at the Kern County Fair, to a well-oiled machine for our religious school with three classes in the first time in years, and even to adding her very own moniker and imprimatur upon us—**יש תמיד סיבה למסיבה**, “**There is Always a Reason for Celebration!**”—Avitali (“my Avital” as I like to refer to her!) has been an outstanding partner in making Temple Beth El flourish. I will miss her unbridled generosity, ubiquitous presence, and willingness to do whatever it takes to ensure that Jewish life is dynamic, multifaceted, and enriching our community’s lives. Rav Todot, Avital! Many Thanks!



Of course, we couldn’t be more fortunate than to FINALLY, after a lifetime of serving the congregation, **Irvin Pike** is finally taking the reins from Avital to become our newest President! Decades of unassuming leadership, in every crevice of Temple Beth El’s existence, makes Irvin more than qualified to shepherd us into 5786 and into a new year of possibilities. As every person likely knows, Irvin has done everything for TBE over the past multiple decades, including changing air conditioning filters, purchasing new mics for our sound system and rearranging the setup, constructing and deconstructing our annual courtyard Sukkah, chairing the Religious Practices Committee, serving as Financial Secretary, overseeing major work on our facility, arranging for security prior to Shabbat services, and countless (really!) little miracles unknown to anyone. And personally, I’m grateful for the ongoing flow of fruits that have made their way into my belly from this mensch of a man! A special shout out to **Pamela Elisheva** who, besides being Irvin’s wife, is also committed to taking over the role of Religious Practices so that we can benefit from Irvin’s undying love for Temple Beth El. Mazel Tov, Irvin, for taking on this mantle of leadership!

It’s summertime; I am excited to spend additional time in Bakersfield, due to the generosity of Esther and Rogers Brandon, who while being on Martha’s Vineyard during these months, have opened up what they call the menachem begin suite in their home for me to stay. This will make my work in Bakersfield stronger, and I want to leverage this into opportunities to build relationships with all of you. In particular, during the month of June, **I would like to see you! Coffee on me, or lunch or dinner!** Please let me know if you would like to meet with your rabbi! In particular, there are many who I don’t see on Friday nights and who are nevertheless deeply committed to Jewish life in Kern County. I will come meet you wherever you are. Just let me know and we will arrange a time to get together.

The future of temple Bethel is bright, standing on the shoulders of giants. I look forward to seeing you soon!

Chazak ve’Ematz, Be Strong and Take Courage,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan Klein".

Rabbi Klein

LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom Friends who are Family,

This is my final address to you as president. It has been a short 2 years packed with joy and pain. Most notably, we marked more than 600 days since the fateful date of October 7, 2023. AS this war drags on, our hostages' sufferings are unimaginable, the Palestinian people, both in Gaza and the West Bank, are suffering, our soldiers are making tremendous sacrifices and the world's antisemitism has roared back. We, Jewish individuals, wrestle internally and publicly with the realities of violence, with the ideals of justice and morality. How do we show up? Where do we invest our energy to make the world a better place?



Being part of the Beth El family has given me strength and joy. Participating and contributing to events and the well-being of our community has supported me as I navigate my own personal path. It is tempting to list achievements and revisit successful events. I would rather just express my deep gratitude to you, who walk with me along this path. I have been uplifted by the smiles, the hugs, the teamwork to make things happen, the robust debates about issues that matter to us. Leadership changes provide us with the opportunity for new energy. I am looking forward to supporting our new board, president Irvin Pike, and Rabbi Jonathan Klein. Together, we continue the mitzvah of bringing Torah to the San Joaquin Valley.

I stand by my slogan –
There is always a reason for celebration,
יש תמיד סיבה למסיבה

Avital Anders
President, Temple Beth EL



Our Contributors:

thank you

Memorials/Yahrzeits

- Robert and Marcy Smith: *in memory of Leonard H. Smith*
- Ronald and Laura Lauria: *in memory of Tyler Anthony Mince*
- David Anaya and Celeste Caballero: *in memory of Victor Anaya & Genaro Sarmiento*
- Brent Eastep: *in memory of Hy and Pearl Davis*

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

- Leonard and Carla Epstein: *wedding of Matthew Epstein and Katrina Hall*
- Sylvia Klein: *wedding of Kathleen Chambers & Chuck Butler*



Caring Committee

- Ilene Schechter: *wedding of David & Missy Valdez*
- Ilene Schechter: *wedding of Matthew Epstein and Katrina Hall*

Tree of Life

In honor of the B'Nai Mitzvot of Asher Delijani & Isla Friedman:

- David Anaya and Celeste Caballero
- Etel Lewis
- Sylvia Klein
- Andy and Ella Abrams

Contribute Online: <https://templebethelbakersfield.org/donation>

We are grateful for all contributions!

Moments in our Lives

Miriam and John Beam	June 07
Jay and Marsha Greenstein	June 08
Rod and Jeanette Delijani	June 13
Charles and Sharon Rhodes	June 13
Bob and Heidi Allison	June 13
David and Terri Stanton	June 30



HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Catherine Mahan	June 05	Etel Lewis	June 15
Jennifer Marcus	June 05	Elijah David Delijani	June 16
Raul Escobedo	June 06	Mary Helen Barro	June 17
Philip Rudnick	June 06	Gail Magnus	June 17
Lyle Gartenlaub	June 07	Linda Porter	June 18
Richard Schenkman	June 10	Jennifer Skinner	June 20
Rogers Brandon	June 11	Lola Baron	June 27
Steven Magnus	June 11	Larry Fish	June 28
Jeffrey Schwartz	June 13	Selah McCay	June 28
David Anaya	June 15	Terri Stanton	June 28
Judy Feldman	June 15	Carter Friedman	June 29

יום הולדת שמח



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The Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers committee is also looking for [sponsors](#), [raffle prize donations](#), and [volunteers](#). If you are interested in helping, please contact Stacy Davis by phone at 661-319-4069 or by email at 8krazykilometers@gmail.com



June

Sivan • Tammuz



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
1 Omer Day 49 <i>5 Sivan</i> 9:30-12:30 Last Day of Religious School 6:30 pm Shavuot Potluck & Book of Ruth 9 pm Zoom Study	2 <i>Shavout</i> 9:30 am Shavuot study followed by 11:30 am lunch	3 <i>Shavout</i> 6:30 - 7:30 pm (Zoom) Religious Practices Committee	4	5	6 6 pm First Friday Shabbat Family Services	7 <i>Nasso</i> 5 - 6 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
8 10:00 am Geniza with Cong B'Nai Jacob 2:30 pm S.H. Gen Meeting 3:00 pm S.H. Leader Meeting	9	10 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom) 7:00 pm Board Meeting	11	12	13 6 pm Chardonnay Shabbat	14 <i>Behaalotecha</i> 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service w Cong B'nai Jacob
15 <i>Father's Day</i>	16	17 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	18	19	20 7 pm Shabbat Services	21 <i>Shlach</i> 5 - 6 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
22 6:30 pm Rosh Chodesh, via zoom	23	24 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	25	26 <i>1 Tammuz</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	27 7 pm Learning Shabbat	28 <i>Korach</i> 5 - 6 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
29 1:00 pm Book Club	30	9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)		Services Religious School Adult Education Leadership Meetings Community Events Sister Hood Event Parsha of the Week Jewish Holidays Jewish Date		

Upcoming Events:

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COMING

SOON



Dairy Potluck **EREV SHAVUOT**

Sunday, June 1 at 6:30 PM
followed the Book of Ruth

9:00 pm
Women Zoom Study, sponsored by the Women of TBE

Sisterhood Chailights

Sisterhood members continue to participate in many exciting and interesting activities! All activities can be started at any time and no prior attendance is needed.

GENERAL MEETING- Sunday, June 8th @ 3:00 pm via TBE Zoom (note no meeting in May)

LEADERSHIP MEETING- Sunday, June 8th @ 2:30 pm via TBE Zoom (note no meeting in May)

BOOK CLUB- Sunday, June 29th @ 1 pm. We will review *Unorthodox Love* by Heidi Shertok with the author!

Rosh Chodesh- Sunday, June 22nd @ 6:30 pm via TBE Zoom.

COOKING CLASS- None

SISTERHOOD DUES ARE NOW DUE!! \$18 FOR THE WHOLE YEAR!! You can pay online at the TBE website or send a check made out to WOTBE with sisterhood on the envelope!!

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.

If you have any questions please feel free to email me, Helen Armistead- Co-Vice President/Secretary; armisteadlmft@gmail.com

Sisterhood Book Club

We will be reading *Unorthodox Love* by Heidi Shertok. We will meet one June 29th at 1:00 pm over Zoom to discuss this unapologetically Jewish, romance novel with the author!



CELEBRATION WEAR



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REASON TO
CELEBRATE**

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**יש תמיד
סיבה
למסיבה!!**

Yahrzeits

June 2025

+Memorialized on the Yahrzeit plaques on the wall in the foyer

JUNE 6 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

+Guy Parr: husband of Marsha Parr	June 6
+Muriel Vekas: aunt of Irvin Pike and Anthony Vengarick	June 6
Debra Vice: sister of Marc Schulman	June 8
Katrina Anne Ruiz: niece of Libbie Mahan	June 8
+Samuel Browl: remembered by TBE	June 8
Julius Bard: grandfather of Marc Schulman	June 10, Sivan 14
Leah Schenkman: mother of Richard Schenkman	June 10
+Joan Fromm: remembered by TBE	June 10
Tyler Anthony Mince: nephew of Laura Lauria, cousin of Amanda Garza	June 11
+Harry A. Davis: remembered by TBE	June 11
+Pauline Kamine: remembered by TBE	June 11
Etta Goldman: aunt of Marsha Parr	June 12
+Goldie Bernstien: remembered by TBE	June 12
+Faige Stein: remembered by TBE	June 12, Sivan 13

JUNE 13 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

Helene Davis: mother of Carla Epstein	June 13
Dianne Barrath: mother of Debra Barrath	June 13
Al Abrams: father of Andy Abrams	June 13
+Robert Luis Atencio: remembered by TBE	June 14
Miriam Buck: grandmother of Beth Spiegel	June 16
Tsolik Lekht: brother of Etel Lewis	June 17
Kathryn White: mother of Doug White	June 17
+Wendy Wayne: remembered by TBE	June 17
Jacob Schneider: grandfather of Jeff Schwartz & Helen Armistead	June 18, Sivan 22
Kendall R. Peterson: father of Ann Peterson-Saslaw z'l	June 19
+Lewis Vengarick: remembered by Irvin Pike	June 19

JUNE 20 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

Bobby Klein: brother of Rabbi Jonathan Klein and Sylvia Klein	June 20, Sivan 29
Alton Swinney: father of Nancy McCombs	June 22
Jonas Hakimi: father of Ahron Hakimi	June 23
+Irene Broida: grandmother of Greg Broida	June 23
Irene Christenson: mother of Jana Reichert and Bailey Christenson	June 24

JUNE 27 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

+Henry Solomon: uncle of Greg Broida	June 27
+Rebecca Sophie Rudnick: remembered by TBE	June 28
Sylvia Kohan: friend of Russinsky family	June 29
+Barnett Henry Magnus: remembered by TBE	June 29
William Palmer: father of Deborah Rosenthal	June 30
Elias Cohen: remembered by TBE	June 30
Bert Everett Davis: father of Mark Davis	June 1
Edna Solomon: grandmother of Greg Broida	June 1
+Socorro Gonzalez: mother of Rose Broida	June 2
+Beulah Z. Davis: remembered by TBE	July 2
+Zelda R. Liberman: remembered by TBE	July 2
+Robert Pike: father of Irvin Pike	June 3
+Maurice A. Marcus: remembered by TBE	July 3
+Phil Rositzky: remembered by TBE	July 3
+Annabelle Levy Greenberg: remembered by TBE	July 3; Tamuz 6



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