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A vibrant yellow poster for the Pastrami King booth at the Kern County Fair. The poster features a large circular graphic with the words "PASTRAMI KING" in bold, pink, outlined letters. Below this, it says "VOLUNTEER WITH US AT THE KERN COUNTY FAIR! PASTRAMI KING BOOTH 2025 - SIGN UP NOW!". The dates "SEPT. 17-28" are prominently displayed in pink. Two circular inset photos show the booth staff waving and the exterior of the booth with a menu board. A small illustration of a red and white striped tent is at the bottom. The URL "HTTPS://SIGNUP.COM/GO/SHPVVRW" is at the bottom right.

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Bakersfield, California

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whoever you are*

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LETTER FROM THE RABBI

Bonds Within a Pluralistic Community
Rabbi Jonathan Klein

As Jews, we understand that no person is meant to walk through life alone. The Torah teaches us לֹא טוֹב הָיִתָּה הָאָדָם לְבֶדּוֹ, it is "not good for a person to be alone" (Gen. 2:18); this wisdom extends far beyond romantic partnership to encompass the broader fabric of a community that can sustain us. When we gather at Temple Beth El for Shabbat services, celebrate Rosh Hashanah, Purim, Passover, or Sukkot together, and support one another through times of joy and sorrow, we create something far greater than the sum of our separate selves. Our kehilah k'dushah (holy community) provides us with accountability, compassion, and the opportunity to live out our values in relationship with others. Through our community, we learn to balance our own needs with those all around us, displaying a radical empathy that Isaiah, Amos, Jeremiah, Micah, and other prophets demanded of us.

Israel embodies our profound truth of loving our community on a global scale. Israel represents far more than a geographical homeland; it is a living expression of Jewish peoplehood that transcends borders and generations. When we support Israel's right to

exist and thrive, we affirm our commitment to the principle that every person deserves safety, self-determination, and the opportunity to contribute their unique gifts to the world. And, of course, from this baseline of Ahavat Yisrael (love for Israel), we are called to uphold high moral standards, advocating for policies that reflect our deepest values of justice, human dignity, and peace. This complex dynamic and relationship teach us that true love sometimes requires difficult conversations and the courage to speak truth, even when it's uncomfortable.

The microcosm of our synagogue community mirrors these larger truths. At Temple Beth El, we practice the art of disagreeing with respect, supporting one another across differences, and working together toward common goals that benefit not just ourselves but the wider world. How we critique is often as important as the critiques themselves. Still, giving one another the benefit of the doubt —kaf z'chut— is essential for our community to thrive. When we show up for each other—whether it's bikkur cholim (visiting the sick), celebrating milestones, or engaging in social justice/tzedakah efforts—we embody the Jewish understanding that Kol Yisrael arevim zeh bazeh: We are all interconnected as Jews.

Our individual spiritual growth is inseparable from our collective flourishing, and our local community is strengthened by our connection to Jews worldwide and our shared commitment to repairing the world through love, justice, and hope. "Ben Zoma says, Who is wise? One who learns from every person" (Avot 3:1). As your rabbi, I invite you to share your truth and to simultaneously welcome different views that, ultimately, might serve to enrich your perspective and help you to grow.

Rabbi Jonathan Klein,



LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Shalom, Temple Beth El family,

Days pass, and the years vanish, and we walk sightless among the miracles (Source from Mishkan T'filah, Chaim Stern). The days are getting shorter. The high holidays will soon be upon us. Time for contemplation for this past year on ways that we can improve ourselves. In ways that we see ourselves acting, or reacting to all the events and chatter that is happening around us. To thank God for all the blessings bestowed upon us. For waking up and being grateful for another day, I hope that you will join us for positive Jewish experiences, that will be coming up soon.

Irvin Pike,
President, Temple Beth El



Shalom Temple Beth El family,

Time Sensitive Announcement: You should have received the first request for submitting names for the 5786/2025 Memorial Book. The priority deadline is August 15 to be guaranteed inclusion of any new names. Please remember this is also an opportunity for Tzedakah. Please send your tzedakah to the temple or make your gift on the members donation page at <https://templebethelbakersfield.org/member-dues/>. If you didn't receive the email, don't hesitate to get in touch with our new coordinator, Laura Wolfe, at 661/496-6910 or lwolfeack@gmail.com . We want to include as many families as possible. The 5786/2025 book will be distributed at the Yom Kippur Yizkor Service on the afternoon of October 2, 2025.

Thank you!
Laura

Our Contributors:

thank you

Memorials/Yahrzeits

- Brent Eastep: *in memory of Hy and Pearl Davis*
- William and Laura Wolfe: *in memory of Socorro Gonzalez & Edna Solomon*
- Jerrold and Christina Rothberg: *in memory of David M. Faeth*
- Anthony and Courtney Vengarick: *in memory of Steve Fish*
- Ilene Schechter: *in memory of Phyllis Schechter*



Contribute Online: <https://templebethelbakersfield.org/donation>
We are grateful for all contributions!



Sarah and Irin Mawhirter	August 9
Selwyn and Cecily Kay	August 9
Elias and Jessica Hogan	August 11
Barry and Theresa Goldner	August 16
Richard and Indiana Schenkman	August 18
Jerrold and Christina Rothberg	August 20



BIRTHDAY

Epie Rittenberg	August 1	Rose Broida	August 13
Irvin Pike	August 4	Cullen McConnell	August 14
Rebecca Ruiz	August 4	Susie Simrin	August 15
Marty Weinberg	August 5	David Brust	August 23
Libbie Mahan	August 7	Ahron Hakimi	August 25
David Stanton	August 7	Jasmin LoBasso-Spencer	August 26
Rod Delijani	August 12	Marc Schulman	August 31

יום הולדת שמח



Shabbat
Shalom



Shabbat Service Schedule

- 1st Friday: 6 pm - Family Shabbat
 - 1-hour child-friendly Shabbat service followed by Oneg Shabbat
- 2nd Friday: 5:30 pm - Chardonnay Shabbat
 - Pre-service nosh followed by Shabbat service in the Social Hall
- 2nd Saturday: 9:30 am - Shabbat Morning Service
 - Conservative Shabbat morning service sponsored by Congregation B'nai Jacob; free lunch to follow
- 3rd Friday: 7 pm - Adult Shabbat Service
 - Includes Torah service, followed by Oneg Shabbat
- 4th Friday: 7 pm - Shabbat Shiur/Unplugged
 - Text study, no guitar; followed by Oneg Shabbat
- 5th Friday: 7 pm - Social Justice Shabbat
 - Focus on Social Justice; followed by Oneg Shabbat





August

Tammuz • Av



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
<div>Services</div> <div>Religious School</div> <div>Adult Education</div> <div>Leadership Meetings</div> <div>Community Events</div> <div>Sister Hood Event</div> <div>Parsha of the Week</div> <div>Jewish Holidays</div> <div>Jewish Date</div>					1 <i>7Av</i> 6 pm First Friday Shabbat Family Services	2 <i>Devarim</i> <i>Erev</i> <i>9th</i> Isla Friedman Bat Mitzvah Not at TBE 5 - 6 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
3 <i>Tishah B'av</i>	4	5 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom) 6:30 pm (Zoom) Religious Practices Committee	6	7	8 5:30 pm pre-oneg 6 pm Chardonnay Shabbat	9 <i>Va'etchanan</i> 9:30 am Shabbat Morning Service w Cong B'nai Jacob
10 10:00 am Visit Rock Harbor Church 2:30 pm S.H. Lead Meeting (Zoom) 3:00 pm General Meeting	11	12 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom) 7:00 pm Board Meeting	13	14	15 7 pm Shabbat Services	16 <i>Elkev</i> 5 - 6 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
17 9:30 am - 12:30 pm First Day of Religious School!	18	19 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	20	21	22 7 pm Shabbat Shiur: Jewish Learning	23 <i>Re'eh</i> 5 - 6 pm Class on Ecclesiastes (by Zoom)
24 6:30 pm Rosh Chodesh, via zoom 31 3:00 pm Book Club via Zoom	25 <i>1 Elul</i> <i>Rosh Chodesh</i>	26 9-9:30 am Prayers of our Siddur (by Zoom)	27	28	29 7 pm Social Justice Shabbat	30 <i>Shoftim</i>

Upcoming Events:

- Sat, Aug 2nd Erev 9th of Av (Tishah B'Av)
- Sat, Aug 2nd Isla Friedman Bat Mitzvah (Not at TBE)
- Sat, Sept 13th Selichot Services 6 pm-
Dessert/Discussion/Service/Havdalah
- Mon, Sept 22nd Erev Rosh Hashanah- 7 pm
- Tues, Sept 23rd Rosh Hashanah- 9 am Children/10:00 am Service
- Sun, Sept 28 Tashlich - 9:30 am
- Wed, Oct 1st Erev Yom Kippur- 6 pm
- Thu, Oct 2nd Yom Kippur- 9 am Children/10:00 am Service
- Mon. Oct 6th Erev Sukkot
- Fri, Oct 10th Shabbat Sukkot/Potluck 6 pm
- Tues, Oct 14th Simchat Torah- 6pm
- Sun, Dec 14th 1st night of Chanukah; 8K Race
- Sun, Dec 21st Latke Brunch

HEBREW READING CLASS

Taught by Rabbi Klein by Zoom

Free course! Learn the Aleph Bet!

Beginning Wednesday, October 22nd

Email Rabbi Klein, tberabbiklein@gmail.com, for details



*Good
Things
are
Coming*

2025 Race Medals Revealed



2025 In Person Medal



2025 Virtual Medal



The Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers Committee is honored to reveal our new **Krazy 8 Logo** for our 2025 fun runs. Our lucky **8** is inspired by this being our **8th** annual event, celebrating the **8** days of Hanukkah, and offering an **8K**.

Our in-person race is Dec.14 (the first night of Hanukkah) at the Panorama Vista Preserve and our virtual race start Dec. 14 and goes through the 8 days of Hanukkah.

Each registered participant will receive a long-sleeved race shirt, a finisher medal, a swag bag, and an entry in our raffle. We will continue to have awards for top finishers in the in-person 8K race, and prizes for the biggest team. We also offer team discounts. In addition, a portion of each registration will be donated to Kern River Parkway foundation.

Register now for early bird registration at:

<https://runsignup.com/Race/CA/Bakersfield/8krazykilometers>

For more information about the race visit our website at 8krazykilometers.org or visit our [Facebook page](#) or our [Instagram page](#)
Please follow our TikTok page TBE Krazy 8k

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

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, August 10th @ 3:00 pm via TBE Zoom.

LEADERSHIP MEETING- Sunday, August 10th @ 2:30 pm via TBE Zoom.

BOOK CLUB- Sunday, August 31st @ 3:00 pm. Book club is reading Meredith Schorr's books and meeting with the author!

Rosh Chodesh- Sunday, August 24th @ 6:30 pm via TBE Zoom.

Rosh Hashanah Oneg- Please mark your calendars for Monday night, September 23rd!! I will be looking for people to bake very soon!!

COOKING CLASS- Sunday, September 14th @ 9 am at TBE to make High Holiday Challahs! Please join us to make and take home your challah for the holidays! Ingredients provided by Sisterhood, but donations are always appreciated.

SUKKOT RETREAT- Sunday, October 12th! Mark your calendars! Everything will be provided by Sisterhood! Will only need to bring yourself! More information to come!

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

Sisterhood Book Club is reading Meredith Schorr books – *As Seen on TV*, *Someone Just Like You*, and *Mating* – over the summer. Schorr just released *Room Mating* which hit the USA Today Best Seller list and includes romance, humor, a hunky nice Jewish grandson, a library, book quotes and a Bubbe. Schorr has also written *As Seen on TV* and *Someone Just Like You* along with several other titles. We will meet with the author **via Zoom on August 31st and 3 pm.**



Pastrami King-Kern County Fair

Wed Sep 17, 2025 – Sun Sep 28, 2025

Volunteer with Us at the Kern County Fair!
Pastrami King Booth 2025 – Sign Up Now!

It's that time again! We're gearing up for another amazing year at the Kern County Fair and the Pastrami King Booth is calling all volunteers! Whether you've helped in years past or this will be your first time—we

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Click the link below to sign up, grab your preferred shifts, and join the crew!

Let's make this the best year yet.

<https://signup.com/go/sHPVVrw>

You can change the wording, but this link is golden!!! We need it on every email we send going forward



CELEBRATION WEAR



Temple Beth El is always ready to celebrate! You can now show everyone that you are ready to celebrate with us and help support TBE at the same time! We have t-shirts for the hot summer weather and sweatshirts for the cooler winter weather!

Please go to the TBE website to order yours today! We have both youth and adult sizing!!

If you would like to order by check please call or email Helen Armistead so she can help you!

She can be reached at 661.472-1758 or armisteadlmft@gmail.com

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סיבה
למסיבה!!

Yahrzeits

August 2025

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

AUGUST 1 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

+Birch ShilkROUT: uncle of Judy Strauss	August 1; Av 7
+David N. Grosberg: remembered by TBE	August 3
+Sam Magidow: remembered by TBE	August 3
Helen Schneider: grandmother of Jeff Schwartz & Helen Armistead	August 4; Av 10
+Jacob Broida: grandfather of Greg Broida	August 4
Gertrude Greenberg: mother of Ella Abrams	August 4; Av 10
+Frank Wolfe: remembered by TBE	August 5
Theodore Lamberty: father of Linda Hakimi	August 6
+Frances Clendenney: remembered by TBE	August 6
+Walter J. May: remembered by TBE	August 6

AUGUST 8 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

Phillip Strom: father of Leo Strom z'l	August 8; Av 14
+Robert Cohn: remembered by TBE	August 9
Vladimir Shnaiderman: nephew of Etel Lewis	August 10
Milton Schulman: grandfather of Marc Schulman	August 10; Av 16
Hans Einstein: remembered by Linda Morales	August 11
Anne Levine: Grandmother of Andrew Levine	August 11
Jacob Korman: great-grandfather of Jeff Schwartz & Helen Armistead	August 12; Av 18
+Horty Gordon Weller: remembered by Irvin Pike	August 12
+Fannie M. Goldberg: remembered by TBE	August 12; 26 Av
Barnett Denenberg: grandfather of Sharon Rhodes	August 13
+Aaron Kennedy Stull: brother of Thomas Stull z'l	August 13
Steve Russinsky: brother of Jeff Russinsky	August 13
Jean Noble: Cousin of Lisa Levine	August 13
+Mina Jawor: remembered by TBE	August 13
Phillip Glazer: friend of Kathleen Arnold-Chambers	August 14

AUGUST 15 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

Gerald Fried: father of Drina Fried	August 15
+Estelle Vengarick: remembered by Anthony Vengarick	August 15
Ernst Lindeck: father of Miriam Beam	August 16; Av 22
Laura Faye Jenkins: sister of Terry Skinner	August 17
Diane Caplan: niece of Diane Rogers	August 18
+Anna Berman: remembered by TBE	August 20

AUGUST 22 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

George Beam: father of John Beam

+Julius A. Brucke: remembered by TBE

David Shapiro: grandfather of Courtney McCullen

Pauline Shinberg: remembered by Laura Lauria & Amanda Garza

+Fay R. Greenfeld: remembered by TBE

Dina Gibson: mother-in-law of John Fried z'l

+Samuel Baumel: remembered by TBE

August 22

August 22

August 23

August 24; Av 30

August 24

August 27

August 28

AUGUST 29 SHABBAT SERVICES YAHRZEITS

+William A. "Bill" Davis: remembered by TBE

+SolomonGeorge Koval: remembered by TBE

Eddie Cherry: uncle of Jeff Schwartz & Helen Armistead

Jackie Rudnick: wife of Phil Rudnick, sister-in-law of Miriam Stull, aunt of Libbie Mahan & Joshua Rudnick

Eva Lipcowitz: great-aunt of Lisa Levine

Roberta Rudnick Parson: sister of Libbie Mahan

Malia Ziser: sister of Etel Lewis

Minnie Gintzler: great-aunt of Laura Lauria, great-great-aunt of Amanda Garza

+Eva Lipcowitz: remembered by TBE

Anna Berman: grandmother of Lisa Levine

Louis Rosenfeld: Grandfather of Andrew Levine

Edward Bard: uncle of Marc Schulman

Martin Black: father of Diane Andrews, grandfather of Becka Ruiz

Peter Pickens: father of Pamela Elisheva

Jack Goldner: father of Barry Goldner

Mozelle Epstein: mother of Leonard Epstein

Jonathan McCombs: son of Arthur and Nancy McCombs

August 29

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August 31; Elul 7

August 31

September 1; Elul 8

September 1

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