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- Services via ZOOM and IN PERSON – Fridays, 5:30 p.m.
- TBD if services will be in person or Zoom or both – Saturdays, 9:30 a.m.

Watch your email for more information and/or an invitation.

If we don't have your email please call the office or email it to beauboxer@aol.com.

Weekly Torah & Candle Lighting

Parashat Emor

Candle lighting: May 5th, 7:59 p.m.
Shabbat ends: May 6th, 8:55 p.m.

Parashat Behar-Bechukotai

Candle lighting: May 12th, 7:56 p.m.
Shabbat ends: May 13th, 9:05 p.m.

Parashat Bamidbar

Candle lighting: May 19th, 8:04 p.m.
Shabbat ends: May 20th, 9:13 p.m.

Parashat Shavuot

Candle Lighting: May 26th, 8:10 p.m.
Shabbat ends: May 27th, 8:11 p.m.

Address changes

Please notify Temple of any address changes you have for the winter or summer months; we need these address changes if we are to continue sending the bulletin.

Thank you.

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T H E S E A R E T H E W O R D S

*O, Lord! O, Lord!
Compassionate and gracious God,
slow to anger,
abounding in love and faithfulness.
Shemot, 34:6*

יהוה, יהוה,
אל רחום וחנון,
ארך אפיים
ורב חסד ואמת.
שמות לד, ו

When we listen to music, regardless of our choice or level of passion for it, we quickly learn it is not just about the musical notes. Equally crucial are the rests, which provide the cadence, give rise to the rhythm, and allow the notes to vibrate and transmit even while they are silent.

By appreciating music, we learn the importance of silence. When we converse, we realize the enormous value of listening not only to our own sounds but also to the silences that provide space for the other person to express themselves and for us to understand them better.

In our Torah reading, a similar principle applies. While certain parts of our people's history are explicitly stated in the text, most of the stories that make up our journey are filled with details that help affirm our attachment to tradition and values. However, just as we have silences in music and conversation, there are gaps in the Torah where the whole story is not presented. The oral tradition, passed down through generations, provides possible explanations and interpretations for what the biblical text leaves open to interpretation. This is what we call the Hagadic Tradition or Midrashim, which were carried by word of mouth for centuries until they were included in the Talmudic canon.

These stories come to us in the form of tales, perhaps told by our parents and grandparents, as well as countless rabbinic drashot. One such story is the well-known tale of our patriarch Abraham (then known as Abram) rebelling against the idolatry that surrounded him and breaking the idols made by his father. This story is not found in the Torah, but rather in the silence of what is not explicitly told, leaving it to be discussed and interpreted by future generations.

Our Jewish people and Judaism as a whole are largely nourished, fed, and sustained by stories. However, we have a problem with the contemporary history of our people. If our young people have any attachment to our ancient tradition, it is much weaker than their attachment to the story of our modern history, specifically the history of the state of Israel - its origins, struggles, achievements, and missteps. Israel's history, from its origins, has been the subject of countless books by various authors, containing heroic stories as well as moments of misfortune and enormous resilience. Above all, Israel is as dependent on the diaspora as the diaspora is on it.

Without the help of the Jewish diaspora, Israel could not have been born or existed. From political, financial, and economic aid to military and strategic

support, we have aided the country since its inception so that today we can feel proud that there is a country that accepts us as Jews and provides us with shelter, should we choose to seek it.

In the same way, Israel continues to be, as before, the center of Jewish life. Cities like Jerusalem, Tiberias, Tzfat take us back to other centuries of religious inception that reaches us today, in the same way they showed us a different religious and also secular Judaism.

Israel is that home to which we can go or return when we feel we must.

Perhaps that is why I feel it is necessary to revitalize the stories among our young people (and also adults). These stories are the ones that will prevent media attacks from questioning the belonging or will install empathy to a country committed to justice and human rights from its onset on some of us. They may generate more involvement with Israeli society at a time when civil freedoms are being threatened to be compromised. If we succeed in this idea, it would lead us to have other day to day traditions. These traditions bring us closer to our Israeli brothers and sisters from a different cultural,

historical and even gastronomic viewpoint. All these paths are good to continue uniting us as a people. We have just celebrated Yom Ha Zikaron, the day of remembrance of those fallen for the State of Israel, and Yom Haatzmaut, the day we celebrate the establishment of the State of Israel after 2,000 years of diaspora in which our People yearned to return to the land that was promised to us.

It does not matter how you have celebrated one date or the other, or if you have not. Take the time to search your memory for that story that can bring your children closer to Eretz Israel. Look for the book, the film, the photo that can help you and spend some time telling to your loved ones about this essential and fundamental part of our history and our future as a People. Make it a "Vehigadta le bincha," (and you will tell your son and daughter), as we recite it on Pesach, an adapt it to OUR current story which includes the story of "hakamat Eretz Israel," the establishment of the State of Israel.

Chag Shavuot Sameach for everyone!

Rabbi Gustavo Geier



We did it! We came together as a community and celebrated our Passover Seder led by Rabbi Geier. We shared traditions with friends of many congregations as well as members of the Interfaith Coalition. Thank you to all the volunteers who gave of their time to make the evening an incredible success!

"I think anything is possible if you have the mindset and the will and desire to do it and put the time in." Roger Clemens

Erev Shavu'ot, May 25th, please join us for a Dairy Dinner (\$10) at 6:30PM, a Torah class and services. Please call the office to make a reservation. (315-724-4751)

It was wonderful to see so many of you take part in the Yiskor Service on the last day of Pesach. We were able to read Torah and it was a time spent together to remember and honor our loved ones that have passed. If you missed it, there will be another Yizkor Service on Shabbat, May 27th celebrating Shavu'ot.

"The less you respond to negative people, the more positive your life will become."
Paulo Coelho

Please mark your calendars for Temple Beth El's Annual Congregational Meeting on Tuesday, June 6th at 7:00PM. A quorum is required so please plan on attending. We will wrap up the past year's events and present upcoming ideas with desserts and schmoozing.

Shalom,

Marsha

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S MESSAGE

As I write this message for our May bulletin, it is very nice to be able to think back to our wonderful Purim celebration with fun costumes, good food and all the smiles on so many of our members' faces.

That event was followed by the very beautiful Seder led by Rabbi Geier. The Seder was larger than expected. How nice to have over 100 members and guests share and thoroughly enjoy the beautiful services followed by the delicious meal catered by Irwin's Fine Foods.

Our service had a very nice addition this year. We advertised that all were welcome and we were joined by members from the Interfaith Coalition who enjoyed it very much. I always feel everyone is welcome at Temple Beth El. I am very glad that message became a reality and I hope it continues.

It is always a pleasure to see the Temple full of people, to have the opportunity to enjoy our services so beautifully led by our wonderful Rabbi Geier and to know he will always be available to not only lead the services, but he is always there to answer a question, help solve a problem or whatever fills our needs. How lucky we are!

Let's all have a happy spring, come to Temple, see family and friends and say a prayer.

Be happy and healthy,

Mundy

C A M P A I G N S & S U P P O R T

Tell the Israelite people to bring Me gifts; you shall accept gifts for Me from every person whose heart so moves him.

Shemot, 25:2

דבר אל בני ישראל ויקחו לי תרומה מאת כל איש
אשר ידנו לבו, תקחו את תרומתי.
שמות כה, ב

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-Rita and Charles Manning



S I M C H A G R A M S

Let all that breathes praise the Lord!

Halleluyah!

Tehilim, 150:6

כל הנשמה תהלל יה!

הללויה!

תהילים קנ, ו

S I M C H A G R A M S

JUNE BIRTHDAYS

Marian Freeman.....04
 Rabbi Stanley Gerstein.....05
 Ellen Samuels.....05
 Bob Cohen.....07
 Roz Fisher.....09
 Steven Kowalsky.....11
 Murray Kirshtein.....22
 Dr. Steen Levine.....28

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

Mel and Judy Oster.....6/16/1974
 Norman and Ann Siegel.....6/21/1964
 Norman and Ellie Neslin.....6/22/1980

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I have printed my name and date as I wish it to appear on the Simcha Gram.

Name: _____

Telephone Number: _____

Due by the 15th of the month.

Please call the Temple Office at (315) 724-4751 if you wish to add any names to the list.

Y A H R Z E I T S & C E M E T E R Y N E W S

*Exalted and sanctified be His great name!
Kaddish*

יתגדל ויתקדש שמה רבא!
קדיש

**YAHREZEIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 6 TO 12, 2023, 15 TO 21
IYAR 5783 . THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY MAY 5, 2023**

Samuel Alpert*
 Muriel Bonnett*
 Sarah Brenner*
 Hattie Wineburgh Brill*
 Lynn Grossman Broehm*
 William Brooks*
 Geza Burger*
 Sheila Beth Danner*
 Dora W. Dawson*
 Sarah Damsky Densen*
 Jennie Edelstein*
 Dr. Howard Engel*
 Miriam E. Fine*
 Anna L. Finkelstein*
 Samuel Frankman*
 Rae Glover*
 Joseph A. Grossman*
 Paul Eugene Gusky*
 Libbie R. Holstein*
 Maryasha Horwitz*

Abe Meme Jacobson*
 Ray Kleiman*
 Melvin L. Kowalsky
 Samuel Kowalsky*
 Ida Kowalsky*
 Abraham Kowalsky*
 Benjamin Kurtzman*
 Elwin Lacher*
 Harry Levin*
 Maurice S. Levinson*
 Sarah Mallison Nelson*
 Sadie H. Nusbaum*
 Regina (Jean) Rosenblum
 Benjamin Y. Rosenblum*
 Gwen Rosengard
 Lewis Savlov*
 Eva Schnier*
 D. Robert M. Shapiro*
 George M. Silverman*
 Abraham Simon*
 Anne Leventhal Sonne*

*Denotes Memorial Plaque in the Sanctuary

**YAHARZEIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 13 TO 19, 2023, 22 TO 28
IYAR 5783. THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY MAY 12, 2023**

Gittel Antovil*
Simon Arlen*
Howard Blaugrund*
Meyer Boff*
Harry Bonnett*
Bertha G. Caplan*
Nathan Cohen*
Israel Cohen*
Edward Coleman
Morris Dresher
David Goldstein
Harriet J. Goldstein*
Esther Gordon Gusky*
Ethel Laine*
Ruth LeBlang*

Arthur Levinson*
Paul B. Levinson*
Sylvia Margolis*
Harris G. Nathan*
Anne Fine Pressler*
Reba Levee Ribyat*
Paul Rogow*
Goldie Markson Rosen*
Ida Dvora Rosen*
Belle Rosenthal*
Leonard Singer*
William Tapper*
Mortimer H. Vyner*
Rachel Wineburgh Wallace*
Edward Wyner

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**YAHARZEIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 20 TO 26, 2023, 29 IYAR TO 6
SIVAN 5783 . THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY MAY 19, 2023**

Joseph M. Abramson*
Selma Bell*
Myron Berger*
Mildred Brooks
Sarah Cynkus*
Harry Dresher*
Ethel Finer
Morris Friedman*
Joel M. Galinn*
Anne H. Greene*
Anne Hoffman*
Betty Illfelder*
Rosalind Kaplan
Julius B. Kay*
Herman B. Kowalsky*
Ralph L. Krohn*
Rose Krohngold*

Mollye H. Levy*
Jacob Lurie*
Ruben Margolis*
Rita Markson*
Irving Picker*
Rhoda Rosen*
Israel Saltzburg*
Manuel Saltzburg*
Martin Saltzman
Eleanor L. Savett*
Evelyn S. Simons*
Rae Sitrin*
Cynthia Slavin
Samuel Smith*
Sarah Tumposky Snyder*
Samuel Stern*
Samuel Weinstein*

**YAHREZEIT OBSERVED DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 27 TO JUNE 2 2023, 7 TO 13
SIVAN 5783 . THESE WILL BE READ FROM THE PULPIT ON FRIDAY MAY 26, 2023**

Isabelle Alpert*
 Rachel Bartnick*
 Sarah Krohn Bernstein*
 Harry A. Brill*
 Edward Brooks*
 Elizabeth Cominsky*
 Joseph Cominsky*
 Harry Cynkus*
 Louis Damsky*
 Fannie Densen*
 Reba Starer Freeman*
 Nettie S. Galinsky*
 Gary S. Gilbert*
 Julius Greenburg*
 Bertha L. Harris*
 Dora Newman Jacobson*
 Florence Nelson Jacobson*
 Bella Gurno Kirschstein*

Rose Zier Landset*
 William Leve*
 Gertrude R. Leventhal*
 Morris Levine
 Frances Jacobson Lurie*
 Samuel Newman*
 Libby Picker*
 Rose Hymes Reisman*
 Asher B. Yoseph Rivlin*
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 Manuel Rosen*
 Esther (Essie) Shapiro
 Eva L. Slater*
 Meyer Joseph Smith*
 Florence Smith*
 Abraham Zellman Smith*
 Marshall R. Starer*
 Michael Yust*

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Y A H R Z E I T S

**Yahrzeit observed during the week of June 2 to 9 2023, 14 to 20
Sivan 5783. These will be read from the pulpit on Friday June 1, 2023**

Herman Berkowitz*
 Dr. Marvin Berkowitz*
 Harry L. Berkowitz*
 Esther J. Blaugrund*
 Marvin Bloom*
 Gertrude Cohen*
 Jacob C. Finer*
 Bessie Goldberg*
 Elias H. Goldman*
 William Greene*
 Gershon Horwitz*
 Wella Kacenenbogen Imich*
 Estelle D. Kaplan
 Isadore Krohngold*
 Selma Kupfer
 Stanton Lacher

Sally Lorig*
 Louis Markson*
 Julia Meyer*
 Max Parker*
 Lillian Bernice Philipson*
 Helen Picker*
 Jacob M. Rosenthal*
 Nettie Shapiro*
 Rita Goldie Shulman*
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 Sara Ruth Smith*
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 Marilyn Stern*
 Sarah B. Tavrow*
 David Zeidner*

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It's time to place your order to have your loved one's head and footstones cleaned. It is so simple:

- Call the temple – (315) 724-4751
- Send an email – tbeutica@gmail.com
- Write a note – 1607 Genesee St, Utica, NY 13501



NEWS, CLASSES, EVENTS & CALENDAR

*How good and how pleasant it is
that brothers dwell together.*

Tehilim, 133:1

הנה מה טוב ומה נעים

שבת אחים גם יחד!

תהילים קלג, א

Join us for Temple Beth El's Annual Congregational Meeting

WHEN: Tuesday, June 6, 2023 at 7:00 p.m.

WHERE: 1607 Genesee St., Utica, NY

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Tuesdays, 2 p.m.

or

Thursdays, 7 p.m.

At Temple or on Zoom

Hebrew Language

As a community vision, learning the Hebrew language is essential and an integral and active part of being Jewish. Not only for the understanding of the Torah and our ancestral literature, but as a link with the State of Israel and modern Jewish and Israeli literature from its roots.

Monday, 3:30 p.m.

and

Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

*At Temple Beth El
(in person only)*

CLASSES AT TEMPLE

Hebrew School

Our Hebrew School aims to introduce our children in the Jewish world through the learning of Hebrew Language, Jewish History and Culture. We also offer an engaging preparation for bar and bat mitzvah—all of them, steps to create a community formed by vibrating Jews.

TBA

At Temple



MAY CALENDAR

All our religious services are held in person and on Zoom, except for High Holiday services (in person only)

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
	1 Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m.	2 Course: Genesis 2:00 p.m. Board Meeting 7 p.m.	3 Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m.	4 Course: Genesis 6:30 p.m.	5 Hybrid Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.	6 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
7	8 Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m. EREV LAG B'OMER	9 Course: Genesis 2:00 p.m. LAG B'OMER	10 Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m.	11 Course: Genesis 6:30 p.m.	12 Hybrid Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.	13 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
14	15 Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m. MOTHER'S DAY	16 Course: Genesis 2:00 p.m.	17 Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m.	18 Course: Genesis 6:30 p.m.	19 Hybrid Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m.	20 Shacharit leShabbat 9:30 a.m.
21	22 Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m.	23 Course: Genesis 2:00 p.m.	24 Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m.	25 Course: Genesis 6:30 p.m.	26 Hybrid Shabbat Services 6:30 p.m. EREV SHAVUOT	27 Shavuot with Yizkor Hybrid Services 9:30 a.m. SHAVUOT
28	29 Hebrew Language 3:30 p.m. MEMORIAL DAY	30 Course: Genesis 2:00 p.m.	31 Hebrew Language 3:00 p.m.			

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