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President's Message

Marsha Silverman

Hello my friends,

The Temple Beth El website (<u>tbeutica.org</u>) has been going through many updates. A huge thank you to Sara Tisch for keeping us in the 21st century! You can also find us on Facebook and Instagram.

The planning has begun for a Purim Celebration on March 23rd and the Community Passover Seder on April 22nd. Please save the dates and look for more information in future publications.

We have set up an easy way to make donations to Temple. It is explained "how to" later in this issue. There is no charge for this service and it is a convenience we made for you.

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Rabbi Geier celebrated <u>Tu B'Shevat</u> with the students in the religious school with a seder celebrating the fruits of the holiday. They also planted lettuce to use on their Passover Seder plates as they practiced their Aleph Bet.

I hope you can join us on <u>Shabbat</u>. We have been enjoying our Onegs and Kiddush with food and conversation each week. Feel welcome to bring a dairy snack, dish or dessert to share.

Each month, we can have kosher meat delivered from Rochester. Check out the information in this issue of the Temple Times.

Something to consider... I read this in a book recently: "The little things that people do to make the world better but for which they never receive thanks."

Please keep in mind there are people working behind the scenes all the time to keep Temple running smoothly.

I pray that the hostages will be home by the time you read this. My heart goes out to their family, friends and all civilians affected by this war.

May we all stand together for Israel.

Shabbat Times

Feb 2nd Light Candles: 4:56 pm Feb 3rd Havdalah: 6:00 pm

Parashat Yitro

Feb 9th Light Candles: 5:06 pm Feb 10th Havdalah: 6:08 pm

Parashat Mishpatim

Feb 16th Light Candles: 5:15 pm Feb 17th Havdalah: 6:17 pm

Parashat Terumah

Feb 23rd Light Candles: 5:24 pm

Feb 24th Havdalah: 6:26 pm

Parashat Tetzaveh

Mar 1st Light Candles: 5:33 pm Mar 2nd Havdalah: 6:34 pm

Parashat Ki Tisa

Shabbat Services

Friday Evening: 5:30 pm Saturday Morning: 9:30 am Join us at Temple or on Zoom





Rabbi's Message

Rabbi Geier

In the 1850s, a new variety of orange was discovered in the citrus orchards of Jaffa, and by 1890, the new Shamouti orange — large, oval, and juicy—had made its way to Queen Victoria's table. The colony of Rehovot discovered the virtues of citrus in the 1920s. Rehovot was founded in 1890 on 10,600 dunams of the Ottoman feudal state of Duran, located approximately 24 kilometers southeast of Jaffa. After the barren land was purchased and the Bedouins occupying it were evicted, Russian and Polish Jews seized it in the hope of finding peace and abundance in the land of Israel.

The settlers thrived. Rehovot was a place where Orthodox and secular Jews, the rich and the poor, Ashkenazim and Yemenites lived together in relative harmony. They also lived in peace with their Arab neighbors. By 1935, the growing colony of Rehovot was the most prosperous Jewish colony in Palestine, leading the citrus industry and propelling the country into an unprecedented boom.

Rehovot was where Western knowledge, Arab labor, and liberal economics blended to make the Jaffa orange a globally recognized brand. So, while Europe and America were still in the grip of the Great Depression, Jaffa oranges and the accelerated migration to Palestine caused Rehovot to thrive. While hundreds of thousands of uprooted Jews could not find a home in Europe or America, those who chose Rehovot were flourishing. In the early 1930s, Rehovot saw the optimal conditions of Palestine intersect with the benevolent aspirations of Zionism.

1935. Zionism did not demand superhuman efforts and the total sacrifice of its pioneers. It already had a middle class living a life of comfort and leisure. It had cities, towns, colonies, and villages. The Jewish population of Palestine now comprised over a quarter of the total population, increasing more than percent each year. Jerusalem had the Hebrew University, Haifa had the Technion, and Tel Aviv, now twenty-five years old, was a lively mini-metropolis full of theaters, restaurants, cafes, and various publishers.



In the spring of 1935, Zionism was merely a national movement. Two years after Germany chose Nazism, the need for a Jewish home became evident. reasonable person could see Europe was becoming a deadly trap for Jews, and it was clear that America would not open its doors in time to save the persecuted Jews of Europe. Only a Jewish state in Palestine could save the lives of the millions on the brink of death. In 1935, Zionist justice was an absolute universal justice that could not be refuted.

Rehovot is a symbol of technological, scientific, social, economic and Zionist development but also a symbol of what the People of Israel can achieve to save the

existence of millions of Jews with nowhere to go in their possible escape from persecution and death.

Rehovot is also a symbol for the Arab people. While many took it as a model of development, and various Arab populations grew and developed, bringing that development to Arab families and individuals. Others, I have shared before, see this Zionism and Jews as a threat to status quo of Arab tradition, the illegitimately and voraciously acquiring lands that once had owners of similar origin and culture to theirs or simply had no owner in an expanse where nomadism was perceived as the ruler of vastness.

Since the early Jewish settlements in what would later become the Land of Israel, there were skirmishes by Arab extremists that over time armed and trained in groups from Haifa and other northern villages, establishing that Jihad was a good means to end illiteracy and ignorance among Arab members living in British Mandate Palestine.

The term Jihad itself could pose a problem, as while the Council on American-Islamic Relations (CAIR), based in Washington, D.C., argues that Jihad "does not mean holy war" but is "a basic and broad concept that includes effort to improve the quality of life in society, effort on the battlefield in self-defense, or fighting against tyranny and oppression." Another interpretation of this term in the Quran teaches that its meaning refers to the internal struggle of a believer to survive the rest of their life in the Muslim faith as much as possible and the struggle to build a good Muslim society.

On the Jewish side, what was happening?

The Haganah (defense) was established back in 1920 as the clandestine organization responsible for defending new Jewish settlements and population from Arab attacks in early Israel. As is common in our people, between 1930 and 1940, more extremist

groups like the Irgun, Lehi, and Etzel were formed disagreeing with the light responses the Haganah provided to Jihad attacks and responding with equal or greater violence not only against Arab attackers but sometimes against civilian populations and the ruling government, the British Mandate.

Who do we blame for all this? The Arabs who killed Israel Hazan in 1936? A farmer traveling to Tel Aviv to sell his chickens or those who entered Abu Rass's banana plantation and killed him to avenge Hazan's death, which caused the funeral procession to spiral out of control in anger and kill four Arab citizens, and the list goes on...

We can go back to the death of Moshe Rosenfeld on Mount Gilboa, not far from the Valley of Harod, on November 7, 1935, at the hands of the gang led by the religious leader Al-Kassam, who organized the revolt against invading Jews and the British Empire from Haifa. We can blame the British themselves, who from an airplane detected them and engaged in a battle in which five Palestinians were captured, and three died fighting. The first to die, on November 20, 1935, was Izz Abd al-Kader Mustafa Yusuf ad-Din al-Kassam, known as just Al-Kassam.

Al-Kassam became the necessary martyr.

Two days later, the rumor spread in Jaffa that four Arabs had been killed in neighboring Tel Aviv. Hundreds of Arabs crowded the streets, marching to the city's police station and government headquarters, demanding the corpses of those supposed to have died. They then gathered in groups on street corners, waiting for their prey. They stoned Jewish buses, taxis, and cars. They pursued innocent Jewish pedestrians. Chaim Pashigoda, twenty-three, court employee, was heading to the civil registry offices in Jaffa. Armed with stones, hammers, and knives, a crowd of Palestinians attacked and killed him.

Eliezer Bisozky, an elderly Jew who spoke Yiddish, tried to escape the furious Jaffa. He almost managed to jump onto a horsedrawn cart heading to Tel Aviv but fell into the hands of the crowd, who killed him with blows. Chaim Kornfeld, thirty, and Victor Koopermintz, thirty-four, were

plasterers renovating a large Arab house in the exclusive Arab neighborhood of Jabaliya. The crowd coming from the citrus port killed them with blows. Yitzhak Frenkel and Yehuda Siman-Tov were killed in a very simila way. Electrician David Shambadal was dismembered with an axe by a group of young Arabs when he arrived at a cafe to install a new lighting system. Zelig Levinson was shot to death on the outskirts of Jaffa.

The next day, seven more Jews were murdered. In three days, Tel Aviv buried sixteen victims of Arab violence.

Fires broke out in Jerusalem, in Kfar Menachem kibbutz, and in the Balfour Forest in the north. The fields of the Harod Valley were set ablaze, and hundreds of orange tree forests were burned, cut down, or uprooted. Three weeks later, on May 13, two Jews were killed in the Old City of Jerusalem. On the 16th, three Jews from a crowd leaving the Edison cinema in Jerusalem were killed by snipers. On

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August 13, a gang broke into the home of an ultra- Orthodox family in Safed, killing the father, his sixteen-year-old son, his nine-year-old daughter, and his sevenyear-old daughter in their beds.

The next day, Arabs ambushed four Jews driving to a quiet shelter in the mountains in the Carmel Forest. A day later, a Jew was killed in Sarafand, a few kilometers from Rehovot. While the victim's funeral was taking place in Sarafand, a bomb was thrown from a moving train onto the busy Herzl Street in Tel Aviv, injuring nineteen Jews and killing an eight-year-old Jewish child. The next day, two young Jewish nurses were shot when they arrived to work at the Jaffa State Hospital. Three days later, a rifle bullet penetrated the skull of a scholar reading an ancient Islamic manuscript in his humble home studio in Jerusalem. A day after that, a Jewish worker and three Jewish workers were killed when they returned from working in an orange grove in Kfar Sabba.

The list is endless, and it continues to this day. Before we continue, we must make one more stop on our journey. It will be in the year 1947, shortly before the declaration of the independence of the State of Israel. But to make it, let's wait for the March issue of the Temple Times. Meanwhile, let us continue praying and asking for the hostages who have not yet returned home. It is not a matter of territorialism or political rights. There should be no terrorism from either side of this conflict.

Kodesh tov, may we have a good month, and let's prepare our costumes as Purim approaches!!!



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Bison - Brisket, chuck roast, ground bison, rib steak, shoulder roast and shoulder steak.

Poultry - Capons, roasters, cutlets, thighs, drumsticks, wings, turkey (whole or pieces) and turkey breast.

Lamb - Boneless lamb shoulder, lamb chops (1st and 2nd cut), ground lamb, lamb sausage and lamb stew.

Veal - Veal breast, veal chops (1st and 2nd cut), veal cutlets, veal ribs, veal roast and veal shoulder.

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Refrigerated - Gefilte fish, Cholov Yisroel and other cheeses, hot dogs, kilbasa, pickles, hummus, baba ganoush, Turkish salad, tahini, whipped topping and more.

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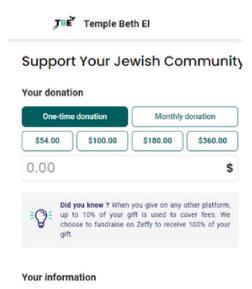
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Choose one of these topics for your essay:

1-How do events of the Holocaust have meaning in our current time of increasing anti-Semitic events occurring in the United States?

2-How has your personal life been affected by the study of the Holocaust?

Guidelines:

- This essay contest is open to students in 2 categories.
- Grades 6-8 and 9-12.
- Submit a PDF approximately 3 pages using 12pt. Times New Roman font double-spaced.
- Cite your references and sources since plagiarism will be disqualified.
- Grammar, punctuation and spelling will be taken into consideration.

Entry forms are available on the following websites: jccutica.net, tbeutica.org, templeemanuel-utica.org

Submit completed application and essay to: Anneyoss@gmail.com

Deadline for submission is April 19, 2024

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SIMCHA GRAMS MARCH

MARCH BIRTHDAYS	Date
Margo Zeidner	3/8
Jane Brophy	3/10
Diane Kall	3/17
Gary Philipson	3/24
David Orkin	3/17
Donna Jonas	3/19
Caroline Lampert	3/19
Alex Rosenblum	3/20
Kristina Berg	3/23
Holly Nathan	3/25



MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

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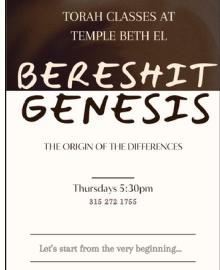
TEMPLE CALENDAR & CLASSES

Class enrollment is now open! Contact us for more information

FEBRUARY 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 2:30 PM	TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	3 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
				TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM		
4	5 TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 3:30	6 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 3:30 PM TBE Board Meeting	7 TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 2:30	8 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 2:30 PM	9 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	10 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
		7:00 PM	TBE Religious School 4:15 PM	TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM		
11	TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 3:30	13 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 3:30 PM	14 TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 2:30	15 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 2:30 PM	16 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	17 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
			TBE Religious School 4:15 PM	TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM		
18	19 President's Day TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 3:30	20 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 3:30 PM	21 TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 2:30	TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 2:30 PM	23 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 5:30 PM	24 TBE Hybrid Shabbat Services 9:30 AM
				TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM		
25	26 TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 3:30	27 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 3:30 PM	28 T TBE Hebrew Class Intermediates: 2:30	29 TBE Hebrew Class Beginners: 2:30 PM		
			TBE Religious School 4:15 PM	TBE Torah Class 5:30 PM		







YAHRZEITS

Yahrzeits observed during the week of February 3 to 9, 2024 – 24 to 30 Shevet 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 2, 2024

Richard Edward Arlen*	Ruth Ben Kroll*	Bertha Rabinowitz*	Edward Silverman*
Abraham Block*	Milton P. Kayle*	Bertha Birdye Rizika*	Jacob Moses Smith*
Cantor Martin Badanoff*	Saul Shepard Lasher*	Florence Sarah Rabinowitz	Lena Schmuckler*
Tema Cramer*	Hyman Mittleman*	Vilmos Reisner*	Theodore Stone*
Sarah Cohen*	Carrie Nedell*	Col. Ilan Ramon*	Minnie I. Smith*
Morey Cummins	Dorothy Nathan*	Benjamin Simon*	Sora Blume Wineburgh*
Anna Fink*	Rita H. Osber*	Max Stone*	James L. Wolfe*
Joseph Y. Freeman*			

Yahrzeits observed during the week of February 10 to 16, 2024 - 1 to 7 Adar 1 5784

These will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 9, 2024

Herman Berger*	Gabriel Harris*	Florence Levinson*	Jennie E. Rosen*
Morris Bonnett*	Jennie Horowitz*	Milton LeBlang*	Harry Nathan Rosenthal*
Fannie Burger*	Anna Hymes*	Sam Levin*	Irving Jacob Schultz
David Ben*	Idelle Herman*	Samuel J. Lindey*	Tessa Simon*
Clara Cher*	Isador Heiman*	Emanuel LaVine*	Marion Saltzburg*
Ryzel M. Cohn*	Benjamin P. Holstein*	Julius Manning*	Max Schecter*
Ann Fosberg Demell*	Katherine Rose Hahn*	Annette G. Mansky*	Sam Schmuckler*
Natalie Fuhrman*	Nathan Jacobson*	Sydney Oberman*	Sadie Silverman Singer*
Delmar Blaugrund Franklin*	Dr. Sol E. Kantor*	Simon D. Parker*	Peshe Hinda Vyner*
Rabbi Joseph Gerstein*	Reuben Kaplan*	Anne Perlmutter-Klein*	Harry Weiss*
Eva Goldberg*	Anita Krohn*	Bella Perlman*	Goldie Weitzman*
Rose Greenburg*	Minnie Krohn*	Rubie H. Root*	Samuel Weinburgh*
Martha R. Galinn*	Bernard Katzman*		

Yahrzeits observed during the week of February 17 to 23, 2024 – 8 to 14 Adar 1 5784 These will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 16, 2024

Gertrude Abelove Berson	Harry Cone*	Harry Karstadt*	Jennie Slater*
Charles Berger*	Minnie Cominsky*	Fannie Kowalsky*	Hattie Cohen Smith*
Bessie Berkowitz*	Robert Danner MD	Benjamin Levinthal*	Anna Solomon*
Rose Bellis*	Rachel Davis*	Esta Landset*	Louis M. Smith*
Hyman Berkowitz*	Ludwig Eisen*	Bernard Lichtman*	Nettie S. Schwartz*
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Celia Liba Berlin*	Edithe Goldenson	Florence Bloom Nathan*	Lena Taylor*
Pauline Bernstein*	David Gersten	Milton D. Nelson*	Hyman Tumposky*
Abraham Bernstein*	Albert Gordon*	Miriam Goldstone Parker*	Max Weinberg*
Charles Berger*	Anna Grossman*	Celia Rebeck*	Dr. Jacob J. Wineburgh*
Abe O. Cohen*	Matilda Jacobson*	David Sherman*	Samuel Wolf*

YAHRZEITS

Yahrzeits observed during the week of February 24 to March 1, 2024 – 15 to 21 Adar 1 5784
These will be read from the pulpit on Friday February 23, 2024

Mollie Alpert*	Celia Danner*	Max Abraham Lyons*	Harris Samuels*
Nathan Alpert*	Clara Galinn*	Mary Levine*	Jacob Shatsky*
David Bigelow*	Lottie B. Grossman*	Samuel Markson*	Victor Seidenberg*
Charles Bloom*	Albert Greenburg*	Joseph L. Manning*	Shaia Sheiman*
James Arthur Benson*	Edmond Harris*	Harry Markson*	Etta G. Simons*
Hyman Cohen*	Roslyn Leona Haven	Alfred Picker*	Frances Tumposky*
Walter Cramer*	Benjamin H. Jacobson*	Samuel Rosen*	Max Trapnick*
Gertrude Cone*	Rose Fink Krohn*	Lewis Snyder*	

Yahrzeits observed during the week of March 2 to 8, 2024 – 22 to 28 Adar 1 5784 These will be read from the pulpit on Friday March 1, 2024

Joseph Abelove*	Ida Dean*	Esther Kennedy*	Saul William Pross*
Rebecca Bonnett*	Max Friedlander*	Sheyna Lippe Keller*	Adele Popick*
Benjamin Brill*	Samuel S. Freeman*	Gertrude Tumposky Kantor*	Harry Perlman*
Samuel J. Blaugrund*	Leo Gerber*	Celia Klein	Rose F. Smith*
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