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## Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services via **ZOOM** at  
5:30 PM Friday  
By: Cantor Kalman Socolof  
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## Temple Beth El Office Hours

Monday - Thursday: 9 A.M. - 3 P.M.

## CANDLE LIGHTING – 5781

March 5, 2021	5:37 PM
March 12, 2021	5:45 PM
March 19, 2021	5:54 PM
March 26, 2021	6:02 PM
April 5, 2021	6:10 PM

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## Temple Beth El Cantor Message

Back in January, I was in a Zoom meeting for Educational Directors sponsored by USCJ on the topic of how to celebrate Purim in a pandemic. Many (most?) of those taking part were from synagogues that were much larger and therefore had greater resources than Temple Beth El. One of the main topics of discussion was how to distribute materials to families so that the children in the Hebrew School could properly participate in the associated crafting activities.

Things were a bit more nuts and bolts in our breakout session. There, one of the other people raised the topic of marking the anniversary of social isolation, noting that Purim last year was just a few days before social distancing and isolation dicta were imposed, so it was pretty much the last thing any of us did in groups in person.

I suggested that we might do better to associate the remembrance with Passover for a few reasons. Firstly, Purim is a truly happy, joyous holiday. Most people do not have such feelings related to the various COVID-19 protocols, and this would subtract from the celebrations of the day. Also, I see a real parallel to the first Passover in the desert, one year after the exodus. The Israelites' condition was quite different than it had been a year ago, and they knew that there was still ground to cover before they got to their ultimate destination. Additionally, 2020 (or 5780, if you prefer) was a Passover such as none of us could remember. Many of us recall last year's seders as the first time we had an experience with Zoom (or Meetings, or Teams or whatever). It was a novel event and a very different way of recreating the exodus from Egypt.

Things being what they are, we are likely to be in a similar situation for Passover this year. After twelve months of socially isolating we feel the lack of our familiar modes of

celebrating even more keenly. It is hard, and that hardship is evident in all of our lives.

One of the key sentences of the Haggadah states, "In every generation, each person is obligated to see themselves as though they, personally, had come forth from Egypt." This is a perennial challenge, particularly for those of us who have lived lives of freedom and relative ease. The generation of the Exodus was buffeted by the winds of change as perhaps no generation since; as is all too common, many of their tribulations were of their own making.

This year, perhaps to some small measure, we can better appreciate the mindset of that generation. We, too, are a year in to a situation none of us foresaw. We, too, remain somewhat disoriented and are constantly working to bring normality to our lives. We, too, understand that we can never really go back to where we were, and do not really know when we might get to our ultimate destination.

As we celebrate Passover, let us try to better realize both what freedom meant to that generation and to our own. Let us marvel at God's deliverance as our ancestors did millennia ago. Let us be able to say with a full heart, "This is on account of what God did for me when I came forth out of Egypt."

Cantor Socolof



## Temple Beth El President's Message

Did you ever think of the note you left at the Western Wall?

This article was taken from the Jerusalem Post but is still relevant today.

"Earlier this week at the Western Wall, the prayer notes many worshipers and travelers who make their way far and wide to place in the Wall were removed from the stones before the Pesach holiday began.

The Rabbi of the Western Wall Shmuel Rabinovitch led a team from the Western Wall Heritage Foundation to extract all the notes from the Wall as he does twice a year.

The staff of the Western Wall Heritage foundation began clearing the notes from the stones that had been buried in the wall from the past six months, and in the coming days they will be transferred to Genizah, a burial place for sacred religious texts on the Mount of Olives, where they will be buried together with the old holy books also being transferred at the same time.

In order to preserve the privacy and dignity of those who write the notes, the area was sealed until the collection was completed. All the notes were put in sealed sacks with close supervision of the employees to ensure the discretion. The prayer notes are each time removed by wooden sticks, as to not damage the sanctity of the stones.

During the morning, the stones were also inspected. The heritage foundation carries out a comprehensive examination of the stability of the Western Wall's stones twice a year, on the eve of Passover and Rosh Hashanah, including the Wilson's Arch and the Machkema Building. During the examination, the walls are cleaned from any excrement or loose stone and plaster.

At the conclusion of the work, Rabinovitch prayed for all those who wrote notes in order for their wishes to be fulfilled.

In the lower part of the wall, stone corrosion occurs. Conservationists have put a bonding material to strengthen the layers and stop the peeling in the past.

During the check last year a new technique was also tested— using ultrasound technology— to provide a picture of the inner structure of the stones without damaging it. Every year, twice a year, these notes are collected and buried to prepare for the holidays of Rosh Hoshana and Passover.

Millions of notes are sent by people from Israel and all over the world. Notes are sent through the website of the Western Wall, fax and mail.

"Over the past 12 years, since it went online, 672,210 notes have been sent through the Western Wall website," the statement read "The traditional Birkat Kohanim (Priestly Blessing) that will take place at the Western Wall Plaza on Monday, the 2nd day of Chol Hamoed," the statement concluded."

*Yvette J. Deane contributed to this report.  
Jerusalem Post 4/12/2019*

Happy Passover, my friends!

Take care and stay well,  
Marsha



Dear Friends,

Thank you all for your sincere wishes after the loss of my husband Michael.

It has warmed my heart to know how highly he was thought of in the community.

I know Michael would have been grateful for all your thoughts and prayers

Sincerely,  
Evy Damsky



## Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

I'm running out of columns after 25 years of writing them. Thought we would substitute a true to life story and share a laugh.

Let's look forward to happier easier days ahead.

The best to all,  
Mundy

### ***Can You Hear That?***

*An old man decided his old wife was getting hard of hearing. He called her doctor to make an appointment to have her hearing checked.*

*The doctor said he could see her in 2 weeks, and meanwhile, there's a simple informal test the husband could do to give the doctor some idea of the dimensions of the problem.*

*"Here's what you do. Start about 40 feet away from her and speak in a normal conversational tone and see if she hears you. If not, go to 30 feet, then 20 feet, and so on until you get a response".*

*So that evening she's in the kitchen cooking dinner, and he's in the living room, and he says to himself, "I'm about 40 feet away, let's see what happens."*

*"Honey, what's for supper? No response.*

*So he moves to the other end of the room, about 30 feet away.*

*"Honey, what's for supper? No response.*

*So he moves into the dining room, about 20 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response. On to the kitchen door, only 10 feet away. "Honey, what's for supper?" No response.*

*So he walks right up behind her. "Honey, what's for supper?"*

*For the 5<sup>th</sup> time, CHICKEN.*

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## Temple Beth El Cemetery News

### Cleaning Headstones and Footstones

at  
 Temple Beth El Cemetery  
 House of Israel Cemetery  
 Shaarei Tefillah Cemetery  
 Mason Road Cemetery  
 Jonathan Lodge Cemetery

We have had 15 headstones and over 20 footstones cleaned this fall. They look remarkable and make the cemetery look so loved and well cared for.

### THINK SPRING – ITS ALMOST HERE

We will be taking orders in the spring for next year's cleaning. Our plan is to have all the requests in by the second week in August so we can schedule the cleanings before the High Holy Days.

#### **The cost of cleaning is very reasonable:**

- Headstones \$50.00
- Footstones \$35.00

So in the spring if you are planning to have your family plot cleaned send a note, send an email or give us a call and we will take care of the rest.

**Perhaps you could even send a little extra and have a headstone or footstone cleaned for someone who has no family left to care for their plot.**

THIS WOULD BE A  
**MITZVAH FOR YOU!**

Many of the family members buried at our cemeteries were members of the military. If you let us know we could add a flag to their grave.

We want to keep these cemeteries as beautiful as possible.

The Cemetery Corporation received a wonderful gift from a person who remembers going to her uncle's funeral service when she was 14 years old, at Temple Beth El Cemetery. She does not live near here but a friend told her to go the TBE website and read about having the footstone cleaned.

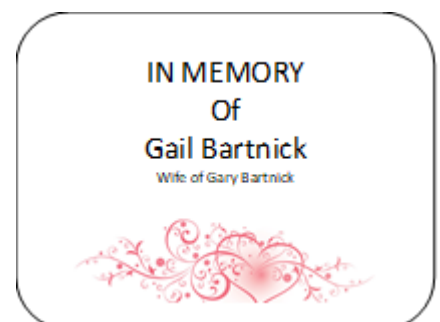
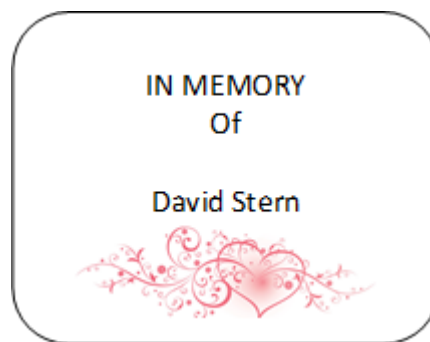
She said she was so delighted with what we were offering that she sent money to have her uncle's footstone cleaned and enough to have 2 other neglected stones of people who no longer have family or friends available to care for their plot.



## Temple Beth El Memorial Boards

The long hallway where Temple Beth El's sanctuary and office are located contains our Memorial Boards. If you have a family member that you would like to memorialize, and have a memorial light lit on the week of their yahrzeit year after year you may call the office. The cost of the plaque is \$300.00.

For any questions or additional information to honor or memorialize a loved one call the office at 724 4751.



## Temple Beth El April Simcha Grams



APRIL BIRTHDAYS	Date	APRIL ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Josh Pearlman	06	Bob and Ellie Cohen	4/20/1986
Edward Kowalsky	07		
Evan Philipson	18		
Howard Stern	19		
Jeremy Philipson	22		
Stanley Shapiro	22		
Birdye Wolfe	27		
Debra Rosenthal	30		

Enclosed is \$1.50 per name that I have indicated. I have enclosed a check made out to the Sisterhood of Temple Beth El for \$\_\_\_\_\_ for \_\_\_\_\_ (#) of Simcha Grams

Mail to:

**Rae Rosenfeld  
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Due by the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Please call the Temple Office 724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list

## Temple Beth El March Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Mar 6 to 12, 2021: 22 to 28 Adar 5781

These names will be read on Friday March 5, 2021

Joseph Ablove*	Samuel S. Freeman*	Sheyna Lippe Keller*	Clara Glick Rockowitz*
Rebecca Bonnett*	Mae Sumberg Freedman*	Esther Kennedy*	Irving Jacob Shoor*
Mary Bonnett*	Jack Freeman*	Gertrude Tumposky Kantor*	Ida Silverstein*
Jacob Boff*	Max Friedlander*	Milton Kirschbaum*	Dorothy F. Slakter*
Max Berger*	Nathan Gross*	Ida Landset*	Rose F. Smith*
Samuel J. Blaugrund*	Louis M. Goldstone*	Rabbi Jerome Lipnick*	Anne C. Smith*
Benjamin Brill*	Samuel J. Grossman*	Lena Levinson*	Libbie B. Singer*
Moses H. Berger*	Leo Gerber*	Lillian Boyer Lacher*	Celia Sumberg*
Celia Brown*	Joyce Goldstone	Laurence D. Lampert	Samuel Schwartz*
Rachel Cohen*	Anna Herman	Sara R. Newman*	Dorothy Smith*
Minnie L. Cohen*	Jonas Herzog*	Wolf Philipson*	Hyman R. Tapper*
Samuel Caro*	Celia M. Harris*	Saul William Pross*	Fannie Weitzman*
Herman Cohen*	Anne Jaffey*	Adele Popick*	Samuel Yatkowsky*
Ida Dean*	Celia Klein	Harry Perlman*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Mar 13 to 19, 2021 : 29 Adar to 6 Nisan 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday March 12, 2021

Dora Brill Alderman*	Shaina Gordon*	Janice Goldstone Lipman	Bernard Sherman*
Arthur Berkowitz	Theresa Guttman*	Sarah S. Lewus*	Yerac Samuels*
Louis Brown*	Herbert H. Galinn*	Arno M. Lewus*	Susie I. Sherman*
Sarah Slakter Ben*	Jacob Krulik*	Mae Mitchell*	Lew Starer*
Isadore Brooks*	Allen E. Kennedy*	Alan N. Nathan*	Helen Schor*
Ethel Blaustein*	Samuel Kerker*	Lena G Oppenheim*	Yetta Schneider*
Solomon Cohen	Samuel Kaminkowitz*	Albert Prybutock*	Bertha Savett*
Morton L. Cominsky	William J. Kowalsky*	Bianca D. Rosenblum*	Jane Gerston Stone*
Ida Cohen*	Bernard Stuart Kamin*	Allen I. Rockford*	Dr. Milton A. Savett*
David W. Cone*	Charles T. Klein*	Jacob G. Rosenwald*	Anna Trapanick*
Anita Cramer*	Lena Kopel*	Meyer A. Rebeck*	Andrew Wineburgh*
Anna Amelia Fink*	Hyman Katzman*	Rose Saltzman	SamuelZavotsky*
Harriet C. Friedman*			Jennie Zavotsky*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of March 20 to 26, 2021 : 7 to 13 Nisan 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday March 19, 2021

Herman J. Abrams	Moses B. Goldstone*	Eleanor J. Kowalsky*	Jacob H. Samuels*
Martin Ablove*	Robert J. Goodman*	Isidore Landset*	Herman Sherman*
Ethel Beckwith*	Jacob J. Gordon*	Hyman Mettleman*	Samuel Small*
Dorothy Bernstein*	Mitchell A. Harris*	Saul L. Meyers*	Arnold Speiler
Max Berkowitz*	Fannie Heiman*	Frances Oberman*	Jack Stern*
Norman Baker*	Rosalyn Horowitz*	Leba Bauer Philipson*	Chester Sitrin*
Nathan Cynkus*	Hattie Jacobson*	Harry Popick*	Bessie Sitrin*
Joseph Cohen*	Wolf Kowalsky*	Philip Rodin*	Sara M. Silverman*
Jennie Damsky*	Wolfe Kowalsky*	Joel Irving Rudolph*	Jacob N. Sitirin*
Flora Feldman*	Harry S. Kowalsky*	Louis Rosenthal*	Israel Taylor*
Max Goldberg*	Arthur J. Kirschstein*	H. Robert Rosenblum*	Miriam G. Tapper*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Mar 27 to Apr 2, 2021:14 to 20 Nisan 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday March 26, 2021

Rose Ablove*	Bertha Dumain*	Bert Lowen	Gerald S. Smith*
Sadye Vyner Allen*	Sigmund Dumain*	Rosalyn Lichtman*	Louis Snyder*
Louis Abelson*	Leona Firstenberg*	Sisel Levinson*	Morris Solomon*
Ida Brooks*	Robert Feldman*	Joseph Meyer*	Charles Saltzman
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Mac Berger*	Eva Goldstein*	John D. Rubin*	Frances F. Smith*
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