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Temple Beth El Service Schedule



Services via **ZOOM** at
5:30 PM Friday and
9:30 AM Saturday
By: Cantor Kalman Socolof
See your email for an invitation.
If we don't have your email
please call the office or email it
to beauboxer@aol.com

Temple Beth El Office Hours

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

CANDLE LIGHTING – 5781

January 1, 2021	4:18 PM
January 8, 2021	4:25 PM
January 15, 2021	4:33 PM
January 22, 2021	4:42 PM
January 29, 2021	4:51 PM

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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2021



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Temple Beth El Cantor Message

A working definition of the term 'old joke' is one that you have heard before. So here is an old joke:

A man is caught in a massive flood and gets to the roof of his house. A neighbor floats by on a raft and offers him a ride to safety. "No," the man says, "I am waiting for God to save me." As the waters continue to rise, a rescue crew comes by and offers to take him in their boat. "No," he says, "I am waiting for God to save me." As the waters are starting to encompass the roof, a helicopter flies overhead and tries to get him. "No," he insists, "I am waiting for God to save me."

The man is swallowed by the flood waters and drowns. When he appears before the Throne of Judgement, he is distraught. "Lord," he says, "I don't understand. I truly believed in you. What happened?"

"I sent a raft, a boat and a helicopter," says God, "What on Earth were you waiting for?"

As I write this, a vaccine for COVID-19 has just begun to be administered. Recent surveys suggest that roughly 40% of Americans may choose not to get the vaccine. Why would people refuse this opportunity to secure immunity for themselves, as well as helping to choke off the spread of this deadly disease?

There are some who feel that the process was executed too quickly for proper safety protocols to have been followed. There are others who feel that the disease is basically a hoax that poses no threat to them personally. There are doubtless other reasons being offered.

Regardless of the reason, such a choice is at variance with mainstream Jewish thought. The overriding number of instances when I have spoken with or listened to Jews here and abroad, the focus has been resolute:

pikuach nefesh, preserving life. Restrictions on gathering in shul for prayer and other occasions, the relaxation of prohibitions against using electronics on Shabbat and Yom Tov in order to allow gathering online, these are ways that the rabbinate, applying *halacha* with concern for tradition and those who practice it, has worked to allow us to follow the mitzvot safely. Even if you feel that you, personally are not at risk, the possibility of spreading a disease to others is a clear violation of the Torah command stated in Leviticus 19:15, "Do not stand over the blood of your neighbor." As Rabbi Yitzchak Magriso observed in the 18th century commentary *Me'am Lo'ez*, this includes "...an injunction that if one sees his neighbor in danger and has the ability to do something, he must do everything in his power to help him."

That said, I have had, over the last months, to try to explain to people in the Jewish community as well as outside of it, why Haredi Jews insist on gathering for prayer and simchas in numbers and proximity that clearly put them at risk.

We can expect that there will continue to be those who resist and reject vaccination as an appropriate course of action, just as those who did the same to Moses' leadership as a manifestation of Divine providence (and thanks to Rabbi Schaktman for the analogy). God is providing us with ways to get off of this roof. Will we accept them in thanks, or will we insist that the flood waters aren't really that dangerous?

Cantor Socolof



Temple Beth El President's Message

Here's wishing you and yours all the best for 2021!

The year 2020 surely put us to the test.

I miss having in person contact with our congregants but I am thankful for technology and being able to see and speak with you on Zoom. With everyone staying at home a bit more than usual, please consider joining us for Shabbat services. We have time to schmooze before and after our prayers with Cantor Socolof.

Watch your email for the Zoom link each week. If we do not have your email address, please send it to me at: Beauboxer@aol.com and I will be sure to add your name. I hope to SEE you online each weekend.

Congratulations to Mikhail and Leora Samoshuk! Last month, they became citizens of the United States. Mazel tov!

If you have any insights or leads to help the search committee seeking a new spiritual leader, please contact me.

Please be cautious when you have to go out and about.

I believe we can see the light at the end of this loooooong tunnel.

Take care my friends and be kind,
Marsha

HAPPY
2021
NEW YEAR

Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Dear Friends,

It is hard to realize we have already come to the end of another secular year. It was wonderful to welcome 2021, we surely have to hope and pray it is an improvement from the year of the pandemic, from a wild election and the complete change in the lives of all of us, our families and friends.

I'm thinking now is a good time to go back to our High Holy Days which we observed a few months back, we have to remember our happy days leading up to enjoying our New Year, after the difficult 2020 year we have to remember how important the little things are – being together with friends, enjoying a concert, a cup of hot coffee on a cold day, and delicious ice cream on a hot muggy summer day, hugging our family and just taking a walk with a friend. Following the orders of doctors, masks, distancing, hand washing, on and on and on.

As we do on Yom Kippur, ask for forgiveness for not following the rules, promises of doing better so many of us can be forgiven and personally feel thankful for being there to help others and ourselves, pray for 2021, to be safer, healthier and happier, we all should be able to share Simchas, joy with our family, old and young, to have a feeling of the "good old days" that were not long ago.

May we all share good days, good health as we move forward. Let's hope to get our buildings open so we can pray together, enjoy a service, a good shabbot, a friendly handshake and a smile for all the houses of worship all over the world. Let's move forward from the heart of our congregation to all those we love and care about.

For Temple Beth El and Temple Emanu-El and all who read this bulletin a healthy happy and caring 2021.

Mundy

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In Memory of: Vivian Berkowitz

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In Memory of: Leon Paikin (Gail Bartnick's dad – 100 years old)

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Temple Beth El Simcha Boards

Temple Beth El has Simcha Boards to celebrate birthdays, Bat and Bar Mitzvahs, anniversaries, graduations, weddings and honors.

If there is someone in your family or a friend you would like to recognize, you may do so by sending all the necessary details to the office. For \$125.00, you can make someone proud and happy forever.



Congratulations

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Congratulations

To

Mikhail Samoshuk

and

Liora Samoshuk

on becoming

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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

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.

MEMORIAL BOARDS

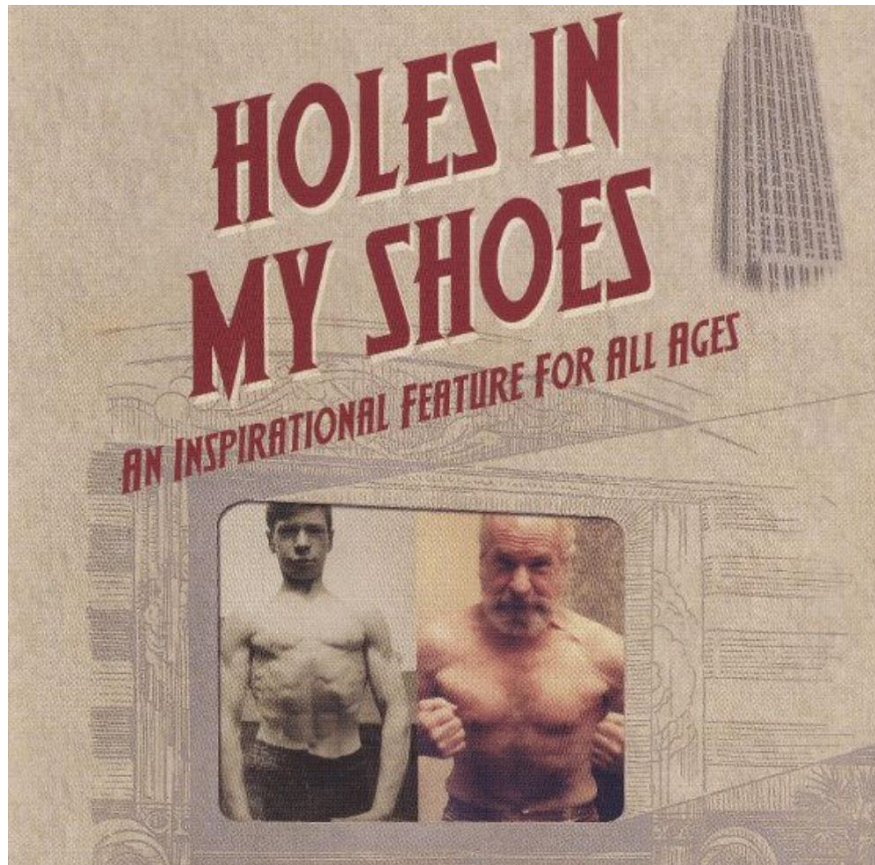
The long hallway where Temple Beth El's sanctuary and office are located contains our Memorial Boards. If you have a family member that you would like to memorialize, and have a memorial light lit on the week of their yahrzeit year after year you may call the office. The cost of the plaque is \$300.00.

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

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.

A Night at the Jewvies



The story of Jack Beers, a Jewish boy who, through infinite grit and optimism, left school in the second grade, became the “world’s strongest boy,” played an important role in building the NYC skyline, significantly shortened the time it took to produce fissile material, thus hastening the end of WWII, acted in some 200 films and showed award winning dogs at the Westminster Dog show.

PLEASE VIEW THE FILM BEFORE THE DISCUSSION

Date: Sunday, January 10th 2021

Discussion Time: 6:00 PM

Vimeo link: [Holes In My Shoes](#)

Brought to you by Limud Group of Temple Emanu-El

Temple Emanu-El Programs are open to all members and friends of the Jewish Community

Follow up virtual gathering for anyone interested in taking action to support the Uyghurs

**Thursday, January 14th
6:30-7:30 PM**

We will join together on zoom to:

CELEBRATE actions we have already taken
REVIEW an updated list of actions to take
SUPPORT each other in taking those actions
during our meeting

By the time our hour is up, emails will have been sent and petitions signed. Together, we will make a difference.

Zoom link to be sent out closer to the date.

Temple Beth El January Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 2 to 8, 2021 - 18 to 24 Tevet 5781

These names will be read on Friday January 1, 2021

Harris Berger*	Ella L. Eidelhoch*	Adrienne Gail Kroll*	Pearl G. Nathan*
Barnet Berlin*	Minnie G. Frank*	Jennie Kamino*	Esther R. Ornest*
Zeld Berkowitz*	Hyman Freeman*	Betty Kamino Kowalsky*	David M. Philipson*
Sarah Berger*	Jacob Goldstone*	Leo Lenchner*	Moses Rosenthal*
Joseph Berson	Flora Glick*	Sara Reba Levinson*	Jacob Schneider*
Hattie Bloom	Sara Greenburg	Roseleine Levine	Esther B. Sanzel
Samuel L. Baker*	Edward W' Jacobson*	Judson Leve*	William T. Sitrin*
Bella Cramer	Hyman L. Jacobson*	Esther Levine	Dorothy Movsh Smith
Sara Ida Comins*	Pearl Kushner	Sarah R. Nusbaum*	Sara Smith*
Anna E. Demsky*			Ruth Weitzman*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 9 to 15, 2021 - 25 Tevet to 2 Shevet 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 8, 2021

David Arlen*	Sara Gennis*	Nathan Kowalsky*	Samuel J. Smith*
Anna H. Bernstein*	Myron Leonard Goldstone*	Philip A. Lewis*	Jacob Sitrin*
Morris Baker*	Anna Sarah Grossman*	Max Levine	Florence R. Sitrin*
David Berger*	Pincus Grossman	Edith Lorig*	Karen Silverman*
Leonard Bartnick*	Emma Jacobson*	Joseph S. Mintzer*	Samuel Tumposky*
Mary Sherline Blum	Joshua M. Kaplan	Samuel M. Marmelstein*	Yetta Wolfe*
Jacob Coleman*	Jacob Krohngold*	Herman Philipson*	Morris Woloshin*
Shaina Damsky*	Helen Kaminkowitz*	Charles Richards	Charles Weinstein
Robert Ellis*	Bernard Kowalsky*	Sophie Rubin	Bernice Weiss*
Louis Freedman*	Barnet Kirshtein*	Milton Richards*	Joseph A. Yetra*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 16 to 22, 2021 - 3 to 9 Shevet 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 15, 2021

Anne Alderman*	Harry Kamino*	Ethel G. Philipson*	Louis J. Toffler*
Max Brooks*	Anna Schneider Kossot*	Lena Rosenthal*	Meyer Taylor*
Henry Berger*	Fanny Lindsey*	Alice Levine Rosen	Anna E. Tumposky*
David L. Cohen*	Adelaide G. Lumberg*	Edward I. Shapiro*	Rose Taylor*
Ida Cramer*	Sarah Levine*	Saria Singer*	Louis Wineburgh*
Frances Winnick Cohen	Helen Levy	Charles Sumberg*	Eliyucum Wineburgh*
Dorothy Dumain*	Milton S. Manning*	Anna Schwartz*	Samuel J. Wolfe*
Regina C. Friedlander*	Ruth Movsh*	Edward Smith*	Anna L. Wolfe*
Charles Finer	George Nusbaum*	Hinda Tumposky*	Hyman Wertheim
Jewel Friedlander*	Milton M. Osber*	Elka Targer*	Sarah Wolf*
Elaine Goldstone	Max J. Philipson*	Rachel Toffler*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 23 to 29, 2021 - 10 to 16 Shevet 5781

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday January 22, 2021

Max Benjamin*	Harry Greene*	Abraham Levine*	Harry Shapiro
Beretha Blumberg*	Irving Greenfield*	Mary Levenson*	Gertrude Frankel Stahl*
Frances Winnick Cohen*	David Gross	Bessie G. Manning*	Solomon Simon*
Dora M. Freedman*	Harvey Harris	Daniel Meyers	Ben Slater
Bessie N. Freeman*	Rabbi Abraham Isaac Kirschstein*	Samuel Meyers*	Dr. Alfred Sumberg
Harvey Fink*	Robert Kowalsky*	Frances Katzman Revitch*	Samuel L. Wolfe*
Rachel Goldenson*	Florence Kurtzman*	Solomon Stayman*	Rebecca Weinstein*
Anna Goldman*	Herbert Kopel*	Samuel L. Simon*	

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Temple Beth El January Yahrzeits

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The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of January 30 to February 5, 2021 - 17 to 23 Shevet 5781
These names will be read on Friday January 29, 2021

Julia Simon Aronson*	Joseph Glick*	Morris Pollack*	Nathan Samuels*
Dr. Harold B. Arlen*	Mechel Gilbert*	Israel Perlman*	Ann Perlman Seldin*
Bea Abrams*	Hiram Goldenson*	Louis G. Payne	Ida R. Seld*
Harold Alpert	Ida Goldstein*	Max Philipson*	Abraham Schechter
Hyman Brooks*	Dr. Edmund Goldstone	Nathan Rebeck	Lillian Sugarman*
Benjamin Brown*	Emma W. Kowalsky*	Dr. Judith A. Resnik*	Mose P. Silverstein*
Elizabeth Bartnick*	Maxine R. Kall*	Ruth S. Rosenblum*	Helen Simons*
Dorothy Berkowitz	Aaron David Levy*	Belle Rosky*	Dr. Gerald Segal*
Carol Brown*	Rae LaVine*	Hymen P. Snyder*	Sarah Gossis Tapper*
Jack Daniels*	Charles Manning*	Ryfka Schechter	Abraham H. Wyner*
William Edelstein*	Victor Pressler*	Mollie Sherman*	Edward I. Weiss*
Sari Emas*			

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Temple Beth El February Simcha Grams



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS	Date	FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES	Date
Lisa Zeidner	03	Gary and Lisa Philipson	2/7/1987
Marsey Rosenblum	07	Edward and Melissa Kowalsky	2/20/2007
Tara Jonas	08		
Roz Lemel	08		
Adam Oster	08		
Charles Manning	13		
Victor Pearlman	16		
Susie Zeidner	16		
Elise Feiner	17		
Jerome Socolof	18		
Shona Rosenblum	19		
Norman Neslin	21		
Elaine Brown	22		
Abbe Nathan Gross	23		
Judy Nathan Schomer	23		
Joshua Foote	24		
Bob Stern	29		

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
3008 Oneida Street
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Due by the 15th of the month

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JANUARY 2021

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