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Temple Beth El Rabbi Message

"Veele toldot Itzchak ben Abraham, Abraham holid et Itzchak"

And these are the generations of Yitzchak, Abraham's son: Abraham begot Yitzchak "

"Toldot" is the section of our Torah that allows us to learn about the life of the patriarch Yitzchak. In the preceding parshiot we learned about him from those around him. His birth; the episode with his brother Esau that caused him to be banished along with Hagar, his mother; of course, the Akeda, the bond that his father gave him and the union with his wife Rivka.

The word Toldot, which titles the parsha, can be taken with its meaning of "generations": These are the generations of Yitzchak. But strangely, only one generation is mentioned, since everything began with Abraham for the Hebrew People, with which, the mentioning Abraham who fathered Yitzchak ends with the "generational account."

Toldot shares its root with lehida or leholid which means birth, or to be born. It would be, perhaps, more accurate for a story that just has few pages. Even more so, if we look at Yitzchak's life in perspective, he doesn't seem to have many facts to tell. This is the other meaning of Toldot, facts or events.

In the case of Yitzchak, of which the Torah tells us fewer events than the rest of the patriarchs, we could speak of the generations and the events that came from him and have transcended since. The events that were generated from his way of life. This ALSO shaped the beginning of our People. Perhaps, the formation of a peculiar family framework, like those of each one of us, but which in this case made it possible for subsequent events to unfold with his wife and children. This gave our history a particular turn in the facts.

With Toldot we arrive at the moment of the Torah where Yitzchak, for a short period, is the subject of almost the entire parsha. He is

the dominant person. When we speak of Yitzchak, we speak of Rivka, a very special union. A love that overcame a long and sad twenty years of infertility. His love was stronger. Their faith in God, their prayers paid off. "Ve-hine tomim be-bitna", and "there were twins in her womb" relates to the Torah. This was the Toldot. These would be continued and make history.

Yitzchak is often presented to us as someone practically inactive, whose only function was to be a link between generations. Is this a small thing? Being a unifying factor in a society that only knew about separations, abandonments and exiles? Perhaps, we lack facts, fantastic events like those of Abraham, Jacob and Joseph.

Of the three patriarchs, Yitzchak is the one who presents the most peaceful and sedentary life: he never left the land of Canaan in which he was born.

Are facts important because of their quantity or because of how they mark our history and that of those around us?

Rabbinic thinking is different and tells us: "... Yitzchak was credited with 5 things: beauty, strength (power), wealth, wisdom and long years of life" (Tanchuma, Buber, Toledot 7).

The Midrash (Bemidbar Raba 2:11) says: "... Abraham was blessed with the stars; Isaac was blessed with the sand and Jacob was blessed with the dust of the earth ..."

Yitzchak is different, he was "blessed in the sand." "Jol", sand in Hebrew, also has to do with the idea of the common, the everyday. We could even say the profane (Shabbat is KODESH; a weekday is JOL ...) and doing the right thing in the common every day is no less wonderful. Being the link that supports, like all links, the integrity of a chain, does not have to do with being the most attractive, but with the strength to unite, even the largest links that surround us.

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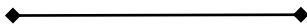
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With Yitzchak, it was this and much more because he was the one of the Patriarchs who lived the longest. He knew how to maintain the riches he inherited from his father and multiplied them. He was wise, even when his eyes did not allow him to see the reality that surrounded him. He had the strength and the power to face foreign kings and captains in peace.

With Yitzchak, we began to possess Israel because he never left the land. Yitzhak Avinu left each one of us with the willpower to be, live, exist and fight, like him, with "kavod".

May the model of Yitzchak, who overcame unfortunate circumstances, who managed to sustain generations and perpetuate an incipient tradition, guide us to understand our place in our chain. May we see the enormous importance of small events transcending ours and the need for each of us to take their place as links that unite and build.

Chodesh tov!
R. Gustavo Geier



Temple Beth El President's Message

"When the winds of change blow, remember... sometimes what appears dead is simply preparing for a new season." — Jane Lee Logan

In the coming months Temple Beth El will see many changes.

Rabbi Geier is arriving in Utica during the first week of November. He has been conducting Erev Shabbat services and religious school via zoom from Argentina. Please watch your email for the Zoom link each week and join in welcoming Shabbat.

"The only way to make sense out of change is to plunge into it, move with it, and join the dance." — Alan W. Watts

We are packing up the office and sanctuary for our move to 1607 Genesee St.

We will have in person services as soon as we are settled barring any Covid complications.

"Winter is an etching, spring a watercolor, summer an oil painting, and autumn a mosaic of them all." Stanley Horowitz

The move comes with many expenses and your monies will assist in making our new home a reality.

If you have not already done so, this is a friendly reminder to please remit your dues and YK Appeal contribution.

Spring and summer come with a lush layer of foliage over reality, but when things start falling away in the autumn and get bare and stark in the winter we're forced to look at things more as they really are, including ourselves. ~Terri Guillemets

Today Rabah,
Marsha

"Anyone who thinks fallen leaves are dead has never watched them dancing on a windy day." Shira Tamir



Temple Beth El Executive Director's Message

Hello Friends,

It is hard to believe that October is drawing to a close already, the High Holy Days and festivals have been observed, still on zoom, and Chanukah starts the 28th of November.

We are in the process of packing up our office and the small sanctuary to move back to our previous home at 1607 Genesee Street.

How interesting that in going through so many files, books, labels and papers many have the old address on them and can be used again. After about 15 years of using 2710 Genesee Street and the 02 zip code we will have to go back to 1607 and the 01.

Temple Beth El had its first home in 1919 on Hopper and Union Street in downtown Utica, this was supposed to be a permanent home for TBE but in 1927 the members purchased the site for a new Temple at 1607 Genesee Street. The first service was held on August 1, 1930. In 2006 we sadly sold our wonderful building and joined to share Temple Emanu-El's building at 2710 Genesee Street and now we are returning to what was our home from 1930 to 2006.

It has been quite a journey and who knows where it will lead us. We look forward to happy days for our congregation and send good wishes to Temple Emanu-El.

We will be at the RCIL building 1607 Genesee Street. Feel welcome to stop and say hello

Sincerely,
Mundy



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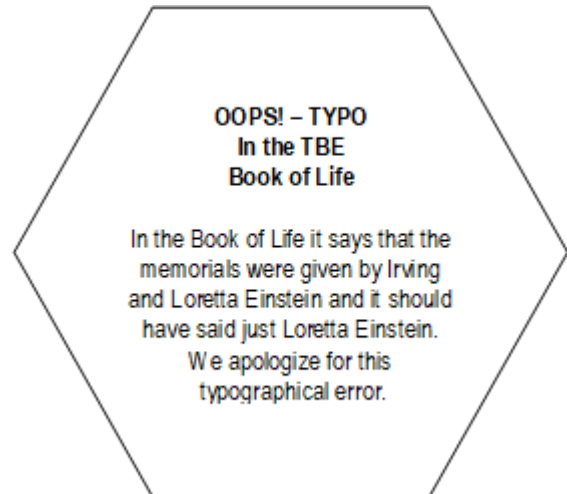
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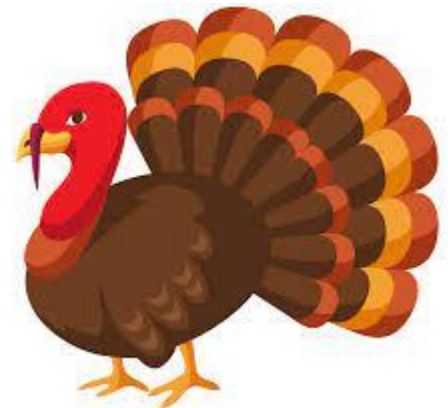
It is more important than ever this year. Our new Rabbi will be here by the time you read this and we will be back at 1607 Genesee Street.

This is a major part of our much needed revenue.

We thank all of you who have already sent in your generous pledge cards and donations.



HAPPY THANKSGIVING!



Temple Beth El December Simcha Grams



DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS	Dec	DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES	Date
David Finer	12/02	Stanley and Aliza Gerstein	12/25/61
Eleanor Cohen	12/03		
Andrew Philipson	12/11		
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Please call the Temple Office 315 724-4751, if you wish to add any names to the list

Temple Beth El November Yahrzeits

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Nov 6 to 12, 2021, 2 to 8 Kislev 5782

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday November 5, 2021

Ida Ablove*	Albert M. Freeman*	Charles Levine	Abraham Siegel*
Sylvia Abrams	Shirley Flax*	Sadie Markson*	Lena Stark*
Irving Brooks*	Herbert Grossman*	Anna Gersten Perlman*	Sidney I. Slavin
Abe Barth*	Edward Goldberg	Louis Philipson*	Michael Silverman
Bertha S. Charkow*	Abraham Klein	Sara Puttock*	Chayah Weisberg*
Ruth Dresher Cohen	President John F. Kennedy*	Irving Pollack*	Benjamin Weitzman*
Bertha Damsky*	Rachel Levin*	Edward Michael Speiler*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Nov 13 to 19, 2021, 9 to 15 Kislev 5782

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

Celia K. Arlen*	Louis Feiner	Bruno Illfelder*	Benjamin D. Rosenthal*
Gertrude Brooks*	Miriam Davis Fialko*	Barney Kopel*	Harold Paul Rizika*
Helen Miller Bernstein*	Louis Goldman*	Rose Slakter Ludwig*	Chaim Nachman Rockford*
Lillian Braverman*	Sarah O. Goldstone*	Ida Rivlin Markson*	Shirley Rosenblum*
Joseph Chait*	Lottie Galinsky*	Ben Movsh*	Fannie Stone*
Tillie Denmark*	Philip Grossman*	Rae Marmelstein*	Barbara Galinn Schneider*
Louis J. Davis*	Florence Greene*	Beatrice Goldbas Ossry*	Clara Sitrin
Sam Daniels*	Eva Sugarman Hoffman	Esther M. Philipson*	Rose Wolfe*
Ann Rita Edelberg	Mary Hillson	Shirley Philipson*	

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Nov 20, to 26, 2021, 16 to 22 Kislev 5782

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

Esther Abrams	Etta Freeman	Keile Jackowitz	Moe J. Silverman*
Jack Abrams*	Jacob Fink*	Rose. W. Jacobson*	Sadie Small*
Milton H. Betrkowitz*	A. Meyer Friedman*	Hannah Kaplan*	Anna Savett*
Henry Buff*	Victor H. Flax*	Fannie H. Kowalsky*	Ruth Treister Schwartz*
Harry Cummins*	Morris Goldberg*	Sidney Lacher*	Jacob (Jack) Samuels
Mary Ettel Chait*	Samuel M. Grossman*	Jean Mason	Beatrice Samuels
Minna Cramer*	Lenore Kowalsky Greene*	Roxy Pollack*	Helen Sperling*
Mollie C. Cramer	Edward Galinn*	David E. Rothstein*	Gussie Vogel
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Joseph Dantzig*	Harold Hillson	Morris Schneider*	Mary Wasserman*
Esther Abrams	Etta Freeman	Keile Jackowitz	S.Sgt. Marshall Yorra*
			Moe J. Silverman*

The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Nov 27 to Dec 3, 2021, 23 to 29 Kislev 5782

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

Sarah Albert	Solomon Harris*	Benjamin Philipson*	Nathan D. Savett*
Samuel Berman*	John Stewart Haven*	Rose R. Rizika*	Abraham B. Singer*
Joseph D. Braverman*	Harry L. Freeman*	Israel Rosen*	Herman Sonneborne*
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William R. Goldbas*	Anna Newman	Yuda & Yenta Gittle	William Weiss*
Sherry Goldstone		Szmulewski*	

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The following Yahrzeit will be observed during the week of Dec 4 to 10, 2021, 30 Kislev to 6 Tevet 5782

These names will be read from the pulpit on Friday December 3, 2021

Bessie Arlen*	Sidney I. Friedlander*	Eunice G. Kahn*	Jerry Rosenblum*
Sarah Boyer*	Eli Freeman*	Andrew W. Kates*	Miriam Smith*
Nathan Brooks*	Harris Goldstein*	Harris Lazarus*	Samuel Silverman*
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