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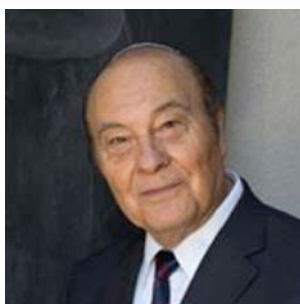
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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom to all:

I trust that I find you all in good spirit, healthy, and eager to resume "normal" life, whenever and whatever it would be... but not what it is, currently.

I heard the following fable when I attended middle school in Tel-Aviv many years ago – sixty three years to be exact. The people of ancient Israel complained to God about their despair, troubles, and problems, and asked God to rid them from their respective afflictions. God listened, and told them that he needed to inspect all the concerns they were having, and requested that each person put all of his or her troubles and problems in an unmarked laundry bag, and hang the bag on one of the clothes lines, that He will erect for them outside their cities. God also told them to return for His decision a week later. A week later all the people returned, eagerly, to hear what God had decided. God told them that He had examined every laundry bag, and truly sympathized with every one of them, and felt their pain, and suffering.



Dov Gottesfeld

Before announcing his verdict, God reminded them that they were privileged to be born on the planet earth to see His creation, and that He had never promised humanity that life would only be a party. That privilege, he emphasized, came with quite a few responsibilities, as well. Yet, God decided to rid every person of his or her despair, troubles and problems - once and for all - by letting each and every one of the people pick somebody else's laundry bag from the clothes lines. And so, on the count of three all the people rushed to the clothes lines in search of a different and a better life. By the end of the day not a single laundry bag was seen dangling down from the clothes lines. Each person returned home with a smile on his or her face, gladly, carrying his or her own laundry bag, which they had hung on the clothes line a week earlier.

That fable popped back into my mind after all these years after having conversation with family members and friends in Israel concerning the current pandemic and the political atmosphere in both nations. After hearing all their complaints

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October Schedule of Services:

All on Zoom at 7:30 pm:

October 2nd: Anita Friedman

October 9th: Josue Medrano

October 16th: Diane Borad-Mirken

October 23rd: Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

Educational Activities

No educational activities are planned at this time due to COVID-19.

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about their government's handling of the pandemic issues, and the political turmoil, I asked them if they would have preferred to live here in the U.S., or for that matter anywhere else in the world at this time? After a brief thought, every person I talked to preferred to stay put wherever he or she lived having the familiar despair, troubles, and problems.

When we – humans – run away from our despairs, troubles, and problems to another place, often we forget that we, each one of us, carries his/her own “laundry bag”. Changes for better, and tolerable life comes when we deal directly with ourselves, at the familiar place, and amicably with the people we're in conflict with in order to come to terms, which are acceptable to both sides.

Life is not a party, it's a privilege.

Happy Sukkot.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

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Vice President's Column – Gary Epstein



The High Holidays are over. We did it on Zoom and lots of people tuned in and participated. Rabbi Gottesfeld and I were not sure if we'd be able to show the Jan Peerce rendition of the Kol Nidre or the video of Judith Klinger opening and closing the doors of our Ark. But at the last minute a Zoom mavin came to our rescue! Her name is Dove Okonina and she knows a lot! Thank you Dove!! Please don't forget to return your borrowed copies of the Gates of Repentance.

Anita Friedman will be leading the Shabbat service on Friday, October 2nd, on Zoom at 7:30 pm.

The next event won't be on Zoom. Instead it will actually be in the temple's patio where the Sukkah is now. Thanks to Ken Wolf, Jeff Portney and David and Sid Goldstien who assembled it.

We will shake the Lulav on Sunday afternoon (October 4th) from 1:00 pm to 3:30 pm. We are inviting three groups of our members to come at different times to keep the 6 foot distance from one another. Please wear masks too. We don't want to take chances with Covid-19:

If your last name begins with any of the letters from A to F come 1:00 – 1:30 pm

If your last name begins with any of the letters from G to L come 2:00 – 2:30 pm

If your last name begins with any of the letters from M to Z come 3:00 – 3:30 pm

On Tuesday, October 6th, the Board of Directors will be meeting on Zoom at 7:00 pm. We'll be setting a time for the Fall Membership Meeting (on Zoom). Also, we'll be discussing Hanukkah. Obviously, our traditional Hanukkah party is not possible due to the Covid-19. So we're looking for some good ideas of what can be done instead. So far, three ideas have been suggested: (1) deliver lotkes to people's homes, (2) ask Rabbi Gottesfeld to put a cooking lesson on Zoom, and (3) have a raffle for Scrip. In the past our Hanukkah parties have been the temple's major fundraiser. Please supply us with other ideas as well.

Our Brotherhood is holding its Seminar on Sunday morning, October 4th, at 10:00 am on Zoom. Tell me if you'd like to be included and I'll send you the link.

-Gary, VP of TBE

Zoom by telephone

Are you ordering a lot from Amazon these days? If so, there are two ways you can help the Temple to raise money. The first is to buy Amazon script from Mike Sachs. When you get the gift card (scrip), you can go into Amazon, enter the code on the back of the card, and Amazon will deduct from the card balance. The other way is to always use Smile.Amazon.com <<http://Smile.Amazon.com>> . Amazon will donate directly to TBE. To do this, go into smile.amazon.com <<http://smile.amazon.com>> . Choose "Temple Beth El Santa Maria" as your charity. Then be sure to always order through Smile. The Temple really appreciates your support.

TBE is now able to accept payments via Paypal on our website: tbesantamaria.com
<<http://tbesantamaria.com>>

When using this option, you may select "Dues" or "Donations". If you wish to pay for an event (such as the Chanukah party), please select "Donation" and be sure to add a description of what it is for in the optional comment area near the top of the payment screen on Paypal. If you have any questions about how to use Paypal, contact Suzanne Levy, slevy93455@gmail.com or 805-934-0477.

We are conducting services on the internet with Zoom during the Pandemic. Here are the instructions for how to do it from a landline (that is, an ordinary telephone):

1. First, you have to find out from whomever is setting up the Zoom meeting (the "host") what the code number (called the meeting ID) is for the particular meeting that you want to join. It will be a ten or eleven digit number.
2. Second, you have dial the following phone number: 1 669 990 6833
3. Third, you will hear a voice saying, "Welcome to Zoom. Enter your meeting ID followed by the pound sign (#)"
4. That's all you have to do.
5. Sometimes the host of the meeting asks the invitees to mute themselves. There should be a mute button somewhere on the front of your telephone. Press it and then any unwanted background noises at your house (like barking dogs) will not be heard at the meeting.
6. When the meeting is over the host will end it and you can just hang up.
7. Note: One of our members dialed the number 669 990 6833 and got a busy signal. There are alternative phone numbers that you can use:

346 248 7799
253 215 8782
312 626 6799
646 558 8656
301 715 8592

Try it at our next Shabbat service at 7:30 pm. It's good to know that you can do this even when you're away from home. We observed the High Holidays on Zoom, so this may be a way of coping with the Pandemic safely.



These were taken on October 4th in the temple patio during Sukkot.
Care was taken to protect members from Covid-19.

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25 Diane Borad-Mirken
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30 Oceana Medina

Donations

In memory of Renee Coe:

Abby Lassen & Michael LeCover
David & Linda Goldstien
Steve & Maia Lewis
Julie & Mark London
Donna Eschen
Michael & Barbara Sachs
Boots & Seymour Hersh

In memory of Eileen Klass Klein, Hinda Beaman and Renee Coe, from Lori Melzer-Sutton

High Holiday donations:

Maria & Guillermo Aguilar
Phyllis Green
Andi & Jeff Portney
Susan Nanas
Kenneth Wolf
Sid & Karen Goldstien
Gail Schwartz & Irwin Joseph
Greg & Deanna Hart
Judith Klinger
Ron & Suzanne Levy
Mary & Paul Goldiner
Roberto Juarez
Tom Geiger
Michael LeCover & Abby Lassen
Myra Wapner
Jean Minzenberg

Brotherhood

The Temple Beth El Brotherhood meets the first Sunday of the month, which this month is October 4th. While the temple is closed due to the Corona virus, we will not meet there. However, we will continue to meet virtually using Zoom. I will still be sending out articles of interest to members of the group. Any responses will be emailed to the rest for comment or interest. So please let me know if you are interested in attending our Zoom meetings and I will send you an invitation and link in your email.

Be well,

Michael LeCover, president
Gary Epstein, seminar organizer

Sisterhood

The Temple Beth El Sisterhood normally meets the second Tuesday of the month at the Jaffa Café in Santa Maria. We will not meet as long as social distancing is in effect. The Jaffa Café is still open for takeout. If you visit on the second Tuesday, October 13th and write TBE at the top of your order form, the temple will still get 15% of your order as a donation.

Remember that the Sisterhood runs the Temple Gift Shop. I just received some new items including Havdalah candles, beautiful Seder plates and gorgeous mezuzah cases. We also replenished our supply of tallit (including one in pink) and have some very nice kippot. We also have an ample supply of Bar and Bat Mitzvah cards, not always easy to find in Santa Maria. Although the Temple is not open, I can meet you there by appointment so let me know if you would like some of our beautiful items. These items would make beautiful Hanukkah gifts. Spread the word.

Hope we will meet again before long.

Marsha Epstein

October Yartzheits

10/1/20	Madeline Akronowitz*	13	Tishri	Wife of Len, Mother of Dove and Daniel
10/1/20	Leonard Fierman*			
10/2/20	David Baer	14	Tishri	Cousin of Boots Hersh
10/2/20	Meyer Yasskin*			Brother of Trudy Resnick
10/3/20	Violet D. Ladin			Mother of Beth Ladin
10/5/20	Melissa Marshall			Sister of Frank Young
10/5/20	Maurice Roth*			Father of Arthur Roth
10/6/20	Bill LeVine	2	Heshvan	Uncle of Gary Epstein
10/9/20	Leonard L. Kaunfer	21	Tishri	Father of Al Kaunfer
10/9/20	Miriam Gaon			Daughter of Bernice Gaon
10/10/20	Frieda Levy			Mother of Mary Goldiner
10/11/20	Kathlin Bakst			Mother of Leslie Bakst
10/11/20	Lilly Shulman			Mother of Bernice Gaon
10/14/20	Errin Berkowitz*	26	Tishri	Sister of Sari Almaguer & Abby Zangwill
10/14/20	Stanley Gollub	26	Tishri	Brother of Myra Wapner
10/14/20	Samuel Yasskin*			Father of Trudy Resnick
10/15/20	Isidor Rosler	27	Tishri	Grandfather of Tom Geiger
10/15/20	Ruth C. Stern			Sister of Howard Stern
10/16/20	Moshe Olevi Nourani*	28	Tishri	Father of Dan Nourani*
10/16/20	Jack Burton Sachs*	28	Tishri	Father of Michael Sachs
10/18/20	Abraham Bakst			Father of Leslie Bakst
10/19/20	Lois Pawlan			Mother of Suzanne Levy
10/19/20	Abraham Rothstein	3	Heshvan	Stepfather of Gary Epstein
10/20/20	Irwin Jay Berson	2	Heshvan	Cousin of Len Akronowitz
10/22/20	Jacob Simon*			Father of Nancy Evans
10/23/20	Rabbi Abraham Raich	5	Heshvan	Rabbi at Temple Beth El
10/23/20	Emanuel Stone	5	Heshvan	Father of Arnold Stone
10/24/20	Rhoda Rosenblum	6	Heshvan	Aunt of Len Akronowitz
10/24/20	Ernest Kaplan*			Husband of Sylvia Kaplan
10/25/20	Matthew David Hersh	15	Heshvan	Nephew of Seymour and Boots Hersh
10/25/20	Enrique Vidales	21	Heshvan	Brother of Cesar Vidales
10/26/20	Bertha Rubenoff*			Mother of Lillian Tuman
10/27/20	John McManus	26	Tishri	Friend of Ron Levy
10/27/20	Sam Melman*			Father of Harvey Melman
10/27/20	Adele Mintzer	14	Heshvan	Aunt of Marsha Epstein
10/27/20	Stephen Schwartz			Husband of Marjorie Schwartz
10/29/20	Ruth M. Levy*	10	Heshvan	Wife of Stanley Levy

Months of Mourning

Emily Hoffman McGinn	Historian of SLO Jewish community	12/12/2019
Joanna (Joey) Bilow	Mother of Aaron Bilow	1/22/2020
Ilene J. Klass	Mother of Linda and Karen Goldstien	4/15/2020
Hinda Beaman	Member of TBE	6/7/2020
Adam Hill	SLO County Supervisor	8/6/2020
Megan Wolf	Niece of Ken Wolf	8/13/2020
Daivon Young	Nephew of Frank Young	8/18/2020
Renee Coe	Mother of Andi Portney	8/22/2020
Ulysses Ferrer	Cousin of Josue Medrano	8/19/2020
Janice Schrager	Mother of Michael Shrager	9/8/2020
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Justice of the Supreme Court	9/18/2020

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 Shabbat service led by Anita Friedman on Zoom (7:30 pm)	3 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion group on Zoom (10 AM) Etz Chayim with Amber Medina: Shabbat Morning Prayers on Zoom (9:30 – 10:00 am)
4 Brotherhood Seminar on Zoom (10 AM) Three groups waving the lulav at Sukkah at TBE (1– 3 PM)	5	6 TBE Board Meeting on Zoom (7 PM) Conversational Hebrew for adults on Zoom at 6:00 pm	7	8	9 Shabbat service & Succot led by Josue Medrano on Zoom (7:30 pm)	10 Etz chayim with Amber Medina: Havdalah & Sundown Songs on Zoom (7:15 pm)
11	12	13 Conversational Hebrew for adults on Zoom at 6:00 pm	14	15	16 Diane Borad-Mirken leads Shabbat service on Zoom (7:30 PM)	17 Etz Chayim with Amber Medina: Shabbat Morning Prayers on Zoom (9:30 – 10 AM)
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