



The Temple Beth El Bulletin is published monthly according to the Gregorian calendar.

Phone:
(805) 928-2118
Email: TempleBethEl@verizon.net

Website:
<http://www.TBEsantamaria.com>
The Bulletin is emailed for free to Members and Friends of TBE.

Street address: 1501 E. Alvin Ave., Santa Maria, CA 93454
Mailing address: P.O. Box 5217, Santa Maria, CA 93456

Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

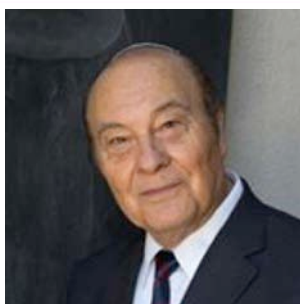
HOW LONG?

OR AS IT STATED IN HEBREW

AHD MATAHI? (UNTIL WHEN?)

While watching the news on television recently, and witnessing all the horrors of the war and the human displacements and the suffering in Ukraine, and the fleeing young Russians to avoid being recruited to fight in that war, I suddenly heard myself exclaiming in Hebrew out loud "Ahad Matahi, Adonai?!" I could not help it, but thinking about the history of the Jewish people, which is "rich" with the same horrifying experiences.

I was not the first Jew, nor for that matter any other caring human being, who said those words upon witnessing a prolonged suffering of humans under any adverse circumstances. Isaiah the prophet uttered these same words in the 7th century B.C. : "8 And I heard the voice



Dov Gottesfeld

and who will go for us?" And I said, "Here I am; send me."

9 And He said, "Go and say to this people, 'Indeed you hear, but you do not understand; indeed you see, but you do not know.'

10 This people's heart is becoming fat, and his ears are becoming heavy, and his eyes are becoming sealed, lest he see with his eyes, and hear with his ears, and his heart understand, and he repent and be healed."

11 And I said, "Until when, O Lord?" And He said, "Until cities be desolate without inhabitant and houses without people, and the ground lies waste and desolate.

12 And the Lord removes the people far away, and the deserted places be many in the midst of the land.

Continued on Page 2

October Schedule of Services:

October 7th Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)
October 14th Anita Friedman(7:30 PM)
October 21st Josué Medrano (7:30 PM)
October 28th Josué Medrano (7:30 PM)

Educational Activities

Adult conversational Hebrew on Tuesdays at 6 PM
Etz Chaim Children's Religious School 9:30-10 AM

Continued from Page 1

13 And when there is yet a tenth of it, it will again be purged, like the terebinth and like the oak, which in the fall have but a trunk, the holy seed is its trunk."

Rereading those Biblical lines made me wonder. As a believer, are the events I am witnessing on television the acts of God? According to Jewish tradition there is one God. Is God involved in any way in what am witnessing? After all, most - if not all - practicing Jews believed that all the Jewish people's sufferings from the outset, including the Holocaust, was God's doing to his disobedient people.

Should I say to myself - as a believer - that whatever I was seeing on television is an act of God, and therefore it is justifiable? Was it not God who threatened the Jews that He would send foreign enemies to displace them because of their disobedience to Him? Did God send the Russians to displace the Ukrainian people?

If I was not a believer; how should I view these horrors I am witnessing? Or better, which side should I cheer for? And how should I view the Anti-Semitism here in the U.S. and for that matter all over the world. And most important - what is my role in all that... Meshugas? (craziness)

I have to confess. I do not have the answer, nor an answer to make myself feel good about it. Whether it is God's doing, or the act of Godless evil people - something drastic must be done to eradicate that kind of madness. And I wish I knew how. Yet, one thing I can do; to continue and augment myself as a human being in order to set an example to others.

Happy Sukkot.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

October 14, 2022

TBE Board of Directors for 2021-2022

President: Frank Young

Vice President: Vacant

Treasurer: Ron Levy

Executive Secretary: Dove Okonina

Past President: Suzanne Levy

Brotherhood: Michael LeCover

Buildings & Grounds: Ken Wolf & Sid Goldstien

Education: Amber Medina

Membership: Raul Medina

Religious Practices: Anita Friedman

Sisterhood: Marsha Epstein

Ways & Means: Diane Borad-Mirken

Trees for Israel: Alyshia Brunk

Social Action Chair: David Goldstien

Sunshine Chair: Judith Klinger

Rabbi: Dov Gottesfeld

Bulletin Editor: Leslie Epstein

Webmaster: Joel David

President's Column – Frank Young



-Frank Young, president of TBE

This past year has taught us that our community is much more than the physical space of our synagogue. We were able to experience some good moments and some not so good moments, despite being apart. We look forward to a better year.

The plain truth is that funds are required for Temple Beth-El to continue be a force for good, thus we are asking for your donation. Donations are a significant source of revenue for the Temple.

Please remember when you receive the donation envelope with your name on it that it lies within our power as members of this congregation to secure the future of the Jewish community in Santa Maria. Please give generously.

Frank Young

Bulletin Briefs

October Birthdays

- 6 Anita Friedman
- 10 Sam Burg
- 13 Madeleine Burg
- 13 Jaime Frucht
- 17 Aliya LeCover
- 19 Mia Levy
- 25 Diane Borad-Mirken
- 25 Allison Portney

Donations

For the High Holidays:

Joel and Hermelinda Basurto
Raul and Amber Medina
Blanca Arroyo
Susanne Hene
Abby Lassen and Michael LeCover
Ken Wolf
Maria and Guillermo Aguilar
Myra Wapner
Miriam Shrogin
Diane Borad Mirken
Louise Gerber

In memory of Jerome Sheinblum and
Florence Sheinblum from Ellen

Brotherhood

We held the October meeting via Zoom due to the resurgence of the Covid virus. I will be sure to let you know when we resume in-person meetings with our sumptuous breakfasts.

As usual, I will be sending out articles of interest to members of the group. Any responses will be emailed to the rest for comment or interest. Our conversations have been lively, interesting and informative and all interested people, men and women, are invited to join us.

Be well,
Gary Epstein

Sisterhood

As you know, we resumed our dinner meetings at Jaffa Café a couple of months ago. So few people participated that we are no longer planning on having another dinner meeting, at least for awhile. It appears that concerns about Covid were a factor. It is unfortunate, but uncertainty is the new normal and while the virus is still out there many people prefer to stay away from indoor meetings and restaurants.

Don't forget that the Sisterhood still maintains the temple's gift shop and we have some lovely items you might enjoy.

Be well,
Marsha Epstein

Weekly Torah Portion Discussions and Shabbat services at Temple Beth El for TBE members whose main language is Spanish.

The Spanish-speaking portion of our membership meets just about every Saturday morning at the temple starting at 9:30 am. We use a Spanish/Hebrew prayer book and hold a Shabbat service and a discussion of the weekly portion in Spanish. We are not a separate group from the temple (TBE) membership but are members of it whose main language is Spanish and feel that this space creates for us a comfortable way to immerse ourselves in the study of the Torah. Everyone is welcome to join with us, even the English speaking who are striving to learn Spanish as well as our Jewish heritage. We are pleased that we have a space to accommodate our needs and we thank the Board of Directors who encouraged this. The leader of our group is Raul Medina (805) 922-4171 or (805) 868-8153).

Discusiones semanales de la porcion de la Tora y servicios de Shabat en el Templo Beth El para los miembros de TBE cuyo idioma principal es el español. Los miembros de habla hispana de nuestra sinagoga se reune casi todos los sabados por la mañana en el templo a partir de las 9:30 am. Usamos un libro de Rezos en espanol / hebreo y celebramos un servicio de Shabat y una discusión de la porcion semana en español. No somos un grupo separado de la sinagoga (TBE), sino que somos miembros de el cuyo idioma principal es el español y sentimos que este espacio crea para nosotros una manera comoda de sumergirnos en el estudio de la Tora. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros, incluso los de habla inglesa que se esfuerzan por aprender espanol, asi como nuestra herencia judia. Nos complace tener un espacio para acomodar nuestras necesidades y agradecemos a la Junta Directiva que permita esto. Para mas información comunicarse con Raúl Medina al 805-868-8153.

October Yartzheits

10/1/22	Leonard Fierman*			
10/2/22	Meyer Yasskin*			Brother of Trudy Resnick
10/3/22	Violet D. Ladin			Mother of Beth Ladin
10/5/22	Melissa Marshall			Sister of Frank Young
10/5/22	Maurice Roth*			Father of Arthur Roth
10/6/22	Bill LeVine	2	Cheshvan	Uncle of Gary Epstein
10/7/22	M.J. Salle	12	Tishri	Great Uncle of Jeff Portney
10/8/22	Madeline Akronowitz*	13	Tishri	Wife of Len, Mother of Dove and Daniel
10/9/22	Miriam Gaon			Daughter of Bernice Gaon
10/9/22	David Baer	14	Tishri	Cousin of Boots Hersh
10/10/22	Walter Koch	22	Tishri	Brother of Katherine (Hersh) Koch
10/11/22	Kathlin Bakst			Mother of Leslie Bakst
10/11/22	Lilly Shulman			Mother of Bernice Gaon
10/12/22	Bert Vincent	17	Tishri	Cousin of Ken Wolf
10/14/22	Samuel Yasskin*			Father of Trudy Resnick
10/15/22	Ruth C. Stern			Sister of Howard Stern
10/16/22	Leonard L. Kaunfer	21	Tishri	Father of Al Kaunfer
10/19/22	Abraham Bakst			Father of Leslie Bakst
10/19/22	Lois Pawlan			Mother of Suzanne Levy
10/19/22	Abraham Rothstein	3	Cheshvan	Stepfather of Gary Epstein
10/20/22	Mona Fern Naimark	25	Tishri	Grandmother of Bobby Naimark
10/21/22	Errin Berkowitz*	26	Tishri	Sister of Sari Almaguer & Abby Zangwill
10/21/22	Stanley Gollub	26	Tishri	Brother of Myra Wapner
10/22/22	Jacob Simon*			Father of Nancy Evans
10/23/22	Moshe Olevi Nourani*	28	Tishri	Father of Dan Nourani*
10/23/22	Jack Burton Sachs*	28	Tishri	Father of Michael Sachs
10/23/22	Florence Scheinblum	28	Tishri	Aunt of Ellen Gave
10/24/22	Ernest Kaplan*			Husband of Sylvia Kaplan
10/25/22	Matthew David Hersh	15	Cheshvan	Nephew of Seymour and Boots Hersh
10/25/22	Enrique Vidales	21	Cheshvan	Brother of Cesar Vidales
10/26/22	Bertha Rubenoff*			Mother of Lillian Tuman
10/27/22	John McManus	26	Tishri	Friend of Ron Levy
10/27/22	Sam Melman*			Father of Harvey Melman
10/27/22	Adele Mintzer	14	Cheshvan	Aunt of Marsha Epstein
10/27/22	Stephen Schwartz			Husband of Marjorie Schwartz
10/28/22	Michael Rothman	3	Sivan	Cousin of Judith Klinger
10/29/22	Irwin (Irv) Boxer			Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein
10/29/22	Ruth M. Levy*	10	Cheshvan	Wife of Stanley Levy
10/29/22	Sarah Meltzer Wilson	4	Sivan	Sister of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
10/30/22	Rebecca Rosen	5	Sivan	Mother of Boots Hersh
10/30/22	Ben Goldman			Brother-in-law of Irwin Wapner
10/31/22	Isadore Kaver	6	Sivan	Father of Mike Kaver

Months of Mourning

Phil Cohl	Friend of the Portney Family	1/24/22
Paul Goldiner	Husband of Mary Goldiner	1/25/22
Jeff Simons	Friend of Andi and Jeff Portney	2/8/22
Louise BlackRobertson	Mother of Eric Berge	2/17/22
Peggy Rodriguez	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein	4/8/22
Tiffany Dall	Niece of Mel Kalish	4/20/22

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 Morning Shabbat service and Torah study with Raul Medina at temple (10 AM) Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple (10:30 AM)
2 K'ver Avot (11 am)	3	4 Kol Nidre (7 pm)	5 Yom Kippur Morning: 10 am Afternoon: 4:30 pm	6	7 Shabbat service led by Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)	8 Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld will lead Torah discussion at temple (10 AM) Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple (10:30 AM)
9 Brotherhood Seminar (10 am)	10	11 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	12	13	14 Shabbat service led by Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)	15 Morning Shabbat service and Torah study with Raul Medina at temple (10 AM) Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple
16 Sukkot (4 pm)	17	18 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	19	20	21 Shabbat service led by Josué Medrano (7:30 PM)	22 Raul Medina will lead Shabbat service & Torah discussion at temple (10 AM) Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple
23	24	25 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	26	27	28 Shabbat service led by Josué Medrano (7:30 PM)	29
30	31					