

# Temple Beth El Bulletin

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## Rabbi's Message – Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom and blessings to all:

Dear Member of Temple Beth El,

On this year, 2023, the Holiday of Purim falls on the Hebrew calendar date of Adar 14 which coincides with the secular date of Monday, March 6 at sundown, and concludes at nightfall on Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.

Which Jew doesn't like to celebrate that almost euphoric holiday? I would say – with almost certainty – nobody! Purim contains elements for every kind of Jew. For those who enjoy alcoholic drinks there is the mitzvah of drinking alcohol to a point where “one cannot distinguish between Mordechai and Haman” – which means s/he becomes “Drunk as a skunk”. For those who love thrilling stories there is a conspiracy plot where a beautiful Jewish maiden volunteers, on the request of her uncle (who is one of the Jewish leaders in the



**Dov Gottesfeld**

Community) to sneak into the palace by pretending to enter a beauty contest to become the king's next wife.

Her mission is to find out what is the palace's official policy regarding the Jewish minority in the country. Lo and behold, her beauty melts the king's heart, and he chooses her to replace his ex-wife – the queen – (*who displayed an unprecedented attitude towards her husband the king by refusing to obey his command that she display her beauty in front of his drunken guests. Today we would call it an act of “Women's Liberation”*). While eating non-kosher food – or she would have starved to death – the Jewish queen foils an attempt by the King's adviser, Harman, to annihilate the Jewish population in the kingdom on a particular date. Uninvited, as the protocol demands, the Jewish queen dares to enter the throne room, and convince the king to foil that evil plan. The king orders that the adviser be hung and rewards the queen's uncle. That caused the Jews in the kingdom to celebrate and then...

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### March Schedule of Services:

March 3rd Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)  
March 10th Diane Borad-Mirken (7:30 PM)  
March 17th Rebecca Orantes (7:30 PM)  
March 24th Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (7:30 PM)  
March 31st Rebecca Orantes (7:30 PM)

### Educational Activities

Adult conversational Hebrew on Zoom,  
Thursdays at 6 PM

Etz Chaim Children's Religious School 9:30-10  
AM

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NOTE: *I ended telling the story up to that point, because the ending of the story, if you know it, or if you choose to read it again, will no doubt bring up a Talmudic saying into your mindfulness: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow man.*

And that's a whole different discussion.

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When the Purim partying is over, and when my foggy brain clears, and when I finally come to, I rise up from wherever I dropped down and I face the grim reality. Yes! There is still antisemitism in the world. And Yes, there are still those who yearn to annihilate all the Jews.

So I begin to wonder, will there ever be distant future generations of Jews who will celebrate **our** generations' victory over the present days' Hamans, as we, this week are going to celebrate and commemorate the ancient Esther, and Mordechai?

Who, and where is **our** generation's Jewish maiden, who would dare to risk her life to enter the "Kings" palace (The white House? Congress? The U.N. The Kremlin? Etc?) and recreate the story of Purim for the sake of all Jews.

Yes.

It is always an individual who makes all the difference, like Abraham, Moses, Martin Luther King, Jr., Ruth, Esther, Deborah, Gandhi, Hertzal, and Golda did, to mention a few names, which just popped into my clear brain.

Perhaps the prophesy "then they said among the nations the Lord had done great things for them..." (Psalms 126.2) will reoccur.

Wishing you all a Happy and Drunken Purim.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

P.S. Actually, I don't drink Alcohol!

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

## TBE Board of Directors for 2022-2023

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# President's Column – Frank Young



-Frank Young, president of TBE

Our Community Passover Seder will take place on Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 pm. Elsewhere in this Bulletin is the poster and the sign-up sheets. This will be a potluck/Buffer style Seder which means we depend upon on volunteers to bring foods and/or doing work.

When my step-father was a young boy, he was abandoned to the streets of Hailey, Idaho. He was taken in and raised by the family of Simon Moses Friedman.

Friedman was born to a Jewish family in Germany and immigrated to the United States in 1869. He settled in Hailey in 1881 and established himself as one of the pioneer cattlemen of the state. He also brought in flocks of sheep, becoming a sheep and cattle rancher.

Pioneer Jews became ranchers and stock raisers throughout many states in the west, especially Arizona, Nevada and New Mexico. Some merchants like David Levy accepted cattle instead of cash.

That year, Friedman also purchased a general merchandise store which sold hardware, mining supplies, and general merchandise, but, according to a 1977 oral history with his daughter Lucile, his heart remained with his livestock.

Friedman died in 1926, and in 1931, the children of S. M. Friedman, Leon and Lucile Friedman deeded a 76-acre parcel of their father's former farmland to the City of Hailey for use as an airstrip, with the condition that the property would revert back to the Friedman heirs if the land ever ceased to be used for its intended purpose. The airstrip was expanded into an airport years later.

Frank Young

Dear Member of Temple Beth El,

The 11th Annual Potluck/Buffer Style Passover Seder will take place on Thursday, April 6th, (2nd Night) at 5:30 pm. This is the Sign-Up Sheet for volunteers doing tasks and bringing foods. Please communicate with Gary about what you can do: ([gepstein@calpoly.edu](mailto:gepstein@calpoly.edu)). Below is the list of volunteers as of March 18th.

## Tasks

## Volunteers

### **Administrative:**

Reservations/payments:

Email (task list, notifications): **Gary Epstein**

Contracting/coordinating with Stella Perez:

Admissions/collecting money at the entrance:

Provide Afikomen Prizes to the kids:

Removal of chametz from the temple:

### **Purchase of supplies, roasted chickens, kosher wine:**

Money donation for paper goods, aluminum pans, tablecloths, utensils, plastic wine glasses & plates:

3 bottles of wine (kosher for Passover):

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Donating money for 8 Costco roasted chickens: **Anonymous**

### **Provide Ritual Food Items:**

5 boxes of Matzoh: **Michael Sachs**

5 boxes of Matzoh: **Raul & Amber Medina**

3 bottles of grape juice:

Charoset for 18:

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60 matzoh balls:

3 dozen hard-boiled eggs:

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12 lamb shank bones:  
Parsley and other greens:  
Fresh horseradish:  
5 jars horseradish:  
7 jars of Gefilte fish:  
Make chicken soup:

**Other Food Items:**

10 lbs. of roasted potatoes:  
Roasted vegetables: **Raul & Amber Medina**  
Cooked vegetable casserole:  
Tzimmes for 25:  
Matzo Kugel:  
Potato Kugel:  
Green salad: **Phyllis Green**  
Green Salad: **Diane Borad-Mirken**  
Cucumber salad: **Michael Sachs**  
Strawberries:  
Fruit salad:  
Pickles & olives:  
Tea & coffee:

**Set-Up / Decorating / Clean-Up:**

Floral Decorations:  
Set tables (1 pm - 3 pm). **Diane Borad-Mirken**  
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Prepare ceremonial Seder Plates:  
Put out charoset / horseradish, Gefilte fish (4:30 pm):  
Clean-Up:  
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**Servers:**

Cut up roasted chickens (2 pm):

Make & heat chicken soup & matzoh balls:

Coordinate serving of matzoh ball soup:

**Desserts:**

Macaroons:

Passover cakes: **Marsha Epstein**

Chocolate covered Matzohs:

**Leaders & Entertainment:**

Seder Leader: **Rabbi Gottesfeld**

Announcements: **Frank Young**

Photographer:

Song leader:

**Reservations:**

Person handling Reservations:

Person to send payment to:

Charges: Adult members \$20; children \$10

Adult non-members \$30; children \$15

Active Military will be our guests.

Deadline to make reservations: April 3rd

**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.



**Some photos taken at the Purim Party on Monday, March 6<sup>th</sup> 2023.**

# Bulletin Briefs

## March Anniversaries

20 Renee & Steven Frucht  
26 Lori & Bill Sutton

## March Birthdays

9 Gloria Aguilar  
15 Ilana David  
15 Judith Klinger  
22 Renee Frucht  
27 Izbeth Basurto  
28 Manning Semiatin  
29 Alyshia Brunk

## Donations:

Donna Eschen  
Myra Wapner  
Larry Riemer  
Michael and Sheila Sales  
Maria and Guillermo Aguilar  
David and Linda Goldstien  
Jeff and Andi Portney

## For the High Holidays:

From Suzanne and Ron Levy  
From Seymour and Boots Hersh  
From Eric Berge  
From Andi and Jeff Portney

## In memory of Boots Hersh:

From Ron and Suzanne Levy  
From Myra Wapner  
From Sid and Karen Goldstien  
From Donna Eschen  
From Santa Maria Lawn Bowling Club  
From Michael and Sheila Sales  
From Jeff and Andi Portney  
From Abby Lassen and Michael LeCover

In memory of Connie Taus, from Suzanne and Ron Levy

## Sisterhood

For our first “sharing” meeting we met at the temple where Anita Friedman shared her skill at jewelry making and beading. Some of us created new pieces; others, like me, got help repairing some broken items. It was very enjoyable and we had a pretty decent turnout. The plan is to have two jewelry-making sessions, so the next one is planned for Sunday, March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2:30 PM.

Bring if you have them (all optional):

- Tools of the trade, e.g., bead tray, needle nose pliers, fine wire cutters
- Broken necklaces or bracelets
- Favorite pendant that you want in a necklace, etc., bring them along. If you have bead trays, bring them too.

To be provided:

- Tools and felt (courtesy of Amber) working surfaces
- Good quality wire, also elastic for friendship bracelets
- Lots of beads
- Findings including crimp beads, jump rings, clasps, wire protectors, extenders
- plus ideas to play with.

Suggested donation: \$10 to cover some materials, with the rest going to Sisterhood.

We would really love to hear from you if you have a skill to share. Volunteers for future classes are needed. Please RSVP to me or Anita a week in advance if you plan to come.

If you have any of the tools of the trade, bring them. If you have broken necklaces, etc., bring them along. If you have bead trays, bring them too. We suggest a donation of \$10 to cover some materials, with the rest going to Sisterhood.

We would really love to hear from you if you have a skill to share. Volunteers for future classes are needed.

Marsha Epstein

## Brotherhood

The Brotherhood meetings are usually held on the first Sunday of each month. Our April meeting will be on April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 10:00 AM on Zoom. We will be sure to let you know when we resume in-person meetings with our sumptuous breakfasts.

As usual, Gary will be sending out articles of interest to members of the group to discuss. Our conversations have been lively, interesting and informative and all interested people, men and women, are invited to join us.

Be well,  
Gary Epstein & Michael LeCover



*Temple Beth El hosts its annual*

# PASSOVER SEDER



5:30 p.m. Thursday,  
April 6<sup>th</sup>

Buffet Dinner & Seder  
at TBE, led by  
Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

Tickets: Member adults, \$20; children \$10

Pre-payment guarantees reservation.

**RSVP *Required*** by Monday, April 3, 2023

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## March Yarzheits

3/2/23	Paul Appel*	7	Adar	Father of Susan Appel Dempsey and Irwin Appel
3/2/23	Mary Ann Canter			Cousin of Gary Epstein
3/2/23	Lou Meyer*			Husband of Tibbie Meyer
3/4/23	Fannie Simon*			Mother of Nancy Evans
3/4/23	Ruth Friedman	11	Adar	Mother of Arnold Stone
3/5/23	Trudy Chern*	12	Adar	Sister of Dan Davis
3/6/23	Bertha Berkowitz	22	Adar	Aunt of Gary Epstein
3/6/23	Betty Stein*	13	Adar	Mother of Michael Sachs
3/6/23	Irving Struminger	13	Adar	Father of Corinne Bernstein
3/7/23	George Hersh	9	Adar	Brother of Seymour Hersh
3/7/23	Al J. Levinson*			Husband of Betty Levinson
3/7/23	Meyer Meltzer			Grandfather of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
3/9/23	Harry Kaplan	28	Adar	Past president and founding member of TBE
3/10/23	Judy Eschen*			Mother of Donna, Grandmother of Ali
3/10/23	Al Perlman*	17	Adar	Husband of Rosalind Perlman
3/11/23	Leah Akronowitz	18	Adar	Aunt of Len Akronowitz
3/12/23	Ben Bycher*			Husband of Evie
3/12/23	Tibbie Meyer	19	Adar	Mother of Barry & Richard, Sister of Harry Kaplan
3/12/23	Steven Stone*	19	Adar	Son of Rita and Arnold Stone
3/13/23	Elizabeth Friedman	20	Adar	Aunt of Arnold Stone
3/14/23	Stanley Ratner	28	Adar I	Cousin of Marsha Epstein
3/15/23	Sion Nasser Nourani*	22	Adar	Brother of Dan Nourani*
3/16/23	Chaya Rifkin	4	Nisan	Great Aunt of Eric Berge
3/19/23	Gertrude Jackaway*	26	Adar	Mother of Lorraine Pregozen
3/23/23	Bud Schenck*			Husband of Niki Eschen
3/29/23	Joe Davis*			
3/31/23	Art Tunick*	27	Adar	Husband of Marcia Tunick
3/23/23	Denise Abb	1	Nisan	Cousin of Marsha Epstein
3/23/23	Alvin Lewis	1	Nisan	Father of Steve Lewis
3/23/23	Moshe Karim Nourani*	1	Nisan	Brother of Dan Nourani*
3/26/23	Irving Schwartz*	4	Nisan	Father of Stephen Schwartz
3/29/23	Sam Resnick	7	Nisan	Husband of Trudy Resnick
3/30/23	Sherwin Bereskin	8	Nisan	Brother of Shep Bereskin
3/30/23	Lyn Meltzer	8	Nisan	Mother of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
3/30/23	Lillian Fischer Vincent*	8	Nisan	Grandmother of Kenneth L. Wolf

## Months of Mourning

Peggy Rodriguez	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein	4/8/22
Tiffany Dall	Niece of Mel Kalish	4/20/22
Alan Kushnick		
Yuvis Ferrer	Cousin of Josue Medrano	11/24/22
Boots Hersh	Wife of Seymour Hersh	1/22/23

# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	3 Shabbat service led by Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)	4 Morning Shabbat service and Torah study with Raul Medina at temple (9:30 AM)  Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple (10 AM)
5 160 <sup>th</sup> Brotherhood Seminar on Zoom (10 AM)	6 1st Purim party (5:30 PM)	7 2nd Purim party (5:30 PM)	8 TBE Board Meeting (6 PM)	9 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	10 Shabbat service led by Diane Borad-Mirken (7:30 PM)	11 Morning Shabbat service and Torah study with Raul Medina at temple (9:30 AM)  Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple (10 AM)
12	13	14	15	16 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	17 Shabbat service led by Rebecca Orantes (7:30 PM)	18 Morning Shabbat service and Torah study with Rebecca Orantes at temple (9:30 AM)  Also: Etz Chaim with Amber Medina at temple (10 AM)
19	20	21	22	23 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	24 Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (7:30 PM)	25 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads the Torah discussion group. (10 AM)  Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim (10 AM)
26 Sisterhood Jewelry making & repair & beading 2:30 pm	27	28	29	30 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	31 Shabbat service led by <b>Rebecca Orantes</b> (7:30 PM)	Morning Shabbat service and Torah study with Rebecca Orantes at temple (9:30 AM)  April 1 <sup>st</sup> .