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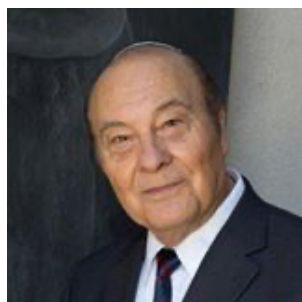
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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom to all.

I am very disappointed by the Palestinian people in Gaza. I am speaking about those who enter Israel to work for their livelihood. But, I am also talking about those who escaped Hamas to other world countries, and I am especially disappointed by those Palestinians who would like to return to Gaza, and live a better life, but not under the Hamas regime, from which they had escaped, and left their loved ones behind.

Why don't they see the Israelis as "Heaven Sent", which came to alleviate them from the inhumane treatment of Hamas? Why don't they make an extreme effort to pave the roads, for the Israelis to do the job for them? Why don't they organize to help the Israelis locate their real hidden enemy inside their bunkers – equipped and supplied with all the necessities to survive underground, while leaving them as shields and targets from the Israelis which come to settle a debt of many years of terror.



Dov Gottesfeld

I must have been too naïve to imagine the Palestinians welcoming the Israelis with cheers, and escorting them to Hamas hideaways deep underground in Gaza.

Yet, I want to believe that there are many Palestinians, who are clandestinely aligned with the Israelis and whom they believe would help them to become future neighbors... or step brothers and sisters... if you will.

There are some individual Palestinians abroad who dare to speak up against Israel's reaction to Hamas's recent massacre in southern Israel. I hope that all those who demonstrate against Israel will look at the facts on both sides in order to arrive at an accurate assessment.

Meanwhile, the situation is bleak as human blood continuously spills on both sides of the border - onto streets, fields, and cities laying in ruins. And it is not God's doing. Therefore "Pray can I not. Though inclination be as sharp as will" – as Hamlet articulated it. I just stand and observe it in horror.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

November Schedule of Services:

November 3rd Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (7:30 PM)
November 10th Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)
November 17th Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)
November 24th TBA (7:30 PM)

Educational Activities

Adult conversational Hebrew on Tuesdays at 6 PM

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

Important Dates to Add to Your
Calendar:

Fall Membership Meeting:

Sunday, December 3rd, 3:00 PM
At the Temple.

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Hanukkah Party:

Sunday, December 10th, 5:00 PM
See flyer in this bulletin for details. You
will be receiving raffle tickets in the mail.

RSVP to Marsha Epstein:
mmepstein@charter.net

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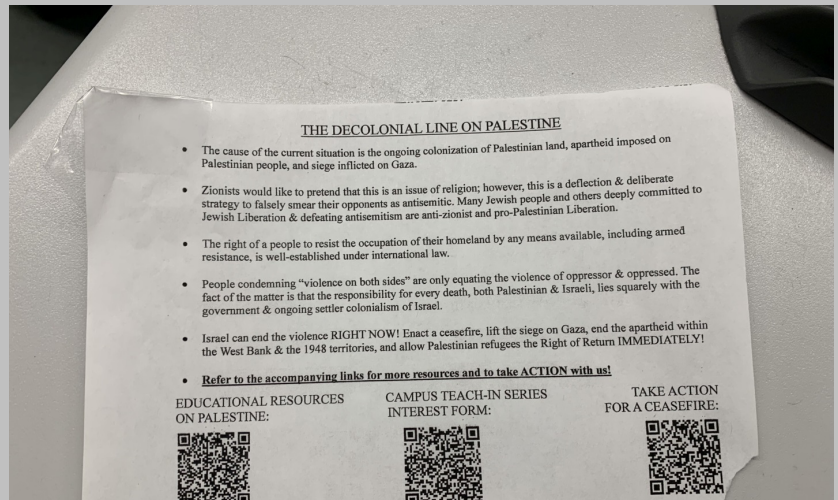


-Frank Young, president of TBE

Some anti-Semites have taken to spreading their hate in flyers. Flyers with anti-Semitic language have been distributed in neighborhoods across South Florida. In January of 2022, “Hundreds of anti-Semitic flyers – falsely claiming the public health response to Covid-19 is being orchestrated by Jewish people – were distributed to homes in South Florida.” Similar flyers were found in Colorado, Wisconsin, Texas, California, and Maryland – according to the Anti-Defamation League.

On Oct. 15, the California Black Shirts distributed flyers in Templeton, California, claiming Jewish people do not deserve protection or basic human rights. Also, white supremacists have distributed flyers in San Luis Obispo aimed at taking advantage of the Israel-Hamas conflict. Later in October Ziploc bags with anti-Semitic flyers were found in front yards of some residents of San Luis Obispo.

Recently, on November 13th Lauren Bandari of SLO Hillel Cal Poly State University reported that anti-Semitic flyers were found on Campus. One accuses Israel of killing babies and the other states that all the problems were caused by colonizing Jews who created an apartheid state.



Various organizations, such as the Secure Communities Network, Hillel International, the Civil Rights and Compliance Office on campus as well as the police were notified

This is not a comprehensive listing of these flyers, but they do show that the anti-Semitic speech sweeping across the U.S. has found its way to the Central Coast.

Sources: CNN, News Channels 12, 3, 11, The Tribune of SLO New Times of SLO, and The Tribune (a McClatchy Network).



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

California Central Coast
YIDDISH BOOK DRIVE
is underway

A book drive on California's Central Coast to collect old Yiddish books is currently underway, David Goldstien, area spokesperson for the Yiddish Book Center announced. Local residents with unwanted Yiddish books should contact:

David Goldstien
Temple Beth El, Santa Maria
805-598-8994 dga@silcom.com

Cheri DeKofsky
Jewish Federation Of Ventura County
805-647-7800 cheri@jewishventuracounty.org

Susan Stern-Pearl
Temple Ner Shalom, San Luis Obispo
805-234-6612 sstern2125@aol.com

Collected volumes will be sent to the Yiddish Book Center's repository in Amherst, Massachusetts, where they will be catalogued and made available to teachers, students, and university libraries throughout the world.

Yiddish literature once enjoyed enormous popularity among the area's immigrant Jewish population. Sacred books in Yiddish translation, as well as sets of Sholem Aleichem, Y.L. Peretz, and other Yiddish classics were to be found in almost every Jewish home. In later years, however, assimilation took its toll. Books that had been treasured by parents and grandparents were often packed away and forgotten by a new generation of Jews who read no Yiddish.

Today, interest in Yiddish language and literature is experiencing a startling resurgence. Academic courses in Yiddish language and literature have been introduced at many colleges and universities around the world. Long-forgotten Yiddish books are urgently needed by a new generation of students and scholars.

All donations are tax-deductible. For additional information, please contact the two collection centers on the Central Coast, noted above.

Efforts to collect Yiddish books began nationally in June of 1980 with the founding of the Yiddish Book Center--a non-profit organization dedicated to the preservation and revitalization of Yiddish culture. To date the Center has recovered more than 1 million Yiddish books and has emerged as a major Jewish cultural organization, with initiatives in education, translation, and oral history as well as book collection.

The organizers hope that many volumes will be found in local homes on the Central Coast. All donations of Yiddish books and periodicals are welcome. The Center also accepts Yiddish sheet music and Ladino materials.

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.

TEMPLE BETH EL

HANUKKAH PARTY AND RAFFLE



Our annual Hanukkah Party will take place on Sunday, December 10th at 5:00 PM. As always, our outstanding chefs will prepare the latkes and fixings. This will be a potluck dinner so bring a dish to share and table service. And don't forget your menorah! Donation is \$5 for adults (members), \$10 for non-members and \$2 for children.

Our Hanukkah Party is our biggest fundraising event for the year. A major event at our party is the Hanukkah Raffle. This year our special grand prize is \$300 in scrip of your choice. We also have a beautiful quilt by Anne Kaver and many other exciting prizes have been donated.

The first prize winner will pick first and subsequent winners will select from the other prizes. You do not have to be present to win. Tickets are available at \$10 each, or three for \$25. We hope you will plan to attend this event and support our raffle.



Contact Marsha Epstein at
mepstein@calpoly.edu
(805-929-6301)
for tickets and information.

Bulletin Briefs

November Birthdays

- 4 Shayna Levy
- 5 Maria Aguilar
- 5 Kristopher Wolf
- 7 Jonathan Goldstien
- 11 Talia Epstein
- 14 Molly Epstein
- 18 Adam Sales
- 19 Joel David
- 19 Sherry Semiatin
- 21 Barry Sutton
- 23 Andi Portney
- 24 Rachel LeCover
- 30 Ken Wolf

Donations

For High Holiday Security from
Josue Medrano
Gloria Aguilar

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood will not be meeting in November or December due to the crowded schedule of holidays. In the meantime, keep a lookout for your packet of raffle tickets for our upcoming Hanukkah Party. As usual, we will have some great prizes, latkes and fixings. See the flyer in this bulletin for more information.

Happy Thanksgiving,

Marsha Epstein

Jewish/Israel discussion group

Prior to Covid there was an active group who met monthly to discuss Israeli and Jewish topics. We resume this program and invite you to our first meeting at Congregation Beth David Tuesday, September 19th from 6:30 to 8:30pm.

The event will also be on Zoom. If you would like a zoom link, please email Gordon before the 19th.

The event will be held in the chapel so there is limited seating. Please, we need to know, prior to the 19th, if you are attending at CBD. If more folks than the chapel can hold wish to come, and we know several days prior, we can move it to another room if need be.

Please feel free to bring whatever nosh you wish to share.

Your comments and suggestions are welcomed.

Gordon Mullin

Cell (805)235-5098

Email- gordmullin@gmail.com

Brotherhood

The next Brotherhood meeting will be held on Sunday, 3rd, 8:30 AM at the Temple. Join us for our famous breakfast of lox and bagels, eggs, muffins and extras.

As usual, I will send out articles of interest to members of the group. Our seminar conversations have been lively, interesting and informative and all interested people, men and women, are welcome to join us.

Gary Epstein

November Yarzheits

11/1/23	Goldie Buder*			Mother of Madeline Akronowitz
11/1/23	Rose Morris	17	Heshvan	Aunt of Seymour Hersh
11/4/23	Alice Mae Evans*			Mother of Ben Evans
11/5/23	Morris Albert Targer*	9	Heshvan	Father of Tom Targer
11/6/23	Morris Krieger*			Father of Burton Krieger
11/8/23	Blanche Levy	24	Heshvan	Grandmother of Andi Portney
11/13/23	Marion I. Levy*	29	Heshvan	Father of Jill Targer
11/14/23	Leah Yasskin*			Mother of Trudy Resnick
11/14/23	Bella Chicovsky	1	Kislev	Grandmother of Yael Gott
11/16/23	Hymen L. Klass	3	Kislev	Father of Linda & Karen Goldstien
11/17/23	Martha Kaver*	15	Heshvan	Sister-in-law of Ann & Milton Kaver
11/17/23	Sidney Kaver	4	Kislev	Brother of Mike Kaver
11/18/23	Joe Cohen*			Brother of Tillie Kaplan
11/19/23	Gertrude Levine	6	Kislev	Aunt of Len Akronowitz
11/20/23	Morton LeCover	7	Kislev	Father of Michael LeCover
11/24/23	Yuvis Ferrer			Niece of Eliana Medrano
11/26/23	Richard Wolson*			
11/27/23	Aggie Margolis			Friend of the Goldstien Families
11/27/23	Rose Shrogin*			Mother of Miriam, Aaron Shrogin
11/27/23	Geneva Yasskin*			Aunt of Miriam Shrogin
11/29/23	Rose Russell	16	Tevet	Wife of Mort Russell
11/29/23	Pearl Lewis	16	Kislev	Aunt of Seymour Hersh

Months of Mourning

Boots Hersh	Wife of Seymour Hersh	1/22/23
Ed Chait		3/1/23
Dominga Trujillo	Mother of Stella Perez	3/28/23
Sheila Sales	Wife of Michael Sales	3/31/23
Margarita Ferrer	Sister of Eliana Medrano	5/6/23
Judith Klinger	Long-time Temple member	6/27/23
Harvey Blatter	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein	8/27/23
Joseph Friedman	Long-time Temple member	9/15/23

NOVEMBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	3 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	4 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion (10 AM) Also: Amber Medina will lead Etz Chaim on Saturday at 10:30 am Also: Raul Medina will lead the Havdalah blessings (7 PM)
5 Brotherhood Breakfast & 168 th Seminar (8:30 AM) Also: 2 nd "Active Shooter" class led by Officer Seth Hall at temple (3 PM)	6	7 TBE Board of Directors Meeting (6 PM)	8	9 Also: Adult Hebrew conversation with Joel David (Zoom @ 6 PM)	10 Anita Friedman leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	11 Raul Medina leads Shabbat service & Torah study (9 AM) Also: Amber Medina will lead Etz Chaim (10:30 AM)
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19	20	21	22	23 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)	24 TBA leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	25
26	27	28	29	30 Adult Conversational Hebrew on Zoom with Joel David (6 PM)		