During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. — From a Prayer for a Pandemic (author unknown)
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SERVICES SCHEDULE

Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan
Facebook and YouTube, 8:00 a.m.

Friday Morning
Gan Shabbat, 12:40 PM

Friday Evening (Kabbalat Shabbat)
Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.

Candle Lighting Times (Friday)
- May 1: 7:42 pm
- May 8: 7:49 pm
- May 15: 7:55 pm
- May 22: 8:00 pm
- May 29: 8:06 pm

Shabbat Morning
Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Portions (Saturday)
- May 2: Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
- May 9: Emor
- May 16: Behar-Bechukotair
- May 23: Bamidbar
- May 30: Shavuot II

Havdalah, Saturday eve Facebook and YouTube, 8:15pm

see page 3 for Shavuot Service schedule
Live Stream Service Schedule

The following is the Live Stream Service Schedule through Shabbat. The “Click for Video Streaming” link at the top of the tbaoakland.org page is not currently working. The Audio Streaming is, however. The best way to view the video is either:

- Through the Youtube Channel
- Through the Facebook Live Page of Temple Beth Abraham.

- The Conservative movement’s Law Committee has ruled that a virtual minyan can be accepted for the purposes of Mourner’s Kaddish only, a virtual minyan can be accepted. This has to do with an incident in Tractate Berachot of the Talmud where Kaddish is recited when people can see each other across a field as well as one in Shulchan Aruch, where people can see each other through windows.

- **Thursday minyan, 8:00 AM**, will be from home. Livestreamed on TBA Facebook pages, and, YouTube.

- This service is approximately 30 minutes.

- **Friday night, 6:15 PM**, Kabbalat Shabbat, will be on the Facebook page and the “normal” live stream, both audio and video. Go to www.tbaoakland.org and click on either click for live streaming (audio) or click for video streaming. This service will be approximately 45 minutes and Kaddish names will be read toward the end.

- **Saturday Morning, 9:30 AM**, also live on Facebook page and tbaoakland.org pages. It will last approximately one hour, and Kaddish names will be read toward the end.

Calendar

**Friday, May 1:** Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.
7:42pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, May 2:** Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.
Parashat Achrei Mot-Kedoshim
8:43pm Havdalah (42 min.)

**Friday May 8:** Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.
7:49pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, May 9:** Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.
Parashat Emor
8:49pm Havdalah (42 min.)

**Friday, May 15:** Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.
7:55pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, May 16:** Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.
Parashat Behar-Bechukotai
8:56pm Havdalah (42 min.)

**Friday, May 22:** Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.
Yom Yerushalayim
8:00pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, May 23:** Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.
Parashat Bamidbar
9:01pm Havdalah (42 min.)

**Thursday, May 28:** Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.
Family Shavuot Services and Sticker Reward Announcement
Erev Shavuot
8:05pm Candle lighting

**Friday, May 29:** Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.
Shavuot I
8:06pm Candle lighting

**Saturday, May 30:** Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.
Shavuot II with Yizkor
9:06pm Havdalah (42 min.)

Look for more information on upcoming events by email

**TBA Annual Meeting**

**TBA Schools Auction**

More upcoming special events on page 15

Due to COVID-19 coronavirus, some events in May have been cancelled or moved online.
Torah lessons from COVID-19

Dear Friends,

A few months ago, because of all the B’nai Mitzvah and other special events happening, I was lamenting the fact that I would be giving almost no sermons this Spring. Well, that certainly changed, and each week it has given me a chance to explore various lessons we can learn from the Torah as it relates to Covid 19 and social distancing. Here is some of what I have covered since this crisis began.

Parashat Vayakhel-Pekudei—Vayakhel means “He gathered.” The very first Shabbat where we were not allowed to gather was essentially about gathering together as a community. How would we learn to do that in new ways?

Parashat Vayikra—In the beginning of the Book of Leviticus, which is all about various kinds of sacrificial offerings, I explored the theme of who and what “counts” when giving a sacrifice. Remembering Sarah Korn’s Bat Mitzvah about everyone counting and making a difference and noting that the offerings start in the plural and move to the singular, the idea is that, as individuals, by making the sacrifice of not showing up, we make a tremendous difference that affects the entire population.

Parashat Tzav—In this Torah portion, which means commandment and focuses on the great care the Priests must take in ensuring the holiness of peoples’ sacrifices, I recognized our modern equivalent, our health care professionals—doctors and nurses—who, similarly are carrying the weight of the world on their shoulders. They are true heroes.

Passover Day 1—In the Haggadah we say the phrase “B’chol Dor Vador chayav adam hirot et atzmo, in every generation, we are to look at it as if we personally were redeemed from Egypt. Often that is difficult to feel. This year it was very easy, understanding what it means to be a slave (albeit to a virus rather than a tyrant) and to deal with plagues.

Passover Day 8—On this day, getting ready to break the Chametz fast, I talked about the dichotomies of Chamets vs. Matzoh and Bread vs. Wine, thanking our own breadmaker, Michael Rose of Semifreddi’s and winemaker, Sagie Kleinlerer, for their generosity during this difficult time.

This year, every week seems to bring forth a new lesson about Covid 19 viewed through the lens of our Torah. I have a feeling that theme will be ringing true for a little while longer. How long? Only God knows.
Never seen anything like it

By Alice Hale

Zoom seders, movies stars with no makeup, late night hosts with no studio audiences. Forgetting what day it is, no flour at the grocery store, Costco with no canned goods. My husband Rick put it best, “I’m too old for another ‘I’ve never seen anything like this’ experience, especially such a bad one.”

I am in the midst of one of my occasional moratoriums on news. I get to the point where I just cannot absorb any more. I fear that we won’t take the lessons of this time to heart -- that people need health care and sick time, that teachers are important, and why on earth do we have so many children who depend on school to get fed?

I try to hang on to what positives I can. My family is safe and sheltered. My younger daughter is living in the epicenter of a global pandemic, but she is healthy and making the best of it (baked her first challah!). My other daughter and granddaughter are close and doing well, homeschool notwithstanding.

There are other moments of brightness. A Zoom bridal shower for a friend’s daughter. A video posted by a favorite artist. A game of Heads Up with the kids. Being able to sew some masks for family and friends -- that feels good.

And I am so proud of TBA. With so much disruption and uncertainty, we are keeping our little corner of the world whole. We are checking up on each other and helping those most at risk. Our educators are keeping community and teaching going online. Thanks to quick action on the part of our executive director Rayna Arnold and congregant Steve Tessler, we submitted our application for the Payroll Protection Plan as soon as it was available, and we got a very generous loan that will help us continue to pay our staff for at least the next several weeks. The Board and the Executive committee continue to pitch in and do whatever is needed to do to help, and we are even going to still have an auction – though it will be all online.

Thanks so much to everyone who is pitching in right now to help out.

We’ve never seen anything like it. But I know we’ll get through it, and come out even stronger.
BOOK CLUB

Book Club
Submitted by Judy Glick

Our TBA book club will meet on Tuesday, May 5th at 7:15 pm. We will be discussing the novel Happiness As Such by Natalia Ginzburg. Since the libraries are closed, the book is only available for sale. Amazon, Abebooks, Barnes and Noble, as well as other book sellers, have copies; new and used. It is on Kindle, and is available as an e-book; Google Play Books offers it. Depending on the status of our shelter-in-place order, we will either meet in person at a TBA member's home, or we will gather remotely via Zoom. (It's looking more and more as though we'll be meeting via Zoom.) To either learn the location, or get the Zoom link (it is possible that it will be a different link from last month), please email your RSVP to me at judyglick@gmail.com.

Happiness, as Such, by Natalia Ginzburg, a novel
Translated by Minna Zallman Proctor

At the heart of Happiness, as Such is an absence—an abyss that pulls everyone to its brink—created by a family’s only son, Michele, who has fled from Italy to England to escape the dangers and threats of his radical political ties. This novel is part epistolary: his mother writes letters to him, nagging him; his sister Angelica writes, missing him; so does Mara, his former lover, telling him about the birth of her son who may be his own. Left to clean up Michele’s mess, his family and friends complain, commiserate, tease, and grieve, struggling valiantly with the small and large calamities of their interconnected lives.

Natalia Ginzburg’s most beloved book in Italy and one of her finest achievements, Happiness, as Such is an original, wise, raw, comic novel that cuts to the bone.
There are those who are thriving during this. And then there’s me.

By Lisa Fernandez

I have divided the world into two categories: Those thriving during coronavirus. And people like me.

I don’t mean to be trite. The pandemic is wreaking havoc and killing people throughout the world.

But there are those, even some in my inner circle, who actually seem to be doing quite well despite it all. Thriving might be an overstatement. But they sure seem like they’re doing better than I am.

One friend who doesn’t work outside the home now has her kids and her husband nearby 24/7. She hikes, cooks and hangs out with them. She’s pretty happy. Another homebody-ish friend loves doing just that: Not making plans and staying home. Zoom cocktail parties are all she needs.

Not me. I’m the kind of person who needs to run around to feel relaxed. I feel like I’m going out of my mind.

But I don’t want to use this precious Omer column space to complain and whine. (I’m doing enough of that in my head.) So, instead, I will highlight the few “good” things that have happened during the shelter-in-place.

And I’ll start with the Jewish ones first:

I really enjoy Rabbi Bloom’s services, and Susan Simon’s Torah readings, every Shabbat. I “attend” on Saturdays, and because I’m a chatter, I might end up texting or talking to a shul friend immediately after.

My co-teacher, Rabbi Carol Caine, and I have actually been having very meaningful Bet Sefer sessions with our Kitah Vav students. I am impressed with our sixth graders’ Zoom etiquette and there has been no rough-housing in class! The kids have continued to amaze me with their maturity and thoughtful responses.

I’ve mastered some new recipes, including Disney’s incredibly easy-to-make Dole Whip, and a Bon Appetit smoked trout salad with walnuts and Granny Smith slices.

Every day after work, I have been hiking or biking with my kids. We’ve tried new spots as well, including Inspiration Point and different trails in Sibley Volcanic Regional Preserve. We cruised over the Bay Bridge a few times. This is time with them I never would have gotten to experience, if not for the pandemic forcing them to hang out with me.

I have been teaching virtual Corona Curbside Cardio classes on my apartment stairs. I have been teaching aerobics since the ’90s and not being able to go to the gym and teach is one of the things I miss the most. The classes with friends, family and strangers are one of my week’s highlights. Email me at lisajenfernandez@gmail.com if you’d like to attend. (Sunday at 10:30 a.m. and Wednesday at 5 p.m.)
“Narrow Trail Protocol”
By Charles Feltman

During Shelter-In-Place the easiest exercises are either yard work or an extended walk.

So on clear days we do a two-mile walk to Lake Temescal, around it, and back home.

With the wide walkway on the east side of the lake a six-foot separation is easy.

However the two trails along the west side of this lake are rather more narrow.

And you want to avoid facing any person coming from the opposite direction.

To safely pass we face eastward to the lake and let them pass back to back.

You might want to call this a “COVID Dos-a-dos” :-) 

Lessons from Social Distancing-Alone Together
By Ann Rapson

In 1970 Dave Mason released an album entitled Alone Together. Back in those days you had to buy the whole record to hear one song. Of course, you only really liked that particular tune, so you kept dropping the needle on it to hear it over and over again. The one I liked was, “Shouldn’t Have Took More Than You Gave.” I still really love it but 50 years later I am hearing that message in a new light. And yes it still sounds scratchy where the groove developed.

I used to think that Alone Together described a relationship with someone where you still felt alone even though someone else was there. You had a boyfriend, but life still felt lonely. And maybe you were taking more than you gave to it anyway.

Now we are in the midst of social distancing and lockdown. “Stay home,” we are ordered.

So do we feel more alone? Or do we feel more connected? Do we feel alone with people we live together with, or are we more connected to them because of all the time we are spending together? Do we feel alone because we cannot go out and socialize and engage in all the things we usually do together? We can’t even go to synagogue.

Or can we do lots of things that perhaps make us feel more connected? After all, we’re spending 24 hours a day with these people we call family living in the house with us. Dave and I have spent almost everyday engaged in “essential activities” like hiking and biking under our newly blue Bay Area skies. There is no traffic so we have gone places we never would have dreamed of going on our normally crowded roads. We have lots of time because the courts are closed and we are lawyers. We cannot get near the computer because our WFH (working from home) daughter has taken over our desktop and the home office! But when she occasionally emerges, she offers to cook dinner, set up yoga classes and shows us how to navigate Zoom!

So what does this have to do with anything? We read the news and talk to our wealthy friends and realize that people are sequestered in their homes in Sea Ranch, Napa, Tahoe, Aptos, Florida and Hawaii! Hey wait a minute. Why are they swimming in their own pools, walking on private beaches, cross country skiing on deserted terrain and shopping for toilet paper whenever they want while we are standing in the Trader Joe’s senior citizen’s line freezing at 8:15 a.m. waiting to do battle with the rest of huddled humanity?

You have been patient, so here is the connection to Judaism! In all of our spare time, and in conjunction with Passover, we reread the Ten Commandments. Actually we read them to review whether there was a Judaic right to travel as set forth in our own Bill of Rights and Constitution. How can they get away with traveling to these resorts? Well they do not have that right exactly, but look at the Tenth Commandment. “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house...” I felt deep comfort in knowing that G-d thought ahead not only to prepare us for the plagues, the Passover story, but knew that we would secretly be jealous of our neighbors sneaking off to their vacation homes leaving us to scramble around down here.

So I leave you with a few thoughts about social distancing which is the topic after all. Embrace your family living with you in your own home and really try to connect with them in a deep way through activities. Spend extra time chatting with your friends and family to check in on them and ensure that they do not experience social isolation or need you to go to the store for them. FaceTime with your grandchildren or parents if you are so blessed to have them. Attend the Rabbi’s delightful services online. You do not even need to get out of your pajamas! And whatever you do, try not to be envious of others who may be living at their vacation homes or getting full pay for lounging at home or some government handout that you feel you should have gotten, too.

Things will return to normal one day and we will survive all of this easier if we are just grateful for our health, friends and family.
Lori’s Lentils
By Faith Kramer

Temple Beth Abraham’s Lori Rosenthal first introduced me to her family’s go-to sweet and sour lentil recipe more than eight years ago and I’ve been making it ever since.

Rosenthal calls it the “simplest recipe in the world.” It is also very versatile since it can served warm, room temperature or even cold and the dish freezes well (which is convenient since the recipe makes a lot.) I think it would also make a nice soup, thinned with a little vegetable or chicken broth and with addition of some diced tomatoes.

“The recipe came from Judy Massarano, who was Emma’s (the elder of the two Rosenthal daughters) teacher at Oakland Hebrew Day School,” Rosenthal said. “We even served it at Becca’s bat mitzvah since her Torah portion was Toldot, in which Essau sold his birthright for a bowl of lentils.”

I’ve made some adjustments to the recipe over the years. Check the notes after the recipe to see how my version varies from the one Rosenthal shared.

THE ROSENTHAL FAMILY’S SWEET AND SOUR LENTILS

Makes 9-10 cups

Serving size will depend on if you are serving the lentils as a main course or side dish, either way this recipe feeds a crowd. Freeze any extra or divide the recipe in half if desired. Use any “supermarket” style green or brown lentil. Depending on the type of lentil, its age, and size cooking time may vary. Use tamari sauce to make this gluten free. Sub out agave for the honey (you may need to use more to get the sweet-sour balance) and skip the feta (or use a non-dairy version) to make this vegan.

- 1/4 cup soy sauce
- 1 bay leaf
- 3 Tbs. onion powder (granulated onion)
- 3/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1/2 cup honey, plus extra as needed (see notes below)
- 1/2 cup red wine vinegar, plus extra as needed
- 1 tsp. ground allspice
- 1/2 tsp. ground, dried ginger
- 4 cups water, plus more as needed
- 3 cups green or brown lentils, picked over and rinsed
- 1/4 tsp. salt or to taste (see notes)
- 1/4 cup chopped parsley or mint or dill or a combination (see notes)
- 1/4 cup crumbled feta (see notes)
- 1/4 cup chopped tomatoes (see notes)
- 2 Tbs. finely chopped red onion or shallots, optional (see notes)

Put soy sauce, bay leaf, onion powder, oil, honey, vinegar, allspice, and ginger in a 4-quart pot. Stir and add water stirring again until well mixed. Stir in lentils. Bring to a boil. Cover pot and lower heat to keep at a simmer. Simmer for 75-90 minutes, stirring occasionally, until lentils are tender but not mushy (timing will vary). While the lentils are cooking, check the pot regularly and add water as needed. When cooked the lentils should have plenty of liquid but not be soupy. Taste. Stir in salt, if necessary. Add more honey and or vinegar if needed (it should have a nice sweet-sour balance.) Once cooked, turn off heat and leave covered for 15 minutes. Serve immediately or at room temperature garnished with parsley, feta, tomato and onion, if using. If serving cold, taste again before serving and adjust seasonings as needed. Garnish right before serving.

Notes: Rosenthal’s recipe called for 3/4 cup honey, but my family prefers less. The original recipe did not include salt, but since soy sauces differ in saltiness, I sometimes think the dish needs a bit of salt to bring out the flavors. I like to serve with the garnishes and will vary the fresh herbs. The original recipe is garnished only with parsley.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j., the Jewish News of Northern California (www.jweekly.com) and blogs her food at www.clickblogappetit.com. Contact her at fjkramer@msn.com
Great to see you online!
Share a A Shabbat can still happen even with shelter-in-place
By Jacqueline Palchik

Shelter-in-place has halted our in-person classes at Bet Sefer, but it hasn’t stopped us from learning.

On a recent Friday night, Kitah Hay (fifth grade) students held Bet Sefer Avraham’s first “virtual” Share A Shabbat using the Zoom platform.

For the last few weeks, students have been meeting in Judaic Studies zoom sessions with teacher Diana Zankowsky and one-on-one Hebrew sessions with me. The Share A Shabbat is a culmination and showcase of the year’s learning, particularly for fifth and sixth graders. To keep our community strong and show families what students have worked on this year, we decided to hold our Share A Shabbat, but move it to Zoom. All Kitah Hay students and families attended, and happily we also had grandparents and family friends.

The double-portion of Tazria-Metzora, which describes skin disease and abnormal bodily discharge is not typically particularly inspiring for students. However, this year the students didn’t have to stretch their imaginations too far to compare COVID-19 shelter in place to the Torah-mandated quarantine for skin disruptions. Thank you to Susan Simon and Rabbi Bloom for helping to facilitate the service, and thank you families for continuing to encourage Jewish learning even with all the demands and stress we’re experiencing in our new reality. It was lovely to “see” everyone and we were so proud of the students. Sometimes it feels like the world has stopped, but there is still a lot of accomplishment and nachas from our Bet Sefer students.
### LIFE CYCLES

#### May Birthdays

| MAY 1 - 8 | Lori Rosenthal  
|           | Kayden Foster  
|           | Atara Kelman  
|           | Jessica Kessler  
|           | Cara Spangler  
|           | Cynthia Berrol  
|           | Maya Harley  
|           | Noah Kramer  
|           | Steven Zatkin  
|           | Isaac Brown  
|           | Jordan Rothe  
|           | Sharon Alva  
|           | Richard Dornhelm  
|           | Helene Moore  
|           | Edan Alva  
|           | Joshua Bersin  
|           | Jordon Gerstler-Holton  
|           | Laila Maidenberg  
|           | Leon Bloomfield  
|           | David Feldhammer  
|           | Dan Shaked  
|           | MAY 9 - 15 | Sonny Berelowitz  
|           | Elyse Gilbert  
|           | Warren Gould  
|           | Aesa Masliyah  
|           | Nathaniel Popper  
|           | Annie Brashem  
|           | Camille Edesess  
|           | Amy Gerard  
|           | Gary Kramer  
|           | Anna Morris  
|           | Kerry Demme  
|           | Maya Engel  
|           | David Gould  
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|           | Dor Kagan  
|           | Kerry Segal  
|           | Leah Skiles  
|           | Emily Karwat  
|           | Chen Blatman  
|           | Eliza Kaufman  
|           | Stuart Korn  
|           | Steven Berl  
|           | Heidi Bersin  
|           | Judy Bloomfield  
|           | Benjamin Hoffman  
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|           | Joseph Maidenberg  
|           | Peter Miller  
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|           | Sabrina Seal  
|           | Stephen Tobias  
|           | Sarah Applebaum  

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**Mazel Tov to:**

Andy and Andrea Dreyfuss, on the birth of a son, Emilio Raimi Dreyfuss
May Yahrziets

May God comfort you among all the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem

7 IYAR
1-May
Janet Bleckner
Bernard Fogel
Henry Isaac Friendly
Ida Gevertz
Hannah Herfield
Thomas F. Hoffman
William Klinger
Leah Lampart
Benjamin Paul

8 - 14 IYAR
May 9 - 15
Herman Adler
Bernard Freimark
Anna B. Gurman
Anna Kass
Gittel Rothblatt
Soloman Klor
Ella Morrison
Otto Schweid
Faye Young
Harry Braaf
Benjamin Ramo
Linda B. Rosenthal
Frances Cohen
David Gross
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Nathan Rosenblatt
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Joe Karren
Stanley Korn
Paul See, Sr.
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Stephen Kaplan
Ethel Kronick
Joyce Oppen
Stephen Wittenberg
Irene Balint
Gloria Reid
Charles Silberstein
Charles Silver
Harry Gluckman
David Harris
Olga Kjelsberg
Alan Pressman
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Seth Coltoff
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Samuel Lichtenstein
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Rose Schwartz
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Elaine Ehrenkranz
Clarice Ackrish Fanning
Annie Grutman
Gussie Kassels
Eunice Kelly
Samuel Schecht
Manuel Wasserman
Helen Bromberg
Dorothy Goldberg
Farangiz “Frances” Nour-Omid
Pauline Zehnquit
Leslie Berger
Jack Fass
Robert Hyman
Irving Podolsky

22 - 28 IYAR
May 16 - 22
Irving Dronsick
Margaret Naggar
Harold Rosenberg
Lillian Tuman
Chana Bloch
Charlotte Dane Brodke
Elaine Goodman
Sarah Mendelsohn
Ida Rosen
Heinrich Spritzer
Mathilda Ritter Spritzer
Don Eberhart
Lawrence Freedenberg
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Irwin Goldberg
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Charles Naggar
Rose Sherman
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Samuel Bercovich
Martin Rockmaker
Rozelina Van Gelder
Betty DeLugach
Shirley Dorfman

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Leslie Joseph Belikoff
Morris Elchanan Belikoff
Avram Brisky
Sophie Couzin
Rakel Kantola
Veikko Kantola
Melvin Rifkin
Benjamin Silberman
Alexander Wallis
Huguett Dayan
Anne Kaplan

7 - 8 SIVAN
May 30 - 31
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Aaron Kobel
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Sarah Hertz
Morris Morrison
Rolf Schlesinger

Recent Deaths in Our Community

Richard Stone
Manfred Wildmann, Father of Hugo (Laura Wildmann)
Stuart Gellman, Father of Alan Gellman (Arlene Zuckerberg)

Shirley Silver, Mother of Cheryl (Alan) Silver.
Charity is equal in importance to all the other commandments combined.

**Murray Davis Courtyard Project**
- Josh & Lisa Sadikman
- Richard & Naomi Applebaum, for Denise Davis, in memory of her father, George Davis
- Gary & Faith Kramer

**Bet Sefer Discretionary Fund**
- Denise Davis, in memory of Grace Gill
- Kirk & Dvora McLean, in memory of David Saadia

**Gan Avraham Discretionary Fund**
- Abraham & Shirley Aamidor, in honor of Esther Aamidor

**High Holy Day Appeal General Fund**
- Ari & Becky Brown

**Temple Beth Abraham General Fund**
- Marvin & Sara Engel
- Aretha Caron Harris
- JB Leibovitch & Judy Chun, in memory of Raymond and Becky Chun
- Juan Moreno
- Ilya Okh, in memory of Maria Belina
- Barbara Oseroff, in memory of Philip Oseroff
- Hilda Pressman, in memory of Ida Puro
- Kelly Resnick, in honor of Jenette, Ben, Elise, and Xavier Woskow, in loving memory of your grandfather, from your Loving Moms group!
- Sheldon & Barbara Rothblatt, in memory of Anne Goor
- Allen & Ellen Rubin, in memory of Sam Pachefsky
- Nissan & Carol Saidian, in memory of Vernon Bonar and Solomon Saidian

**Burton Polse Kiddush Fund**
- Moira Belikoff, humbly grateful for your support in preparation for Aaron’s bar mitzvah - Adi Schacker, Rabbi Bloom, Rayna Arnold, Marshall Langfeld, Joan Korin, and Mark Fickes.
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- Sally Shore, in memory of Harry Tessel

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- Sally Aelion, in memory of Rachel Aelion
- Helen Fixler, in memory of Leonard Fixler and Shlomo Fixler
- Dr. Jed Galant, in memory of David Galant
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**Rabbi Ralph DeKoven Camp Ramah Scholarship Fund**
- Elinor DeKoven

**Rabbi Bloom Discretionary Fund**
- Abraham & Shirley Aamidor, in honor of Micah Aamidor
- Richard & Naomi Applebaum, in honor of Rabbi Bloom, 25 strong and counting! Mazel tov!
- Joshua & Heidi Bersin, in memory of Richard Bersin
- Helen Fixler, in memory of Leonard Fixler

Risa Galant, in memory of David Galant, to honor his birthday on March 18
- Randall & Jan Kessler, in memory of Alice G. Kessler
- Efi & Shira Lubliner, thanks to Rabbi Bloom for participating in the bris of our grandson Reuben Jacob
- Judy Craddock Maccabee, in memory of Howard Maccabee
- Steven & Victoria Zatkin, in memory of Werner Gross

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- Gerald & Ruby Hertz, in memory of Herman Hertz
- Herman & Mollie Hertz Foundation

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- Gerald & Ruby Hertz, in memory of Esther Morofsky
- Herman & Mollie Hertz Foundation

**Leo and Helen Wasserman Educational-Cultural Fund**
- Linda Casson-Nudell & Rabbi George Nudell, in memory of Harvey Casson

**Pola Silver Teen Holocaust Educational Trip Fund**
- Leon & Judy Bloomfield, in honor of Jorja Polston’s Bat Mitzvah
UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENTS

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY with Rabbi Bloom
On hold.

KINDERGYM for Dawn’s 37th year
https://tbaoakland.org/education/kindergym/kinder-gym-schedule-fees/

Use Amazon and TBA will receive a percentage
Go to this link and enjoy your shopping!:
http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1375793

MAH JONGG (CURRENTLY ON HOLD)
Typically held on the 2nd and 4th Shabbat of each
month, we gather in the Chapel after Kiddush.
For beginners and experienced players.

TBA SCHOOLS AUCTION
Online auction this year.
Watch email for details.

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ROSH CHODESH: MAY 18 at 10AM
Monthly meetings on a Monday close to Rosh Chodesh
and are facilitated by group members.
The reading is Chapter 2: The Lost Matriarch: Finding
Leah in the Bible and Midrash, by Jerry Rabow.
FREE. All East Bay women are invited to join.
For Zoom link: Amy Tessler at
abtessler@comcast.net or (510) 482-1218

MISHPACHA & T’FILLAT Y’LADIM
AND
JUNIOR CONGREGATION
Will return after “shelter in place” is lifted.

TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM ANNUAL MEETING
Save the date: June 7

A Legacy Gift Lasts Forever
Include TBA in your Estate Planning so that
your message to your family is loud and clear:
The existence of Temple Beth Abraham is important
to me and for the future of Jews in Oakland.
Contact TBA’s Executive Director Rayna Arnold
for further details:
(510) 832-0936 rayna@tbaoakland.org.

CITYTEAM

One of our monthly Social Action
activities is to serve dinner at CityTeam.
From the CityTeam website:
For our volunteers:
We are discontinuing all volunteer shifts as a result
of the order issued across six counties in the Bay
Area.
How you can help during this time:
Please PRAY. We ask for the Lord’s guidance and
protection as we do all we can to fulfill our mission
to share God’s unconditional love.
Support: As we continue to deliver our services and
adapt our programs, we appreciate your ongoing
financial support in order to continue serving our
neighbors experiencing homelessness and hunger.

Temple Beth Abraham
Accepts
Vehicle Donations

WHY Donate:
• Recycling your car saves energy and natural resources.
• Proceeds from the sale of your car help support TBA.
• Your donation is tax-deductible even if it’s not running!

WHAT you can donate:
Cars, Trucks, Boats, Motorcycles and RV’s
Free Pick up & DMV processing!

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