



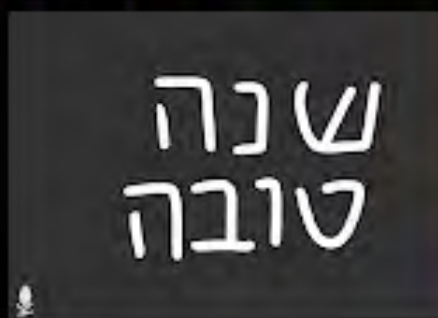
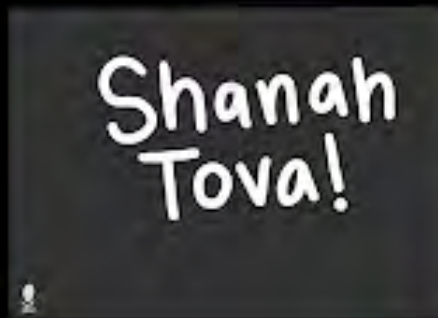
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During this time when we cannot physically wrap our arms around each other, let us yet find ways to be the loving embrace of God to our neighbors. — *From a Prayer for a Pandemic (author unknown)*



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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)

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| September 4 | 7:15 pm |
| September 11 | 7:04 pm |
| September 18 | 6:53 pm |
| September 25 | 6:42 pm |

Shabbat Morning

Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Portions (Saturday)

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| September 5 | <i>Ki Tavo</i> |
| September 12 | <i>Leil Selichot</i> <i>Nitzavim-Veyeilech</i> |
| September 19 | <i>Rosh Hashanah</i> |
| September 26 | <i>Shabbat Shuva</i> <i>Ha'Azinu</i> |

Havdalah, Saturday eve

Facebook and YouTube, 8:15pm



TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM 5781/2020

HIGH HOLY DAYS VIRTUAL SERVICE SCHEDULE

All times are approximate, so tune-in early!

SELICHOT

THIS YEAR WE WILL BE JOINING THE UNITED SYNAGOGUE VIRTUAL PROGRAM. DETAILS WILL BE SENT AS WE GET CLOSER.

ROSH HASHANAH

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service **Friday, September 18 at 7:45 pm**

Rosh Hashanah Day 1: **Saturday, September 19**

Family Service with Rabbi Bloom (Children 2 yrs.-1st grade) Saturday at 9:00am
 First Day Rosh Hashanah Service 9:30 am
 Youth Services with Susan Simon (Children grades 2-6) 1:00pm via Zoom

Rosh Hashanah Day 2 **Sunday, September 20, at 9:30 am**

Shofar Service-time to go outside and blow your shofar 10:30am-10:45am
 Tashlich: Because we are discouraging people from gathering in large groups, even outside, you are encouraged to perform the ceremony of Tashlich as individuals and families into any nearby natural source of water.

YOM KIPPUR

Kol Nidre Evening **Sunday, September 27 at 6:15 pm**

Yom Kippur Day **Monday September 28**

Family Service with Rabbi Bloom (Children 2 yrs.-1st grade) Monday at 9:00am
 Morning Service 9:30 am
 Yizkor Service 10:45 am
 Youth Services with Susan Simon (Children grades 2-6) 1:00pm via Zoom

BREAK

Mincha 5:30 pm
 Neilah 6:30 pm

SUKKOT

BE SURE TO ORDER YOUR LULAV AND ETROG SET BY SEPT 6TH THROUGH THE TBA OFFICE

First Day Sukkot Service Saturday, October 3 at 9:30 am
 Shemini Atzeret/Yizkor Saturday, October 10 at 9:30am
 Erev Simchat Torah Family Service Saturday, October 10 at 6:15 pm
 Simchat Torah Day Sunday, October 11 at 9:30 am



New Beginnings 5781

On a “normal” Rosh Hashanah we look forward to yet another chance to turn over a new leaf, to renew our dedication to Hashem, and to make the world a better place. The prayers of the Machzor, the special High Holiday prayerbook, inspires us to do these things. In addition to that, I get to see over 1000 of my friends at the synagogue.

With this year’s High Holiday services being nearly entirely virtual, we know we won’t get to see our friends, but can we muster the strength to do the other things that the High Holidays encourage/command us to do.

As King David says in Psalm 30, “though weeping may endure for a night, joy comes in the morning. And yet the night seems so long.” We know that after we blow the shofar signaling the end of Neila on Yom Kippur, that the viruses, the illnesses, and the economy will not suddenly disappear, heal or recover the next day.

But these things will happen—eventually. Joy will come in the morning, even though the night is longer than we anticipated. If not tomorrow, then the day after. And if not this year, then next year.

In thinking about all that, I was reminded of a song called *Machar* (which means Tomorrow) by Israel’s greatest songwriter, Naomi Shemer. Here is a translation of the lyrics. Perhaps they will give you a taste of the comfort and inspiration they are giving me as we approach the new year.

Machar

Tomorrow perhaps we will set sail, from the shores of Eilat to the Ivory Coast.
And on the old destroyers oranges will be loaded.

CHORUS: All this is not a yarn and not a dream. It is true as the light of the moon.
All this will come tomorrow, if not today, and if not tomorrow, then the day after.

Tomorrow a thousand buildings will rise, and a song will hover over the terraces.
And a blaze of anemones and tulips will burst from among the ruins.

Tomorrow perhaps in all the paths a lion will lead a flock of sheep.
Tomorrow a thousand clappers will bleat in the many bells of holiday.

Tomorrow when soldiers take off uniforms alerted to other things.
And each person will use their own two hands to build that which he dreamed of today.

L’shalom and L’shana tova,

Rabbi Mark Bloom

To everything there is a season

By David Goodwin



לְכֹל, זְמַן; וְעֵת לְכָל-חֶפֶץ, תַּחַת הַשָּׁמַיִם
 ...עֵת לְחִבּוּק, וְעֵת לְרַחֵק מִחֶבֶק...

To every thing there is a season, and a time to every purpose under the heaven:

...A time to embrace and a time to refrain from embracing

Ecclesiastes 3:1, 5

A month or two after shelter in place began, on my daily after-dinner walk with my wife, Stella, I passed by a house with a sign in front saying “a time to refrain from embracing.” What a great response to the people who try to invoke their religion as a justification for refusing to wear a mask or who claim they have a constitutional right to refuse to engage in social distancing.

On the rest of the walk, I pondered the message in Ecclesiastes that there are times when we can't do things we would like to do, and I remembered how much I missed attending Shabbat services in person at TBA, and how much “embracing” there was – our practice of shaking hands with the ushers when we arrive at the shul and with anyone who does an Aliyah or has an honor; the Rabbi's custom of shaking hands with mourners after reciting the Kaddish; the way that family members or old friends hug and sit together during services; and the children jumping on their parents' laps when they eat their Ein K'elohenu candy. One day, that will occur again. Soon, we all hope. In the meantime, we refrain from embracing.

While we are waiting, I am very pleased to say that TBA has been able to thrive during shelter-in-place, with virtual services attended by hundreds of members, movie nights, discussion groups, WTBA Zoom calls, virtual (and soon to be in-person) Gan sessions, Bet Sefer, and many other activities. If you haven't joined in yet, please do. It's great!

The sign I saw on my walk also reminded me how much I had learned over the years from reading Ecclesiastes (called Kohelet in the original). Oddly, it was the first book of the Bible that I studied seriously, when I was a freshman in college – most people start with the Torah, or at least the Psalms or Prophets. Ecclesiastes is a mystery. What, exactly, is its message? Does it advocate determinism – that everything is pre-ordained and we're effectively just along for the ride, which some Buddhists, Protestant sects, and Muslims believe – or is its message combatting injustice, engaging in good works, and seeking truth, a message that resonates with many members of TBA? Scholars argue for both sides. I started reading Ecclesiastes and was hooked and I eventually went on to do the equivalent of a masters degree in biblical Hebrew (though that was many years ago and I have forgotten most of what I learned, so please don't challenge me to write an essay in biblical Hebrew; I could once and I definitely can't now!).

One lesson I have never forgotten is the professor's explanation of the second verse of Ecclesiastes, which in the King James translation is the famous line: “Vanity of vanities, saith Kohelet, vanity of vanities; all is vanity.” The Hebrew is not talking about “vanity,” the professor told us. The word is לְבָה, which, he said, means an exhalation, a breath, vapor. So try saying the second verse of Ecclesiastes out loud, but simply breathe out every place the English translation says “vanity.” Suddenly, Kohelet's philosophy starts to make sense. We breathe in, we breathe out: That is what we do.

And that brings us back to COVID-19. Whether the disease spreads, or does not, depends on whether people with the disease breathe on other people, whether they wear masks to confine their breath, and whether they engage in social distancing so their breath cannot reach others. לְבָה לְבָה. Keep safe.



Happy New Year in Unprecedented Times

By Lisa Fernandez

Shanah Tovah in these unprecedented times. We wanted to welcome you all back to the Omer after months of uncertainty and a summer of pandemic and wildfires.

There were some bright spots. I'm hoping many of you got to have nice staycations or found new spots in California to hike and bike in. Our family went swimming in lakes near Nevada City and my husband and I celebrated 20 years of marriage in Big Sur. Our children worked at Camp Kee Tov, providing safe and socially responsible fun for hundreds of children. And of course, there were weekly Shabbat services online, and a little in person, with Rabbi Bloom.

And now the High Holidays are upon us and the Omer is back in swing. Our award-winning newsletter staff consists of (all volunteer TBA members) myself, Rachel Dornhelm, Jessica Sterling and Jenny Rooney.

We are always seeking new content, slice-of-life stories, photos and art. If you're wondering what new contributions you can make to TBA this year, consider joining our team, even if it's just one article for the year.

We suggest monthly themes, but you certainly don't have to stick to that. We'd simply like to hear from you.

Happy New Year.

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Misia

Familiar faces out in the world

Photos by Frances Herb

Here is Misia in the beautiful Reutlinger Chapel this summer. There was a window of opportunity for socially distanced visits luckily.

And Elinor looked great when I saw her, sitting in her front yard.

I know that many of us miss seeing one another in real life.



Elinor

TBA Film Series and the New Year

By Ellen Kaufman

We are kicking off the new year and the TBA Film Series' second season with "The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg", an award winning film about the first great Jewish baseball player who struggled with the decision about whether to play ball during the High Holidays. What better film on the eve of Rosh Hashanah? "Hank Greenberg" also tackles the still-current issues of racial justice and anti-Semitism.

We're thrilled that Aviva Kempner, the film's director, will join us for our Zoom discussion on September 13th at 7pm. Ms. Kempner is the distinguished filmmaker of other Jewish oriented stories, including, "The Spy Behind Home Plate" and "Yoo-Hoo Mrs. Goldberg". Discussing "Hank Greenberg", Ms. Kempner says: 'When America needed a hero, a Jewish slugger stepped to the plate.'

We look forward to showing this great "September" film. See it for the first time or see it again, this film has it all! Keep your eye open for the email and RSVP early!

We had a busy summer screening films that took us to far flung times and places.

In June, we presented The Invisibles, which told the story of young Jews who remained in Berlin – in plain sight – throughout the war. This unique film interwove a dramatization of the war years with interviews with the real people whose stories were depicted. Michael Fox, a freelance film journalist and critic who teaches at OLLI and San Francisco State facilitated the discussion.

We traveled to contemporary Mexico City in July for Nora's Will, a drama about family, tradition, and secrets. TBA members Carla Izkowitz and Norma Armon, who have roots in Mexico City, shared their perspectives on Jewish life there. To get in the mood, everyone who RSVP'd received recipes for Mexican appetizers and Sally Berk's (z'l) recipe for margaritas from Faith Kramer.

Summer came to a close with a trip to India for Shalom Bollywood, which chronicles the unlikely story of the 2000-year-old Indian Jewish community and its formative place in shaping the world's largest film industry. TBA member Sally Shore and her mother, Queenie Shore, who was born and raised in Calcutta, were our post-film discussion leaders.

The TBA Film Series Committee thanks the community for your enthusiasm and support. While the format that we have been using for recent showings is not what we initially envisioned, the films and zoom discussions have been well received and well attended. We look forward to Season Two!!



SOCIAL ACTION

The gift we hope you never use

By Jessica Sterling

Thank you, TBA members, for your kindness and generous support. In about 48 hours we funded a full set of fire extinguishers; one for each tiny home and two for each of the common spaces of Youth Spirit Artwork's developing Tiny Home Village.

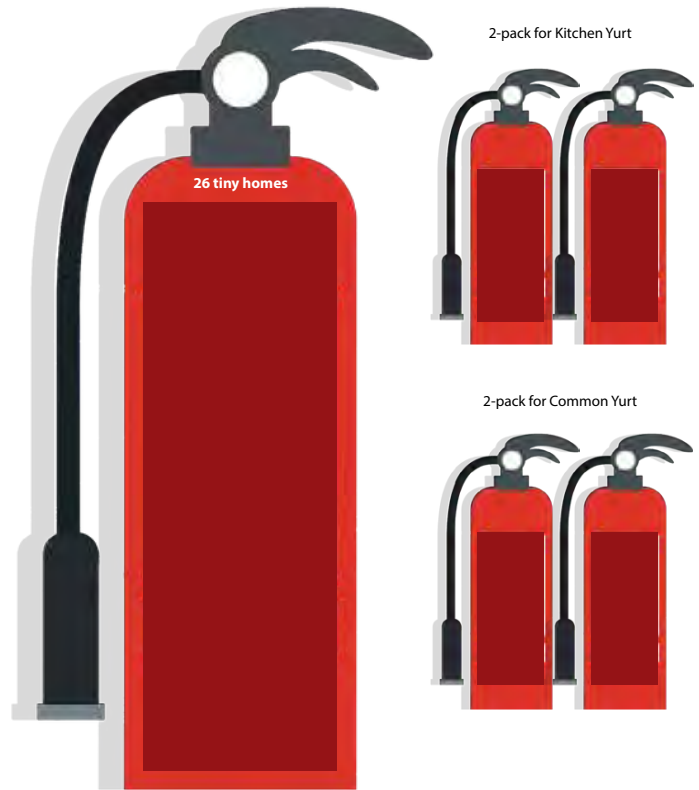
For all who have been following the developments of Youth Spirit Artwork's Tiny Home Village, you know that 26 tiny homes were designed and built by volunteer crews. An infrastructure of social services and support has been developed as well as communal spaces for cooking and creating. The land sits adjacent to the Oakland Coliseum.

Unique murals adorn each home and a fence of prayers surround the village. Art Saves Lives is a vision and their programming which involves training and mentoring youth, ages 16-25, through art.

Fire extinguishers were just one item in a long list of items that are needed to prepare the homes for residents. There are still more needs to fill before move in day. Contact Jilly de la Torre at jilly@youthspiritartworks.org for ways to support this community project.

Temple Beth Abraham Fundraiser for Youth Spirit Artwork Tiny Home Village

26 Fire Extinguishers for 26 tiny homes
2-pack Fire Extinguishers for Kitchen Yurt
2-pack Fire Extinguishers for Common area Yurt



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.



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- Your donation is tax-deductible even if it's not running!

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Free Pick up & DMV processing!!



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Popcorn That Says Happy New Year

By Faith Kramer

Wish everyone one a sweet (spicy and crunchy) New Year with this recipe for Honey-Curry Popcorn with Apples and Nuts.

Make it as a pre-dinner snack, a dessert option, or just have on hand for general munching at Rosh Hashanah or anytime.

If the freeze-dried apples are not available, just leave out. If it is not your custom to eat nuts during Rosh Hashanah, replace the pecans with an additional two cups of popped corn.



HONEY-CURRY POPCORN WITH APPLES AND NUTS

Makes 8 Cups

½ cup coconut oil (melted until liquid if necessary)

½ cup honey

Spice mix (see below)

2 cups raw pecan halves

6 cups plain popped popcorn

1 to 1.2 oz. packaged freeze-dried apple slices (see notes)

Line two baking sheets with foil. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Pour oil and honey in large pot. Stir. Cook over medium heat until hot. Stir in spice mix. Add nuts and popcorn, stirring until well coated.

Spread popcorn mix in single layers on prepared baking sheets. Bake 25 minutes. Turn with spatula, separating clumps. Bake about 25 minutes more until popcorn is dry and somewhat crisp and nuts are toasted (popcorn will continue to crisp up as it cools). Remove from oven. Separate clumps. Let cool. Break freeze-dried apple slices into ½-inch pieces and mix with popcorn and nuts in a large bowl.

(Store airtight at room temperature for up to a day.)

Spice mix: Mix together 1 Tbs. onion powder, 1 Tbs. garlic powder, ¼ to ½ tsp. cayenne (or to taste), 2 tsp. kosher salt and 1½ tsp. curry powder.

Notes: Freeze-dried apple slices, often in bags of 1 oz. or 1.2 oz., are available in many supermarkets.

Faith Kramer writes a food column for the j., the Jewish News of Northern California and blogs her food at www.click-blogappetit.com. Contact her at fjkramer@msn.com

Back to School

By Rachel Fenyves

The Gan is a much happier place now that the teachers and children have returned. Reopening the Gan during the pandemic means that there are many things that look and feel different than before. The teachers came back two weeks earlier than the children to learn about all the new health and safety procedures and reach out to the families to help ease the transition back to school. Each classroom sent home a twenty-page story about staying healthy and safe at preschool. The story included photos of the teachers and classrooms, the outdoor spaces, and the new drop-off and health screening procedure. Partnering with the families was important to ensure a smooth back to school transition. We noticed the difference this makes, when on the first few days of school everyone settled in quickly. It was clear that we were all ready to be back with our friends.





HUGGING AND TOUCHING OUR FRIENDS MAY SPREAD GERMS. WE CAN DO OTHER THINGS TO SHOW THEM WE LOVE THEM. LIKE WAVING, AN 'AIR' HIGH FIVE, OR GIVING A SIGN LANGUAGE HUG.



It's All Brand New Again

By Susan Simon

I've been very philosophical this summer as we all learn to navigate our new normal. I flew to see my son in Barcelona last February and the plane was nearly empty. I had no idea what was in store for us and curiously stared at the few people wearing masks. Do I need to do that, I wondered? I settled on "no" and had two fabulous flights, to and from Spain.

Fast forward to March: I finally had to admit that we couldn't continue with school anymore and we went virtual, mostly not well as none of us had any idea what we were doing.

Our limited offerings gave me the amazing opportunity to work one-on-one on Zoom (and learn what Zoom was and mostly how to use it, when my wifi worked) with quite a few children who worked on Hebrew skills with me. Wow, they were little sponges. We read fairy tales written in Biblical Hebrew, they read, I translated – so much fun. Thanks to the families that had the bandwidth to make that happen!

Back to philosophical – I look back on what we knew in March and our attitudes then and I compare them with today. Back then we thought we'd get back to normal in a few months so almost anything was tolerable. But as the weeks dragged on I started thinking of people who live through a war in their own country, who have to sacrifice endlessly without knowing for sure that their efforts were helping or when it might come to an end. I thought of

people living with fear and uncertainty and more fear and not knowing the best thing to do. No one during the second world war was talking about bandwidth and whether they had any left.

And, like stages of grief, I have come to understand that we must make the best of every day, especially for our children. So, we start a new school year with the new normal. We will start our new virtual school on September 8th.

We know we can't keep the students engaged for another two hours online when they have probably had their fill from their secular schools. So we are aiming for an hour each session and including as much community building and interaction as possible. Rabbi Bloom will still lead music and t'fillah, even if everyone is to be muted. We will incorporate more movement in most classes.

The teachers and I have been learning new technology all summer long and think we are ready to go (assuming the wifi holds strong). We have a very strong staff of teachers who understand that getting to know new students under these circumstances will be hard. But we are up for the challenge of making this an excellent virtual program.

As is my nature, I have not given up on coming back in person after the first of the year. Perhaps some collective praying or wishing will help make that happen. In the meantime, wear your masks, wash your hands, keep your distance, but be sure to keep connecting with others as much as you can. Can't wait to see the students!



Eitan Schotland, August 22, 2020

My name is Eitan Schotland and I'm going into the 8th grade at Contra Costa Jewish Day School. Prior to that I attended Gan Avraham as a preschooler. I live in the Oakland hills with my mom, Marieka, my dad, Daniel, my brother, Oren, my sister, Lielle, and a super hyper dog, Parker. I love doing, watching, and listening to anything related to cars, especially Formula 1. I also enjoy spending my time playing video games and riding mountain bikes.

My Bar Mitzvah is on August 22nd and the parsha for that Shabbat is Shoftim. Shoftim comes from Deuteronomy, Chapter 16-18. It is about judges, justice, and kings. The Jews in this chapter are setting up laws and appointing judges. I find all of these topics interesting given the current state of our society and struggles with pursuing justice around the Black Lives Matter movement.

I would love to say, "I hope to see you all at my Bar Mitzvah!" but I'm afraid the Pandemic won't allow for that. My Bar Mitzvah will be taking place with just close family on our patio. I wish everyone lots of good health!

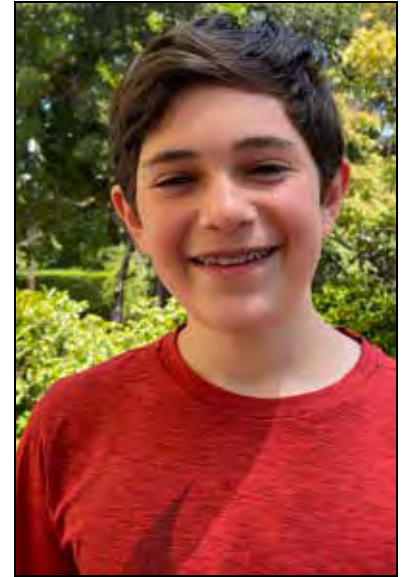


Joseph Blumberg, August 29, 2020

I'm an 8th grader at Piedmont Middle School. I love playing the guitar and rock climbing, and can't wait to get back in the gym once it is safe.

I'll be having my Bar Mitzvah on August 29 in the TBA courtyard via Rabbi Bloom's YouTube live stream. My portion this week is Ki Teitzei from the book of Deuteronomy, and describes a series of miscellaneous laws for the Jewish people, mostly governing civil and domestic life. I'll be talking about how these laws help to create a sense of community and traditions for the Jewish people.

Thank you to TBA for opening up their courtyard for my Bar Mitzvah during these unprecedented times.



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Rick Feldman & Patty Motzkin.

Sid Levy

Mike & Emily Gubman. Children Zoe & Oliver

Albert & Helene Lobel

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Madeline Mendelsohn, in loving memory of Shirley Silver, from the Mendelsohn family

Mark & Maribel Mogill, in memory of Raymond G. Mogill

Misia Nudler, in memory of Aron Nudler

Misia Nudler, in memory of Harry Nudler

Barbara Oseroff, a speedy recovery to Marc Barach
Betty Ann Polse, for covid relief

John Rego & Deborah Kahane Rego, in honor of Susan Simon

Jess & Shana Rigelhaupt, in honor of Susan Simon

Alan S. & Eve O. Rosenfeld, in honor of Rabbi Bloom

David & Lori Rosenthal, in honor of Susan Simon

Daryl & Bryna Ross, in honor of Susan Simon

Sheldon & Barbara Rothblatt, in memory of Miriam Heirshberg

Sheldon & Barbara Rothblatt, in memory of Morris Rothblatt

Sheldon & Barbara Rothblatt, in memory of Shirley Silver

Barry & Hana Rotman, in memory of Shelley Rotman

Richard & Joan Rubin
Josh & Lisa Sadikman, in honor of Susan Simon

Curtis & Adi Schacker, in memory of David Yaron
M Scheinok, in memory of Hannah Rubin, z'l

Daniel & Shawna Schwartz, in honor of the aliyah for the bat mitzvah of Julia Johnson

Stephen & Susan Shub, in honor of Susan Simon, thanks for the great mask!

Stephen & Susan Shub, in memory of Harold Rosenberg

Stephen & Susan Shub, in memory of Ronni Rosenberg

Marvin & Wendy Siver, in honor of Susan Simon

Nadav Somekh & Aliza Grayevsky Somekh, thank you for the use of the kitchen

Michael & Deborah Sosebee, in memory of Shirley Silver

Ira Unterman, in honor of Rabbi Mark Bloom, thank you for davening online!

Benjamin & Jenette Woskow, in honor of Susan Simon for her generous masks

Minyan Fund

Milton & Margaret Greenstein, in memory of Anna Leah Greenstein

Milton & Margaret Greenstein, in memory of Sidney Greenstein

Robert Klein & Doreen Alper, in memory of my parents Alvin and Goldie Alper

Lawrence Polon & Ernestina Carrillo, in honor of Bonnie Burt's 75th birthday!

Mary & Isaak Tsifrin, in memory of Khana and David Tsifrin

Yom Ha Shoa Fund

Sally Aelion, in memory of Allegra Saporta

Sally Aelion, in memory of Elias Aelion

Barry Barnes & Samantha Spielman, in memory of Manny Wildmann

Rabbi Ralph DeKoven

Camp Ramah

Scholarship Fund

Elinor DeKoven, in memory of Shirley Silver, loving mother of Cheryl Silver

Sam Silver Playground Fund

Charles Bernstein & Joanne Goldstein, in memory of Shirley Silver

Norman & Jo Budman, in memory of Shirley Silver

Randall & Jan Kessler, in memory of Shirley Silver

Reta Krane, in memory of Shirley Silver

Debra Levin, in memory of Shirley Silver

Nancy Luberoff, in memory of Shirley Silver

Dana Ostomel & Mark Vogel, in memory of Shirley Silver

John Rego & Deborah Kahane Rego, in memory of Shirley Silver

Rabbi Bloom

Discretionary Fund

Sally Aelion, in memory of Clarice Ackrish Fanning

Sally Aelion, in memory of Larry Pencovic

Joshua & Heidi Bersin, in memory of Elynore "Skip" Harris and Seymour "Sy" Harris

Joshua & Heidi Bersin, in memory of Fran Weiner

Harriet Bloom, in memory of Ina Nathan

Linda Casson-Nudell & Rabbi George Nudell, in memory of Arthur Casson

Marvin Cohen & Suzy Locke, in memory of Shirley Silver

Henry Fenichel, in memory of Hannah Rubin

Helen Fixler, in memory of Alan Fixler

Glenn & Amy Friedman, in memory of Judith Wallerstein

Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Charles Naggar

Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Fanny Naggar

Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Margaret Naggar

Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Marie Marcus

Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Victoria Naggar

Eve Gordon-Ramek, in memory of Benjamin Warwick

Jeff Gutkin & Helene Blatter

Philip Hanno & Linda Gordon, in memory of Bernice Hanno

Philip Hanno & Linda Gordon, in memory of Ruth Gordon

Philip Hanno & Linda Gordon, in memory of Sumner Gordon

Steven & Penny Harris, in memory of Alex Harris

Steven & Penny Harris, in memory of Nathan Brody

Arnold & Jo-Ann

Jacobson, in appreciation of Rabbi Mark Bloom for his devotion to Judaism, the Jewish people, and Israel.

Jerrold & Anne Levine, in memory of Charles Levine

Faith Meltzer, Thank you Rabbi Bloom for your leadership in exposing the divisive draft model Ethnic Studies Curriculum.

Gregory & Ruth Morris, in memory of Rayanna Laytner

Neil O'Neill, in honor of Cantor Richard Kaplan

Susie Ordway Rola, in memory of Shirley Silver

Sam Pollock & Jordan Miller, in honor of our wedding

Jeffrey & Judith Quittman

Jay & Jennifer Rooney, in appreciation of Rabbi Bloom's wonderful streaming services during COVID-19.

Tsutomu Satomi & Hildie Spritzer, in memory of my grandparents

Stephen & Susan Shub, from the TBA Film Group

Samuel Tobin & Susan Bloch

Brenda Turetsky

Daniel Weiner & Lynn Gitomer, in memory of Al Gjovig

Steven & Victoria Zatzkin, in memory of Shirley Silver

Rosebud & Ben Silver

Library Fund

Sally Aelion, in memory of Clarice Fanning

Sue Leavitt Andrade, in memory of Raymond Andrade

Harold Rubel Memorial

Music Fund

Leon & Judy Bloomfield, in memory of Coleman Bloomfield

Leonard Quittman

Endowment Fund

Fifi Goodfellow, in memory of Sam Nathan and Rene Nathan

Angelina Levy

Larry Miller & Mary Kelly, in memory of Eunice Kelly

Larry Miller & Mary Kelly, in memory of Shirley Silver

Herman Hertz Israel

Scholarship Fund

Gerald & Ruby Hertz, in memory of Sarah Hertz

Mollie Hertz Interfaith

Outreach Fund

Gerald & Ruby Hertz, in memory of Shirley Silver

Pola Silver Teen

Holocaust Education

Trip Fund

Debbie Karlinsky, in memory of Shirley Silver

Misia Nudler, in memory of Shirley Silver, my wonderful friend and beautiful person

Linda Ostomel, in memory of Shirley Silver

Ron & Adele Ostomel, in memory of Shirley Silver

September Birthdays

SEPTEMBER 1 - 4

Emily Harris
 Sivan Kagan
 Leah Wagner-Edelstein
 Dan Abrami
 Caroline Frierman
 Sophie Goodwin
 Jeffrey Lipsett
 Henry Ross
 Allen Rubin
 Samuel Stone
 Arlene Zuckerberg
 Diane Abt
 Steve Chabon
 Jared LaMar
 Leo Grossman
 Ariella Jessel
 Marni Kottle
 Amy Wittenberg

SEPTEMBER 5- 11

Ruth Feldhammer
 Steven Glaser
 Elizabeth Simms
 Mark Bloom
 Tamira Elul
 Benjamin Odenheimer
 Myles Plumhoff
 Greg Sterling
 Daniel Lichtenstein
 Cheryl Silver
 Joy Jacobs
 Jess Rigelhaupt
 Kenneth Shea Dinkin
 Samantha Star
 Rebecca Calahan Klein
 Sandra Frucht
 Seth Kramer
 Irene Partzuf
 Avraham (Avi) Remler
 Zevan Shuster
 Andy Wasserman
 Noam Birnbaum
 Lara Gabrielle

Asher Gordon
 Noah Lindenbaum
 Lindsay Kottle
 Jeanne Swartz

SEPTEMBER 12 - 18

Braudy Bersin
 Juliette Edesess
 Ethan Sheanin
 Sarah Tunik
 Jennie Chabon
 Maxine Epperson
 George King
 Marcia Wasserman
 Alex Bayen
 Jonah Bloom
 Galvin Fickes
 Zachary Fickes
 Shoshana Rosenthal
 Roni Schacker
 David Scharff
 Dana Sheanin
 Sam Baum
 Lisa Goodman
 Eliana Rosenthal
 Josh Berl
 Noam Boiarsky
 Ari Bornstein
 Rebecca Feigelson
 Bess Gurman
 Zeke Miller
 Ellis Moss
 Yael Yakar
 Gary Zimmerman
 Margot Dahan
 Benjamin Friedman
 Howard Davis
 Milo Davis
 Hunter Disco
 Lanie Goldberg
 Benjamin Jaffe
 Samara Ann Kayman
 Lucia Macias
 Klaus-Ullrich Rotzscher

SEPTEMBER 19 - 25

Knut Grossmann
 Rebecca Skiles
 Talia Blumberg
 Seth Eckstein
 Sharon Jacobs
 Gina Kessler
 Sidney Levy
 Eve Maidenberg
 Isaac Barry
 Theo Jesse Kleinmann
 John Rego
 Adam Schindel
 Ayala Sugerman
 Miriam Frank
 Michael Hinckley
 Elizabeth Klein
 Ranni Albert
 Renee Kaiser
 Adam Liss
 Benjamin Strub
 Michael Zatkan

SEPTEMBER 26 - 30

Ariella Joy Garfinkle
 Joel Freid
 Diane Feldhammer
 Frances Fisher
 Max Tunik Oppenheimer
 Staci Shub
 Jeremy Sugerman
 Elan Masliyah
 Irene Brauer
 Adam Brown
 Akiva Jacques Gold
 Drew Kessler
 Diana Miller

Is your birthday information wrong or missing from this list? Please contact the TBA office to make corrections.

September Yahrziets

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

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

12 - 15 ELUL**September 1 - 4**

Abraham Davis
Yehudit Eliahu
Rachel Gordon
Milton Greenberg
Gowhar Saidian
Keva Atowich
Herman Budman
David Nurenberg
John Odenheimer
Joel Oseroff
Sue Stevens
Frances Turchin
Harry Goldstein
Marcia Jacobs
George Kaplan
Rita Manson
Samuel Leson
Mila Rokhlin Gurevitch
Max Sherman

16 - 22 ELUL**September 5 - 11**

Louis Bernstein
Herbert Bloom
Martin Hertz
Mary Chipkin
Schussheim
Abraham Shapiro
Lucy Volinsky
Joseph Weiner
Lillain West
Ethel Gluck
Mel Lazar
Louis Zucker
Paula Gordon
Harry Hertz
Sam Kahane
Lionel Barnett Kurtz
Eve Levis
Hans-Georg Venus
Samuel Wachsman
Morry Friedkin

Judel Gold
Mollie Hertz
Boris Katz
Ruth Kline
Sarah Sheidlower
Irving Louis Berg
Minnie Brodovsky
Jean Galant
Harold Persin
Louis Arnold
Rosa Freimark
Gladys Hyman
Leo Young
Rose Adolph
Katherine Calderon
Cohen
Rabbi Mayer Goldberg
Samuel Hillman
Zelda Klein
Joseph Landes
Moshe Marcus
Michael G. Melvin
Mundele Litvak Okh
Henry Reingold
Nella Schlesinger
Joanna Stern

23 - 29 ELUL**September 12 - 18**

Albert Bercovich
Ernest Cohn
Harry Lipka
Samuel Isaac Maltz
Pushpa Muthuramalingam
Rose Nankin
Alexander Rosenberg
Adolph Berkovitz
Nathan Davidson
Florence Fogel
Minnie Wasserman
Matthew C. Arnold
Nessim Cowan
Frances Laddish
Isaac Naggar

Sara Scheinberg
Doris Sutnick
Samuel Zatkan
Victor Kramer
Adolph Herscu Mantel
Abraham N. Schneider
Sylvia Edelstein Stern
Rabbi Rachlin Baer
Eli Baston
Ethel Baston
Jack M. Garfinkle
Arlene Davis
Abraham Elkin
Ben Horwitz
Lillian Simon Jacober
Joseph Markovits
Eileen Pachefsky
Abraham Breslov
Merle Goldstone
Joyce Levitch
Carolyn Rau
Henry Rosenberg
Benjamin Wolf

1 - 7 TISHREI**September 19 - 25**

Gertrude Kreimerman
Regina Lazar
Bertha Rothman
Norma Bercovich
William Kestenblatt
Jack Kovell
Ely Levis
Nuta Okh
Albert Reingold
Abraham Bauer
Avram Bercovich
George Bruder
Mary Gildea
Ida Gold
Nathan Kurtz
Sidney Tuckman
Samuel Weiss
Henry Glasser

Isadore Gottlieb
Jacob Leson
Joseph Schwartz
Pearl Weiner
Ilse Sanders
Wilhelmine Sanders
Fannie Silberman
Lillian Silverman
Pauline Wolf
Bella Wolfe
Rosalie Beren
Anne Miller
Kenneth Dean Simon
Arthur Adler
Emma Bolton
Ruth Janger
Samuel Shapiro
Minnie Teverov

8 - 12 TISHREI**September 26 - 30**

Bernard Lutz
Nathaniel Ranzer
Simma Leson
Frances Piser
Mary Plotkin
Irene Strongin
Allen (Al) Davis
Sam Grant
Nancy Greenberg
Mathilda Kahane
Bertha Rosenstein
Donald William Seal
Mary Weinstein
Lena Zubkoff
Isedore Isenberg
Gary Rosenfeld
May Landowitz
Curtis Manasse
Edith Odenheimer
Elizabeth Rosenberg
Rabbi Morris Schussheim

Recent Deaths in Our Community

Murray Gordon, father of Kathy (Michael) Burge
Sara Dickman, mother of Josh (Lisa) Sadikman
George Lindenbaum, Father of David (Jill) Lindenbaum

Kay Warren, Wife of Welch Warren
Edward Bercovich, Husband of Darleen Bercovich, Father of
Brandon (Melissa) Bercovich

CALENDAR

| SEPTEMBER 2020 | | | 12 ELUL 5780 – 12 TISHREI 5781 | | | |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|--|
| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
| | | 1 (12 Elul) 7:30pm TBA Book Club via Zoom | 2 (13 Elul) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG | 3 (14 Elul) 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan 7:00pm WTBA girls Night Out via Zoom | 4 (15 Elul) 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 7:15p Candle lighting | 5 (16 Elul) <u>Parashat Ki Tavo</u> 9:30am Virtual Shabba 10:15am Shabbat Mishpacha via Zoom Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 8:14p Havdalah (42 min) |
| 6 (17 Elul) 10:00am Family Ed for Bet Sefer with Susan Simon | 7 (18 Elul) Office & Gan Closed for Labor Day 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan | 8 (19 Elul) 4:00pm Virtual 1 st day of Bet Sefer | 9 (20 Elul) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG | 10 (21 Elul) 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan 4:00pm Virtual Bet Sefer | 11 (22 Elul) 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 7:04p Candle lighting | 12 (23 Elul) <u>Leil Selichot</u> <u>Parashat Nitzavim-Vayeilech</u> 9:30am Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 8:03p Havdalah (42 min) |
| 13 (24 Elul) 10:00am Family Ed for Bet Sefer with Susan Simon 10:00am High Holy Days Bag Drive 7:30pm TBA Movie Night via Zoom | 14 (25 Elul) 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan 10:00am Rosh Chodesh via Zoom | 15 (26 Elul) 4:00pm Virtual Bet Sefer | 16 (27 Elul) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG | 17 (28 Elul) 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan 4:00pm Virtual Bet Sefer | 18 (29 Elul) <u>Erev Rosh Hashanah</u> 7:45pm Virtual Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 6:53p Candle lighting | 19 (1 Tishrei 5781) <u>Rosh Hashanah</u> Virtual Rosh Hashanah Services: 9:00am Family Service with Rabbi Bloom 9:30am First Day Services 11:00am Kiddush via Zoom 1:00pm Youth Services with Susan via Zoom 7:52p Candle lighting |
| 20 (2 Tishrei) <u>Rosh Hashanah II</u> 9:30am Virtual Rosh Hashanah II Services: 10:30am Blow your Shofar outside 7:51p Havdalah (42 min) | 21 (3 Tishrei) Tzom-Gedaliah 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan | 22 (4 Tishrei) 4:00pm Virtual Bet Sefer 7:30pm TBA Board Meeting via Zoom | 23 (5 Tishrei) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG | 24 (6 Tishrei) 8:00am Virtual morning Minyan 4:00pm Virtual Bet Sefer | 25 (7 Tishrei) 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 6:42p Candle lighting | 26 (8 Tishrei) <u>Shabbat Shuva</u> <u>Parashat Ha'Azinu</u> 9:30am Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 7:41p Havdalah (42 min) |
| 27 (9 Tishrei) <u>Kol Nidre</u> 6:15pm Virtual Kol Nidre Service 6:39p Candle lighting | 28 (10 Tishrei) <u>Yom Kippur</u> Virtual Rosh Hashanah Services: 9:00am Family Service with Rabbi Bloom 9:30am First Day Services 10:45am Yizkor Service 1:00pm Youth Services with Susan via Zoom 5:30pm Virtual Mincha 6:30pm Virtual Neilah 7:38p Havdalah (42 min) | 29 (11 Tishrei) NO Bet Sefer | 30 (12 Tishrei) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study Pick up Lulav & Etrog in office 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG | | | |

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PROGRAMS ON HOLD DURING COVID

Join Women of TBA & Oakland Ruach Hadassah

ROSH CHODESH MEETING

SEPTEMBER 14 at 10AM

Monthly meetings on a Monday close to Rosh Chodesh and are facilitated by group members.

The reading is Chapter 6: The Lost Matriarch: Finding Leah in the Bible and Midrash, by Jerry Rabow. The link to Amazon is: https://www.amazon.com/Lost-Matriarch-Finding-Bible-Midrash-ebook/dp/B00LLSMVOI/ref=sr_1_1?keywords=the+lost+matriarch&qid=1552360304&s=digital-text&sr=1-1-catcorr

FREE. All East Bay women are invited to join.

For Zoom link: Amy Tessler at abtessler@comcast.net or (510) 482-1218

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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 currently working. The Audio Streaming is, too. Alternate ways to view video is either through the Youtube Channel or through the Facebook Live page of Temple Beth Abraham.

- **UPDATE** The Conservative movement's Law Committee has ruled that a virtual minyan can be accepted for the purposes of Mourner's Kaddish only. 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.
- **Monday and Thursday minyan, 8:00 AM**, will be livestreamed on TBA Facebook pages, and YouTube. The video comes from the Sanctuary. This service is approximately 40 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 75 to 80 minutes, and Kaddish names will be read toward the end.

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY with Rabbi Bloom

Contact rabbibloom@tbaoakland.org
for Zoom link

MAH JONGG (CURRENTLY ON HOLD)

Typically held on 2nd and 4th Shabbat of each month.

SHABBAT MISHPACHA WITH BECKY FRANK SEPT. 5 10:15AM ON ZOOM

Junior Congregation will return later this Fall.
Watch email for updates.