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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)*

PRAYERS FOR THE PROTECTION
and OPENING OF THE Heart

by Ya'akov Hakohen

send the DEW of Blessing,
the Dew of GRACE:

RENEW my DISPENSATION,
and Grant me length of
Days

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Monday & Thursday Morning Minyan

Zoom, 8:00 a.m.

Friday Morning

Gan Shabbat, 12:40 PM on Facebook

Friday Evening (Kabbalat Shabbat)

Facebook and YouTube, 6:15 p.m.

Candle Lighting Times (Friday)

May 7 7:47 pm

May 14 7:53 pm

May 21 7:59 pm

May 28 8:04 pm

Shabbat Morning

Facebook and YouTube, 9:30 a.m.

Torah Portions (Saturday)

May 1 *Emor*

May 8 *Mevarchim*

May 15 *Bamidbar*

May 22 *Nasso*

May 29 *Beha'alotcha*

If you missed it, watch on the TBA website: Video presentation from the **Yom HaShoah Commemoration-Hope and Resilience: Then and Now**

It is a moving tribute and commemoration with many of our TBA Holocaust survivors and the Second Generation Families.

Check it out on the website and thank you to all involved. May we never forget.

Coming your way for SHAVUOT:

24 hours of TORAH STUDY with the Rabbinical Assembly beginning May 16th at 9pm PDT to May 17th 9pm PDT

See the link information and presentations on the TBA website under "Events".

TEMPLE BETH ABRAHAM ANNUAL MEETING

MAY 23: 9:30 A.M.ON ZOOM

MORE INFORMATION INCLUDING ZOOM LINK, VIA EMAIL.

Services During Covid:

Morning Minyan moved to ZOOM virtual location.
8-9am on Monday and Thursday

CLICK HERE

Meeting ID & Passcode in Rayna's weekly emails.

Monday, May 3

Morning Minyan virtual Zoom location 8-9am

CLICK HERE

Meeting ID & Passcode in Rayna's weekly emails.

Tuesday, May 4

Virtual Bet Sefer 4pm

Wednesday, May 5

Weekly Text Study 9:00am **Click here** to contact Rabbi Bloom for the viewing platform

Adult Education Hebrew Decoding 7:00pm on Zoom-
Click here to sign up through Susan Simon

Thursday, May 6

Virtual Bet Sefer 4pm

Friday, May 7

Kabbalat Shabbat Virtual Service at 6:15pm

CLICK HERE OR can be accessed through the TBA website www.TBAoakland.org

Saturday, May 8

"A Taste of Text Study" Adult Education 9:00-9:30am.
Come gain some insight into the Torah.

CLICK HERE

Meeting ID & Passcode in Rayna's weekly emails.

Shabbat Virtual Service begins at 9:30am Service

CLICK HERE OR can be accessed through the TBA website at www.TBAoakland.org

Shabbat Mishpacha with children ages up to 5.
Watch emails for Zoom link 10:15am

Virtual Kiddush: bring your own food and gather after services for a WTBA Zoom for ALL

Link opens at 9:45am Service ends around 11am

CLICK HERE

Meeting ID & Passcode in Rayna's weekly emails.

Watch for Rayna's weekly Shabbat emails.

Join Women of TBA & Oakland Ruach Hadassah

ROSH CHODESH MEETING

**MONDAY, MAY 10
at 9:30 AM**

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

We are reading "The Five Books of Miriam, a Women's Commentary on the Torah".

Here is the link on Amazon

It is also available online through used bookstore sites or your local bookstore by special order.

FREE. All East Bay women are invited to join.

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

WEEKLY TEXT STUDY with Rabbi Bloom

Contact rabbibloom@tbaokland.org
for Zoom link

SHABBAT MISHPACHA WITH AMANDA & KAREN MAY 1 10:15AM ON ZOOM

Use Amazon and TBA will receive a percentage
Go to this link and enjoy your shopping!:

<http://smile.amazon.com/ch/94-1375793>



I would like to share a couple of pieces I wrote and read at services this year responding to contemporary events but based on the traditional Psalms, the original Jewish poetry.

From Righteous Anger to Righteous Compassion: An Interpretation of Psalm 109

Do not be silent, O God, who I love to praise.

But I am now stunned silent, and praise for anything escapes me at this moment.

For the mouth of a wicked man and the mouth of a deceitful man have opened upon me, and with words of hatred they have surrounded me and have fought with me.

Words matter. Words our leaders use matter. Great battles have been fought over words. My people have been slaughtered over words. And it is not words, but people, who in their hatred, stormed and surrounded our sacred Capitol today.

They have imposed upon me evil instead of good and hatred instead of my love.

And now I fear letting my anger and hatred drown out the love I know is supposed to be within me.

May his days be few, and may someone else take his office of dignity.

May dignity be restored to the office of leadership in a few days. For our nation's Founders, intoxicated themselves with love for You, God, intended to build a nation of laws, of peace, of honor, and of dignity.

But You, O God, my Lord, do with me for Your name's sake, for Your kindness is good; save me.

Help us to save our nation. Restore the good name of our United States. Do it for Your sake and for ours. And save me! Help me to remove the anger and pain that is in my heart at this moment, and bring me to a place of kindness and compassion.

For I am poor and needy, and my heart has died within me.

Help us extend our hands to the poor and needy, the hungry and the houseless. Keep our hearts from dying in front of those who need us the most.

I shall thank the Hashem exceedingly with my mouth, and among the many people I shall praise God.

I pray that I will be able to praise once again, and that "many" people will mean, not a mob, but a unity of brothers and sisters, all of us standing and singing together "Bayom hahu yihiyeh Adonai echad, ush'mo echad, that on that day Hashem shall be One, and God's name shall be one"

A Prayer for Asian Americans: Based on Psalm 5

Lead me, Hashem, in your righteousness because of my enemies,
For there is no sincerity in their mouth; in their heart is malice.

Our enemy is hatred, those who speak hate with their mouths, and those whose hate-filled hearts have led to violent acts of terror against Asian Americans.

Condemn them, O God, let them fall by their own counsels, cast them out for the multitude of their transgressions for they have rebelled against You.

An act of violence against any of your beloved children is an act against You, O God. The first Asian Americans arrived in this land in the 16th Century and have been an integral part of American society ever since. Their contributions have been manifold, across decades of time and a wide variety of fields. It is not they who need to be cast out, but those who treat them as outcasts. Asian Americans are our neighbors, our classmates, our colleagues, our friends, and our fellow Jews.

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Poetry? My interest begins with the Psalms

By David Goodwin

“Poetry” is an odd topic to write on if, like me, you spend your working days trying to figure out the meaning of dense prose (I represent corporations in disputes with their insurance companies). But there have been times when I read (and even tried to write) poetry.

For example, when I studied the Psalms as a child, I was surprised to find out that the Psalms were not just beautiful poems, but that some of them were acrostics: to think that 3,000 years ago, not only was there an alphabet but there was an alphabetical order, and there were Psalms (especially Psalm 22) written with the first letter of each verse following the letters of the alphabet. I learned how hard it was to write an acrostic verse when I was assigned the task of writing an acrostic psalm in biblical Hebrew as a final examination question. I did not get an “A.”

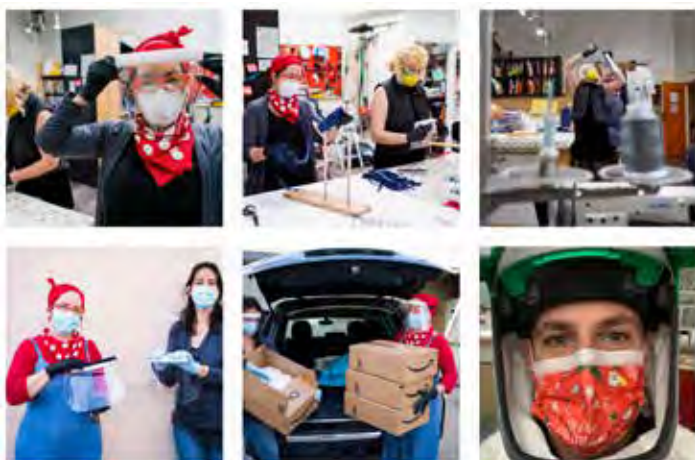
As to English verse, I used to envy my mother-in-law, who received a pre-World War II British education during which she memorized vast quantities of poetry. By the time I got to high school, it was unusual to study poetry, let alone memorize it, though I was lucky enough to have a superb English teacher who taught us Shakespeare’s sonnets and I can still conjure up “Shall I compare thee to a summer’s day?” and “Not marble, nor the gilded monuments/of princes shall outline this powerful rhyme.”

When I got to college, I loved John Donne who began his poems with thoughts on mortality but usually ended up with love poems (“As virtuous men pass mildly away / And whisper to their souls to go / While some of their sad friends do say / ‘The breath goes now,’ and some say ‘no.’”) and, at the opposite end of the spectrum, T.S. Eliot (“Unreal City/Under the brown fog of a winter dawn”). I then later moved to the World War I poets, like Siegfried Sassoon (“Clumsily bowed / With bombs and guns and shovels and battle gear / Men jostle and climb to meet the bristling fire / Lines of grey, muttering faces, masked with fear / They leave the trenches, going over the top / While time ticks blank”). I also devoured Allen Ginsberg’s poetry, like Kaddish, in memory of his mother (“Strange now to think of you, gone without corsets & eyes, while I walk on the sunny pavement of Greenwich Village.”).

These days, if I have a favorite poet, it probably is Matthew Arnold, one of the great Victorian poets (though less well remembered today than Tennyson or Browning), who conjures up places and times like few others (“Listen! you hear the grating roar / Of pebbles which the waves draw back and fling / At their return, up the high strand / Begin, and cease, and then again begin / With tremulous cadence slow, and bring / The eternal note of sadness in.”).

And then, there sometimes is poetry in prose, like this very common, but rather old fashioned, clause from insurance policies that cover ships, in which the insurance company promises to cover “perils consequent on, or incidental to, the navigation of the sea, that is to say, perils of the sea, fire, war perils, pirates, rovers, thieves, captures, seizures, restraints, and detainments of princes and peoples, jettisons, barratry, and any other perils, either of the like kind or which may be designated by the policy.” Blank verse, perhaps?





Do Not Wait A Single Moment to Improve the World

By Angela Engel

“How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.”

— Anne Frank

Over the past year, businesses have pivoted in order to survive and thrive. In-person art and floral arranging classes moved online, curbside food pick-up became the norm, and “try it before you buy it” online shopping was welcomed: In the case of my company, The Collective Book Studio, our team learned how to pivot by building philanthropy into the business model while still publishing books. In a recent interview on the Third Place

Podcast, I shared how I bridged my passion for giving back with my entrepreneurial spirit to engage my network and launch a campaign for building lifesaving PPE at the start of the COVID-19 outbreak.

My childhood best friend was a doctor on the frontlines without PPE, and I knew I had to help him. I joined forces with my friend, Jeanne Henzel Swartz, to find a way to give back. . With a GoFundMe campaign, funds from San Francisco Labor Union, and our own publicity, we raised over \$36,000 to turn an upholstery shop, Joona Fabriculture Upholstery, into a full-time PPE factory.

The fund helped create 10,000 face shields which were put directly into the hands of medical professionals across the country. These shields were delivered to the frontlines throughout California, Minnesota, New York, Georgia, Tennessee, Colorado, and the Navajo Nation in New Mexico/Arizona.

The most incredible component was the community we built. We established a relationship with AMT COVID-19 Relief Fund, and helped raise awareness around the issue of PPE products for not only the first responders but also how they serve OB GYN departments, testing centers, janitorial staff, front line workers and other vulnerable communities.

In Judaism, we have a concept called “tikkun olam,” or “repairing the world.” It means bringing the world together, piece by piece, through acts of kindness, charity,

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Mazel Tov to congregant Dara Pincas x2

This news about congregant Dara Pincas comes by way of her proud husband, Oded Pincas:

Dara was recently appointed to the Board of Directors of the JCC East Bay in recognition of her commitment to and leadership in the Jewish community.

Dara was also given by Genentech the 2021 Healthcare Businesswomen's Association Rising Star Award in recognition of her outstanding leadership and significant contributions to the life science and healthcare industries. Dara is the leader of the 40-lawyer group at Genentech, which provides FDA regulatory and healthcare law advice. Prior to that, Dara was the Regional Legal Director for the Global Innovative Pharmaceuticals Unit for Pfizer. Dara has served in private practice, as a Federal Prosecutor, and completed a Clerkship in The White House, Office of Counsel to the President under Clinton. Dara received her J.D. from the University of Michigan and her B.A. from Tufts University. She is originally from New York City, lived in Israel for 8 years, speaks four languages, and is married with two sons. She is a member of Temple Beth Abraham, sits on the Board at Contra Costa Jewish Day School, and was on the Board at the American International School in Israel.



Kol HaKavod, Karen Llamas!

This year we celebrate one of our Gan Teachers, Karen Llamas on her 13th year at the Gan. Karen brings kavanah/intention to everything she does. She is a leader and mentor among her colleagues and shows a strong commitment to the children and families. Karen also holds one half of the Family Engagement Liaison role, bridging school to home during the holidays and throughout the year and has helped keep Shabbat Mishpacha happening virtually during the pandemic.

Thank you, Karen, for 13 amazing years of growth.

Kol HaKavod!

May 16 eve through May 18 eve

Chag Shavuot Sameach!

A Very Fine Mess – Whipped Cream Dessert with Cake and Berries

By Faith Kramer

May brings us Mother's Day and Shavuot, an ancient wheat harvest holiday that now celebrates the giving of the Torah. This year Mother's Day is Sunday, May 9, and Shavuot is observed from the evening of Sunday, May 16, until the evening of Tuesday, May 18.

This rich no-bake dessert is full of flavor. Made with two different flavors of whipped cream it honors the Shavuot tradition of eating dairy foods and is a special enough dessert for any Mother's Day lunch or brunch.

The recipe came about when I didn't have any time to make a dessert for a special occasion and the local store bakery's shelves were bare. I grabbed some jars, whipping cream, a plain pound cake, and a box of berries from the market and my Whipped Cream Dessert with Cake and Berries came into being. I vary the jam and berries according to what's available and have used pound cake (including defrosted frozen), sponge cake, angel food cake, lady fingers, and once, chunks of madeleine cookies as the dessert's base. The dessert is somewhat reminiscent of an English trifle without the custard or an Eton Mess without the meringues; although I do I sometimes add 8 to 10 mini meringues alongside the berries on top of the dessert just before serving.

Whatever you call it, I hope you will also enjoy it as I do.



WHIPPED CREAM DESSERT WITH CAKE AND BERRIES

Serves 8

To make individual servings, cut the cake into smaller pieces and layer the ingredients in parfait glasses or dessert dishes.

To make gluten free, use gluten-free cake.

- 3 cups heavy whipping cream, divided
- 1/4 cup confectioners' sugar, divided
- 1/4 cup plus 2 Tbs. seedless blackberry jam or preserves (See note)
- 1/4 cup + 2 Tbs. lemon curd (purchased or homemade)
- 4 cups (1-inch cubes) pound or other sturdy, unfrosted cake
- 3 cups blackberries, rinsed and dried
- 1 Tbs. minced fresh mint
- 2 Tbs. grated lemon zest

Put 1 1/2 cups of whipping cream in a chilled, large mixing bowl with 2 Tbs. confectioners' sugar. With an electric hand or stand mixer beat on high, scraping bowl as needed, until peaks form and don't collapse when the beater is lifted out of the cream but the whipped cream still soft and creamy and not grainy. Put the jam in a medium bowl and stir to loosen it. Fold in one or two large spoons full of the whipped cream and gently combine. Fold the jam mixture into the whipped cream and gently stir until combined. Set aside.

Clean and dry mixer beaters. In a second large, chilled bowl, add the remaining 1 1/2 cups cream and 2 Tbs. sugar. Whip as described above. Put lemon curd in a

medium bowl. Stir to loosen. Fold in one or two large spoons full of whipped cream and gently combine. Fold the curd mixture into the whipped cream and gently stir until just combined.

On the bottom for a large, clear, glass serving bowl, scatter 1 cup of cake cubes and 1/2 cup of the berries. Spoon half of the blackberry whipped cream on top, being sure to cover all the cake cubes. Scatter another cup of the cake and 1/2 cup berries on top of that. Spoon half of the lemon curd whipped cream on top. Top that with another cup of cake and 1/2 cup of berries. Spoon remaining blackberry whipped cream on top. Top with the remaining 1 cup cake cubes and 1/2 cup berries. Top with remaining lemon curd whipped cream. Top with remaining 1 cup berries.

While the dessert can be served immediately, I recommend refrigerating it covered with plastic wrap for a few hours so the flavors meld and cake softens. It can be made up to 8 hours in advance and refrigerated. Serve garnished with mint and lemon zest.

Notes: Most blackberry jams or preserves will give the whipped cream a lovely dusty lavender color. If yours doesn't, the whipped cream will still taste wonderful. Choose a premium brand for the most colorful results.

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. She is the author of the upcoming 52 Shabbats: Friday Night Dinners Inspired by a Global Jewish Kitchen (coming November 2021 from The Collective Book Studio). Contact her at fjkramer@msn.com



From the co-President

I want to take this moment to thank WTBA, for the opportunity to serve as co-President during the last two years. It has indeed been interesting but also challenging to lead a vibrant organization during a pandemic. We had to find new ways to interact, to touch each other and how to be creative. I have learnt a lot during these times and I am very grateful for that. It has also been apparent to me how diverse our group is which is certainly generating dynamic out-of-the-box thinking.

I am wishing the new Board of WTBA best of luck in its future strive for new learnings, social interaction and Tikkun Olam.

L'Shalom and thanks again, Bella Gordon

Presenting The New WTBA Board:

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At Large

Rachel Dornhelm

Kelsi Perttula

Amy Schoenblum

Upcoming events in May

GNO via Zoom

Baking Burekas, Monday May 10th at 7:30 pm

In honor of Shavuot 2021, our amazing chef, Aliza Grayevsky Somekh, will show us how to prepare Burekas. Details to follow.

Cardio exercise class, Sunday, May 23rd, at 4 pm.

Curbside Coronavirus Cardio class with energetic Lisa Fernandez! The class is basic cardio and "step" class, either on your outside steps or sidewalk curb.

Game night Thursday, June 10th, at 7:30 pm

Maya Rath and Jeanne Korn will lead us in a night of fun and games. Details to follow

We are so looking forward to seeing you at our events.

Donations: In March and April we collected donations for local charities. Thank you all so much for contributing. In May and June, we will ask for donations for the TBA's schools, The Gan and Bet Sefer.

Bingo Volunteers needed!

We hope you are able to help us run the Bingo program at Reutlingers! We are looking for volunteers to come in person for bingo on the first Wednesday of the month. In order to volunteer you must be fully vaccinated. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer. Contact Stacy Margolin at Stasch.margolin@gmail.com or 510-499-4414.

Past Events

Thank you Karen Bloom for leading The Annual Book Recommendation GNO. The booklist will be shared with you soon. Stay tuned!

Thank you Rabbi Natasha for leading us in a very special Sunday learning. We learned about the Greek symposium and what The Afikomen really is about. It was as always delightful to learn with her.

We also want to thank all the wonderful musicians: Alden Cohen (double bass), Jennifer Ellis (harp), Jonathan Ring (French horn), Debbie and Ward Spangler (violin and percussion/solo percussion) for sharing their amazing musical talents with the TBA community. We are so grateful to the beautiful performance.

Ongoing Events

Rosh Chodesh group (monthly)

Next meeting is Monday May 10 at 9:30 am

"The Five Books of Miriam, a Women's Commentary on the Torah"

Zoom : Meeting ID: 836 8288 4451 | Passcode: 455862

Contact Amy Tessler for more information

TBA's Book Club (monthly) Mondays 7:30 pm

We will meet via Zoom. For more information, contact Judy Glick judyglick@gmail.com.

Reiki & Meditation, Tuesdays 7:00 pm-7:30 pm

With Bella Gordon

No experience needed. Everyone is most welcome to join.

Meeting ID: 841 3276 7877 | Passcode: Bella

World Dance for All With Leia Cash

Every Sunday at 4:00 pm - 5:00 pm (PST)

Meeting ID: 843 7384 8949 | Passcode: 917772

leia@worlddanceforall.com

The Gan takes a "trip" to Israel

By Rachel Fenyes

A few weeks ago, we took a Gan trip to Israel and saw all the sites. We left prayers and wishes at the Kotel. We shopped at the shuk. We experimented with sink & float in the Dead Sea. And we played with the animals on the kibbutz. Oh, and we cannot forget about the delicious falafel. It has been a joy to watch the children engage in the incredible provocations our amazing teachers set up for them and to see how excited they are to one day visit their Jewish homeland. Kol Hakavod to our teachers, they really are the best! We ended our week with an all-school celebration, in blue and white, singing Israeli songs, learning Israeli dances, and of course singing our way into Shabbat.

During the week of Yom Ha'Atzmaut I listened to many versions of Israel's National Anthem – Hatikvah (hope).

From Barbra Streisand to the Maccabeats. The lyrics are adapted from a poem written by Naftali Herz Imber and reflect the 2000-year-old hope of returning to the land of Israel. No matter where you stand on the matter, we all can relate and reflect on the notion of HOPE. We find ourselves in a moment that in the last year plus, we could only long for; a time to feel hopeful. Hatikvah is about the longing in the hearts of the Jewish people and about not giving up hope that one day we will all be together. This feels relevant to our Gan community as California continues to move in the right direction of decreasing Covid cases and deaths and increasing vaccinations. As we prepare for summer and next school year, we are hopeful that we will be celebrating all together soon.



In an airplane to Israel.



Getting our passports stamped.



The Dead Sea is so salty!!!



Shopping at the shuk.



Putting a message into the Kotel.

Bet Sefer is back in person

By Susan Simon

Roses are red
Bet Sefer was blue
Because tiny boxes on a computer
Aren't a substitute for you

We're back now in person
With smiles and great joy
So glad to learn with you
Each teacher, girl and boy.

Welcome back!!!



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Gerald & Ruby Hertz, in memory of Herman Hertz

Pola Silver Teen Holocaust Education Trip Fund

Halley Kish, in honor of Evie's Baby Naming

Ron & Adele Ostomel, in memory of Pola Silver

Todd Ostomel, in memory of Sam and Pola Silver

Todd Ostomel, in memory of Shirley Silver

May Yahrziets

המקום ינחם אתכם בתוך שאר אבלי ציון וירושלים

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

19 - 25 IYAR**May 1- 7**

Elaine Ehrenkranz
Clarice Ackrish Fanning
Annie Grutman
Gussie Kassels
Eunice Kelly
Samuel Schecht
Manuel Wasserman
Helen Bromberg
Dorothy Goldberg
Farangiz "Frances"
Nour-Omid
Pauline Zehnqut
Leslie Berger
Jack Fass
Robert Hyman
Irving Podolsky
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
Julie Gusfield
Malvin Weiss
Irwin Goldberg
Bernard King
Sylvia Good Margolin
Jeanette Strassman
Morow
Ernest Sherne
David Wolffs

26 IYAR - 3 SIVAN**May 8 - 14**

Dora Davidson
Leonard Glasser
Esther Morris
Charles Naggar
Rose Sherman
Eve Tobin
Samuel Bercovich
Rozelina Van Gelder
Betty DeLugach
Shirley Dorfman
Leslie Joseph Belikoff
Morris Elchanan Belikoff
Avram Brisky
Sophie Couzin
Rakel Kantola
Veikko Kantola
Melvin Rifkin
Benjamin Silberman
Alexander Wallis
Huguett Dayan
Anne Kaplan
Jack Lehman
Endre Balint
Sidney Greenstein
Jack Jeger
Rene Nathan
Henry Ring
David Riskin
Sylvia Stein
Robert Berger
Alex Harris
George Morris
Molly Bauer Silverman
4 - 10 SIVAN
May 15 - 21
George Afterman
Andrew Gooden
Lena Kestenblatt
Shira Weisbach

Max Davidson
Anne Gould
Ida Miron
Aaron and Laura Blau
Henry Brentwood Henzel
Roland Breslov
Samuel Burnstein
Stanley Klimen
Whitney Ormsby
Ronni Rosenberg
Ruth Siver
Elynore "Skip" Harris
Meyer Kapler
Aaron Kobel
J. Dorothy Stanfield
Robert Bornstein
Allen M. Brodke
Sarah Hertz
Morris Morrison
Rolf Schlesinger
Minna Bakar
Lena Cohen
Irving (Sunny Boy) Clar
Esther De Vorin
Morris Epstein
Ruth Garfinkle
Joan Kramer
Reuben Kronick
Jack Spritzer
Cecelia Stone
11 - 17 SIVAN
May 22 - 28
Abraham Goldenhar
Irene Lasar
Martha Lerch
Abraham Silver
Phillip Weinstein
Mannie Moshe Barsel
Fred Knauer
Mr. Muthuramalingam
Gwynn Simon

Abraham Blumberg
Zelda Jacobs
Ruth Manasse
Minnie Goldstein
Martin Rockmaker
Lippi Streiffer
Joseph White
Diana Bereskin
Kathe Biglovsky
Vivian Glick
Harry Reingold
Anna Riskin
David Rosenzweig
Ray Baim
Robert Davis
Jack Gerber
Hyman Gurman
Sy Harris
Sophie Podolsky
Sidney Shaffer
Morris Unterberger
David Yaron
Nathan Brody
Fanny Naggar
Leo Selinger
18 - 20 SIVAN
May 29 - 31
Coleman Bloomfield
Haja Blymenkrantz
Albert Gould
Lee Aerenson
Ida Nathan Barnett
Lenya Kobuzyatskiy
Raymond Mogill
Jennie Epstein
Ann Frankel
Kenneth Gordon
Harry Hankin
Bernice G. Hanno
Morris Weiss

Recent Deaths in Our Community

Lou Schotland, Father of Marvin (Sandy) Schotland

John Myers Allswang, Father of Eden (Marc) Bruner

May Birthdays

MAY 1 - 7

Lauren Davis
Ariel Karwat
Ilya Okh
Stephen Tessler
Liliana Bloch
Danielle Jurow
Reuben Liron
Oscar Mendelson
Patricia Motzkin
Jerome Turchin
Elias Levy
Irene Meklin
Eva Rosenberg
Wren Karol Eng
Jacob Kubalik
Paul Raskin
Lior Remler
Jeremy Fisher
Juliette Linzer
Liz Willner
Rachel Dornhelm
Etaï Weininger

Michelle Oppen
Michael Selvidge
Sonny Berelowitz
Elyse Gilbert
Warren Gould
Aesa Masliyah
Nathaniel Popper
Annie Brashem
Camille Edesess
Amy Gerard
Gary Kramer
Anna Morris
Lori Rosenthal
Kayden Foster
Jessica Kessler
Cara Spangler
Cynthia Berrol
Maya Harlev
Noah Kramer
Steven Zatzkin
Isaac Brown
Jordan Rothe
Sharon Alva
Richard Dornhelm

Jeff Ilfeld
Dor Kagan
Kerry Segal
Leah Skiles
Emily Karwat
Marieka Schotland
Chen Blatman
Eliza Kauffman
Stuart Korn
Steven Berl
Heidi Bersin
Judy Bloomfield
Benjamin Hoffman
Rebecca Johnson
Joseph Maidenberg
Peter Miller
Bruce von Kugelgen
Liana Barach
Ephraim Margolin
Sabrina Seal
Stephen Tobias
Sarah Applebaum
Joshua Bersin
Jordan Gerstler-Holton

Celia Hill
Eva Paul
Maria Pinkhasov
Myriam Bayen
Arel Zachary Masliyah
Renat Engel
Lia Epelman
Josh Mailman
Outi Gould
Anne Levine
Sarah Miller
Samantha Spielman
Ariel Klein
JB Leibovitch
Rebecca Rosenthal
Olivia Sanders
Ezra Graham
Eli Kelley
Jeremy Kruger
Jerrold Levine
Zea Lindenbaum
Ava Remler
Howard Zangwill

MAY 8 - 14

Eli Arriaga Klein
Richard Feldman
Dan Harris
Avi Joseph
Naomi Kottle
Judith Levy

MAY 15 - 21

Edan Alva
Kerry Demme
Maya Engel
David Gould

MAY 22 - 28

Leon Bloomfield
David Feldhammer
Dan Shaked
Michael Golub

MAY 29 - 31

S. Morris Goldberg
Doreen Alper
Aaron Belikoff
Emily Geagan

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

Welcome New Members:

Miguel Braojos & Yadhira Silva

Minyan

Minyan will continue Monday on Zoom and Thursday in person in the Sanctuary.

- TBA waiver must be of file with TBA. This will be checked at the door. I have attached the waiver please sign and return to Virginia@TBAoakland.org
- At all times, wear masks over the mouth and nose regardless of vaccination status.
- Enter through the front doors of TBA on MacArthur Blvd (you may park in the parking lot). No entrance through the Chapel since Gan Avraham is in session.
- No food or drink will be allowed to facilitate the wearing of masks through the davening.
- Spread out in the sanctuary to allow 6 feet distance between pods.
- Davening aloud will be determined by number of people and distance. Rabbi will advise at service.

Bet Sefer

Bet Sefer will begin with a few classes each day in person. Susan has prepared a schedule and families have been notified.

- All classes will be held outside in the Murray Davis Courtyard, Grass area and/or the Baum Center parking lot.
- Masks will be worn, at all times, by both teachers and students.
- Entrance and Pick up through the EUCLID Gate only
- Bring water bottles if you wish. No food will be allowed.

From the Rabbi, continued from page 4

For you are not a God that takes pleasure in wickedness, nor shall evil dwell with You.

God, please allow your love and light to drown out the evil and wickedness in our midst.

But as for me, I will come into Your house with a multitude of love.

Let us remember that it is our duty to “love our neighbors as ourselves,” and let us show this love to our fellow Americans in a multitude of ways.

For you, Hashem, do bless the righteous. You encircle him with favor as with a shield.

Blessed are You, O God, Shield of Abraham, Encircler of boundless love, and Foundation of all that is just, righteous, and true.

From PPE, continued from page 6

and gratitude. But Tikkun Olam is also about recognizing light in the darkness, and seeing the good in the world instead of focusing on the negative.

It is the accumulation of our small intentional acts of kindness that create real change. The Talmud teaches us that if you save one life, you save the whole world. By aiming to protect one doctor, we ended up saving countless other medical professionals and patients.

I am no stranger to a challenge in both my personal and professional life. Over five years ago I gave up a full-time job to establish my own independent woman-owned publishing company, The Collective Book Studio.

In my role as the founder of a new business, I took my experience with the PPE GoFundMe to help my authors in their own quests to give back. Our author, Viola Sutanto, was on a mission of gratitude and wanted to donate a portion of the proceeds from the sale of her book to the UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital in Oakland, CA,

where her daughter Maika underwent treatments. I used my experience with GoFundMe and helped her envision a campaign to raise money for her book Eat Cake for Breakfast: And 99 Other Small Acts of Happiness, releasing July 2021.

In order to raise awareness for UCSF, we will be spearheading a publicity and social media campaign. Follow @thecollectivebookstudio @chewingthecudagain to stay updated on the project and actionable steps to help.

If you would like to read more about these campaigns, you can find them here:

[GoFundMe PPE Face Shields](#)

[Eat Cake for Breakfast and 99 Other Small Acts of Happiness](#)

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CALENDAR

May 2021			19 IYAR – 18 SIVAN 5781			
SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 (19 Iyar) <u>Parashat Emor</u> Bat Mitzvah of Talia Gordon 9:00am Adult Text Study 9:30am Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 10:15am Shabbat Mishpacha via zoom 8:42p Havdalah (42 min)
2 (20 Iyar)	3 (21 Iyar) 8:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom	4 (22 Iyar) 4:00pm Bet Sefer in person for Mechina, Alef & Bet	5 (23 Iyar) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 6:00pm 10 th Grade Tichon 7:00pm Adult Hebrew Level 2 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG	6 (24 Iyar) 8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary 4:00pm Bet Sefer in person Hay, Vav & Zayin in person	7 (25 Iyar) 5:00pm Children's Shabbat 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 7:47p Candle lighting	8 (26 Iyar) <u>Shabbat Mevarchim Chodesh Sivan</u> <u>Parashat Behar-Bechukotai</u> 9:00am Adult Text Study 9:30am In Person with RSVP required & Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 8:23p Havdalah (42 min)
9 (27 Iyar)	10 (28 Iyar) Yom Yerushalayim 8:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom 9:30am Rosh Chodesh via zoom: 7:30pm WTBA Girls Night Out	11 (29 Iyar) 4:00pm Virtual Bet Sefer	12 (1 Sivan) Rosh Chodesh Sivan 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Adult Hebrew Level 2 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG	13 (2 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary	14 (3 Sivan) Gan closed for professional training day 5:00pm Children's Shabbat 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 7:53p Candle lighting	15 (4 Sivan) <u>Parashat Bamidbar</u> Bat Mitzvah of Sophia Posamentier 9:00am Adult Text Study 9:30am Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 8:29p Havdalah (42 min)
16 (5 Sivan) Ever Shavuot 7:55p Candle lighting	17 (6 Sivan) Shavuot I Gan & Office closed for Shavuot 9:30am Shavuot Day 1 Service 8:56p Candle lighting	18 (7 Sivan) Shavuot II Gan & Office closed for Shavuot 9:30am Shavuot Day 2 Service 8:58 Havdalah	19 (8 Sivan) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Adult Hebrew Level 2 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG	20 (9 Sivan) Ta'anit Bechorot 8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary	21 (10 Sivan) 5:00pm Children's Shabbat 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat 7:59p Candle lighting	22 (11 Sivan) <u>Parashat Nasso</u> 9:00am Adult Text Study 9:30am In Person with RSVP required & Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 9:00p Havdalah (42 min)
23 (12 Sivan) 9:30am 'BA Annual Meeting via zoom 4:00pm WTBA curbside cardio class via zoom 7:30pm TBA Film Series	24 (13 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom	25 (14 Sivan) 7:30pm TBA Board Meeting	26 (15 Sivan) 9:00am Virtual Weekly Text Study 7:00pm Adult Hebrew Level 2 7:00pm Virtual BBYO – AZA & BBG	27 (16 Sivan) 8:00am Morning Minyan in Sanctuary 7:30pm TBA Book Club via Zoom	28 (17 Sivan) 6:15pm Virtual Kabbalat Shabbat	29 (18 Sivan) <u>Parashat Beha'alotcha</u> Bat Mitzvah of Maya Engel 9:00am Adult Text Study 9:30am Virtual Shabbat Services followed by Zoom Kiddush 8:04p Candle lighting
30 (19 Sivan)	31 (20 Sivan) Office & Gan closed for Memorial Day 8:00am Morning Minyan via Zoom					9:06p Havdalah (42 min)