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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom to all:

Indeed! Another year in the lives of our Jewish People is going to end soon. It has been a year in which hatred against Jews all over the world, and Israelis in particular, reached a climax, which I had never experienced before. What baffled me in particular, while watching live television interviews with angry individuals during anti-Israel and anti-Jews demonstrations in the U.S., as well as in other countries around the world, was the fact that most of the "Jew-Haters" knew almost nothing about the Jewish people nor the background of the past and present conflicts in the Middle East.

Are we Jews going to experience the "same-old, same-old antisemitism" in the coming Jewish New Year? You bet!



Dov Gottesfeld

We've been in that movie before... for centuries... and we are still here. I do not exaggerate if I say that the world cannot do without us Jews. Whom are the anti-Semites are going to blame for everything that they themselves, made go wrong in their own lives?

Can't they realize that we – the Jews – mastered the art of survival on this planet Earth for centuries after our ancestors were exiled from our ancient land of Canaan, so that, their offspring, "us", would one day return to that land?

And WE did. And WE built an incredible country – Israel. On land that we purchased with money from the descendants of those conquerors who exiled us from that land.

And Yes! We also paid the price with our own blood. Jewish blood to reestablish our ancient home.

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October Schedule of Services:

October 2nd Rabbi Gottesfeld (Erev Rosh Hashanah) (7:00PM)
October 3rd Rosh Hashanah I (10:00AM)
October 4th Rosh Hashanah II (10:00AM)
October 4th Anita Friedman (Shabbat Shuvah) (7:30 PM)
October 11th Rabbi Gottesfeld (Kol Nidre) (7:30 PM)
October 18th Anita Friedman (Sukkot) (7:30 PM)
October 25th Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (Simchat Torah) (7:30 PM)

Educational Activities

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

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Here is how one of Israel's National Poets – Natan Alterman – put it in his Poem “The Silver platter” Translator: David P. Stern :

...And the land will grow still
Crimson skies dimming, misting
Slowly paling again
Over smoking frontiers
As the nation stands up
Torn at heart but existing
To receive its first wonder
In two thousand years

As the moment draws near
It will rise, darkness facing Stand straight in the
moonlight
In terror and joy

...When across from it step out
Towards it slowly pacing in plain sight of all
A young girl and a boy
Dressed in battle gear, dirty
Shoes heavy with grime
On the path they will climb up
While their lips remain sealed
To change garb, to wipe brow
They have not yet found time
Still bone weary from days
And from nights in the field

Full of endless fatigue
And all drained of emotion
Yet the dew of their youth
Is still seen on their head
Thus like statues they stand
Stiff and still with no motion
And no sign that will show
If they live or are dead

Then a nation in tears
And amazed at this matter
Will ask: who are you?
And the two will then say
With soft voice: We–
Are the silver platter
On which the Jews' state
Was presented today

Then they fall back in darkness
As the dazed nation looks
And the rest can be found
In the history books.

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AM ISRAEL CHAI. THE PEOPLE OF ISRAEL ARE
ALIVE, AND WILL ENDURE.

Wishing you all - Shanah Tovah Um'tukah. A Happy
and a Sweet New Year.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

September 29, 2024

President's Column – Frank Young



JEWISH WAR HEROES

Jews have fought in every skirmish, battle, and war from the American Revolutionary War to the war in Afghanistan and Iraq. The Congressional Medal of Honor is awarded by the President to American warriors for valor above and beyond the call of duty. The Medal is typically presented by the President of the United States of America in the name of Congress. It is awarded for outstanding heroism in battle.



-Frank Young, president of TBE

William Shemin was born in Bayonne, New Jersey, Oct. 14, 1896 to Russian Jewish immigrants. He played semi-pro basketball and in 1914 graduated from New York State Ranger School. He worked as a forester in Bayonne.

Six months after the United States entered World War I, Shemin enlisted in the Army, Oct. 2, 1917. He went through basic training at Camp Greene in North Carolina. He was then assigned to the 4th Infantry Division in France.

While serving as a rifleman during heavy fighting, he took command of his platoon when senior non-commissioned officers became casualties, until he himself was wounded. He was hospitalized for three months. After his recovery he served light with the Army of Occupation and was honorably discharged in August 1919,

Back home, he went to New York State College of Forestry at Syracuse University. After graduation, he started a greenhouse and landscaping business in Bronx, New York, where he raised three children. Shemin died in 1973, in Syracuse, New York.

The citation is the official government statement of his *conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity* and reads:

“Sergeant William Shemin distinguished himself by extraordinary acts of heroism at the risk of his life above and beyond the call of duty while serving as a Rifleman with G Company, 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 4th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, in connection with combat operations against an armed enemy on the Vesle River, near Bazoches, [France](#), from August 7 to August 9, 1918. Sergeant Shemin, upon three different occasions, left cover and crossed an open space of 150 yards, repeatedly exposing himself to heavy machine-gun and rifle fire, to rescue wounded. After officers and senior noncommissioned officers had become casualties, Sergeant Shemin took command of the platoon and displayed great initiative under fire until wounded on August 9. Sergeant Shemin's extraordinary heroism and selflessness, above and beyond the call of duty, are in keeping with the highest traditions of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself, with G Company, 2d Battalion, 47th Infantry Regiment, 4th Division, American Expeditionary Forces, and the United States Army.”

Sources: Congressional Medal of Honor Society, National Museum of American Jewish Military History, The United States Army and Wikipedia

BREAK-THE-FAST VOLUNTEERS (As of September 30, 2024)

Date of BREAK-THE-FAST is OCTOBER 12, 2024

ITEM	VOLUNTEERS
FRUIT SALAD:	
FRESH FRUIT	Ken Wolf
PICKLED BEETS:	Mike Sachs
POTATO SALAD:	Mike Sachs
TUNA SALAD:	Gloria Aguilar
TOSSSED GREEN SALAD & VEGGIES:	Diane Borad-Mirken
CUCUMBER SALAD:	Rae McCready
DEVILED EGGS:	Myra Wapner
FRUIT PLATTER:	Medrano Family, Robert Juarez
CHEESE PLATTER:	
BLINTZ CASSEROLE:	Anita Friedman
KUGEL:	
KUGEL:	
2 TRAYS POACHED SALMON:	Maria Aguilar
SLICED BAGELS:	Medina Family
SLICED BAGELS:	
ONE PACKAGE CREAM CHEESE:	Myra Wapner
CREAM CHEESE:	
LOX:	Medina Family
LOX:	
LOX:	
SLICED TOMATOES:	Sari Almaguar
SLICED ONIONS:	Sari Almaguar
4 JARS GEFILTE FISH:	Robert Juarez
HERRING:	
PICKLES & OLIVES:	Joy Cook
4 BOTTLES APPLE JUICE:	Rae McCready
RICE PUDDING:	Medrano Family
APPLE PIE:	
CAKE:	Nakiah Burnes
BROWNIES:	Nakiah Burnes
YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOKLETS:	Marsha Epstein
OTHER:	
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SERVICE	
SET UP TABLES:	Frank Young
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SET UP CHAIRS:	
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Dear Members of Temple Beth El,

August 18, 2024

Anita Friedman and I are planning for the coming High Holidays at the temple this year. We want to survey which services each of you plan to attend and whether you'd like to honor the High Holidays by reading English passages out loud from the Gates of Repentance Book and/or have an Aliyah. We started our call for volunteers to bring food items for the Break-the-Fast. This attendance survey will help us estimate how much food will be needed. Please check all applicable boxes below and return your responses to us as soon as possible.

Please print your name here: _____

Thank-you,

-Gary

Erev Rosh Hashanah: Wednesday, October 2nd, (7 pm to 9 pm)

We plan to come how many? (); We cannot come ; Not certain ;

We will read English passages ; We will just listen

Rosh Hashanah I: Thursday, October 3rd, (10 am to 1 pm)

We plan to come how many? (); We cannot come ; Not certain ;

We will read English passages ; Would like an Aliyah ; We will just listen ;

Tashlich (Thursday, October 3rd @ 4:00 pm) We plan to come

Rosh Hashanah II: Friday, October 4th, (10 am to 1 pm)

We plan to come how many? (); We cannot come ; Not certain ;

We will read English passages ; Would like an Aliyah ; We will just listen ;

Kol Nidre: Friday, October 11th, (7 pm to 9:30 pm)

We plan to come how many? (); We cannot come ; Not certain ;

We will read English passages ; We will just listen ;

Yom Kippur “AM”: Saturday, October 12th, (10 am to 1:30 pm)

We plan to come how many? (); We cannot come ; Not certain ;

We will read English passages ; Would like an Aliyah ; We will just listen ;

Yom Kippur “PM”: Saturday, October 12th, (4:30 pm to 7:30 pm)

Mincha 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm We plan to come ; How many? ()

Yizkor 5:30 pm to 6:00 pm. We plan to come ; How many? ()

Ne’ila 6:00 pm to 6:30 pm We plan to come ; How many? ()

Break-the-Fast 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm We plan to come ; How many? ()

We will read English passages ; Would like an Aliyah ; We will just listen ;

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Bulletin Briefs

October Birthdays

6	Anita Friedman
10	Sam Burg
13	Madeleine Burg
17	Aliya LeCover
19	Mia Levy
25	Diane Borad-Mirken
25	Allison Portney
30	Oceana Medina

Donations

Guillermo and Maria Aguilar
Gloria Aguilar
Hector and Blanca Arroyo
Raul and Amber Medina
For the High Holidays from Andi and Jeff Portney

Yizkor donations from:

Eric Berge
Diane Borad-Mirken
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Sid and Karen Goldstien
Seymour Hersh
Anne Kaver
Lori Meltzer-Sutton
Andi and Jeff Portney
Michael Sachs
Miriam Shrogin
Myra Wapner
Ken Wolf

Weekly Torah Portion Discussions and Shabbat services at Temple Beth El for TBE members whose main language is Spanish.

The Spanish-speaking portion of our membership meets just about every Saturday morning at the temple starting at 9:30 am. We use a Spanish/Hebrew prayer book and hold a Shabbat service and a discussion of the weekly portion in Spanish. We are not a separate group from the temple (TBE) membership but are members of it whose main language is Spanish and feel that this space creates for us a comfortable way to immerse ourselves in the study of the Torah. Everyone is welcome to join with us, even the English speaking who are striving to learn Spanish as well as our Jewish heritage. We are pleased that we have a space to accommodate our needs and we thank the Board of Directors who encouraged this. The leader of our group is Raul Medina (805) 922-4171 or (805) 868-8153).

Discusiones semanales de la porcion de la Tora y servicios de Shabat en el Templo Beth El para los miembros de TBE cuyo idioma principal es el español. Los miembros de habla hispana de nuestra sinagoga se reune casi todos los sabados por la mañana en el templo a partir de las 9:30 am. Usamos un libro de Rezos en espanol / hebreo y celebramos un servicio de Shabat y una discusion de la porcion semana en español. No somos un grupo separado de la sinagoga (TBE), sino que somos miembros de el cuyo idioma principal es el español y sentimos que este espacio crea para nosotros una manera comoda de sumergirnos en el estudio de la Tora. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros, incluso los de habla inglesa que se esfuerzan por aprender espanol, asi como nuestra herencia judia. Nos complace tener un espacio para acomodar nuestras necesidades y agradecemos a la Junta Directiva que permita esto. Para mas información comunicarse con Raúl Medina al 805-868-8153.

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood will not be meeting in October.

The Sisterhood gift shop has seen a substantial increase in business with holiday gift-giving. It's time to restock. If you have ideas for items that you would like to see or order, let me know.

Marsha Epstein

Brotherhood

The next Brotherhood meeting will be held on Sunday, October 6th, at 8:30 am. Join us for our famous breakfast of lox and bagels, eggs, muffins and extras. Our 179th Seminar starts at 9:30 am.

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

Gary Epstein

October Yartzheits

10/1/24	Leonard Fierman*			
10/2/24	Meyer Yasskin*			Brother of Trudy Resnick
10/3/24	Shadi Olevi Nourani*	1	Tishri	Mother of Dan Nourani*
10/5/24	Melissa Marshall			Sister of Frank Young
10/5/24	Maurice Roth*			Father of Arthur Roth
10/6/24	Bill LeVine	2	Heshvan	Uncle of Gary Epstein
10/8/24	Morris Yasskin*			Uncle of Miriam Shrogin
10/9/24	Miriam Gaon			Daughter of Bernice Gaon
10/10/24	Walter Koch	22	Tishri	Brother of Katherine (Hersh) Koch
10/10/24	Frieda Levy			Mother of Mary Goldiner
10/11/24	Kathlin Bakst			Mother of Leslie Bakst
10/11/24	Lilly Shulman			Mother of Bernice Gaon
10/13/24	Orey Y. Shrogin*			Father of Miriam Shrogin
10/14/24	Samuel Yasskin*			Father of Trudy Resnick
10/14/24	M.J. Salle	12	Tishri	Great Uncle of Jeff Portney
10/15/24	Ruth C. Stern			Sister of Howard Stern
10/15/24	Madeline Akronowitz*	13	Tishri	Wife of Len, Mother of Dove and Daniel
10/16/24	David Baer	14	Tishri	Cousin of Boots Hersh
10/19/24	Abraham Bakst			Father of Leslie Bakst
10/19/24	Lois Pawlan			Mother of Suzanne Levy
10/19/24	Abraham Rothstein	3	Heshvan	Stepfather of Gary Epstein
10/19/24	Bert Vincent	17	Tishri	Cousin of Ken Wolf
10/23/24	Jacob Simon*			Father of Nancy Evans
10/23/24	Leonard L. Kaunfer	21	Tishri	Father of Al Kaunfer
10/24/24	Ernest Kaplan*			Husband of Sylvia Kaplan
10/25/24	Matthew David Hersh	15	Heshvan	Nephew of Seymour and Boots Hersh
10/25/24	Enrique Vidales	21	Heshvan	Brother of Cesar Vidales
10/26/24	Bertha Rubenoff*			Mother of Lillian Tuman
10/27/24	John McManus	26	Tishri	Friend of Ron Levy
10/27/24	Sam Melman*			Father of Harvey Melman
10/27/24	Adele Mintzer	14	Heshvan	Aunt of Marsha Epstein
10/27/24	Stephen Schwartz*			Husband of Marjorie Schwartz
10/27/24	Mona Fern Naimark	25	Tishri	Grandmother of Bobby Naimark
10/28/24	Errin Berkowitz*	26	Tishri	Sister of Sari Almaguer & Abby Zangwill
10/28/24	Stanley Gollub	26	Tishri	Brother of Myra Wapner
10/29/24	Irwin (Irv) Boxer			Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein
10/29/24	Ruth M. Levy*	10	Heshvan	Wife of Stanley Levy
10/30/24	Ben Goldman			Brother-in-law of Irwin Wapner
10/30/24	Moshe Olevi Nourani*	28	Tishri	Father of Dan Nourani*
10/30/24	Jack Burton Sachs*	28	Tishri	Father of Michael Sachs

Months of Mourning

Colleen Farber	Niece of Phyllis Green	11/30/23
Harold Poliskin	Brother of Sharon Gottesfeld	11/30/23
Howard Stern	Husband of Beth Ladin	12/20/23
Shirley Wagner	Mother of Randy Wagner	1/27/24
Mel Kalish	Husband of Esther Kalish	7/30/24
Willis Oren Wagner	Father of Randy Wagner	8/30/24
Phyllis Green	Mother of Steven Green	9/17/24

OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 TBE Board meeting (7 PM)	2 Erev Rosh Hashanah (7 PM)	3 Rosh Hashanah I (10 AM) Also: Tashlich on Harford Pier at Port San Luis (4 PM) Also: Raúl Medina will lead Rosh Hashanah Seder (6 PM)	4 Rosh Hashanah II (10 AM) Also: Anita Friedman will lead Shabbat Shuva service (7:30 pm)	5 Raúl Medina leads Shabbat service & Torah study (9:30 AM) Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim class (10 AM)
6 Brotherhood Breakfast & 179th Seminar (8:30 AM) Also: Kever Avot at Santa Maria Cemetery (11 AM)	7	8	9	10	11 Kol Nidre (7 PM) No separate Shabbat service	12 Yom Kippur Morning service (10 AM) Also: Yom Kippur Afternoon Service (4:30 PM) Also: Yom Kippur Yizkor (5:30 PM) Also: Ne'ileh and Havdalah (6:00 PM) Break-the-Fast (6:30 PM)
13	14	15	16	17	18 Anita Friedman will lead Sukkot & Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	19 Raúl Medina leads Shabbat service & Torah study (9:30 AM) Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim class (10 AM)
20	21	22	23	24	25 Rabbi Gottesfeld will lead Simchat Torah & Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	26 Rabbi Gottesfeld will lead Torah discussion (10:30 AM) Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim class (10 AM)
27	28	29	30	31		