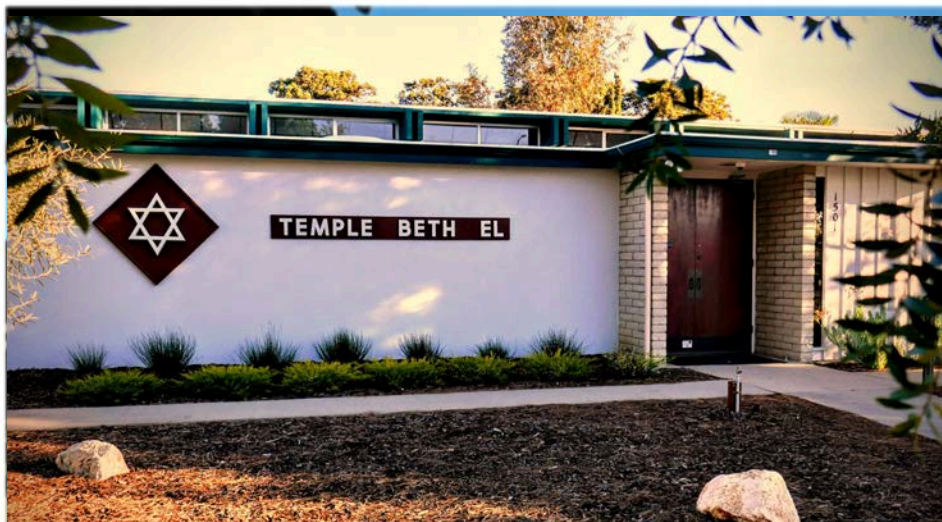


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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

"...and there was not a man to till the ground."
(Gen. 2:5)

Shalom to all:

It goes without saying, as the Torah specifies, that Humans were an essential component in the grand plan of the creation. Humans, as opposed to animals were assigned the function of "the care-takers" of the land of the earth by tilling it.

What is the purpose of tilling the ground?

"Tilling is the practice of aerating the soil to permit moisture and air to permeate, allowing seeds to germinate, encouraging root growth, controlling weed growth, and integrating fertilizers into the soil."
(Internet source)

If that "essential component" hadn't been included in the plan of creation, the world would have been one big jungle. Well, there is nothing wrong with a jungle.



Dov Gottesfeld

Many animals inhabit the jungle. Yet, as forestry increased many species of animals couldn't survive and became extinct, as well as vegetation.

Tilling the land is not only crucial, it is also an extremely hard work... which most humans, unfortunately do not appreciate, or give the appropriate measure of thanks to those who grow our food nowadays. Yet, those humans don't mince angry words when the prices of food increase. Perhaps if humans did not pollute the environment and the land food prices would not increase.

"In the sweat of your face shall you eat bread..."
(Gen:3:19)

Ask the farmers about that sweat – not to mention back aches- when collecting their diminishing harvest because of increasing global weather changes.

That's why Labor Day should be celebrated for real.

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September Schedule of Services:

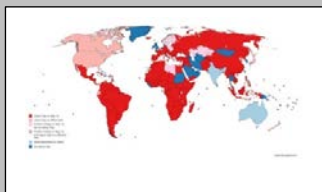
September 6th Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)
September 13th Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (7:30 PM)
September 20th Diane Borad-Mirken (7:30 PM)
September 27th TBA (7:30 PM)

Educational Activities

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

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Instead of going on 4-5 days vacations somewhere, humans ought to go to farms across the U.S. to give their men/women-power to farmers, and feel their sweat running down their faces. That would be the time when each one of us will say "I Hear America Singing."



Did you know that more than 160 countries celebrate Labor Day which they celebrate on May 1? By the time it became an official federal holiday in 1894, thirty states in the U.S. officially celebrated Labor Day.

Here are other Biblical quotes which express the importance of connecting with the land of our planet which we call Home.

"You shall eat the fruit of your labor of your hands; you shall be blessed, and it shall be well with you" (psalms 128:2)

"Nothing is better for a man than he should eat and drink, and that his soul should enjoy good in his labor." (Ecclesiastes 3:22)

"Before any plant of the field was in the earth and before any herb of the field had grown. For the LORD God had not caused it to rain on the earth, and there was no man to till the ground; but a mist went up from the earth and watered the whole face of the ground."(Genesis 2:5-15)

"Whoso is tilling the ground is satisfied [with] bread, and whoso is pursuing vanities is lacking heart." (Proverbs 12:11-21)

And finally, let us praise those Humans who use their hands in Labor.

I Hear America Singing by Walt Whitman 1819 – 1892

*I hear America singing, the varied carols I hear,
Those of mechanics, each one singing his as it should be
blithe and strong,
The carpenter singing his as he measures his plank or
beam, The mason singing his as he makes ready for
work, or leaves off work,
The boatman singing what belongs to him in his boat, the
deckhand singing on the steamboat deck,
The shoemaker singing as he sits on his bench, the hatter
singing as he stands, The wood-cutter's song, the
ploughboy's on his way in the morning, or at noon
intermission or at sundown,
The delicious singing of the mother, or of the young wife
at work, or of the girl sewing or washing,
Each singing what belongs to him or her and to none
else,*

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*The day what belongs to the day—at night the party of
young fellows, robust, friendly,
Singing with open mouths their strong melodious
songs.*

"This poem is in the public domain".

Blessed are your hands.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

September 2, 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 6, 2024)

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

| ITEM | VOLUNTEERS |
|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| FRUIT SALAD: | |
| PICKLED BEETS: | Mike Sachs |
| POTATO SALAD: | |
| TUNA SALAD: | Gloria Aguilar |
| TOSSED GREEN SALAD & VEGGIES: | Diane Borad-Mirken |
| CUCUMBER SALAD: | Rae McCready |
| DEVEILED EGGS: | |
| FRUIT PLATTER: | Medrano Family, Robert Juarez |
| CHEESE PLATTER: | |
| BLINTZ CASSEROLE: | |
| KUGEL: | |
| KUGEL: | |
| 2 TRAYS POACHED SALMON: | Maria Aguilar |
| SLICED BAGELS: | Medina Family |
| SLICED BAGELS: | |
| CREAM CHEESE: | |
| CREAM CHEESE: | |
| LOX: | Medina Family |
| LOX: | |
| LOX: | |
| SLICED TOMATOES: | Sari Almaguar |
| SLICED ONIONS: | Sari Almaguar |
| 4 JARS GEFILTE FISH: | Robert Juarez |
| HERRING: | |
| PICKLES & OLIVES: | |
| 4 BOTTLES APPLE JUICE: | Rae McCready |
| RICE PUDDING: | Medrano Family |
| APPLE PIE: | |
| CAKE: | Nakiah Burnes |
| BROWNIES: | Nakiah Burnes |
| YIZKOR MEMORIAL BOOKLETS: | Marsha Epstein |
| OTHER: | |
| OTHER: | |
| OTHER: | |
| SERVICE | |
| SET UP TABLES: | |
| SET UP TABLES: | Robert Juarez |
| SET UP CHAIRS: | |
| SET UP CHAIRS: | |
| CLEAN UP: | |
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Please send your responses to:

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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

September Anniversaries

6 Jeff & Andi Portney

September Birthdays

2 Zoe Romero
13 Levi Medina
17 Barbara Sachs
19 James McCready
20 Ed Cohen
21 Sarah Gelpi Deack
22 Maurecia Mercado

Donations:

Joel Basurto and Hermalinda Benito
To stop antisemitism, from Phyllis Green
From Michael Sales

In memory of Mel Kalish, on behalf of his children
Aaron, Naomi and Miriam Kalish and their
families, and in gratitude for TBE hosting shiva in
memory of Mel, by Robert Scheinberg.

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.

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood will not be meeting in September.

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

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 reúne casi todos los sábados por la mañana en el templo a partir de las 9:30 am. Usamos un libro de Rezos en español / hebreo y celebramos un servicio de Shabat y una discusión de la porcion semana en español. No somos un grupo separado de la sinagoga (TBE), sino que somos miembros de el cuyo idioma principal es el español y sentimos que este espacio crea para nosotros una manera comoda de sumergirnos en el estudio de la Tora. Todos son bienvenidos a unirse a nosotros, incluso los de habla inglesa que se esfuerzan por aprender español, 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.

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood held its meeting on Sunday, September 1st. Our October meeting will be 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

Mitzvah Day

Date: Sunday, September 22nd 11:00 AM.

We will clean and beautify the temple in preparation for the High Holy Days. We will polish the silver ornaments on our Torahs and dress them in their holiday whites.

We will clean the kitchen and straighten out the library (as much as possible). And there will be weed whacking in front and back of the building if you want to get some exercise.

Also, plenty of friends and good company.

September Yartzheits

| | | | | |
|---------|--------------------------|----|--------|-------------------------------------------|
| 9/2/24 | Benjamin Bakst | 19 | Elul | Brother of Leslie Bakst |
| 9/2/24 | Anne Price | | | Mother of Edgar Cohen |
| 9/3/24 | Abraham Hersh Lubin* | | | Father of Jerry Lubin |
| 9/3/24 | May Akronowitz | 30 | Av | Mother of Len Akronowitz |
| 9/3/24 | Kevin Matthew Schragger* | 30 | Av | Son of Dr. Michael and Georgia Schragger |
| 9/3/24 | Ruth Zuckerbraun | 30 | AV | Wife of Sandy, mother of Alan |
| 9/4/24 | Lil Klempfner | | | Sister of Seymour Hersh |
| 9/5/24 | Joseph Spivack | | | Grandfather of Niki Eschen |
| 9/5/24 | Renee Coe | 2 | Elul | Mother of Andrea Coe Portney |
| 9/6/24 | Anna Stahl* | | | Mother of Sid Stahl |
| 9/7/24 | Joseph Ben-Moshe | | | Father of Ilana David |
| 9/10/24 | Raye Linden* | | | Wife of Sidney Linden |
| 9/10/24 | William Herskovitz | 7 | Elul | Father of Seymour Hersh |
| 9/11/24 | Richard Hirsch, Rabbi | 8 | Elul | Cousin of Seymour Hersh |
| 9/12/24 | Emil Schafer | | | Cousin of Gary Epstein |
| 9/12/24 | Pam Gollub | 9 | Elul | Niece of Myra Wapner |
| 9/12/24 | Saul Tunick* | 9 | Elul | Son of Marcia and Art Tunick |
| 9/13/24 | Leonard Gaon | | | Husband of Bernice Gaon |
| 9/15/24 | Joseph Friedman | | | Husband of Marilyn Friedman |
| 9/15/24 | Josephine Gollub | 12 | Elul | Aunt of Myra Wapner |
| 9/19/24 | Charlie Drucker | | | Stepfather of Diane Borad-Mirken |
| 9/19/24 | Louise Nemerson* | 18 | Elul | Daughter of Annette and Arthur Silverfarb |
| 9/21/24 | Jack E. Portney | 18 | Elul | Father of Jeff Portney |
| 9/22/24 | Adelyn (Addy) Raich | 19 | Elul | Wife of Rabbi Abraham Raich |
| 9/24/24 | Norman Rosen | 21 | Elul | Cousin of Boots Hersh |
| 9/25/24 | Hy Spivack* | 21 | Elul | Father of Niki Eschen |
| 9/25/24 | Marcella Steinberg | 5 | Tishri | Mother of Mindy Downum |
| 9/26/24 | Muriel Levy | | | Mother of Ron Levy |
| 9/26/24 | Kurt Sondermann | 18 | Tishri | Great-cousin of Ken Wolf |
| 9/28/24 | Martin Friedman | 20 | Tishri | Father of Anita Friedman |
| 9/29/24 | Daniel Eli Stone | 26 | Elul | Grandson of Rita and Arnold Stone |

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 |

SEPTEMBER

| SUNDAY | MONDAY | TUESDAY | WEDNESDAY | THURSDAY | FRIDAY | SATURDAY |
|---------------------------------------------------------------|--------|----------------------------------|-----------|----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1 Brotherhood Breakfast & 178th Seminar (8:30 AM) | 2 | 3 TBE Board meeting (7 PM) | 4 | 5 | 6 Anita Friedman leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) | 7 Raul Medina leads Shabbat service & Torah study (9:30 AM) Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim class (10 AM) |
| 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) Potluck at 6 PM | 14 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion (10:30 AM) |
| 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 Diane Borad- Mirken leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) | 21 Raul Medina leads Shabbat service & Torah study (9:30 AM) Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim class (10 AM) |
| 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 TBA leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) | 28 Raul Medina leads Shabbat service & Torah study (9:30 AM) Also: Amber Medina leads Etz Chaim class (10 AM) |
| 29 | 30 | | | | | |