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## Message from Temple President

I was researching the Spanish Flu and came across an article written by John Appleyard on February 2, 2018 in the News Journal (see link below). It is a bit prophetic.

<https://www.pnj.com/story/life/2018/02/02/appleyard-flu-season-1918-killed-300-pensacola-residents/1089080001/>

The Spanish Flu in 1918 is considered the deadliest pandemic in human history with some reporting over 50 million people dying. As for the Coronavirus, as of this article, 13,699 have died worldwide and 349 in the USA. In the Spanish Flu ~1/3 of the people on the earth at the time came down with the flu. As of today, ~.004% of the world population are known to be diagnosed with Coronavirus. Obviously, we are far from this epidemic being over and these numbers are sure to rise. We are better prepared for a pandemic threat than back in 1918, but as we have all found out, we still have a long way to go. I suspect, this will be a very hot subject for discussion once this pandemic comes to an end.

With all this said, I would like to thank all our Temple members in their understanding as we have taken the actions we believe proper in protecting our membership, service and event attendees and our local community. As you no doubt have heard, we have ceased all services, Sunday school, events and meetings at the Temple until further notice. Our Temple administrator, Kathy Smith, is working from home. Other than some pop-in visits to take care of maintenance and check on the building, we are trying to keep people out of the building.

**This doesn't mean we are not carrying out the mission of the Temple, albeit in a virtual manner.** We have had our first ever virtual Shabbat Service attended by over 40 people (including an old member from Japan), a Finance Committee and Board Meeting and a Havdallah. Rabbi Joel has already scheduled other virtual learning and socializing opportunities with more to come. Given that many of us are confined to home, there is more opportunity than normal to fill our time with Temple sponsored activities. These are unusual times for all of us. All we can do is help our families and one another get through with distancing in mind. If anyone in our Temple family is in need of help, please contact Rabbi Joel, Steve Eilen or myself and we will try to help.

Finally, we remind you that now is an opportunity for acts of hesed and tikun olam – for acts of kindness and social repair. Please take the time to reach out to friends and fellow congregants, particularly those who may be feeling isolated or cut off as a result of precautionary measures. A five-minute phone call can brighten an entire day. We also urge you, if you able, to contribute to local food pantries and other local aid organizations. Your support is critical as they work to meet the increased need of those experiencing work and wage disruptions as a result of the Coronavirus.

If you have any questions or would like to discuss these matters further, please feel free to be in touch.

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## Virtual Attendance at Shabbat Worship, Classes and Other Meetings

In response to Covid-19, Temple Beth El programs, services, and classes have taken to the internet!

You (and your family and friends around the world) can join **Temple Beth El programs via "Go to Meeting."**

\*The School for Jewish Living will meet via Zoom. Details coming directly to families soon!

### THE OTHER STUFF . . .

Torah study in April will be April 4 and 18.

Shabbat Service Times:

April 3, 6pm

April 10, 7pm

April 17, 7pm

April 24, 7pm

### Torah on Tap

Tuesday, April 7, 5:00pm

Pour yourself a glass and join virtually for our monthly Torah on Tap. **This month's topic will be "Plagues and Pandemics - A Unique Journey to Passover"**

Join on your computer, tablet or smartphone at <https://www.gotomeet.me/JoelFleekop/temple-beth-el-event>

To connect via phone, please call (646) 749-3112.

The access code is 847-181-789

### Two Jews, Three Opinions

Tuesdays, 11:30am

Join Rabbi Joel and Temple friends as we discuss two articles by Jewish authors and then offer our own responses and **opinions. Check your "This Week at Temple Beth El" email** for weekly topic and corresponding articles.

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### Havdallah & Check-In

Saturdays, 7:30pm

Spend a few minutes checking-in with our Temple Beth El community and then join with Rabbi Joel and Andrea Fleekop as we mark the end of Shabbat and welcome the start of the new week with blessings and songs of hope.

### Tot Shabbat: Story and Sing-A-Long

Saturdays, 9:00am

Andrea Fleekop invites all young children, their parents, and grandparents to a special, virtual Tot-Shabbat. Sing some of your favorite Shabbat songs, learn some new ones, and enjoy a special Shabbat story.

Come in your pajamas, bring a lovey, and be prepared to share a great morning (virtually) together.

## Sisterhood Message

## Donations

In an effort to keep everyone safe and healthy in light of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Temple has canceled the following large scale events:

Sisterhood luncheons, Jazz Shabbat, Renee's show, the Womens' Seder and the Community Seder. No food will be served at TBE until further notice.

Isn't it great that we were able to hold the Centennial Celebration on 2/28? Memories of that wonderful evening will carry us through until we can resume activity.

If you have reserved your meals for the Women's Seder or Community Seder, we will contact you as to how you would like your payments returned to you.

I am cancelling the April and May meetings unless something miraculous happens. We will resume activity in August or September because advisors suggest that is a prudent respite time.

I am asking present Board members to continue in their positions for the next three months. It doesn't seem fair to ask a new board to take on responsibilities during this unique time.

We will install new officers and turn over responsibilities to them in August/September. Please open yourselves to accepting a role to assist incoming

President, Marcia Schuffman in forming a strong Board. I hope she can build a group as wonderful and strong as the present Board!

Questions? Please give me a call. I am deeply grateful to you all.

Much appreciation - Pat

Making Seder At Home  
Virtual Workshop  
Thursday, April 2, 5:30pm  
Go to Meeting



With limits on group gatherings, many of us will be making seder at home for the first time (or the first time in many years). Join Rabbi Joel for some practical tips on hosting a successful and simple Passover Seder. Participants will learn how to cover all the steps without adding to already elevated stress levels.

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## April Birthdays

1st Nathan Kahn  
2nd Jody Schlesinger  
Bruce Lamb  
Weston Robles  
Mindy Flores  
3rd Azriel Boles  
6th Terry Gross  
7th Naomi Gottlieb-Miller  
8th Carol Engel  
Bryce Friedland  
Sonia Yanovskiy  
9th Dan Hecht  
12th Linda Liberis  
13th Marshall Hobbs  
15 Sara Goldfarb  
16th Taylor Landa  
17th Ann Schops  
Alan Krysz  
Chad Bonner  
18th Jacob Sacks  
Dawn Wein  
Ada Ejikemeuwa  
20th Randall Aronson  
Judi Aronson Patrick  
Archer Kaczynski  
21st William Boyle  
Lilith Neisler  
22nd Rachael Soloway  
Wendi Ochs  
Jonathan Hochhauser  
23rd Perry Finck  
24th Andrea Fleekop  
25th Maya Behar Trub  
David Hochhauser  
26th Jay Zimmerman  
29th Benjamin Bograd  
30th Jillian Lisner  
Ari Zeichner

## April Anniversaries

5th Erin and Sean Chaffee  
14th Deborah and Jeff Buchalter  
16th Victoria Adamenko  
and Leonid Yanovskiy  
17th Alice and Robert Klein  
28th Marcia and Larry Schuffman  
28th Brian and Jennifer Elzweig



Fannie W. Frenkel Perpetual Care Fund:

In memory of Claire Ades from Stan and Susan Goldstein

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In memory of Claire Ades from Chip and Faye Merritt

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A donation was made by Sisterhood of Temple Beth El

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In memory of Charles and Erna Reischer from Chip and Faye Merritt

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School for Jewish Living:  
In honor of Andrea Fleekop from Chip and Faye Merritt

**Editor's Note:**

Beth El Life will continue to be published in a shortened format until the risks of the pandemic pass and normal activities can be resumed safely.  
~Janet Schilling

Yahrzeits

<i>To be read on April 3</i>		<b>To be read on April 10, con't.</b>		<b>To be read on April 24, con't.</b>	
Mar 28th	Frank Goldman	9th	Mary Rosing	19th	David Dannheisser
	Irwin Freidman	10th	Sarah L. Ball		Harold Marcus
	Maxine Bear Marcus		Peter Van Wezel		Aaron Moe Cohen
	Frank Dreyfus		P.E. <b>"Buddy" Daniel</b>		Marion Beech
	Max Stern		Sharon Gross		Jean Evans
28th	Sarah Strickland		Bertram Levin		Albert Spett
	Gladys Rosenberg		Joe Silver		Bill Foley
	Moses Joshua				Michele Stein
	William Ziv			20th	Lee Pelsinge
	Rennae Sweda	<i>To be read on April 17</i>			Jerry Bowman
29th	Fannie Lindy	11th	Estelle F. Klein		Ada Sorenson
	Raymond Goldstein		Augusta Eliasoff		Bessie Harris Shiller
30th	David Levy	12th	Nellie Van Wezel	21st	Corrine Weinberger
	Ann B. Silver		Louis Rosenbloum	22nd	Mollie Frenkel
31st	Arne Sorensen		William Lean	24th	Sidney Rosenthal
	Laura Saffir		Alfred Zewe		Lynn S. Holmes, Jr.
	Red Rockholm		Joseph Schlesinger		Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole
1st	Carrie Bestoff	13th	Jessica Eilen		
	Herbert Israel		Miriam K. Levy		
	Rise Kichler Cole		Esther Belle Maring Yates	<i>To be read on May 1</i>	
	Freda Kichler		Leonard Orenstein	25th	Lewis B. Rosenau
	Lisa Kichler		J. L. Kahn		Leoma B. Goodman
	Leon Mondry		Florence Segesser		Nana Heinberg
	Eileen Mondry		Eva Reischer		Helen Dante Kahn
	Sally Riesenber	14th	Alice Moresky	26th	Martha Bentivich
	Helen Loeb		Victor McPherson		Jerome Bear
2nd	Jennings M. Hertz, Sr.		Ida Mae Jaffe		Betty Lean
	Sidney Needle	15th	Albert Joseph Schuffman	27th	Minnie Rapaport
	Dr. Nathan Arenson		Fannie Isaacs		Roy Kohn
			Alex Lischkoff		Yetty Streiffner Sear
			Deborah Soloway		Gloria Monahan
			William Daniel		Manuel Lean
<i>To be read on April 10</i>			Ravenscroft	27th	Spencer Bruce Gordon
4th	Donna Ratner	16th	Frances Dashevsky		Rob Zitziwitz
	Jeanne Ash Schwartz		Sam Lyon	28th	Bertram Raul Heinberg
5th	Albert Klein, Sr.		Walter Zitzewitz		Ruth Greenfield
6th	Louis Babkoff	17th	Louis Gates		Joseph Rubel
7th	John Q. Owens		Harold Siegel		Evelyn Goodman
	Aaron Krumbein			29th	Benjamin Gerson
	Mike Mohr	<i>To be read on April 24</i>		30th	Frederick A. Greenhut, Jr.
7th	Fred Seligman	18th	Jesse Davis		Robley Smith
8th	Benjamin Levinson		Freda Spett		
	Emma Berlin	19th	Rebecca L. Goff		
9th	Carson A. Whitlock				

A Prayer for Hope  
by Rabbi Naomi Levy

We are frightened, God,  
worried for our loved ones,  
worried for our world.  
Helpless and confused, we  
turn to You Seeking comfort,  
faith and hope.  
Teach us God, to turn our  
panic into patience,  
And our fear into acts of  
kindness and support.  
Our strong must watch out  
for our weak,  
Our young must take care of  
our old.  
Help each one of us to do our  
part to halt the spread of this  
virus  
Send strength and courage to  
the doctors and nurses  
In the frontlines of this battle,  
Fortify them with the full  
force of their healing powers.  
Send wisdom and insight to  
the scientists  
Working day and night across  
the world to discover healing  
treatments.  
Bless their efforts, God. Fill  
our leaders with the wisdom  
and the courage  
To choose wisely and act  
quickly. Help us, God, to see  
that we are one world, one  
people  
Who will rise above this  
pandemic together.  
Send us health God, Watch  
over us, Grace us with Your  
love,  
Bless us with Your healing  
light. Hear us God,  
Heal us God,  
Amen.

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