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Temple Beth El Reopening Update

It has been about a month since my last update on our efforts to reopen Temple Beth El for in person services, programs and events. The Reopening Task Force continues to meet regularly to evaluate the status of Coronavirus in our area and refine plans.

Utilizing recommendations from CDC, State of Florida, local health department, as well as best practices from the URJ and other faith communities, the Task Force has developed a phased approach to safely reopening. Each phase, with its own set of corresponding safety protocols, is triggered by various community health indicators including prevalence of infection in our area, percentage of positive tests, and availability of critical care rooms in local hospitals. Unfortunately, the statistics for Florida in general and Northwest Florida in particular have worsened since we started our work.

While we can't predict when it will be possible to safely meet together in person, we have taken steps to prepare for that day. This includes developing check in procedures, securing building cleaning provisions, purchase of hands-free hand disinfection stations, and PPE supplies.

Throughout this process, the committee is conservatively balancing health concerns with our desire to be together in community.

Recognizing we will be meeting virtually for some time; we have taken steps, with others to be implemented in the near future, to improve our audio and video capabilities and most importantly, your virtual experience.

We encourage you to take advantage of our many services, classes and programs being offered via Zoom. If you need help accessing these please contact Rabbi Joel (rabbi@templebethelofpensacola.org, 850-438-3321) or Ray Engel (ray.engel@altousa.com, 850-516-3495) for assistance. Feel free to let us know your concerns or suggestions. You can contact us and we will be sure to include these in our discussions.

L'shalom,
Ray Engel

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Virtual
Attendance at
Shabbat
Worship, Classes
and Other Meetings

Virtual Temple Beth El
We are now on Zoom

Temple Beth El is now utilizing Zoom for virtual services and gatherings. There are options to join via computer, tablet, smartphone, or by dialing in.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8504383321>
Phone: 312 626 6799. Meeting ID: 850 438 3321

Shabbat Worship

August 7, 6pm — Family Shabbat
August 14, 7pm — Shabbat Worship
August 21, 7pm — Shabbat Worship
August 28, 7pm — Shabbat Worship

Torah Study

Saturday August 1 and August 15, 9:30am

Tot Shabbat Story and Sing-A-Long
Saturdays at 9:00am

Two Jews, Three Opinions
Tuesdays at 11:30am

Torah on Tap

Tuesday, August 4

In celebration of Tu b'Av (Jewish Valentine's Day) our topic will be "Summer Loving: Dating, Love, and Romance in Jewish Tradition."



Sisterhood Message

Here we are: 5 months into Covid restrictions. Our lives have certainly changed. In February who could imagine that schools and synagogues would be closed, classes and services would be broadcast online and that we could not attend funerals, weddings or Bar/Bat Mitzvahs in person? Gasoline prices have dropped, but it has not been safe for us to travel far. We have not been able to see our families and friends face to face. Thank heaven for Zoom, Duo and the like or we would feel even more isolated!

Now we wear masks, work from home, social distance, wash our hands and many of us shop at special times for our protection. Who would have dreamed a year ago that our world could become so different? We share deep concerns for family, friends and ourselves as situations rage around us. What must hold us together is our faith and belief in the core of our beings.

We will explore new ways to be "Sisterhood" in the coming months. This will involve voting for a new slate of officers via phone and computer ballot. Installation of officers will probably be livestreamed. Marcia Schuffman is filling the Board with women who will take on the challenges that lie ahead until we can get back to "normal". We all must adapt, pitch in and help to the best of our abilities. So, let's agree to be kind, thoughtful and ready to try new ways to be generous and together.

In the meantime, we join our spirits to wish Eliana McCully blessings as she embarks on an exciting adventure into a new life in Israel. Nachas to her entire family, but especially to her proud mom, Liz McCully and her Bubbe, Tina Betesh. I have promised Liz virtual hugs and plenty of Kleenex whenever she needs them, so be prepared to pass Liz a tissue when she misses her daughter.

(Sadly, after writing these remarks, we learned of the passing of Tom McCully's mother. Our sympathy goes out to the entire family as they celebrate her life and mourn their loss. **Zichronah L'vracha.**)

I share some beautiful words from Sarah Ferguson on the wedding of her daughter Beatrice: **"Happiness can't be traveled to, earned, worn or consumed. Happiness is the spiritual experience of living every minute with love, grace and gratitude." May we all do just that!**

Pat

Donations

Fannie Frenkel Perpetual Care Fund: In memory of Claire Ades from Pat Langnau

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund: A donation was made by Terri Vonbargen

Temple Beth El General Fund: A donation was made by Cookie Kichler



J.U.S.T. Pensacola
Nehemiah Assembly
August 31

Two years ago Temple Beth El joined with a diverse cross section of local religious communities to explore how we could work together to create lasting change in the lives of our neighbors here in Northwest Florida. The result of that exploration was the creation of J.U.S.T. Pensacola (Justice United Seeking Transformation in Pensacola) — with 18 participating congregations.

Last fall J.U.S.T. Pensacola kicked off a listening campaign in area faith communities, including our own, to learn what things worry us and what keeps us up at night. The listening campaign identified early education and juvenile justice as areas of particular concern. Subsequently, research committees were formed and for nearly a year teams of dedicated volunteers have been meeting with local officials, providers, and stake holders to better understand these areas and how they might be improved to strengthen our community and make Pensacola more just.

With their research complete it is time for action!! Mark your calendars for August 31 as members from across J.U.S.T. Pensacola's 18 congregations join together for a virtual "Nehemiah Assembly" — named for the biblical figure Nehemiah who gathered the ancient Israelites and called upon them to create a community of justice. At the Nehemiah Assembly, J.U.S.T. Pensacola will present the findings of its research and, with the strength of those gathered, ask local decision makers to commit to making meaningful and measurable changes.

J.U.S.T. Pensacola's first-ever Nehemiah Assembly will be held August 31 via Zoom. Join at 6pm to learn specifics of the research, with the formal assembly kicking off at 7pm. To register please visit <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125282828> or <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8125282828>

For more information on J.U.S.T. Pensacola and the Nehemiah action please contact Rabbi Joel at 850-438-3321 or rabbi@templebetheleofpensacola.org.

August Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays

2nd Joshua Borelli
3rd Jennifer Zimmerman
4th Chuck Lisner
Bill Kuhhirte
Zoe Bach
6th Andrew Rothfeder
Joshua Goldfarb
7th Haley Gross
8th Alicia Pereira
Bob Arujo
9th Pat Langnau
Noah Schwartz
Kate Trattner
Elijah Miller
10th Cookie Kichler
Eden Clark
11th Charles Kraselsky
Georgia Robles
Bob Arujo
12th Rob Harris
13th Rose Kuhhirte
Betty Retting Hauver
Mesha Boyle
Dan Phillips
15th Robin Mertins
Lenora Templin
16th Natalie Soloway
17th Bob Klein
Deborah Sack

18th

Charlotte Leavitt
Helene Leonard
David Bodkin
20th Laura Pearce
21st Dottie Kahn Galloway
Bert Dannheisser
Yvonne Kass
22nd Wanda Schlesinger
Dennis Flores
Zachary Templin
25th Lee Sear
26th Kiel Gross
Chris Sawyer
27th Kate Lamb
28th Dale Silver
Brenton Goodman
Patricia Braunstien
Nettie Kaczynski
29th Dante Kahn
Kyra Hecht
30th Frank Silver
Alice Klein
Maren Hobbs
31st Capt. Fred Levin, Ret
Jackie Garrick

Anniversaries

7th Janet and Charles Kahn
8th Yvonne and Steven Kass
Judith and Zvi Salpeter
14th Cricket and Rodney Rich
Missy and Dan Hecht
15th Amanda and Steve Nissim
17th Rebecca and David Hochhauser
21st Elaine and Rabbi William Schwartz
Wanda and Jody Schlesinger
23rd Ororah and Nick Neisler
24th Sue and Joel Levine
27th Belle and Lewis Bear
30th Sharon and Bobby Marcus
31st Sally and Richard Schwartz



Yahrzeits

To be read on August 7
 1st Arnold Seligman
 Nan Gundersheimer
 B.L. Gundersheimer
 B.L. Gundersheimer, Jr.
 Toni Light
 Adrian Goldstein
 2nd Lillian Cohn Kahn
 3rd William Zimmern
 Michael Morros
 4th Rosalie Ranvik
 Elias Joshua
 5th Clarence M. Frenkel, Sr.
 Clarence Frenkel, Jr.
 6th Catherine Parks
 Joe Kraselsky
 Borukh Katsnelson
 7th Ruby Greenhut
 Robert H. Kahn, Sr.
 Hannah Klein
 Vincent Vidal Noa Sr.

To be read on August 21
 15th Rabbi Leonard Mervis
 Barbara Lee Rank
 17th George Wagenheim
 Donald Danly
 Ronald Reed
 18th Louise B. Cohen
 Paul Kling, Sr.
 Toby Hertz, Sr.
 Lori Reed
 19th Robert E. Byrnes
 Heather Marie Pereira
 20th Mirion L. Kahn
 Bluma Kariker
 Robert Gordon
 Jeannette S. Bookman
 Rose McKenna
 Irving Sadow
 21st Henry Moskowitz
 Nathan Greenberg
 Patricia Ann Carlson
 Dave Grothman

To be read on September 4
 29th Peggy Fox
 30th Sam Isaacs
 Silvia Rome
 Pearl Zam
 Charlene Yawitz
 Eddie Yawitz

To be read on August 14
 9th Ellen Irene Landau
 Marx B. Loeb
 10th Alex Rosenau
 Betty Rubin
 Anna Hoffman
 Zelda Chernosky
 10th Sam Cohan
 Thelma Morris
 Pat Kimmel
 11th Clarence C. Jacobson
 Bernice Mohr
 Bruce Raymon
 13th Hal Retting
 Abner Starr
 Anna m. Eadews
 14th Helen Leventhal
 Esther Lindy
 Vivian Rubin
 Alicia Gonzales de Lopez

To be read on August 28
 22nd Louis Fox
 Louis Karger
 Herman Heinberg
 23rd David Daniels
 24th Florence Shipnuck
 Abe Levine
 Evelyne Wolf Walborsky
 25th Sadie G. Abrams
 Greta Rickoff
 26th Frederick M. Woolenberg
 Michael Lurie
 William Frank
Eleanor "Ruth" Frenkel
 Shirley Glaser Winter
 Corinne Zimmern
 27th Nat Rickoff
 Norman Hochhauser

Temple Beth El extends is condolences to the family and friends of our long-time member, John Fuqua. Funeral services were held Thursday, July 23 at Barrancas National Cemetery.
Zichrono L'vracha
May John's memory be a source of comfort and blessing to all who loved him.

 The congregation extends its condolences to Tom and Liz McCulley and the entire McCulley family **on the passing of Tom's** mother, Donna Carol McCulley.
May Donna's memory and love be a source of comfort and blessing.
Zichronah L'vracha

LETTER FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT

In this difficult time, we, as a warm and concerned community, are helping to watch out for our fellow congregants. We are proud to announce that we have started a Temple fund to help all of us through good and through difficult life cycle events.

The Mitzvah Caring Fund is back on its feet thanks to contributions by Sisterhood and Brotherhood. Sydney McAbee will be the chair-woman of the Mitzvah Caring Committee and with her help we have organized a list of all those who would like to volunteer to help a family in need.

Please consider donating to the Mitzvah Caring Fund when you wish to honor someone or when you would like to commemorate an event. The money will help us all when we need community support. If you would like to volunteer (and you haven't already) please let me or Sydney know.

Steve Eilen M.D.
 Vice President

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



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- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**
- Mitzvah/Caring Fund
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- The Lewis and Belle Bear Family Temple Beth El Facilities Endowment Fund
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- Temple Beth El Endowment Fund

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Please note we are now using ZOOM for meetings. See connection instructions above.					1 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00 Torah Study 9:30 am
2	3	4 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am Torah on Tap 5:00 pm	5	6	7 Shabbat Service 6pm	8 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00
9	10	11 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	12	13	14 Shabbat Service 7pm	15 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00 Torah Study 9:30 am
16	17	18 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	19	20	21 Shabbat Service 7pm	22 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00
23/30	24/31 J.U.S.T. Pensacola Nehemiah Assembly 6pm via ZOOM Details page 2	25 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	26	27	28 Shabbat Service 7pm	29 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00