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## Temple Beth El Reopening Update

Dear Temple Beth El Family,

Community is at the heart of all we do at Temple Beth El. In normal times, seeing our congregational family come together to fill the sanctuary for Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur is a high-point of the year. Unfortunately, as we all know, these are not normal times.

Given the ongoing prevalence of Coronavirus in our area, Temple leadership has made the decision to hold our 2020 – 5781 High Holy Day services and discussion programs virtually. Being unable to join together for worship is disappointing and painful. Nevertheless, we believe this decision is prudent and consistent with the Jewish value of pikuach nefesh – which gives primacy to preserving life and health.

Rabbi Joel Fleekop and the Ritual Committee are working to modify services for a virtual format and upgrades have been **made to improve our streaming capabilities. This year's High Holy Days** will include additional discussion programs and other opportunities for us to interact and connect as a community. Weather permitting, we hope to gather in person Rosh Hashanah afternoon for Tashlich at Bayview Park and for Yizkor at the Temple Beth El Cemetery (a streaming option will be available). Proper safety measures and social distancing will be practiced at these outdoor services.

In the week leading up to Rosh Hashanah, you will receive a visit **from a fellow Temple member, delivering a "Shanah Tovah Bag."** Included in these bags will be a copy of the High Holy Day Machzor, service schedule, instructions for joining various High Holy Day programs, Yizkor Book, and some special High Holy Day treats. One of our many volunteers will be in contact to determine a mutually agreeable time to drop off your bag along with a socially distanced hello.

These High Holy Days will be unlike any experienced before, but I trust they will be meaningful and sacred.

In another important matter, a subcommittee, led by Andrea Fleekop, Director of Education, and consisting of teachers, parents, and medical professionals, has been working on plans for the reopening of the School for Jewish Living. At present, the plans call for a hybrid approach, with socially distanced, outdoor sessions mixed with virtual content. The precautions being put in place of in-person sessions go beyond CDC recommendations.

We all pray that this Pandemic subsides and once again we can resume our normal lives, including in person attendance at **services and the Temple's many other programs. In the meantime,** we encourage everyone to participate in our virtual services, discussion groups and educational offerings. 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.

Wishing you a Shanah Tova,  
Ray Engel

Temple Beth El Reopening Committee

Steve Eilen  
Ray Engel  
Andrea Fleekop  
Rabbi Joel Fleekop  
Terry Gross  
Josh Goldfarb  
Janet Kahn



### Rosh Hashanah

Friday, September 18

Welcoming the New Year Together

Blessings and Schmooze 5:00-5:30 p.m. *Via Zoom*

Erev Rosh Hashanah Service 7:00 p.m.

*Streaming at templebethelofpensacola.org and Facebook Live*

Saturday, September 19

Rosh Hashanah Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

*Streaming at templebethelofpensacola.org and Facebook Live*

Rosh Hashanah Discussion 1:30 p.m. *Via Zoom*

Family Service and Tashlich 5:00 p.m.

*Pensacola Bayview Park*

### Yom Kippur

Sunday, September 27

Kol Nidre 7:00 p.m.

*Streaming at templebethelofpensacola.org and Facebook Live*

Monday, September 28

Morning Service 10:00 a.m.

*Streaming at templebethelofpensacola.org and Facebook Live*

Avinu Malkeinu Discussion 1:00 p.m. *Via Zoom*

Book of Jonah Discussion 2:30 p.m. *Via Zoom*

Yizkor Service 4:15 p.m. *Temple Beth El Cemetery and streaming at templebethelofpensacola.org and Facebook Live*

**Ne'ilah / Concluding Service** 6:00 p.m.

*Streaming at templebethelofpensacola.org and Facebook Live*

*(Note: Discussions will meet via Zoom)*

### Educator's Message:

School Registration Now Open

School for Jewish Living registration materials are now available online at [www.templebethelofpensacola.org](http://www.templebethelofpensacola.org). Please print, complete, and submit one per child. Questions about registration? Please contact Andrea Fleekop at [andrea@fleekop@gmail.com](mailto:andrea@fleekop@gmail.com)

Early bird deal: Register by Sept. 1 and save \$25 per child

## Sisterhood Message

It is time to welcome new leadership to Temple Beth El Sisterhood. On Wednesday, September 2, 2020, at 11:30 AM Marcia Schuffman will be installed as incoming President, along with her Board. Please log in virtually on Zoom to join the celebration and to appreciate the group of women who have supported Sisterhood during the past two years.

I am honored to have served as President of Temple Beth El Sisterhood for the past two years. It has been an interesting journey. We reorganized finances and reporting procedures, created a new email with Rabbi Joel's aid, and held some interesting programs. **Who can forget: the Japanese cultural exchange, medical marijuana talk, Islamic speaker, Sunday morning Doctors talk with parents, "Choosing the Chosen" for those contemplating or completing conversion, historian John Appleyard, Chanukah Bazaar, Homeless Women's Housing Project, Human Trafficking, paid-up-members dinner, Bunko night, Not Ready For Any Time Players Show and the fabulous Centennial celebration?**

This all occurred because a group of women worked to make it happen. My deep gratitude goes to Sydney McAbee, Rose Kuhhirte, Hynda Rome, Brenda Vigodsky, Ellen Deaver, Cindy Pinhas, Elaine Storms, Missy Hecht, Kym Lewis, Dale Silver, Myrna Lane, Linda Armacost and Renee Eilen, along with the many other ladies who pitched in for one event or more. Thank you so much!

Covid has forced us into very different ways of life. Yet, I believe that the circle of women around us weave invisible nets of love and support that carry us when we are weak and sing with us when **we are strong. So, let's lean back and let the arms of our female friendships carry us as we live our lives together (6 feet apart) and get to know our "selves "better.**

Shalom  
Pat Braunstien

### Donations

**Mitzvah Caring Fund:**  
A donation was made by Steve and Renee Eilen  
A donation was made by Rick and Suzi Gordon  
In memory of Fred Vigodsky from Diane Lefkowitz

**Temple Beth El General Fund:**  
In memory of Martin Nelson from Charles and Janet Kahn  
In memory of Joseph Young from Charles H. Young  
In memory of Martin Nelson from Bill and Beverly Zimmern

**Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:**  
In honor of Charles and Janet Kahn's wedding anniversary from Bettie Kahn

**Capital and Maintenance Reserve Fund:**  
In memory of Martin Nelson from Ray and Carol Engel

**Collections and Exhibitions Fund:**  
In memory of John Fuqua from The Lewis Bear Company



## September Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays		
2nd	Samuel Schneidman	23rd Janine Retzloff
3rd	Beverly Zimmern	Maria Goldberg
	Marina Sadow	24th Jeff Schwartz
4th	Jordan Schilling	25th Frances McMillan
6th	Elaine Schwartz	26th George Bach
	Penelope Sackheim	28th Adelei Elzweig
7th	Carol Kahn Parker	29th Alton Sack
	Iris Klein	30th Abigail Friedland
	Junetta Clark	
8th	Laura Dannheisser	Anniversaries
	Elliot Friedland	2nd Claire and Cameron Radon
10th	Kristi Arujo	3rd Melissa and Josh Hackel
12th	Leigh Faulk	Debbi and Ben Schlesinger
14th	Chuck Kahn	5th Tammy and Matt Dannheisser
	Rachel Retzloff	Elizabeth and Philip Broder
15th	Michele Erskine	7th Hynda and Steve Rome
15th	Bryce Wein	Alton and Deborah Sack
16th	Connie Greenhut	12th Cait and Rhett Gross
	Erica Bernstein	15th Linda and Charles Liberis
	Julie Segal	21st Bob and Leah Arujo
	Don Rosenberg	25th Cindy and Terry Gross
17th	Debbi Schlesinger	
19th	Don Needle	
	Danny Zimmern	
	Luke Clark	
	Kevin Schneider	
21st	Penny Philips	
22nd	Brandon Buchalter	
	Judah Schuman	



Connect to Worship and Study Opportunities via Zoom  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/8504383321>  
Phone: 312 626 6799. Meeting ID: 850 438 3321

### Shabbat Worship

September 4, 6:00pm - Family Shabbat  
September 11, 7:00pm - Shabbat Worship  
September 18, 7:00pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah  
September 25, 7:00pm - Shabbat Shuvah

### Torah Study

Saturday, September 5, 9:30am  
2 Jews, 3 Opinions: Tuesdays at 11:30am

Torah on Tap, Tuesday September 1 at 5pm.  
**Our topic will be "Apologies: Good and Bad."**

### Cemetery Clean Up Day

Date: Sunday, September 27, 2020  
(Yom Kippur Eve Day)  
Time: 7:30 AM to 10:00 AM

**Activities:**  
Tree, bush and vine trimming, monument cleaning & litter removal.  
This cleanup offers an opportunity to get some fresh air and do some real good. All supplies will be provided. We will maintain safe distancing from each other. If members of families come, they can work together. It is suggested you wear a face mask.

Please come out and help beautify our historic cemetery.  
For additional information contact:

Ray Engel at 850-516-3495 or  
Terry Gross at 850-449-1762

Yahrzeits

<i>To be read on September 4</i>		<i>To be read on Sept. 11, cont</i>		<i>To be read on Sept. 25, cont</i>	
Aug 29th	Peggy Fox	10th	Felter Fleming	23rd	Charles Trum
30th	Sam Isaacs	11th	Sonia Ziv Ross	24th	Babe May
	Silvia Rome		John Sims		Lillian Mendes
	Pearl Zam		Kurt Wassermann		Lillian Miller
	Charlene Yawitz				Margarete Krigsman
	Eddie Yawitz	<i>To be read on September 18</i>		25th	Cathy Lipstein
Sep 1st	David Van Wezel	12th	Joan Gordon		Donald Bach
	George O. Strickland III	13th	Herman Stein	<i>To be read on October 2</i>	
	Melvin "Tiny" Berlin		Morris Krumbain	26th	Julia Goodman
	Sol Levy, Jr.		Aline King		Vincent Vidal
2nd	Bertha Israel	14th	Samuel L. Schwartz		Randy Sacks
	Abe Levine		Herman Simon	26th	Bernice Hymans
	Herman Rothschild		Milton Lewis Kahn		Amelia Wagenheim
3rd	Samuel Abrams		Ellen P. Cohan	27th	Peggy Merritt
	Shirley Gates	15th	Rudolf Back		Myrtle Tucker
4th	Karen Braunstien		Max Siegel	28th	Sam Sommer
	Rita Leibowitz		Israel Gitenstein		Rose Steppach
			Fannie Schwartz		Harvey Robles
<i>To be read on September 11</i>			Sedonia Richman Goldberg		Marge Wein
5th	Florette Sommer Michael		James Mayer	29th	John Holm
	Toney Dante	17th	Jacob Cohen		Helen Miller
	Sydney Beech		Norman Van Wezel		Lillian Rosen
	Louis Silver		Julia Foley	30th	Leroy Gross
	Paul Lewis Storms	18th	David Kohn	<p>Read any Good Books Lately?... Dear fellow homebound Congregants, During this difficult time of COVID 19 most of us are isolated with a lot of time on our hands. Many are reading good books. Why don't we share our book reading /learning with a new Temple Beth El book Club? This would not be limited to only Jewish themed books but open to the vast span of books, both old and new. If you have books you wish to discuss or topics of interest, please contact me at: william.zimmern@gmail</p>	
6th	Gloria Lara Montero	<i>To be read on September 25</i>			
	Miriam Hertz	19th	Gabriel Cohn		
	Hilda Miller		Frances Lischkoff		
7th	Judge Morey Sear		Harriet Mae Sacks		
	Charles Dante	20th	Sam Rosenau		
	Richard Curran		B.L. Gundersheimer		
8th	Neal Buddy Schwartz		Jack Rosenberg		
	Ida Jacobson	21st	Jaime Montero		
	Lisa Shawyer		Lena Zimmern		
9th	Betty Rosenberg		Peggy Loeb Bear Frieberg		
	Vivian Wagenheim		Sondra Ochs		
	Helen Simon	22nd	Alex Olson		
	Marian Guentner		Steve Klein		
10th	David Fleekop		Frank Richardson		
	Terry Proctor	23rd	Francis Johnson		
	Sarah Hilsenroth		Alexa Moretsky		
	John Bruchmann				

Temple Beth El extends its condolences to Robin Mertins and Cindy Pinhas on the passing of their brother, Martin Nelson on August 5, 2020. Our prayers are also with **Martin's wife Karen Gaebe**, sister Maureen Nelson, and the entire Nelson family. **May they know God's** comfort in this difficult time. Memorial services will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made in **Martin's memory** to the Temple Beth El fund or charity of your choice.

**Zichrono L'vracha**  
**May Martin's memory be a** source of comfort and blessing to all who loved him.  
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The congregation extends its condolences to David, Priscylla, Adalynn, and George on the passing of **David's father**, Edward Alexander. May the memories of their loving father, father-in-law, and grandfather be a source of comfort and blessing.  
**Zichrono L'vracha**

**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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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	Please note we are now using ZOOM for meetings. See connection instructions above.	1 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am Torah on Tap 5:00 pm	2	3	4 Shabbat Service 6pm	5 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00 Torah Study 9:30 am
6	7	8 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	9	10	11 Shabbat Service 7pm	12 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00
13 SJL in person 9:30 am	14	15 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	16	17	18 Erev Rosh Hashanah 7pm	19 Rosh Hashanah 10am Tashlich 5pm @ Bayview Park
20 SJL Remote 9:30 am	21	22 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	23	24	25 Shabbat Service 7pm	26 Tot Shabbat & Sing-A-Long 9:00
27 Cemetery Cleanup 7:30am-10:00am SJL in person 9:30 am Kol Nidre 7pm	28 Yom Kippur 10am  Yizkor 4:15pm TBE Cemetery	29 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	30	NOTE: All HHD Services will be available on Facebook Live and via streaming at <a href="http://templebethelofpensacola.org">templebethelofpensacola.org</a>		