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Temple Reopening Update

As I write this message, it has been approximately one year since the Coronavirus Pandemic necessitated the suspension of indoor services and programs. During this time, thanks to Rabbi Joel and our technical team of Josh Goldfarb and Bruce Pelton, we have continued to hold Shabbat services, Torah study, and numerous other Temple programs virtually. We have also held some outdoor, in-person services, weather permitting. We have also, throughout this period, maintained the Temple campus to be ready for the return of our members and guests when health conditions permit.

The Reopening Committee (Steve Eilen, Terry Gross, Janet Kahn, Josh Goldfarb, Rabbi Joel Fleekop, Andrea Fleekop and Ray Engel) has met numerous times to analyze the state of the pandemic, review local and CDC recommendations, provide guidance for services (virtual & outdoor), and plan for a safe return to in-person worship in the sanctuary. With the Covid-19 situation improving, and particularly because a large number of our most vulnerable members have or are about to receive a vaccination, the Committee is hoping to proceed with a phased return to services in the sanctuary in late spring. Details of our reopening plan, which may include limited capacity, social distancing, and other public health best practices, will be forthcoming.

We recognize that the course of the pandemic remains uncertain and setbacks are possible. That said, we are optimistic that we will be able to **share a "normal" High Holy Days this September.**

Since the start of the pandemic, the health and well-being of our members has been our foremost concern and will continue to be as we navigate through, what are hopefully, the final months of this health crisis.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I want to express our sincere gratitude for your continued commitment to our Temple and Judaism through these trying times.

L'shalom,
Ray Engel

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

Friday, April 2 at 6pm - Shabbat Passover & Family Shabbat, Temple Parking Lot and via Zoom

Friday, April 9 at 7pm - Shabbat Worship via Zoom and Facebook Live

Friday, April 16 at 7pm - Shabbat Under the Stars - Shoreline Park, Gulf Breeze and via Zoom (see blurb for details)

Friday, April 23 at 7pm - Shabbat Worship via Zoom and Facebook Live

Friday, April 30 at 6pm - Shabbat Worship via Zoom and Facebook Live

Torah Study

Book of Kings - Sat, April 3 and April 17 at 9:30 am on Zoom

Two Jews Three Opinions Discussion

Tuesdays at 11:30 am on Zoom

Torah on Tap

Tuesday, April 6, 5:00 pm on Zoom.

Grab a favorite beverage and join us for our month exploration of hot-topic issues through the lens of Jewish texts. Our topic will be **"Talmudic Cancel Culture"**

Shabbat Under the Stars - Gulf Breeze

Friday, April 16 — Shoreline Park South

With the bridge out, Temple is coming to you!!

Join Rabbi Joel, Andrea, and Temple friends for a casual Shabbat experience on Friday, April 16 at the Shoreline Park South Gazebo. Worship will begin at 7pm but feel free to come early with a picnic Shabbat Dinner.

Unable to attend in person (i.e. live north of the bridges) — join us for worship via Zoom



"More Than Just an Uprising: Jewish Resistance in the Warsaw Ghetto"

Rabbi Josh Garroway
Yom HaShoah

Thursday, April 8, at 7:00 pm

Learn about the ghettoization in Poland (when? why? where?) the spiritual and cultural resistance mounted by Jews in Warsaw well before the famed uprising in 1943, and the famed Oneg Shabbat archive of Emanuel Ringelblum.

This special evening will begin with a Yom HaShoah Service conducted by Rabbi Garroway, immediately followed by his presentation.

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Sisterhood Message

Sisters:

By the time you all read this, the Johnson & Johnson vaccine that I received will need a couple more weeks to activate my immune system to fight the COVID-19 virus. **I'm looking forward to us planning Sisterhood's first luncheon in September.** But who knows, maybe medical guidance will allow us to slip one in the month of May, before the summer break. Stay tuned.

This past month's Sisterhood Zoom Speaker was our very own Jackie Garrick. Her 501c3 nonprofit organization, Whistle Blowers of America, does the important work of supporting those who find themselves calling out wrongdoers, even when it means causing economic, mental or physical harm to themselves. I think Jackie is pretty terrific.

On April 23rd, our very own Stephen Rome, AARP volunteer extraordinaire, will educate us on the scams targeting those of us in the second half of our life. I will send out an email reminding everyone about our 3rd Wednesday of the month presentation by Stephen.

Larry, Cookie and I enjoyed Matzo Brei the first morning of Passover for brunch. I dove for the big bowl of sour cream and had some matzo brei with it. As I slathered a piece of matzoh with unsalted butter and sprinkled crunchy salt on it, I wondered **why does Passover matzoh (it's toastier and crunchier) taste better than year round matzo (pale & less zippy)? Maybe it's the association of family and friends, toddlers, teenagers, adults all coming together to celebrate the telling of a really great story about our ancestors, their hard fought freedom and how as a people we have survived against all odds.**

Or maybe we got a really crunchy batch of matzoh.

I hope you all enjoyed a glass of Kedem or Magen David, ein bisschen maror and the other accoutrements on the Seder plate; experienced the inspiration of the young and the wisdom of the old.

Next year, may we all have the choice, once again, of a Passover Seder at Temple Beth El.

Xoxo
MAKS

Donations

The Lewis and Belle Bear Family Temple Beth El Facilities Endowment Fund:

A donation was made in honor of Lewis Bear III birthday from Lewis and Belle Bear

A donation was made in honor of Mesha and Scott Boyle's wedding anniversary from Lewis and Belle Bear

A donation was made in honor of Brenda Pollak's birthday from Lewis and Belle Bear

A donation was made in memory of Ann Schops from Lewis and Belle Bear

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

A donation was made by the Gabison Family

BOOK CLUB TO MEET IN MAY

Our next Temple Beth El book club meeting will be Monday, May 10 at 7 PM. Steve Rome will discuss Chapters 1-11 of *The Bible Doesn't Say That: 40 Biblical Mistranslations, Misconceptions, and Other Misunderstandings* by Dr. Joel M. Hoffman. There are dozens of instances of mistranslations, misconceptions, and other misunderstandings about the Bible. In 40 short chapters, Dr. Hoffman covers fundamental theology, morality, lifestyle, and biblical imagery. He succinctly explains each misunderstanding, detailing the nature of what went wrong and offering insight into the original meaning of the world's most popular book. Questions- contact Bill Zimmern.

April Birthdays and Anniversaries

April Birthdays	21st	William Boyle
1st Nathan Kahn		Lilith Neisler
2nd Jody Schlesinger	22nd	Rachael Soloway
Bruce Lamb		Wendi Ochs
Weston Robles		Jonathan Hochhauser
Mindy Flores	23rd	Perry Finck
3rd Azriel Boles		Thomas Linz
5th Rebecca Pelton	24th	Andrea Fleekop
6th Terry Gross	25th	Maya Behar Trub
7th Naomi Gottlieb-Miller		David Hochhauser
8th Carol Engel	26th	Jay Zimmerman
Bryce Friedland	28th	Joe Young
9th Sonia Yanovskiy	29th	Benjamin Bograd
12th Dan Hecht	30th	Jillian Lisner
13th Linda Liberis		
Marshall Hobbs	April Anniversaries	
15th Mary Brockett	5th	Erin and Sean Chaffee
Sara Goldfarb	14th	Deborah and Jeff Buchalter
16th Taylor Landa	16th	Victoria Adamenko and Leonid Yanovskiy
17th Alan Krysz		
Chad Bonner	17th	Alice and Robert Klein
18th Jacob Sacks	28th	Marcia and Larry Schuffman
Dawn Wein	28th	Jennifer and Brian Elzweig
Ada Ejikemeuwa		
20th Randall Aronson		
Judi Aronson Patrick		
Archer Kaczynski		



Erica Friedland Bat Mitzvah - May 1

Hello my name is Erica Friedland. I will become a Bat Mitzvah on May 1st, 2021. My parents are Nichole and Ed Friedland, and my siblings Ethan, Seth, Abigail, Sarah, Gabe, and Bryce are looking forward to it very much!



Currently, I'm a seventh grader at Ransom Middle School. My favorite subject is math. In my spare time I enjoy skating and playing Minecraft. I also love spending **summers at Jacobs Camp.** For my **tzedakah project I'm** cleaning up local parks and donating to Favor House and The Arctic National Wildlife Refuge.

It's hard to believe after many years in the School for Jewish Living and studying Hebrew, that my Bat Mitzvah is finally here. I want to thank all of my teachers who have helped me prepare for this event in life. I am thankful for their **patience and encouragement.** **I'm excited to be a Bat Mitzvah and I** hope you will all join me on Zoom for this very special day.

Save the Date
Habitat for Humanity Interfaith Build
May 8, 12-15, 2021
More information in upcoming communication
Please visit <https://pensacolahabitat.org/faithbuild>.

Yahrzeits

To be read on April 2nd:

27th Rabbi I. E. Wagenheim
Samuel Frank
Alice Aronson
Ruth Broz Klein
Richard Morros
Michael A. Schwartz

28th Frank Goldman
Irwin Freidman
Maxine Bear Marcus
Frank Dreyfus
Max Stern
Sarah Strickland
Gladys Rosenberg
Moses Joshua
William Ziv

29th Fannie Lindy
Raymond Goldstein
Sue Davis

30th David Levy
Ann B. Silver

31st Arne Sorensen
Laura Saffir
Red Rockholm

1st Carrie Bestoff
Herbert Israel
Rise Kichler Cole
Freda Kichler
Lisa Kichler
Leon Mondry
Eileen Mondry
Sally Riesenber

2nd Jennings M. Hertz, Sr.
Sidney Needle
Dr. Nathan Arenson

To be read on April 9th:

4th Donna Ratner
Jeanne Ash Schwartz

5th Albert Klein, Sr.

6th Louis Babkoff

7th John Q. Owens
Aaron Krumbain
Mike Mohr

To be read on April 9th, con't:

7th Fred Seligman
8th Benjamin Levinson
Emma Berlin
9th Carson A. Whitlock
Mary Rosing

To be read on April 16th:

10th Sarah L. Ball
Peter Van Wezel
P.E. "Buddy" Daniel
Sharon Cohan Gross
Bertram Levin

11th Joe Silver
Estelle F. Klein
Augusta Eliasoff
Nellie Van Wezel

12th Louis Rosenbloum
William Lean
Alfred Zewe
Joseph Schlesinger
Jessica Eilen

13th Miriam K. Levy
Esther Belle Maring Yates
P. Leonard Orenstein
J. L. Kahn
Florence Segesser
Eva Reischer

14th Alice Moretsky
Ralph Weintraub
Victor McPherson
Ida Mae Jaffe
Albert Joseph Schuffman

15th Fannie Isaacs
Alex Lischkoff
Deborah Soloway
William Daniel Ravenscroft

16th Frances Dashevsky
Sam Lyon
Walter Zitzewitz

To be read on April 23rd:

17th Louis Gates
Harold Siegel

18th Jesse Davis

To be read on April 23rd, con't:

18th Freda Spett
19th Rebecca L. Goff
David Dannheisser
Harold Marcus
Aaron Moe Cohen
Marion Beech

19th Jean Evans
Albert Spett
Bill Foley
Michele Stein

20th Lee Pelsinger
Jerry Bowman
Ada Sorenson
21st Bessie Harris Shiller
22nd Corrine Weinberger

To be read on April 30th:

24th Mollie Frenkel
Sidney Rosenthal
Lynn S. Holmes, Jr.
Sylvia Rosenbloum Cole

25th Lewis B. Rosenau
Leoma B. Goodman
Nana Heinberg
Helen Dante Kahn
Martha Bentivich

26th Jerome Bear
Betty Lean
27th Minnie Rapaport
Roy Kohn
Yetty Streiffer Sear
Gloria Monahan
Manuel Lean

28th Spencer Bruce Gordon
Rob Zitzewitz
Bertram Raul Heinberg
Ruth Greenfield
Joseph Rubel
Evelyn Goodman

29th Benjamin Gerson
30th Frederick A. Greenhut, Jr.
Robley Smith

Temple Beth El extends its condolences to Elaine Storms on the passing of her brother, Gerald Victor Busch. Gerald was devoted to his loving family and service to others. May Jerry's memory endure as a source of comfort and blessing.

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Temple Beth El extends its condolences to Greg Watson on the passing of his uncle, David Watson. **Zichrono L'vracha May David's** memory be a source of blessing.



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| Sunday                   | Monday | Tuesday                                                                | Wednesday | Thursday                                                                 | Friday                                                                 | Saturday                                                                                         |
|--------------------------|--------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|                          |        |                                                                        |           | 1                                                                        | 2<br>Shabbat Service<br>6pm<br>Temple Parking Lot<br>ZOOM              | 3<br>Torah Study<br>9:30 am                                                                      |
| 4<br>SJL in person 9:30  | 5      | 6<br>Two Jews, Three<br>Opinions<br>11:30am<br>Torah on Tap<br>5:00 pm | 7         | 8<br>Yom HaShoah<br>Presentation<br>7pm via ZOOM<br>See pg 1 for details | 9<br>Shabbat Service<br>7pm<br>ZOOM & Facebook<br>Live                 | 10                                                                                               |
| 11<br>SJL in person 9:30 | 12     | 13<br>Two Jews, Three<br>Opinions<br>11:30am                           | 14        | 15                                                                       | 16<br>Shabbat Service<br>7pm Shoreline Park<br>ZOOM & Facebook<br>Live | 17<br>Torah Study<br>9:30 am                                                                     |
| 18<br>SJL in person 9:30 | 19     | 20<br>Two Jews, Three<br>Opinions<br>11:30am                           | 21        | 22                                                                       | 23<br>Shabbat Service<br>7pm<br>ZOOM & Facebook<br>Live                | 24<br>      |
| 25<br>SJL in person 9:30 | 26     | 27<br>Two Jews, Three<br>Opinions<br>11:30am                           | 28        | 29                                                                       | 30<br>Shabbat Service<br>6pm<br>ZOOM & Facebook<br>Live                | Please note we are<br>now using ZOOM<br>for meetings. See<br>connection instruc-<br>tions above. |