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Temple Reopening Update

At the April Board Meeting, the Temple Beth El Board of Trustees accepted the recommendation of the Reopening Committee to resume indoor worship, in-person adult learning, and other Temple programs beginning on June 1, 2021.

As we transition back to indoor, in-person activities, a number of safety precautions will be in place including social distancing, a request that attendees wear masks, and the placement of hand sanitizer stations throughout the facility. Additionally, initial Shabbatot will be followed by small, outdoor ones.

It is our belief that these steps, combined with the high percentage of Temple members who have already been vaccinated or will be prior to June 1, allow us to safely meet inside our beautiful Temple.

A live stream of services will continue to be available on the Temple website as well as Facebook page. The option to join worship via Zoom will be discontinued on June 4.

The health and well-being of our members and guests is of foremost concern. While we are optimistic that progress in the fight against Coronavirus will continue and additional steps toward **"normal Temple life"** will be possible this summer, adjustments to our planned reopening may be necessary, if conditions were to deteriorate.

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

L'shalom,
Ray Engel
Temple President



Annual Congregational Meeting (Virtual)
Sunday, May 16, 2020 at 4:00 PM

Temple Beth El's bylaws require we hold an annual meeting each year between April and May. As a result of the Coronavirus and the 3-mile bridge closing, our meeting will once again be held virtually.

An information package will be mailed out to all voting members by the end of April.

You can connect to this meeting on your computer, tablet or smartphone via Zoom.
If you wish to connect by Phone: 312 626 6799.
Meeting ID: 850 438 3321

We suggest those who have no experience using screen sharing software give it a try by connecting to one of the upcoming services or programs being offered by Rabbi Joel. If you are still having a problem and wish to participate visually, please call Rabbi Joel or Ray Engel for a lesson on how to connect. Those who do not want to connect through the internet are encouraged to call in. We are so sorry to have to do our annual meeting this way, but hope everyone understands.

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
Saturday, May 1 at 10am Bat Mitzvah of Erica Friedland via ZOOM
Friday, May 7 at 6pm - Temple Parking Lot and via Zoom
Friday, May 14 at 7 pm Shabbat Worship and Confirmation via Zoom and Facebook Live
Friday, May 21 at 7pm - Shabbat Under the Stars - Pensacola Beach and via Zoom
Friday, May 28 at 7pm - Shabbat Worship via Zoom and Facebook Live

Torah Study (Please note special dates):
Book of Kings - Sat., May 8 and May 22 at 9:30am on Zoom

Two Jews Three Opinions Discussion
Tuesdays at 11:30am on Zoom

Torah on Tap
Tuesday, May 4, 5:00pm on Zoom
Grab a favorite beverage and join us for our monthly exploration of hot-topic issues through the lens of Jewish texts. This month our topic will be **"Animal Rights."**

Sisterhood Message

You've probably heard the one about the telemarketer who scammed a retiree. Our very own Stephen Rome, an AARP volunteer advocate, told us how to avoid those scammy scammers and others on April 21st. **If you would like to listen to Steve's tips on avoiding scams, let me know and I'll send you the link.**

Rabbi Joel's "Two Jews, Three Opinions" discusses a couple of essays on post-pandemic life. One of the essays was written by 90-something year old Len Berk. **A lox slicer at Zabar's, he's one of two nonagenarians working at Zabar's**-the other being Saul Zabar. I love how Len decided whether to use WAZE for driving directions (too distracting) and his joy at seeing the Westside's magnificent Hudson River again after a one year hiatus. I think he was my lox guy when I lived on 66th & West End Avenue.

Circling back to our beautiful, vibrant Northwest Florida, post-pandemic, to me, means eating food in public with friends. A friend and I hit Taste of Jerusalem last week for falafel, fresh hot flatbread, garlic-y aioli, hot roasted tomato dip, tzatziki, babaganoush, and hummus. And those were just the complimentary appetizers. **I'm still a little stuffed from last week. Who's up for going as a group?**

Our third Wednesday meeting for May, has our very own Barry Crown, PhD helping you find what's lost with: **"Losing your mind in COVID Times: depression, anxiety, loneliness, memory problems, PTSD"**. And he will answer ALL OF YOUR QUESTIONS YOU DIDN'T KNOW WHO TO ASK. **I've listened to Barry when he was on a panel and you will not want to miss this: May 19th at 12 noon. Send me a Zoom request-your wish is my command.**

XOXO
MAKS

Shabbat, Shavuot, and Confirmation Service Friday May 14, 7pm

Join via Zoom as together we mark Confirmation, Shabbat, and Shavuot in a music-filled worship experience. Led by the Confirmation Class, the service will include the reading of the Ten Commandments and the Book of Ruth.

Mazel Tov to the Confirmation Class of 2020 — George Bach, Sarah Hochhauser, and Ryan Rosenblatt
and the Confirmation Class of 2021 — Asher Nissim and Mitchell Singh.

May Birthdays and Anniversaries

May Birthdays	21st	Joshua Zimmern
1st		Heather Rutland
		Maya Fleekop
		Dan M. Trub
2nd		John Bodkin
	23rd	Myron Rosenthal
	25th	Michael Kryz
3rd		Jacob Rosenbloum
5th	27th	Steve Kass
6th		Pamn Ravenscroft
	28th	Howard Erskine
	29th	Melissa Hackel
8th		Amy Bodkin
11th	30th	Eliana Rae McCulley
	31st	Sarah Sacks
		May Anniversaries
12th	3rd	Susan and Alan Sacks
		Amy and David Bodkin
13th	4th	Faye and Chip Merritt
	9th	Maria and David Goldberg
	14th	Carol and Ray Engel
16th		Laura and David Salikof
17th		Joshua and Sara Goldfarb
	20th	Robin and Jeff Schwartz
	24th	Holly and Steve Jurnovoy
	25th	Carol and Brad Rosenblatt
20th	26th	Andrea and Rabbi Joel Fleekop

Donations

Rabbi's Discretionary Fund:

In memory of Harlow and Claire Ades from Fran McMillan and Trish McMillan

A donation was made by Bruce and Barry Lamb

A donation was made by Karlyn Messinger

A donation was made by Terri Vonbargen

Fannie Frenkel Perpetual Care Fund:

In memory of Claire Ades from Patricia McMillan

A donation was made for the cemetery restoration by Pensacola Jewish Federation

BOOK CLUB TO MEET MAY 10

Our next Temple Beth El book club meeting will be Monday, May 10 at 7 PM via ZOOM. 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.

Cemetery Cleanup Thank You

Thanks to our volunteers who helped cut back numerous trees, bushes and weeds at our cemetery on April 18th. Through their efforts, we helped make way for installation of a replacement fence as well as beautify the look of the cemetery.

Volunteers included Terry Gross, Bill Zimmern, Bruce & Mary Jo Pelton, Steve Nissim, Chris Shawyer, Myrna Lane, Craig Vigodsky, Janice and Ray Engel.



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 May 7:

1st Frieda Kichler
Versal Mayberry
Judith Martin
Ida Elzweig
Marvin Nelson

2nd Julius Stern
Marlene Brown
Myron Evans

3rd Mathilda Levy
Sophie Moskowitz
John Ochs

4th Josephine Manasse
David Siegel
Johnny Odess
Charlotte Dashevsky

5th Max Klein
Max Goldberg
Sonny Maxwell James
Richard Goldberg
Larry Klein

6th Emil Klein
7th Benno Kiwi
Solomon Shertok
Manuel Lean
Arleing Busch

To be read on May 14:

8th Paula Levin
Eric Katz
Scott Lavine
Frances Zacharias Dreyfus
Philip Goldenberg
Virginia Templeman Bendt

9th Morris Miller
10th Emile Hirsch
Joseph Schwartz
Paula Zimmerman
Rita Stern
Abraham Jaffe
Betty Reed

11th Anita Rosenau Hellman
Bertha Braunstien
12th H. Jerry Lavender, Jr.
Rebecca Stein

To be read on May 14, con't:

12th Florence Steinberg
Donnie Siegel
13th Joyce Korn
14th Reeva Kolstein

To be read on May 21:

15th Rheata Kahn
Esther Minter
Fannie Schwartz
Elise Bear Pollak
Harry Kimber
Ray Scott
Faye Erskine
Jeff Stricker

16th Bonnie Jeris
17th Gertrude Cohen
Lindsey Lazear
Cyndi Aronson

18th Sarah Wolff
George Cohen
Katie Frances Balliet
Herbert Siver
Karl Strasser

19th Louise Bloch
Sadie Smith
Zelman Lisner
Beverly Levin
Eva Greenhut
Edith H. Geiger
Fedora Krentzman
Rose Berman
Dr. Michael Morrison
21st Meyer Weisberg
Ed Doty

To be read on May 28:

22nd Estelle Dannheisser
Isaac Gordon
Michael Bernstein
Blanche Grothman
23rd Paul Kraselsky
25th Bobby Kahn
26th Norman Glucroft
Alvin Edward Hinchee

To be read on May 28, con't:

27th Selma Gordon
Gertrude Schrier
28th Marvin Zam
Benjamin Ash
Joe Harris
Emanuel Miller
Rennae Sweda

To be read on June 4:

29th Allan Lemmon
Samuel Silver
Earle Jerome Levin
30th Rose Bunnen
Nessie Tucker
Joe Van Wezel
Jennings Hertz
31st David Herschkovitz
Fredrick Greenhut
Rebecca Goldenberg
Esther Cohn Lurie
Irving Glustoff
William Rickoff
Jane Kugelman
Gordon Barry Kahn



Shavuot 101

Shavuot begins at sunset on Sunday, May 16 and ends at sundown on Tuesday, May 18. What is Shavuot? Shavuot, the feast of weeks, is celebrated seven weeks after the second Passover seder. Although Shavuot began as an ancient grain harvest festival, the holiday has been identified since biblical times with the giving of the Torah on Mount Sinai.



KOCHAVIM AT JACOBS CAMP

We are so excited to gather our 2020-2021 Kindergarteners and 1st Graders for an in-person, one night sleepover program called Kochavim at camp in Utica, MS September 18-19, 2021! Kochavim will give your child a taste of the Jacobs Camp magic and give them the opportunity to try out our best activities, make new friends, and gain confidence for a full session at camp in Summer 2022. Register today at www.jacobscamp.org/register! Please let me know if you have any questions!
Thanks,

Jacob Fijman
Development Manager
URJ Henry S. Jacobs Camp



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9 No SJL Mother's Day	10 Book Club 7pm Via ZOOM	11 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	12	13	14 Confirmation Shabbat Service 7pm ZOOM & Facebook Live	15
16 SJL in person 9:30 Last Meeting Date	17	18 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	19 Sisterhood 12 pm Via ZOOM	20	21 Shabbat Under Stars 7pm from Pcola Bch ZOOM & Facebook Live	22 Torah Study 9:30 am
23	24	25 Two Jews, Three Opinions 11:30am	26	27	28 Shabbat Service 7pm ZOOM & Facebook Live	29
30	31					