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# TEMPLE BETH EL

Share our past Shape our future

July 2022

Sivan - Tammuz 5782

## Rabbi Fleekop Sabbatical

From Rabbi Joel Fleekop:

July marks my ten-year anniversary with Temple Beth El. The past decade has been a period of growth and learning, renewal and deepening of relationships. Thank you for the privilege of continuing to serve as your rabbi and for all the kindness and support you show our family. Andrea and I both feel blessed that our girls are growing up in such a warm and loving Temple community. We are excited to be part of **Temple Beth El's bright future.**

July also marks the beginning of my sabbatical. I will be spending most of the month in Israel, where I will **participate in the Shalom Hartman Institute's Rabbinic Torah Study Seminar.** The Rabbinic Torah Study Seminar is a unique opportunity for rabbis from across denominations to study together with leading Israeli and international scholars. I am excited for this and the opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth I will have during my time in Israel.

I look forward to returning to the congregation at the end of the month with new learning and ideas to share.

### Shabbat Worship

July 1: Shabbat Worship & Dinner, 6pm  
July 8: Shabbat Worship & Dinner, 6pm  
July 15: Shabbat Worship & Dinner, 6pm  
July 22: Shabbat Worship & Dinner, 6pm  
July 29: Shabbat Worship & Dinner, 6pm

### Two Jews Three Opinions

Tuesdays, July 5 and 19, 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

### Torah on Tap:

Torah on Tap is taking July off. Our next meeting will be Tuesday, August 2 at Emerald Republic Brewery.

Temple Beth El Session 1 Jacobs Camp



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We certainly live in a society which puts a value on knowledge. Knowledge is the way of understanding everything around us from plant growth to the workings of the human body. This investigation into ourselves and our surroundings in a very hypothesis driven way has been called scientism. In fact it has been proposed that theology is a contaminate of philosophy and has no place in scientism. Furthermore there is debate as to whether philosophy or theology, for that matter, has any place in a society which has very advanced scientism. While accepting the fact that science, at least so far, has been unable to explain the two **great questions... What is the origin of things? And what is the nature of consciousness?** Proponents of scientism still suggest that there is no place in a more advanced society for philosophy much less theology.

The Stoics, a Greek school of philosophy, believed that there was a divine word of God that ruled the universe (in Hebrew "**Davar**"). **They were actually made up of Semitic immigrants** who traveled from what is now western Europe to Greece. So Jewish thought began to influence mainstream philosophy beginning around 500 BCE (at least). However although the Renaissance led to more enlightenment there was a slow decline in religious belief among philosophers. In the present day approximately 30% of philosophers believe in a deity. So in some respects both scientism and philosophy rely less than ever before on theological tenets. More recently Karl Marx and Friedrich Nietzsche were atheists.

Did you ever think that religion in general and Judaism specifically would guide our actions not only in the present but for millennia? In a lot of aspects our moral compass comes from our parents who of course were influenced by their own parents and grandparents etc. Our philosophy about right and wrong comes from multiple sources. Not only do our experiences and world view influence us, but also the peer feedback we get about our behavior.

Of necessity our behaviors and moral choices change with a changing society. However the basics of right and wrong have been handed down for generations. In a more basic society thousands of years ago religion was a guide to righteous living. It was a guide to our lawmakers and to each of us in our daily lives. Therefore religion and philosophy have been a guide to our ethics for millennia. It is inevitable therefore that theology and philosophy and even scientific investigation have all been tied together.

I find it difficult to separate theology, philosophy and scientism. Many of our world changing events were shaped not only by philosophical determinations but also by religious ramifications. Consider war for example. When our very existence was in doubt we made difficult decisions that were guided by debate and religious concepts of morality. Scientism developed the atom bomb and more effective bunker bombs.

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## Sisterhood

Shalom from your new Co-Presidents of Sisterhood!

I am very proud to be at the helm once again of my very favorite group of women, and even more proud to share leadership with Liz Broder. We are in the process of planning all kinds of fun programs for this coming year. You can look forward to a fashion show and wine tasting evening, an old fashioned sock hop, on-site and off-site monthly luncheons, mah jongg (how Jewish can you get??), and many other exciting events. And yes, Sisterhood will AT LAST ONCE AGAIN DO OUR ANNUAL SHOW...more about that in the coming months.

By next month you will have your membership letter, complete with your membership form to fill in and return. Be sure to fill it out and send it back as soon as possible...and sign up to work with us on our annual Seder, Onegs, luncheons, Women's Seder,

**theatre night...anything that grabs your fancy.** We already know a woman can do anything, so imagine how much we can accomplish when a whole bunch of us put our minds to it!

Yes, ladies, things are open once again, and it's time for Sisterhood to make a huge comeback. Our mission, and we do choose to accept it, is to make this year a year of re-connection with all our sisters, and to have a greater impact on our Temple community than ever before. Women of all ages unite! This year will have something for everyone.

COME JOIN US!

Renee and Liz



## July Birthdays and Anniversaries

Birthdays			
1st	Erin Miller Chaffee	22nd	Ben Schlesinger
	Allen Moretsky	23rd	Kricket Rich
2nd	Alyssa Hecht		Allen Miller
3rd	Chip Merritt	25th	Yael Fleekop
	Penny Featherstone		LeAnne Steiner
4th	Erika Stein	26th	Samuel Hocchauser
5th	David Landa	28th	Ashley Rosenblum
	David Goldberg		Ben Fishbein
6th	Julia Kahn Reisinger	27th	Amielle Rose Trub
	Amara Ejikemeuwa		Cassie Morgenstern
8th	Denise Rosenblum	29th	Nichole Friedland
	Chloe Stein		Nelida Hinchee
10th	Brian Elzweig	30th	Janet Kahn
11th	Karen Weintraub		Marcia Schuffman
12th	Kym Lewis	31st	Zvi Salpeter
13th	Neal Stricker		
	Lara Sackheim	Anniversaries	
	Alexander Leshnov	3rd	Charlotte and Aubrey Morris
14th	Elizabeth Broder	4th	Lynn and Rich Cacace
15th	Sandy Rosenthal		Lara and William Sackheim
	Tom McCulley	16th	Priscylla and David Alexander
	Bruce Pelton	18th	Mindy and Dennis Flores
18th	Julia Sackheim	25th	Renee and Steve Eilen
	Max Saltz	27th	Faye and Joe Rosenbaum
	Sybil Watson		Dale and Frank Silver
19th	Rabbi Joel Fleekop		Janine and Joel Retzloff
20th	Finley Faulkner	31st	Nicole and Ed Friedland
	Samantha Zimmern		

### SAVE THE DATE

Pensacola Heritage Foundation  
**Lecture on Pensacola's Jewish Community**

On July 12, 2022 at noon Dr. Norm Haines will present a lecture named "Pensacola's Jewish Community". Norm will trace the history of our community from the mid 1700's to the present day. The lectures are presented at the Wright Place, 80 E. Wright Street between N. Guillemard Street and Palafox inside of First United Methodist Church. Doors open at 11:00 and lunch is served at 11:30. The lecture starts at 12 noon and lasts 1 hour. Lecture cost is \$5.00 for non-members and is free to members. Lunches are \$10. Reservations are required for planning purposes (please make your reservations ahead of time) and can be made by contacting Pensacola Heritage Foundation by email [pnsheritage@yahoo.com](mailto:pnsheritage@yahoo.com) or phone reservation 850-380-7759. The early families included Joseph de Palacios, Samuel Israel, Alexander Solomons and Isaac Monsanto (of chemical company fame). Ours is a vibrant community with nearly 300 years of history. It'll be great to explore it with Norm.

### DONATIONS

Sylvia Rosenblum Cole Music Fund:  
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In memory of Linda Armacost from Ray and Carol Engel

### SAVE THE DATE FOR JEWS WHO COOK

**As many of you may know, I am President of the Temple's Brotherhood.** I am trying to spearhead a rather ambitious social fundraiser. We have **already set the date for Temple Beth El's first ever JEWS WHO COOK** on August 20, 2022. It will be here at Temple Beth El from 6:00 - 9:00PM. We are trying to enlist various chefs to prepare bite sized samples of their cooking for up to eighty (80) people. We have four categories:

- Entrees
- Appetizers
- Sides
- Desserts

Each Chef will have a jar on their table for cash tips to be put in. The chef with the most money at the end of the event will be the winner of that division.

Furthermore, we are encouraging patrons to sign up early. Anyone that pays in advance, before August 15, 2022, will pay \$50.00 per person for this event. For those that sign up after August 15, 2022, or at the door, it will be \$60.00 per person. Let's turn this into an annual event, so join us for some fun, food, and libations.

Sincerely,  
Terry Gross



**Yahrzeits**

*To be read on July 1st:*  
 June 25th Albert Alexander  
 Katherine Hutton  
 Jack Zimmerman  
 26th Maurice Stein  
 Bertha Levy  
 Sally Loeb  
 Molly Vigodsky  
 27th Taube Gilenberg  
 Ruth Haisfield  
 28th Ceal Taub Gordon  
 Leo Loeb  
 Norman Gordon  
 29th Frieda Dannheisser  
 Blanche Barrett  
 Ruth D. Haisfield  
 Estelle Jorish  
 Margaret Lyon  
 June Vigodsky Gross  
 30th Versal Mayberry  
 Dorothy Yudkowitz  
 July 1st Morton Friedland  
 Doug Hansen  
 Sara Weinstein  
 June Gordon  
 Evelyn Glustoff  
 Bernard Korn  
 Teresa Sida deValdez  
 Roselle Bernstein

*To be read on July 8th:*  
 2nd Ada Faye Mertins  
 Jerome Stubenhaus  
 Albert Klein, Jr.  
 Seymour Eiseman  
 4th Henry Kohn  
 Sidney P. Levy  
 Sidney Kahn  
 Harold F. Richman  
 6th Beck Sabel  
 Stella Vidal  
 B. Leon Gundersheimer

**To be read on July 8th, con't:**

7th Max L. Saffir  
 Judith Ann Roberts  
 8th Rob Kahn  
 Fannie Siegel  
 Edna B. Schneider  
  
*To be read on July 15th:*  
 9th Leonard Levine  
 Alberto Lopez  
 Peter Stern  
 10th Rosella M. Scott  
 James E. Gregory  
 11th Jack Kichler  
 12th Freda Golt  
 Zev Haims  
 13th Sandy Dressler Weston  
 14th Ben Stein  
 Abraham Solomon Uden  
 Marilyn Nelson  
 Rhoda Goldberg  
 James Majares

*To be read on July 22nd:*

17th Fannie Baruch Sommer  
 Henry Mordecai Zerah  
 Lynda Rumpfelt  
 18th Minnie H. Levy  
 Sam Lazarus  
 Lewis Bear  
 19th Edward Y. Thomas  
 20th Max Heinberg  
 Cecil Kariker  
 Dorothy Hague  
 D.H. Dannheisser  
 John Fuqua  
 21st George Hutton  
 Rabbi William Schwartz  
 22nd Beatrice Miller

*To be read on July 29th:*  
 23rd Herman Greenhut  
 Hoover Lambert  
 Alfred Chaet  
 Morris Stein  
 24th Lena K. Blumenthal  
 Franklin B. McMillan  
 Victor Abitol  
 Myra Odess  
 Harry Siegel  
 Nettie Bush  
 Jacob Kahn  
 Ann Hecht  
 Jonathan Weatherby  
 25th Janis Loeb  
 Marcia Kraselsky  
 Greta Rickoff  
 Billy Merritt  
 26th Belle Rosenau Bear  
 27th Otto Stone  
 Benjamin Dashevsky  
 George F. Eitel  
 Dudley Greenhut  
 Dora Frances Salkin

*To be read on July 29th, con't:*  
 27th Kim Thomas  
 Elaine Retting  
 Michal Elboim  
 Dr. Nathan Rickoff  
 28th Theresa Wagenheim  
 Dorothy Frenkel  
 Joanne Levine  
 William Shectman  
 Anita Blum  
 29th Richard Goodwin  
 Vivian Harrell  
  
*To be read on August 5th:*  
 30th Jack Hertz  
 Gertrude Engel  
 Harry Borer  
 Harry Rosen  
 Harold Levine  
 31st Murry Gross



**President's Message, con't.**

But should we have bombed Dresden? Should we have dropped the atom bomb?

Philosophical and theological leanings guided our decisions and fueled debate about those events even to the present.

Before we think religion has little to do with our daily lives, think of all the influences that shape us. Our religion, Judaism, guides us. It is requisite for our existence even in a modern society. Will we ever know the **nature of consciousness or the origin of life? I don't know but I suspect** there will be great philosophical and theological debate about whatever the scientific conclusions are.

Worship, pray, debate and be a close knit congregation. Share our present, shape our future.

Dr. Steve Eilen

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July 2022

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