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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom to all.

Yes, it's me again; not talking about my new interpretation and commentary on the Torah portion of the week, or about other Jewish philosophical subjects. I'm about to continue talking about the same subject – as I vowed to keep it current – until “those who come upon us (Jews) to annihilate us” (as the Haggadah states) here in America, will reconsider. And why should they reconsider? Because we will become knowledgeable enough about our Jewish history here, our integration into the fabric of the American culture, our loyalty to the American flag, and our continuing contributions to the growth of America in all its disciplines. Once we can articulate all of the above in a coherent and convincing language, it will become our weapon of mass destruction that will soften their anti-Semitic hearts with its heat and mold it into hearts of friendship and tolerance.

If you are indifferent to that notion, you may stop reading the following now.



Dov Gottesfeld

The following are only the first paragraphs of articles on the Internet about Jewish participation and contribution to the establishment of America. Please copy the URL (the address in blue) and paste it in your computer browser.

<https://www.onjewishmatters.com/archives/18221>

Jewish Contribution to the American Revolution

July 4, 2017 GideonHISTORY

by Gideon

During the American Revolution, most American Jews sided with George Washington. They gave their life and money to free America from British rule.

The Jews who settled in the British colonies in America came for the promise of economic opportunity and for religious and social freedom, conditions that were virtually non-existent for them in most of Europe.

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July Schedule of Services:

Anita Friedman (July 5th)
Rabbi Gottesfeld (July 12th)
Diane Borad-Mirken (July 19th)
Lori Meltzer-Sutton (July 26th)

Educational Activities:

Intermediate Conversational Hebrew (Tuesdays at 6 PM)

Library is open at all congregation functions

Etz Chaim Religious School (Saturdays at 10 AM)

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https://www.simpletoremember.com/articles/a/jews_and_the_founding_of_america/

Jews and the Founding of America

Jews and the Founding of America. The amazing story of Jewish influence on the founding of American democracy is a well-kept secret.

The creation of the United States of America represented a unique event in world history - founded as a modern republic, it was rooted in the Bible, and one of its earliest tenets was religious tolerance.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haym_Salomon

Haym Salomon, financier of the American Revolution
Born- April 7, 1740 in Leszno, Poland

Died - January 6, 1785 at the age of 44 in Philadelphia

Resting place - Mikveh Israel Cemetery, Philadelphia

Occupation - Broker

Known for- Was the prime financier during the American Revolutionary War.

Haym Salomon (also Solomon) was a Polish-born American Jewish businessman and political financial broker who immigrated to New York City from Poland during the period of the American Revolution. He helped convert French loans into ready cash for Washington's army by selling bills of exchange for Robert Morris, the Superintendent of Finance. In this way he aided the Continental Army and was possibly, along with Morris, the prime financier of the American side during the American Revolutionary War against Great Britain.

Please share the above information with anyone who will lend you their ears.

Happy Birthday America

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

Jaffa Café Fundraiser

Whether you dine in or take out, Jaffa Café in Santa Maria will donate 15% for all food purchased ALL DAY and EVENING, 10:30am and 8pm, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. All you have to do is write "TBE" on your menu form. Jaffa Cafe will save all of TBE's receipts and donate 15% to TBE.

Jaffa prepares delicious homemade and healthy Mediterranean food - falafel, shwarma, gyros, baba ganoush, hummus, pita, tabbouleh, lentil soup, a variety of salads and vegetarian selections, baklava and more! You can see their entire menu on their website - www.jaffacafe.us

Bring your family and friends to Jaffa Cafe on Tuesday, July 9th AND every 2nd Tuesday each month!

Remember to write TBE your menu order form!

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President's Column ~ Suzanne Levy



Suzanne Levy

The summer is always a busy time for people. Maybe you get to go on vacation, maybe you have visitors, or maybe you are spending extra time outdoors. Whatever you are doing, Temple Beth El continues to have activities to meet your needs. We always have Friday night services, which includes a pre-service pot-luck when Rabbi Gottesfeld is here. There is the Torah study on the Saturday's of the Rabbi's week-end. We have Hebrew classes for all levels. There are monthly Sisterhood dinners and monthly Brotherhood breakfasts & seminars. And we have a good library for your reading pleasure. There are fundraising events, such as temple members going as a group to see musicals at the PCPA, and there are social events. One of these is our regular Independence Day BBQ. Whatever it is, Temple Beth El has something to meet your needs. Be sure to visit the website: www.tbasantamaria.com, to see what is going on this summer!

Speaking of activities, your ideas, support, and help is always welcome. Maybe there is an event you would like to see the temple have, please share it with the board. Maybe there is something we did in the past or you participated in with another organization, let us know. Please remember though, we are all volunteers and may not have the time to put your plan into action, so when you bring us an idea, we hope you will also be part of the team that makes it happen.

Have a great summer and don't be a stranger to Temple Beth El!

B'Shalom

TBE Fundraisers

Here are 4 ways you can support Temple Beth El simply by shopping or eating!

1. Jaffa Café in Santa Maria is donating 15% for all food purchased all day and evening, 10:30am to 8pm, on the 2nd Tuesday of every month. You can dine in or take out. Either way, TBE benefits!

All you have to do is write "TBE" on your menu form. Jaffa Cafe will save all of TBE's receipts and donate 15% to TBE.

2. Buy Scrip (gift cards) from Mike Sachs to be used in local businesses and restaurants. The Temple receives up to 5% from these gift cards.

3. If you shop on Amazon, sign up to support Temple Beth El Santa Maria at smile.amazon.com (under Accounts & Lists go to Your AmazonSmile). The Temple gets ½% of every dollar you spend. Double dip and use Amazon Scrip as well!

4. Purchase a Tree in Israel in memory or honor of a loved one.

Trees are \$18.00. Temple Beth El makes money from each tree purchased. Contact Suzanne Levy to buy a tree or for more information.

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Donations

From Seymour and Boots Hersh in memory of Ethel Skolnick
From Myra Wapner in loving memory of Joel Perline
From Michael LeCover and Abby Lassen in memory of Rita Portney
From Nakiah and Henry Burnes in honor of the bris of Tzuri Burnes
From Paul and Mary Goldiner for the Passover Seder
From Andi and Jeff Portney for the Passover Seder
From Jaffa Café
A tree was planted by Ken Wolf in memory of Mike Kaver
A tree was planted by Myra Wapner in memory of Mike Kaver
A tree was planted by Ken Wolf in honor of the 80th birthday of Adrienne Lipman
A tree was planted by Anne and Mike Kaver in memory of Edward Letman
From Suzanne and Ron Levy in memory of Mike Kaver
From Suzanne and Ron Levy in memory of Mel Bilow
From the Bilow family in memory of Mel for the Building Fund
From Andi and Jeff Portney in memory of Mike Kaver
From Andi and Jeff Portney in memory of Mel Bilow
From Myra Wapner in memory of Mike Kaver
From Mary and Paul Goldiner in memory of Mike Kaver
From Jean Letman in memory of Mike Kaver

Brotherhood

Our July meeting will be on Sunday July 7th, 8:30 am, at the temple. First we will enjoy our usual fabulous breakfast of lox and bagels, eggs, juice, muffins and coffee. Breakfast will be followed by great conversation, which focuses primarily on current events, especially involving Israel. We look forward to having you join us. All Jewish men (and women) are invited to attend.

Michael LeCover

Sisterhood

This month's meeting will take place on Tuesday, July 9th, 6:00 pm, at the Jaffa Café on South Broadway. Now that this favorite restaurant also supports our temple we will be meeting here regularly on the second Tuesday of the month. We benefit twice: we have a great meal, and on that day the restaurant gives the temple 15% of money spent. We just have to be sure to write TBE on the order form. The food is always good, the prices moderate, and the atmosphere casual where reservations are not necessary and drop-ins are encouraged. Bring your friends. See you there.

Marsha Epstein

JULY 4TH ANNUAL TEMPLE PICNIC

It's time to think about the 4th of July picnic. This is always a grand event, filled with good food and good music. This year our music will be presented by 3 extraordinary musicians- Amaya Rose on fiddle, Ron Miller on guitar, and Julio Boysenberry on banjo. The temple provides tri-tip, garlic bread, hot dogs and veggie burgers. Temple members provide the rest: (side dish, salad, or dessert) Non-members are welcome to bring a favorite dish too. (Please no shell fish or pork dishes.) Contact me for reservations so we know what you will be bringing and we can set up for the right number of people. The event begins at noon. The price is \$12 for members with reservations, \$18 for non-members with reservations. The cost is \$20 for those not on the reservation list. Email or call (478-1463) to get on the reservation list. Happy 243rd Birthday USA!

Diane (Ways and Means Chair)

July 4 at T.B.E!

Featuring fabulous Santa Maria-style BBQ
and Americana/Country/Fiddle music provided by

Amaya & her Boys!



When: Thursday, **July 4th** starting at Noon

Admission with advanced reservations: \$18 for non-members; \$12 for members; \$20 for any without reservation.

Call: Diane 805-478-1463 by June 27th

Where: Temple Beth El, 1501 E. Alvin St. Santa Maria, 93454

Members should bring side dish, salad or dessert.

July Yarzheits

7/1/19	Michael LeVine	11	Tammuz	Cousin of Gary Epstein
7/2/19	Leo Wall*	29	Sivan	Husband of Florence Wall
7/3/19	Rose Landau			Grandmother of Diane Borad-Mirken
7/4/19	Martin Lassen*	1	Tammuz	Father of Abby Lassen, Grandfather of Aliya & Rachel LeCover
7/5/19	Evelyn Wasserman*	2	Tammuz	Aunt of Kenneth L. Wolf
7/9/19	Leon Gerris			Uncle of Bernice Gaon
7/11/19	Bella Hirshfield			Grandmother of Donna Eschen
7/11/19	David Klempfner			Nephew of Boots & Seymour Hersh
7/11/19	Shirley Ratner	8	Tammuz	Cousin of Marsha Epstein
7/11/19	Ruth Scheffer			Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein
7/11/19	Shirley Kaver*	8	Tammuz	Wife of Mike Kaver
7/12/19	John Kleckner*			Father of Barbara Sachs
7/14/19	Alisa David	11	Tammuz	Mother of Joel David
7/15/19	Macey Levy	12	Tammuz	Father of Ron, Karen and Linda
7/17/19	Nancy Evans*			Wife of Ben Evans, Mother of Allan Evans
7/17/19	Robert Paul Stephey	21	Tammuz	Son of Marjorie Schwartz
7/17/19	Meyer Rosen	14	Tammuz	Father of Boots Hersh
7/19/19	Marilyn Friedman	13	Tammuz	Wife of Col. Joseph Friedman
7/20/19	David Buder*			Father of Madeline Akronowitz
7/20/19	Asbury Evans*			Father of Ben Evans
7/21/19	Alex Cohen	18	Tammuz	Husband of Monique Cohen
7/21/19	Carmen Prats-Leaf*			Daughter of Luis and Sarah Prats
7/23/19	Hesta Meltzer			Mother of Jack Meltzer
7/23/19	Kathleen Searles			Friend/sister of Diane Borad-Mirken
7/23/19	Marilyn Auerbach	20	Tammuz	Cousin of Madelyn Akronowitz
7/24/19	Anne Klinger	21	Tammuz	Mother of Judith Klinger
7/25/19	Leon Roseman*			Husband of Edith Roseman
7/27/19	Doris Schaefer	24	Tammuz	Cousin of Madeline Akronowitz
7/28/19	Ann Morrison Targer*	25	Tammuz	Mother of Tom Targer
7/31/19	Esther Spivack			Grandmother of Niki Eschen

Months of Mourning

Norman Stone	Friend of Marsha Epstein	8/1/18
Thelma Cary	Friend of Marsha & Gary Epstein	9/2/18
Melissa Marshall	Sister of Frank Young	10/5/18
Jack Greenberg	Former member of Temple Beth El	11/4/18
Rita Portney	Mother of Jeff Portney	12/6/18
Sophie Fishman	Friend of Marsha & Gary Epstein	12/6/18
Elfie Morgan	Grandmother of Nakiah Burnes	12/28/18
Michael Gerber	Relative of Diane Borad-Mirken	2-15-19
Mel Bilow	Father of Aaron Bilow	5/23/19
Mike Kaver	Husband of Anne Kaver	5/28/19

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	3	4 TBE July 4 Picnic 12 PM	5 Anita Friedman leads Shabbat services (7:30 PM)	6 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
7 Brotherhood Breakfast (8:30 AM)	8 TBE Board mtg (7:00 pm)	9 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM) Sisterhood Dinner (6 PM) Jaffa Cafe	10	11	12 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) Potluck dinner (6:00pm)	13 Etz Chayim school 10 AM Torah study with Rabbi Gottesfeld (10:00 am)
14	15	16 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	17	18	19 Diane Borad- Mirken leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	20 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
21	22	23 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	24	25	26 Lori Meltzer- Sutton leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	27 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
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