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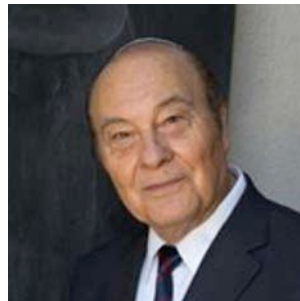
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## Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom to all:

After the opening blessings and Ma-Nishtana in the Haggadah it reads: *"We were slaves to Pharaoh in Egypt, and the L-rd, our G-d, took us out from there with a strong hand and with an outstretched arm. If the Holy One, blessed be He, had not taken our fathers out of Egypt, then we, our children and our children's children would have remained enslaved to Pharaoh in Egypt. Even if all of us were wise, all of us understanding, all of us knowing the Torah, we would still be obligated to discuss the exodus from Egypt; and everyone who discusses the exodus from Egypt at length is praiseworthy."* The Haggadah proceeds to quote a few rabbis from centuries ago.

Rabbi Eleazar ben Azaryah said: *"I am like a man of seventy years old, yet I did not succeed in proving that the exodus from Egypt must be mentioned at night-until Ben Zoma explained it: 'It is said, 'That you may remember the day you left*



**Dov Gottesfeld**

*Egypt all the days of your life;' now 'the days of your life' refers to the days, [and the additional word] 'all' indicates the inclusion of the nights!"*

The sages, however, said: *" 'All the days of your life' refers to the present-day world [in which a particular person is living]. Which means to me, that dealing with the exodus from Egypt is a stepping stone to engage the listener in contemporary issues, not only about Passover, but on "all [issues in]the days of your life."*

The Haggadah doesn't mention who the listeners are or should be. Yet, I think it primarily refers to young children because of what transpired – the children recited the four questions – and what follows is a discussion about the characteristics of "the Four Children." It reads: *"Blessed is the Omnipresent One, blessed be He! Blessed is He who gave the Torah to His people Israel, blessed be He!"* The Torah speaks of four children: *One is wise, one is wicked, one is simple and one does not know how to ask.*

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### March Schedule of Services:

Andi Portney (March 2nd)  
Rabbi Gottesfeld (March 9th)  
Diane Borad-Mirken (March 16th)  
Anita Friedman (March 23rd )  
No Shabbat Service March 30th

### Educational Activities:

Intermediate Conversational Hebrew  
(Tuesdays at 6 pm)

Library is open at all congregation functions

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One should ask then, why did the writers of the Haggadah find it necessary to classify the children into four different categories?

Looking at the whole opening (Macro), and reading between the lines (Micro) provide us with the incredible representation of cleverness, wisdom, and painstaking, which the Haggadah writers took to subliminally prepare future generations to keep the story of the Haggadah told. They made sure that the storyteller takes “all the time of his life” to educate the younger generation in the morals and ethics of the Torah. The lack of that knowledge could possibly lead to “slavery” (in all its forms). The line: *“In the beginning our fathers served idols...”* can be equated with: *“In the beginning G-d created...”* And of course there was “chaos” (in all its forms) until the Torah was given to the Israelites at mount Sinai.

The writers of the Haggadah also made sure that the story tellers must be aware that people are different in nature, learning style, and comprehension, and that the story teller needs to not only be prepared to answer all questions by becoming knowledgeable, but “Teach the youngster according to his/her way of learning – Auditory, visually or kinesthetically.

That approach would enable the following saying to be fulfilled: *“For from Zion shall go forth the Torah, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.”*

Happy and Kosher Passover.

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

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## President's Column ~ Suzanne Levy



**Suzanne Levy**

In every city I have ever lived I have heard the phrase “if you don’t like the weather, wait a day.” That has been so true for Santa Maria this past month! I never complain though, growing up in Chicago I experienced more extremes than we ever have here in Santa Maria.

This is also true of the religious atmosphere of our community, it is continually changing. In Chicago I went to a high school that was so Jewish, the whole school closed for the High Holidays. I still love visiting and see the holiday displays at the shopping centers where Chanukah gets as much display space as Christmas. Unfortunately for all of us, Santa Maria is the other extreme. It is difficult to find holiday food and when we do it is sometimes the wrong holiday (yes, I have seen Hamantaschen at Chanukah and Chanukah candles out at Passover). Our temple is truly our Jewish home, so I try to appreciate everything we have. I appreciate that we have a board that is willing to work hard for our needs (some of us for over 30 years). I appreciate that we have a Rabbi that goes way beyond what we pay him for, especially when someone is ill or when the temple needs to have representation in the community. I appreciate our wonderful building. And I especially appreciate all of you who help to fill that building all year round during services, classes, holidays, and special events.

I also appreciate those of you who may not belong to the temple, but support us in so many other ways. You know who you are and you are noticed.

Please help me in appreciating those who are around you. Say hello, say thank you, do what you can, and, G-d willing, maybe someday our wonderful Jewish community will move towards the thriving Jewish community we once had.

Suzanne

# Bulletin Briefs

## Donations:

From Steve & Maia Lewis in memory of  
Millie Kring

## March Anniversaries

3 Mel & Esther Kalish  
26 Lori & Bill Sutton

## March Birthdays

15 Ilana David  
15 Judith Klinger  
18 Arnold Stone  
19 Barbara Schoneman  
29 Alyshia Brunk

## Brotherhood

The Brotherhood met on Sunday, March 4<sup>th</sup>, and enjoyed the usual fabulous breakfast and great conversation, which focuses primarily on current events, especially involving Israel. The Brotherhood usually meets on the first Sunday of the month, but the April meeting will be Sunday, April 8<sup>th</sup> due to the Passover holiday. All Jewish men (and women) are invited to attend.

Gary Epstein

## Sisterhood

Our March dinner meeting is set for Tuesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, at the Roadhouse Grill, 1423 S. Bradley, right off the Stowell exit. This restaurant is known for its steak after all, but the menu is quite extensive and there are a number of items for non-meat-eaters, including fish, salads, and some interesting sides. This is our 2<sup>nd</sup> time at this restaurant so we know it should be fun. Our Sisterhood welcomes all Jewish women to join us, and men often choose to come as well. (They usually sit together and enjoy their own get-together.) Hope to see you there.

Marsha Epstein



*Temple Beth El hosts its annual*

# PASSOVER SEDER



5:30 p.m. Saturday,  
March 31

Buffet Dinner & Seder

led by

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

**Tickets: Member adults, \$20; children \$10**

**Non-member adults \$30; children \$15**

(Active military with ID will be guests.)

Pre-payment guarantees reservation.

**RSVP *Required* by March 28, 2018**

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# BLUEGRASS CONCERT & BIRTHDAY PARTY FOR AMAYA! BIG FUN!



with the **WILD RIVER RAMBLERS:**

Amaya Rose Dempsey – fiddle  
Tony Baloney – guitar  
Scott Morris - bass  
Julio Boysenberry - banjo  
Rick Veeh - mandolin

**WHEN:** Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 PM

**WHERE:** Temple Beth El, 1501 E. Alvin Ave, Santa Maria 93456

**ADMISSION:** \$15 reserved seats/ \$18 at the door, if space permits.

Festivities will be indoors!

**INFO, RESERVATIONS:** Diane at (805) 929-6071 or (805) 478-1463

Hello friends. It's bluegrass time at Temple Beth El! And this time, it's going to be better than ever (according to my husband, the banjo player). It will be a combination concert and birthday party for the amazing fiddler, Amaya Rose Dempsey, who is celebrating her 19 birthday. The Wild River Ramblers band will include a guitar, stand up bass, mandolin, banjo and fiddle.

The concert date is Sunday, March 25th, 3 P.M. at the temple, located at 1501 E. Alvin in Santa Maria. Cost is \$15 if you are on the reservation list, or \$18 at the door (if tickets still available). Call Diane for reservations, (805) 478-1463, or email me to get on the reservation list. The concert will be indoors and the price includes refreshments. Flyer about the event is attached. Tell your friends!!



The Purim Spiel at TBE (February 23rd, 2018)



Nakiah Burnes reading fifth chapter of the Whole Megillah. She is flanked by Vice President Gary Epstein on the left and new member Josue Medrano on the right. (February 23rd, 2018)



## March Yarzheits

3/2/18	Paul Appel*	7	Adar	Father of Susan Appel Dempsey
3/2/18	Lou Meyer*			Husband of Tibbie Meyer
3/3/18	Sandy Zuckerbraun	16	Adar II	Husband of Ruth, Father of Alan, Grandfather of Sarah & Hannah
3/4/18	Fannie Simon*			Mother of Nancy Evans
3/4/18	Al Perlman*	17	Adar	Husband of Rosalind Perlman
3/5/18	Leah Akronowitz	18	Adar	Aunt of Len Akronowitz
3/6/18	Bertha Berkowitz	22	Adar	Aunt of Gary Epstein
3/6/18	Tibbie Meyer	19	Adar	Mother of Barry & Richard, Sister of Harry Kaplan
3/6/18	Steven Stone*	19	Adar	Son of Rita and Arnold Stone
3/7/18	George Hersh	9	Adar	Brother of Seymour Hersh
3/7/18	Al J. Levinson*			Husband of Betty Levinson
3/7/18	Meyer Meltzer			Father of Jack Meltzer
3/7/18	Elizabeth Friedman	20	Adar	Aunt of Arnold Stone
3/9/18	Harry Kaplan	28	Adar	Father of Bonnie Skolnik, past president and founding member of TBE
3/10/18	Judy Eschen*			Wife of Stan Eschen, Mother of Donna
3/12/18	Ben Bycher*			Husband of Evie Bycher
3/13/18	Sion Nasser Nourani*	22	Adar	Brother of Dan Nourani*
3/13/18	Gertrude Jackaway*	26	Adar	Mother of Lorraine Pregozen
3/14/18	Ray Isenson			Friend of Tom Geiger
3/14/18	Stanley Ratner	28	Adar I	Cousin of Marsha Epstein
3/16/18	Cecilia Geiger	29	Adar	Grandmother of Tom Geiger
3/17/18	Alvin Lewis	1	Nisan	Father of Steve Lewis
3/17/18	Moshe Karim Nourani*	1	Nisan	Brother of Dan Nourani*
3/18/18	Rae Krivonos			Aunt of Corinne Bernstein
3/20/18	Irving Schwartz*	4	Nisan	Father of Stephen Schwartz
3/21/18	Bud Schenck*			Husband of Niki Eschen
3/21/18	Karl Geiger	5	Nisan	Father of Tom Geiger
3/23/18	Sam Resnick	7	Nisan	Husband of Trudy Resnick
3/24/18	Sherwin Bereskin	8	Nisan	Brother of Shep Bereskin
3/24/18	Lyn Meltzer	8	Nisan	Mother of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
3/24/18	Lillian Vincent*	8	Nisan	Grandmother of Kenneth L. Wolf
3/28/18	Arnold Stone	12	Nisan	Uncle of Jeff Portney
3/29/18	Joe Davis*			
3/29/18	Lillian Balsam	13	Nisan	Mother of Shirley Kaver
3/31/18	Art Tunick*	27	Adar	Husband of Marcia Tunick

## Months of Mourning

Lyn Meltzer	Mother of Lori Meltzer-Sutton	4/17/17
Sue Taylor	Friend of Marsha Epstein	4/25/17
Harry Berkowitz	Uncle of Gary Epstein	5/1/17
Joe Perez	Husband of Stella, Beloved friend of Temple Beth El	5/2/17
Betty Rosen Kalish	Mother of Mel Kalish	6/5/17
Jerry Wikes	Friend of Boots Hersh	8/30/17
Pam Gollub	Niece of Myra Wapner	8/31/17
Kathlin (Kathy) Bakst	Mother of Leslie Bakst	10/11/17
Stanley Gollub	Brother of Myra Wapner	10/15/17
Lois Pawlan	Mother of Suzanne Levy	10/18/17
Charles Dietz	Brother-in-law of Niki Eschen	
Ed Isenson	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein	11/27/17
Rose LeCover	Mother of Michael LeCover, Grandmother of Aliya & Rachel	12/8/17
Leonard Davidman	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein	12/29/17
Shari Schwartz	Former member of Temple Beth El	12/30/17
Millie Kring	Member of TBE	1/31/18



# MARCH

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2 <b>Shabbat service led by Andi Portney</b> (7:30 PM)	3
4 Brotherhood Breakfast meeting (8:30 AM)	5	6 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 pm)	7	8	9 <b>Shabbat service led by Rabbi Gottesfeld</b> (7:30 PM)  (Potluck at 6 PM)	10 Torah study with Rabbi Gottesfeld (10 am)
11	12	13 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 pm)	14	15	16 <b>Shabbat service led by Diane Borad Mirken</b> (7:30 PM)	17
18	19 TBE Board Meeting 7 PM	20 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 pm)  Sisterhood Dinner (6 PM)	21	22	23 <b>Shabbat service led by Anita Friedman</b> (7:30 PM)	24
25 Bluegrass Concert 3 PM	26	27 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 pm)	28	29	30 <b>No Shabbat service</b>	31 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads 2 <sup>nd</sup> Passover Seder

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