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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

HOW APPROPRIATE AND CONTEMPORARY

Shalom to all:

After studying the Hebrew Bible, and reviewing centuries of relevant Jewish narratives, I concluded that Judaism believes that true PEACE cannot begin in negotiation, but must be offered by all the conflicting parties whole heartedly and wholly – before any negotiations could take place. The outcome must ensure equal portions of benefits (and/or losses) to each of the conflicting parties.

The word PEACE in Hebrew is SHALOM. Shalom comes from the Hebrew root SH-L-M, which means wholeness. The definitions (or the synonyms) in English associate “wholeness” with concepts such as: entire, undivided, unbroken, unimpaired, and complete – to mention just a few.



Dov Gottesfeld

Regardless of the variety in the relevant examples given in the Hebrew bible, all the parties involved, which offered “wholeness” peace, needed to have had an agreement for a common outcome where there would not be any loss of human life on either side, while all the grievances were ironed out. In broader terms, our Jewish ancestors observed that time is needed to resolve disputes, and also that “time heals,” as the contemporary idiomatic expression states. Time was needed for getting to know and understand each other’s needs, and the reason behind the conflict at hand.

Those who offer a true and a sincere peace, I reckoned, were aware that it takes a long time to settle major disputes; disputes that may linger, even beyond their lifetime, and succumbed to the notion that future generations might find the proper solutions for the conflicts.

Unfortunately, however, subsequent generations did not always adhere to that ancient concept and looked for short-term solutions,

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June Schedule of Services:

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (June 4th)
Anita Friedman (June 11th)
Josué Medrano (June 18th)
Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (June 25th)

Educational Activities

Adult conversational Hebrew on Tuesdays at 6 PM.

Etz Chaim Children’s Religious School 10:30 AM
Or 11:00 AM at the park.

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which usually ended up with wars and bloodshed between the conflicting parties where innocent people were killed, murdered, and suffered on both sides. Many of those conflicts lingered for many years up to the present day.

Those wise Jewish men – and women, I dare say (who did not get the deserved credit for it) – left their observations and testaments about how to endure on the planet Earth in a book called the Jewish Bible. They used stories, poems, and narratives written in the future tense to inform future Jewish generations of potential calamities attributed to earthlings' uncivilized interactions with one another.

One biblical story pointed out the existence of a blemish in human characteristics, which if not restrained or dealt with, could erupt uncontrollably and cause immense damage globally – not just to human life, but also to all life on the planet. That concept was depicted in the Noah's Flood story.

Those destructions were attributed to an impartial Supreme Power who authored unbiased laws to ensure the survival of earthlings on the planet Earth for millenniums to come. Noah's Flood is depicted in Genesis chapters 6-8. After that destruction, where all life on the planet Earth had ceased, except for Noah and his family who found refuge in an ark they had constructed according to a blueprint given to them by that Supreme Power. The Supreme Power reconsidered, and decided to give earthlings a second chance by making the following vow: "Never again will I doom the Earth because of man, since the devising(s) of man's mind are bad from his youth; nor will I ever again destroy every living being as I have done." (Referring to the Flood.).

It seems that the metaphoric 'Noah's Flood' is still lingering with us today, and that not all the water has completely subsided.

When will we ever learn?

The answer, my friends, should not be blowing in the wind. If we dare, we can offer each other a simple and a truthful SHALOM.

B,Shalom

Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld

June 8, 2021

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President's Column – Frank Young



I have been a member of Temple Beth El since 2008. After studying Torah for ten years, I converted to Judaism in 2012. I am married to Anita Friedman, who has been leading Torah Study in our home for 15 years. We met while working for a civilian contractor at Vandenberg Air Force Base, now Vandenberg Space Base, and got hitched in 1985.

I am a retired software engineer, and have worked in the computer field since 1964 when I was hired by General Dynamics to be a “hand computer.” At that time there was no computer curriculum; one simply learned on the job. Later, I earned a mathematics degree from the University of Hawaii. While there, I worked in the astronomy department. After that, I did war gaming for the Army, and software engineering for the Air Force at Vandenberg and Edwards Air Force Bases.

I have wanted to fly since childhood during World War Two, when my family lived near an Army Air Corps training base. I learned to fly in the Navy and currently own an airplane which is hangered at Lompoc International Airport.

In 2010, I went to a city council meeting and told them that the first job of government is to keep us safe in our homes. As a result, I was invited to join the fledgling Lompoc Police Association and became the president in six months. A little while later, I was working for the Lompoc Record as a contributing writer and assigned to do a story on the Catholic Charities Food Pantry of Lompoc. I ended up being asked to be on their advisory board. One of the members of the board was a member of a Hispanic veterans group, American GI Forum, and he invited me to attend a meeting; I later joined.

Reliable sources tell us that California will fully reopen on June 15th. If that turns out to be the case, all restrictions will be lifted. Oneg will return, masks will come off and distances will be more social. The Board requested the COVID committee to monitor the situation closely.

After a year of using Zoom we are considering holding some events in person and zoom at the same time. Other congregations are doing simultaneous in-person and Zoom events. What do you think? Give us your feedback. We'll consult with the congregation before reaching a decision. Personally, I think it's a good idea. It allows greater participation.

The synagogue is the most important institution in American Jewish life. For that reason they are the target of anti-Semitic individuals and groups. In the face of this real danger, safety and security should become part of the temple life and culture. We should be aware of what could happen and develop situational awareness.

Situational awareness is knowing what is going on around you – people, objects, and actions. When you drive into the parking lot, observe if everything looks normal; is there unusual activity in the neighborhood. When entering a room in the temple, scan the room. Be alert to strange sounds or activity, unattended objects, unexpected smells, unexpected anything.

-Frank Young, president of TBE

Bulletin Briefs

June Birthdays

- 1 Sarah Epstein
- 5 Jeff Portney
- 9 Gary Epstein
- 14 Jodi Goldstien
- 15 Linda Goldstien
- 25 Ruby Basurto
- 19 Nathaniel Okonina
- 23 Myra Wapner

Donations:

Judith Klinger
Donna Eschen
Anita Friedman & Frank Young
Myra Wapner
Josué Medrano
In honor of the 90th birthday of Boots
Hersh from Andi & Jeff Portney
In memory of Tom Geiger from:
Sid & Karen Goldstien
Andi & Jeff Portney
Suzanne & Ron Levy

Brotherhood

The Temple Beth El Brotherhood meets on the first Sunday of the month, which this month was June 6th. Although the temple is opening up for some use, we will continue to meet virtually using Zoom. I will still be sending out articles of interest to members of the group.

Our usual meeting date is the first Sunday of the month, but next month it falls on July 4th. Therefore, our next meeting will be held on the second Sunday, July 11th at 10:00 AM. So please let me know if you are interested in attending our Zoom meetings and I will send you an invitation link.

Be well,

Gary Epstein, program director
Michael LeCover, president

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood had its first in-person dinner meeting on Tuesday, June 8th. It was wonderful being together in person after a year of enforced separation. We will continue to enjoy the wonderful food and togetherness again in July. Everyone is invited. Men too. (They enjoy having their own table and conversation.)

So please join us on Tuesday, July 13th, 6:00 PM, at the Jaffa Café in Santa Maria. As before, 15% of your order will be refunded to the temple as a donation. Just write TBE at the top of the order form.

Marsha Epstein

TBE is now able to accept payments via Paypal on our website: tbesantamaria.com <<http://tbesantamaria.com>>

When using this option, you may select "Dues" or "Donations". If you wish to pay for an event (such as the Chanukah party), please select "Donation" and be sure to add a description of what it is for in the optional comment area near the top of the payment screen on Paypal. If you have any questions about how to use Paypal, contact Suzanne Levy, slevy93455@gmail.com or 805-934-0477.

Monthly Jaffa Café Fundraiser Benefiting TBE
Tuesday, June 8th, 2021, at 6:00 pm.

We hope to see you at Jaffa Cafe for our monthly fundraiser!

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

Jaffa prepares delicious homemade and healthy Mediterranean food - falafel, shawarma, gyros, baba ganoush, hummos, 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, June 8th, AND every 2nd Tuesday each month!

A Message from Raul Medina

We have prayers every Shabbat at 9:30 am followed by a small drash in Spanish. Everyone is welcomed.”

A Message from Marsha Epstein

Dear Friends,

It is my great pleasure to inform you that the TBE Sisterhood has resumed our Sisterhood dinner meetings. We have waited a long time for this, the chance to get together again. So mark your calendars:

Where: Jaffa Café on South Broadway in Santa Maria

Date: Tuesday, July 13th

Time: 6:00PM

Remember that this is also a temple fundraiser so if you purchase food there anytime on that day, write TBE at the top of your order form and the temple will receive 15% of the amount of your order. So we get to be together again, eat great food, and help the temple at the same time.

Everyone is invited. Men enjoy the food and camaraderie as much as the women do and they like to sit together and enjoy each others' company. So bring your friends, spouse, pal, kids. Bring them all.

Hope to see you there,

-- Marsha

Jewish Free Loan Association, JFLA, is now serving the needs of Santa Barbara County residents

Got bills? Jewish Free Loan has recently expanded its service area to include Santa Barbara County, offering 0% interest, no fee personal/emergency loans to those who need assistance. Loans can be used for rent, medical or dental bills, car repair, childcare, remote learning expenses and more. Borrow up to \$3,000 with just two references. Loans up to \$10,000 are available with guarantors. Visit www.jfla.org <<http://www.jfla.org>> to learn more or call 323-761-8830.

Contact person is:

Sara Robyn
Chief Engagement Officer
Jewish Free Loan Association
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www.jfla.org <<http://www.jfla.org>>

Temple Beth El Español.

I think it is totally appropriate, as members of TBE, to add to our bulletin calendar and your weekly announcements of the activities the Spanish speaking part of our community has to offer. To my knowledge they will be having traditional Shabbat services in Hebrew/Spanish on Saturday mornings at the Temple. We really need to support their efforts and include that group in our Temple life.

Please contact me if you have any questions.

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🌟 Etz Chaim Shabbat 🐝

🦋 join us this summer to 🌞

🙏 Pray, Play, & Picnic 🍉

We will kick off our restart on

Saturday, June 5

11:00 a.m.

📍 At Robert "Bobby" Acquistapace Park 🐝

Corner of Sonya Lane & Western Avenue
(a new park near Jimenez Elementary School)

🍷 bring your own picnic 🍎

June:

June 5, 11:00 Robert "Bobby" Acquistapace Park
June 12, 10:30-11:30 TBE
June 19, 11:00 Park
June 26, 10:30-11:30 TBE

Upcoming Etz Chaim Shabbat Meetings

JULY:

July 3, 11:00 Waller Park

July 10, 10:30-11:30 TBE ✨ ☐

July 17, no meeting

July 24, 11:00 Avila Beach/Park

July 31, TBE ✨ ☐

AUGUST:

August 7, 11:00 Oso Flaco Lake
Trailhead/Beach

August 14, 10:30-11:30 TBE ✨ ☐

August 21, 11:00 Nojoqui Falls
Trailhead &

Sunnyfields Park (Solvang)

August 28, 10:30-11:30 TBE ✨ ☐

4th OF JULY AT TEMPLE BETH EL

We're back! Let's celebrate together



Join us for our traditional backyard picnic/bluegrass concert!

When? Sunday, July 4. Noon-3pm

Where? Temple Beth El 1501 E. Alvin St. Santa Maria

What? Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, Veggie Burgers, Fixings
plus desserts and drinks

Cost? \$15 members \$18 non-members

Children over 5 yrs. old \$5

Pay at the door.

NO ENTRY WITHOUT ADVANCE RESERVATION

Entertainment? Americana concert starring the amazing

AMAYA ROSE - fiddle, guitar and vocals

&

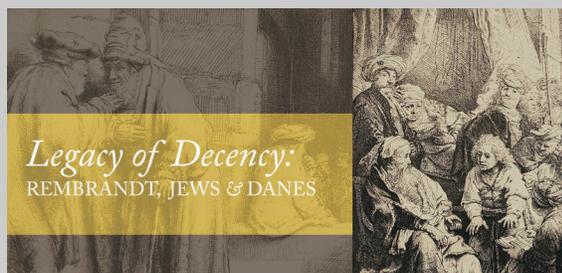
JULIO BOYSENBERRY – banjo and vocals

Please make your reservation by June 26 by email or phone

Diane.boradmirken@mail.com or (805) 478-1463

Legacy of Decency: Rembrandt, Jews & Danes at Solvang's Elverhoj Museum

A heralded collection of 21 prints by Dutch Master Rembrandt is now on view at Elverhoj Museum of History and Art in Solvang. The art exhibition, themed “Legacy of Decency: Rembrandt, Jews and Danes,” pairs art with displays about the Danish WWII rescue of their Jewish population. This exhibition links people, time and place through artwork and action with a legacy created by neighbors who cared for, and about, one another. “The humanity Rembrandt expressed in his artwork continues to resonate today, nearly 400 years later,” said Elverhoj Executive Director and exhibit curator Esther Jacobsen Bates. “It’s exciting to bring works by an artist of this renown to Solvang.” The prints on view highlight the artist’s nuanced relationship with Amsterdam’s Jewish citizens. They are detailed and intimate, much like Rembrandt’s relationship with his subjects, many of whom were neighbors and friends. Rembrandt’s legacy as an etcher is characterized by the new and innovative techniques he introduced to printmaking. Rembrandt’s legacy of decency is displayed in his art as he added emotional and psychological depth to his subjects through expressive faces, dramatic body language, and bold use of shadow and light. This concept of caring is also found in janteloven – the unofficial Danish law for “no one is better than the other.” The janteloven principle that everyone is accepted and equal plays a key part in Danish culture and mentality as was exemplified by the remarkable story of the Danish WWII resistance. Posters from the Danish Museum of Resistance in Copenhagen tell about a few intense weeks in 1943 when a “living wall of people” raised up and rescued over 95% of the Jewish population in Denmark from the Holocaust. Elverhoj Museum of History and Art is open with public walk-in hours from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Friday through Monday. In addition, the museum is offering early hour appointments, Friday-Sunday from 10 to 11 am for those who are immunocompromised or have special needs, and for members in appreciation of their support. The museum is located at 1624 Elverhoj Way in Solvang. There is no charge for admission; suggested donation is \$5. For more information or to schedule an early hour appointment, phone the Museum at (805) 686-1211 or email info@elverhoj.org.



JEWISH WAR HEROS

Jews have fought in every skirmish, battle and war from the American Revolutionary War to the Iraqi War.

The Congressional Medal of Honor is awarded to American warriors for valor above and beyond the call of duty. The Medal is typically presented by the President of the United States of America in the name of Congress. Seventeen Jews have earned this award for outstanding heroism in battle.



KARPELES, LEOPOLD

Leopold Karples was born in Hungary and entered service at Springfield, Mass. He became a sergeant of Company E of the 57th Massachusetts Infantry.

He was awarded the Medal of Honor on 30 April 1870 for action during the Battle of Wilderness in Virginia on 6 May 1864. While color bearer, he rallied the retreating troops and induced them to check the enemy's advance.

During the Battle of Wilderness, Sergeant Leopold Karpeles was entrusted with the colors. At a key point in the battle, the Confederate attack began to gain momentum. The Union line began to weaken. However Sergeant Karples continued to wave the flag which was the only thing clearly visible to Union soldiers in the smoky woods. General Wadsworth rode up and down the line shouting to the troops, "rally around the flag boys!" Sergeant Karpeles remained at his post in spite of persistent Confederate gun fire and the disarray around him. But Union soldiers managed to reform their lines and fight on to victory.

June Yarzheits

6/5/21	Betty Rosen Kalish			Mother of Mel Kalish
6/6/21	Sally Gwen Hershfield			Wife of Syd Hershfield
6/6/21	Harold Stern*			Husband of Clara Stern
6/7/21	Hinda Beaman			Mother of Betsy, Mark & Jay Goodman
6/8/21	Selma Hersh	26	Sivan	Sister-in-law of Seymour & Boots Hersh
6/9/21	Leo Wall*	29	Sivan	Husband of Florence Wall
6/11/21	Michael Libonati	8	Sivan	Nephew of Tom Geiger
6/11/21	Martin Lassen*	1	Tammuz	Father of Abby Lassen
6/12/21	Evelyn Wasserman*	2	Tammuz	Aunt of Kenneth L. Wolf
6/12/21	Macey Levy	12	Tammuz	Father of Ron, Karen and Linda
6/15/21	Samuel Aaron Linet*			
6/17/21	Rose Meisler	14	Sivan	Sister of Mike Kaver
6/18/21	Shirley Kaver*	8	Tammuz	Wife of Mike Kaver
6/19/21	Nathan Borad			Father of Diane Borad Mirken
6/19/21	Jack Zicherman*	21	Sivan	Father of Marsha Epstein
6/20/21	Mark Epstein			Cousin of Gary Epstein
6/20/21	Hank Schiff			Husband of Shirley Schiff
6/21/21	Alisa David	11	Tammuz	Mother of Joel David
6/23/21	Robert Koch			Father of Katherine Koch
6/24/21	Meyer Rosen	14	Tammuz	Father of Boots Hersh
6/26/21	Esther Epstein	23	Sivan	Aunt of Ken Wolf
6/28/21	Alex Cohen	18	Tammuz	Husband of Monique Cohen
6/29/21	Joe Krinsky*	5	Tammuz	Husband of Lilyan
6/29/21	Fred Smith			Father of Deanna Hart
6/30/21	Marilyn Auerbach	20	Tammuz	Cousin of Madelyn Akronowitz

Months of Mourning

Adam Hill	SLO County Supervisor	8/6/2020
Megan Wolf	Niece of Ken Wolf	8/13/2020
Daivon Young	Nephew of Frank Young	8/18/2020
Renee Coe	Mother of Andi Portney	8/22/2020
Ulysses Ferrer	Cousin of Josue Medrano	8/19/2020
Janice Schrager	Mother of Michael Shrager	9/8/2020
Ruth Bader Ginsburg	Justice of the Supreme Court	9/18/2020
Walter Koch	Brother of Katherine (Hersh) Koch	10/10/20
Irwin (Irv) Boxer	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein	10/29/20
Lawrence Levy	Cousin of Mary Goldiner	1/21/21
Paula Peyser	Cousin of Paul Goldiner	1/24/21
Mary Oliver	Friend of many at TBE	2/3/21
Corinne Bernstein	Long-time member of TBE	2/17/21
Tom Geiger	Long-time member of TBE	4/22/21

JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Adult Conversational Hebrew with Joel David (6 PM) TBE Board meeting (7 PM)	2	3	4 Shabbat service led by Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (7:30 PM)	5 Etz Chayim children's class: Shabbat Morning Prayers (11 AM) at park Torah Discussion Group (10 AM on Zoom)
6 Brotherhood 140 th Seminar (10 AM)	7	8 Adult Conversational Hebrew with Joel David (6 PM) Sisterhood Dinner at Jaffa Cafe (6 PM)	9	10	11 Shabbat service led by Anita Friedman (7:30 PM)	12 Etz Chayim (10:30 AM) at TBE
13	14	15 Adult Conversational Hebrew with Joel David (6 PM)	16	17	18 Shabbat service led by Josue Medrano (7:30 PM)	19 Etz Chayim (11 AM) at Acquistapace Park
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