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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 Egypt all the days of your life; 'now `the days of your life' refers to the days, [and the additional word]



**Dov Gottesfeld** 

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

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#### **April Schedule of Services:**

Lori Meltzer-Sutton (April 5th) Rabbi Gottesfeld (April 12th) No service (April 19th) Community Psssover Seder (April 20<sup>th</sup>) Andi Portney (April 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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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.

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, 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, January 8th AND <u>every 2nd Tuesday</u> each month!

Remember to write TBE your menu order form!

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## President's Column - Suzanne Levy



**Suzanne Levy** 

Changes. I hear people say they don't like change. I think what they mean is they don't like sudden, unexpected change. I would agree if it is an unpleasant change. However, I look at change as an opportunity. Maybe it is to learn something new, maybe it is to be around new friends, or maybe it is just about personal growth. I have always been a "glass half full" kind of person, so I always look at changes in a positive light.

A few things have been changing at Temple Beth El. We have sold off the back lot (though we are still waiting for escrow to close), we are fixing up the facility (new curtains, also look for the other article about Serve Santa Maria on May 4), and we are continually looking for new (dare I say younger?) leadership. Our general membership meeting is on April 14<sup>th</sup> (at 3:00 pm) where we will elect our 2019-2020 board. Most of our board members have served over 10, 20, even 30 years. We are always ready for a change. If you think you may be interested (though it is no commitment), please give me a call so I can tell you what board leadership entails. My phone is 805-934-0477.

Change can be positive and good. My least favorite phrase is "because we have always done it this way." I urge you to embrace the change and support it. You may be surprised at how much you end up liking it.

#### Suzanne

### Bulletin Briefs

#### **April Birthdays**

- 1 Niki Eschen
- 2 Sid Goldstein
- 3 Marsha Epstein
- 14 Raul Medina
- 16 Caleb Medina
- 17 Cesar Vidales
- 22 David Goldstien
- 28 Sheryl Brunk

#### **Donations**

From Jaffa Café (second Tuesdays TBE benefit)

#### Serve Santa Maria May 4

Serve Santa Maria was started by Pastor Carl Nielson of the Trinity Lutheran Church to allow people of all faiths to serve others through large scale acts of kindness. This may include cleaning graffiti, fixing an elderly person's home, painting playgrounds, fixing fences, and much more. This year they will be serving Temple Beth El by helping us to remove all the ivy and invasive shrubbery in front of the temple. The need for this removal (besides improving the looks) was suggested by the Santa Maria Police as a safety measure.

We would love for you to participate. If you want to be in the weeds, digging and removing, bring your own shovel. We would also like baked goods and beverages (water, juice, coffee) to be available to the 30-40 people we expect to be working. Simply show up at the temple at 9 am, Saturday, May 4, with a shovel or food (or just yourself) and we will put you to work in the yard, helping our visitors, or maybe in the library or classrooms where things always need cleaning and sorting.

Suzanne

#### **Brotherhood**

The TBE Brotherhood will meet on Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 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

Our April meeting will take place on Tuesday April 9<sup>th</sup>, 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

#### 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.

#### Dear Friends:

Hello again. Are you trying to figure out how to spend Mother's Day this year? Tired of fighting the crowds at restaurants? I have the perfect solution! Come to Temple Beth El's Mother's Day Event. It starts with lunch at the temple prepared by the temple ladies, followed by the PCPA production of the Tony Award winning musical, "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder". It is a musical comedy about a very gentle manly man who murders the eight people ahead of him in line for a "title". The actor playing the murderer also plays all the parts of the people he murders!!! The play played for 4 years on Broadway and won more Tonys than any other play the year it debuted. The pre-show luncheon begins at 11:30 AM at Temple Beth El located at 1501 E. Alvin St. in Santa Maria. At 1 PM we'll head over to PCPA located at 800 S. College Dr. on the Allan Hancock campus. The show starts at 1:30. I have reserved 50 of the best seats in the house. The cost of this wonderful event is \$45, which includes the lunch and the show. Call me at (805) 478-1463 to choose your seats. I have attached a flyer for you about the event.

Diane Borad-Mirken Fundraising Chair Temple Beth El

### MOTHER'S DAY EVENT PCPA SHOW WITH PRE-SHOW LUNCH

TONY AWARD WINNING MUSICAL A GENTLEMEN'S GUIDE TO LOVE & MURDER LUNCH AT TEMPLE BETH EL

WHEN? MAY 12TH--11:30 LUNCH 1:30 SHOW

WHERE? LUNCH AT TEMPLE BETH EL 1501 E. ALVIN ST. SANTA MARIA

> PCPA THEATER 800 S. COLLEGE DR. SANTA MARIA

HOW? CONTACT DIANE BORAD-MIRKEN

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Purim party for students and parents of Eretz Chayim on March 20, 2019

### Temple Beth El hosts its annual

# **PASSOVER**





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 April 17, 2019 Mike Sachs: 805-928-2442 mjs1526@aol.com

Make checks payable to Temple Beth El and mail to Mike Sachs 1526 Marilyn Way Santa Maria, 93454



#### Shalom to all:

While preparing for Passover, I came across the following table in:

https://aschmann.net/BibleChronology/The Exodus.html. The table is a complete chronology of the Exodus from Egypt. It paints a complete picture in words and dates. I trust that you'll - perhaps for the first time – be able to visualize and follow the entire route of the Exodus.

B'Shalom. Rabbi Dov.

Date	Israelite encampment	Event(s)	Exodus, Leviticus,	
	or other location		and Joshua	
1447		Midian	Burning Bush	Exodus 3:1-4:17
		Midian	Moses leaves for Egypt	4:18-23
		lodging place	Moses' son circumcised	4:24-26
		Mountain of God (Sinai)	Aaron meets Moses	4:27-28
		Egypt (Goshen=Rameses)	Moses and Aaron meet Israelites	4:29-31
		",	Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh, backlash	5
		"	God promises deliverance	6:1-7:9
1446	Exodus	>>	Moses and Aaron before Pharaoh again	7:7
1440	7:7 (Acts 7:30)		(Moses 80, Aaron 83)	7:10-7:13
	(11015 7.50)		Plagues 1-6	7:14-9:12
	9:31-32	"	Plague 7, hail	9:13-35
	9.31-32	"	Plague 8, locusts	10:1-20
	10.22.22	22		
	10:22-23	22	Plague 9, darkness	10:21-23
	12:6		Pharaoh refuses, Passover	10:24- 12:28
	12:29 13:3-4	"	Plague 10, Angel of Death	12:29- 13:16
	(Numbers 33:3)	"	The Exodus: leave Rameses (Goshen)	13:17-18
		Succoth		13:20
		Etham		13:20
		Pi Hahiroth	Crossing of the Red Sea	14:1-15:21
		Marah	Bitter water made sweet	15:22-26
		Elim	12 springs, 70 palms	15:27
		Red Sea	12 optings, 70 pains	10.27
	16:1	Wilderness of Sin	Quail and manna	16
	10.1	Dophkah	Quan and manna	10
		Alush		
		Rephidim (Massah, Meribah)	water from the rock, Amalek	17
			· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	
	10.1	"?	Jethro brings Moses' family	18
	19:1	Wilderness of Sinai	arrive at Sinai, consecration	19:1-15
	19:16	"	Moses meets God on the mountain	19:16-25
		"	Ten Commandments	20:1-17
		"	People afraid to meet God	20:18-20
		"	First lawgiving	20:21- 24:4a
	24:4	>>	Massa salled to the mayntain again	
		"	Moses called to the mountain again	24:4b-16a
	24:16	"	God calls to Moses	24:16b-18
	22.5.4		Second lawgiving	25:1-31:18
	32:5-6	"	Worship of golden calf	32:1-5
	24:18	"	Calf destroyed, tablets broken	32:6-29
	32:30	,,	Moses intercedes for the people	32:30-34:3
	34:4	,,	Moses returns to the mountain	34:4-28
	34:28	"	Moses comes down, veils face	34:29-33
		>>	Construction of the tabernacle	35:1-40:16
1445	40:17	"	Tabernacle erected	40:17-38
		"	Cloud first appears over tabernacle	
		27	Laws about offerings	Leviticus 1-7
		>>	Ordination of priests	8
		22		0
		"	Leaders of tribes bring offerings:	
			Judah	ļ
		"	Issachar	
		,,	Zebulun	
		"	Reuben	
		"	Simeon	
		"	Gad	

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		"	Ephraim	_
	Leviticus 9:1	"	Ordination of priests completed	9
	9.1	"	Nadab and Abihu die	10:1-7
		"	other issues with priests	10:8-20
		"	More laws	11-27
		"	Manasseh	
		27	Benjamin	
		"	Dan	
		"	Asher	
		"	Naphtali S S SS :	
		22	Summary of offerings  Moses hears God in Most Holy Place	
		"	More laws	
	Numbers 9:1,3,5	"	second Passover celebrated	
	1:1,18	"	census of Israelites (without Levites)	
		"	arrangement of camp	
		"	separate census of Levites	
		"	redemption of the firstborn	
		"	More laws	
		,,	Silver trumpets for mobilizing	
	10:11	,,	leave Sinai	
		Taberah	complaining and fire	
	11.20.21	Kibroth Hattaavah Hazeroth, Rithmah Rimmon Perez, Rissah, Kehelathah,	cry for meat  Miriam's complaint and leprosy	
	11:20-21	Hazeroth, Kithman Rimmon Perez, Rissan, Kenelathan, Haradah, Makheloth, Tahath, Terah, Mithcah, Hashmonah, Moseroth / Moserah, (Beeroth) Bene Jaakan, Hor Haggidgad / Gudgodah, Jotbathah, Abronah	Miriam's complaint and leprosy	
		Ezion Geber	(northern tip of Gulf of Aqaba)	
		Kadesh in Wilderness of Zin (also the W. of Paran)	arrive in Kadesh	
		"	Spies selected and commissioned	
	13:25	(various places)	Spies explore the land for 40 days	
		Kadesh "	Spies return and give report  Israelites murmur, God declares judgment	
		22	Spies die	
		"	People decide to obey, but too late	
		Hill Country	People are defeated	
		Kadesh	More laws	
		"	Challenge to leadership	
		"	Laws about priests and Levites	
		"	More laws	
1445- 1407	14:33-34 (Deu. 2:14-16)		38 years wandering in the wilderness! (Leave Kadesh initially heading south towards Red Sea)	
1407	Numbers	Kadesh in Wilderness of Zin	Return to Kadesh, death of Miriam	
	20:1	(also the W. of Paran)	,	
		27	People cry for water	
		"	(Second place named Meribah)	
		»	Passage requested of Edom, refused	
	22.29.20	Mount Hor (border of Edom)	arrive at Mount Hor  Death of Aaron (age 123, 40th year after Exodus)	
	33:38-39	"	King of Arad heard about them	1
		"	King of Arad captures some Israelites	
		Arad (Hormah)	Israel defeats Arad	
		Mount Hor (border of Edom)	Leave Mount Hor	İ
		Zalmonah (on the Red Sea?)	Go by way of the Red Sea around Edom	
			People impatient, bronze serpent	
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		Punon		
		Oboth		
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab)		
	Deuteronomy 2:14	Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River	38 years after leaving Kadesh towards the end of 1445 to wander in the desert!	
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River  Dibon Gad (on Arnon River)		
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River  Dibon Gad (on Arnon River) Beer		
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River  Dibon Gad (on Arnon River) Beer Mattanah		
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River  Dibon Gad (on Arnon River) Beer Mattanah Nahaliel		
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River  Dibon Gad (on Arnon River) Beer Mattanah Nahaliel Bamoth		
		Oboth Iye Abarim (Iyim) (border of Moab) Valley of Zered River  Dibon Gad (on Arnon River) Beer Mattanah Nahaliel		

				12:1-3	
		Bashan	Israelites conquer Bashan	12:4-5	
1406		plains of Moab (Shittim)	arrive at Plains of Moab		
			Balak and Balaam		
		plains of Moab (Shittim)	immorality with Moabite and Midianite women		
		"	new census		
		"	the daughters of Zelophehad		
		"	Joshua commissioned to succeed Moses		
		"	More laws		
		"			
		"	Reuben and Gad settle in Gilead		
		"	directives for the conquest		
	1:3	"	Moses' first Deuteronomy address (40th year after Exodus)		
		"	Moses sets apart eastern cities of refuge		
		"	Moses' second Deuteronomy address		
		" Blessings and curses			
		,,	Covenant renewed in Moab		
		,,	Final events in Moses' life		
	34:7	Mount Nebo/Pisgah	Death of Moses (age 120)		
	34:8	plains of Moab (Shittim)	People mourn Moses 30 days		
	34:9	" Joshua takes the leadership		1	
	Joshua 2:22	Jericho	Rahab hides the spies	2:1-21	
	2:22		Spies hide in hills three days	2:22	
	2:22	plains of Moab (Shittim)	Spies return to Joshua	2:22	
	3:1	Jordan bank	Israelites move to Jordan bank	3:1	
	3:2,5	Jordan bank	Preparations for crossing	3:2-5	
	4:19	plains of Moab (Shittim)	Israel crosses the Jordan	3:6-4:18	
		Gilgal east of Jericho	Camp on west side of Jordan	4:19-24	
		,,	new generation circumcised	5:1-9	
	5:10	22	first Passover in Canaan	5:10	
	5:11	22	People eat the produce of the land	5:11	
	5:12	22	Manna ceases	5:12	
		(throughout Canaan)	Initial Conquest of Canaan (undatable, unclear which events occurred during 1406) <sup>[5]</sup>	5:13-11:2 12:7-24	

# April Yarzheits

4/1/19	Stan Eschen*	7	Nisan	Father of Donna, Grandfather of Ali
4/1/19	Juan Velasquez Jr.	21	Nisan	Cousin of Cesar Vidales
4/5/19	Harry Heller*			Husband of Hazel Heller
4/6/19	Henrietta Swimmer*			Mother of Annette Barnett
4/6/19	Alvin Lewis	1	Nisan	Father of Steve Lewis
4/6/19	Moshe Karim Nourani*	1	Nisan	Brother of Dan Nourani*
4/9/19	Denise Abb	1	Nisan	Cousin of Marsha Epstein
4/9/19	Michael Ratner	11	Nisan	Cousin of Marsha Epstein
4/9/19	Irving Schwartz*	4	Nisan	Father of Stephen Schwartz
4/10/19	Karl Geiger	5	Nisan	Father of Tom Geiger
4/12/19	Conrad Sylinski*			Husband of Ruth Sylinski
4/12/19	Sam Resnick	7	Nisan	Husband of Trudy Resnick
4/13/19	Joe Martin	8	Nisan	Friend of Tom Geiger
4/13/19	Sherwin Sidney Bereskin	8	Nisan	Brother of Shep Bereskin
4/13/19	Lyn Meltzer	8	Nisan	Mother of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
4/13/19	Lillian Fischer Vincent*	8	Nisan	Grandmother of Kenneth L. Wolf
4/16/19	Cynthia A. Cohen			Daughter of Edgar Cohen
4/17/19	Paul Evans*			Brother of Ben Evans
4/17/19	Nathan Robbins*			Father of Evelyn Lubin
4/17/19	Arnold Stone	12	Nisan	Uncle of Jeff Portney
4/18/19	Barry Green*	24	Nisan	Husband of Phyllis Green
4/18/19	Lillian Balsam	13	Nisan	Mother of Shirley Kaver
4/19/19	Dave Argov*			
4/19/19	Anna Eschen			Grandmother of Donna Eschen
4/19/19	Barry Lipman*			
4/19/19	Helen Lipman*			
4/19/19	Janet Melman*			Wife of Harvey Melman
4/19/19	Zetta Rykiss			Aunt of Errin, Sari, and Abby
4/24/19	Annabelle Abramson	19	Nisan	Aunt of Abby Lassen
4/24/19	Miriam Barkai	19	Nisan	Friend of Lyn Meltzer
4/24/19	Marsha Miliman	19	Nisan	Sister of Yael Gott
4/25/19	Beverly Duel			Sister of Joe Friedman
4/28/19	Reisle (Rose Jane) Holstein	3	Iyar	Grandmother of Eric Berge
4/29/19	Shulamit Ben-Moshe			Mother of Ilana David
4/29/19	Avrum Goldman*			Father of Cary Goldman

## Months of Mourning

Hank Schiff Vivian Trexler	Husband of Shirley Schiff Cousin of Frank Young	6/20/18
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

## APRIL

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM) TBE Board Meeting (7 PM)	3	4	5 Lori Meltzer- Sutton leads Shabbat services (7:30 PM)	6 No Etz Chayim school
7 Brotherhood Breakfast (8:30 AM)	8	Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM) Sisterhood dinner meeting (6 PM)	10	11	Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Shabbat services (7:30 PM) Potluck at 6 PM	Etz Chayim school 10 AM Torah Discussion with Rabbi Gottesfeld 10 AM
14 Spring Membership meeting (3 PM)	15	Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	17	18	19 No Shabbat service	2O Community Passover Seder (5 PM)
21	22	Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	24	25	26 Andi Portney leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	27 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
2.8	29	Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	30			