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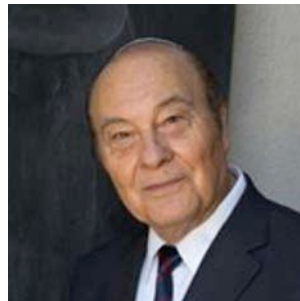
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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shalom to all:

"**Elul**" is the twelfth month of the Jewish civil year and the sixth month of the ecclesiastical year on the Hebrew calendar. The name of the month Elul, like the names of the rest of the Hebrew calendar months, was brought from the Babylonian Exile, and originated from the Akkadian word for "Harvest".

In the Jewish tradition, the month of Elul is a time of repentance in preparation for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. The word "Elul" is similar to the root of the verb "search" in Aramaic. Elul is seen as a time to search one's heart and draw close to God in preparation for the coming Day of Judgment, Rosh Hashanah, and Day of Atonement, Yom Kippur. It is customary during Elul to recite Selichot (special penitential prayers) every morning before sunrise beginning on the Sunday immediately before Rosh Hashanah.



Dov Gottesfeld

A fundamental part of the Selichot service is the repeated recitation of the "Thirteen Attributes," a list of G-d's thirteen attributes of mercy that were revealed to Moses (Ex 34:6-7): Ha-Shem [1], Ha-Shem [2], G-d [3], merciful [4], and gracious [5], long-suffering [6], abundant in goodness [7] and truth [8], keeping mercy unto the thousandth generation [9], forgiving iniquity [10] and transgression [11] and sin [12], who cleanses [13]. Why is "Ha-Shem" listed twice as an attribute? And why are three of these "attributes" Names of G-d? Different names of G-d connote different characteristics of G-d. The four-letter Name of G-d (rendered here as "Ha-Shem") is the Name used when G-d is exhibiting characteristics of mercy, and the [Talmud](#) explains that this dual usage indicates that G-d is merciful before a person sins, but is also merciful after a person sins. The third attribute is a different Name of G-d that is used when G-d acts in His capacity as the almighty ruler of nature and the universe.

So far, I have pointed out towards the traditional aspect, which every Jewish commentary on the month of Elul talks about. Yet, the essence and the practical application for uttering the Thirteen Attributes of Mercy of God is generally overlooked.

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August Schedule of Services:

Diane Borad-Mirken (August 3rd),
Rabbi Gottesfeld (August 10th),
Yael Gott (August 17th),
Rabbi Gottesfeld (August 24th),
Andi Portney (August 31st)

Educational Activities:

Etz Chayim religious school (Saturdays at 10 am);
Intermediate Conversational Hebrew (Tuesdays at 6 pm)
Library is open at all congregation functions

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To be able to repent honestly and truthfully, a person must, first, compare and evaluate his past deeds with a set of values and morals that are above and beyond human's "normative" thinking and acceptance. The thirteen attributes of Mercy of God should be used as a measuring rod to determine the extent of the "iniquity" (or the wrong doing), and thus truthfully and honestly evaluate the severity of any of his/her given bad (or good) deeds.

I wish you all a meaningful Elul, and Shanah Tova
u'metukah

Rabbi Dov

Apples and Honey Festival

The SLO JCC 3rd Annual Apples and Honey Festival will be Sunday, Sept 16, 1-4 at Mitchell Park in SLO. Temple Beth El would like to participate this year and we need your help. We need someone to organize a booth, maybe selling baked goods, maybe taking orders for specialized honey deliveries, maybe just arts and crafts - your choice. If this is something interesting to you, please call Suzanne, 805-934-0477

Not everyone was lucky enough to have had a Bar or Bat Mitzvah at age 13. Some of us are interested in giving it a try. That means taking some interesting classes, learning the meaning of the Shabbat service and the proper Hebrew pronunciation of the prayers. It means understanding the Jewish Calendar, the holidays and festivals. If this appeals to you, speak with Yael Gott or contact me. It could be a profound and exciting experience.

Marsha Epstein

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President's Column ~ Suzanne Levy



Suzanne Levy

We are very fortunate to have a beautiful temple building and grounds to call our home. Like any other home, it needs to be kept up and updated. The building, which was built in the mid 60's, is in need of a new roof. We need to redo our parking lot. We have been having a lot of problems with our sound system and we would all love more comfortable chairs and a new carpet. Plus our playground equipment and landscaping is totally out of date. To make matters worse, we had a plumbing leak in our sprinkler system that costs thousands of dollars to fix. How are we paying for all of this?

Well, first of all, we rely on dues and donations from our temple members and occasional donations from nonmembers. We also collect rent from a few groups that use our facility, and we have been very fortunate to have a very active Ways and Means Chair who brings in several thousand dollars a year with her fundraising efforts. The temple sponsors a few of its own fundraisers for members and non-members alike (Chanukah party and 4th of July BBQ to name two). Unfortunately, these funds are barely enough to cover our regular maintenance, not to mention covering larger projects like the plumbing, parking lot and roof!

To be able to afford some of the major repairs, we are currently under contract to sell the land behind the temple building (where we have overflow parking on the High Holidays). We have a committee that will decide how to use this money when escrow closes, however it will be earmarked for major projects like the roof and parking lot. Our lovely religious school families have volunteered to try to tackle whatever it takes to replace the playground equipment and update the landscaping. We have had other volunteers in the past year who have replaced the ramp to the Bimah and painted the shed. But we still need your help!

Is there something you can do? Even if it is to recommend someone who has an expertise and who would do it for us at a discount (like fixing the sound equipment), we would appreciate knowing about it. The building is already serving the needs of the grandchildren of the temple founders, and we'd like it to be here to serve the needs of our grandchildren too. So please help us sell tickets for fundraisers, please buy Chanukah raffle tickets, please pay your dues and donate what you can. As Anne Frank said "No one has ever become poor from giving." Please give what you can.

Suzanne

News from the South (Solvang) TBE may be interested in.

Solvang, your neighbor 30 miles to the south, was founded in 1911 by a group of Danish immigrants from the Midwest looking for a west coast site to develop a community where their culture and heritage could thrive. That community was actually chartered as a Danish-American Colony by the State of California. The

town had a Danish soul from its beginning. Although it looked no different than Lompoc, Santa Maria or other small California settlements before WW II, it did have its



Danish Bakeries, Danish "fraternal" organizations, and a very distinctive Lutheran Church building patterned after many church buildings of rural Denmark. A "Folk



School" (Atterdag College 1911 - 1952) was quickly established to teach local and out-of-town students traditional skills and values. These institutions had a long history in the Danish culture.

Following World War II, as automobiles brought mobility to large numbers of people, Solvang reluctantly moved into the "tourist" business. Its original "California architecture" was remodeled to replicate that of a 19th century small Danish town. New buildings followed the trend. The town's soul remained

Danish, with many residents being transplants from Denmark or second and third generation Danes. Much of this history is documented at the Elverhøj (El-ver-hoy) Museum of Art and History.

Each September for the past 56 years (this year on September 14-16), Solvang holds for a weekend celebration of its Danish, featuring food, music, folk dancing, storytelling, a Viking Encampment and other exhibits and entertainment. See

<http://www.solvangdanishdays.org/>

Bulletin Briefs

August Birthdays

1	Bill Sutton
4	Lori Meltzer-Sutton
5	Michael Sales
8	Bill Mirken
10	Marjorie Schwartz
12	Dove Okonina
13	Michael Sachs
15	Krystina Brunk
22	Adina Sales
29	Mindy Downum

Donations

A tree was planted in Israel in memory of Hank Schiff, by Ken Wolf
In memory of Hank Schiff by Steve & Maia Lewis
Carrie Zalkind

Brotherhood

The Brotherhood met on Sunday, August 5th, and enjoyed the usual fabulous breakfast and great conversation, which focuses primarily on current events, especially involving Israel. The September meeting of the Brotherhood will be held on Sunday, September 2nd. All Jewish men (and women) are invited to attend.

Gary Epstein

Sisterhood

Our dinner meeting is set for Tuesday, August 21st, 6:00 pm, at an old favorite, Jaffa Cafe, 2530 S. Broadway, #A, in Santa Maria. 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

Do you have Jewish books you have already read taking up much needed space on your bookshelves? Donate them to the Temple Beth El used book sale that will be happening at the Apples and Honey Festival in San Luis Obispo on September 16. Bring your books and leave them in the storage room in the corner on top of any box that says TBE book sale.

A message from Anita Friedman & Tom Geiger:

We wish to thank our lay service leaders for their leadership in the month of July:

Anita Friedman (July 13th) and Yael Gott (July 20th).

High Holiday Schedule

Sunday, September 9 @ 7 pm: Erev Rosh Hashanah
Monday, September 10 @ 10 am: Rosh Hashanah I
Monday, September 10 @ 4 pm: Tashlich at Avila Pier
Tuesday, September 11 @ 10 am: Rosh Hashanah II
Friday, September 14 @ 7:30 pm: Shabbat Shuvah
Sunday, September 16 @ 1:00 pm: Kever Avot at Santa Maria Cemetery
Tuesday, September 18 @ 7 pm: Kol Nidre
Wednesday, September 19 @ 10 am: Yom Kippur
Afternoon service @ 2:45 pm
Yizkor service @ 5:00 pm
Ne'ileh service @ 5:30 pm
Havdalah service @ 6:30 pm
Break-the-fast to follow.

**THE CARING
COMMITTEE
MISSION
STATEMENT**

Our mission is to provide acts of loving kindness to our Jewish community, based on mitzvot from the Torah and our Jewish tradition.

OUR GOALS

- _____1) Visit ill or homebound Jewish community members at home or in the hospital.
- _____2) Arrange and provide meals for the ill or recuperating, or those in mourning.
- _____3) Provide transportation as needed.
- _____4) Run errands, such as grocery shopping, for homebound people,
- _____5) Serve as part of a minyan when needed.
- _____6) Send cards for both happy or sad occasions and follow up with phone calls.
- _____7) Welcome and help orient new arrivals to our area.
- _____8) Other_____

The Caring Committee welcomes your support in accomplishing our goals. Please place a check on the activities that are of interest to you and write your name at the top. There will be a manila envelope at the Temple to return these forms for your convenience. Or if you would like, mail your responses to:

Michael Sachs
1526 Marilyn Way
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If you have any questions, please contact Michael by phone (805) 928-2442, or by email at mjs1526@aol.com

August Yarzheits

8/1/18	Althea Kleckner*	29	Tammuz	Mother of Barbara Sachs & Jack Kleckner
8/1/18	David Pallay*			Father of Marian Wise
8/1/18	Leon Kessler	20	Av	Cousin of Len Akronowitz
8/5/18	Dana Schor			Friend of Tom Geiger, Mike Sachs & the Broekers
8/5/18	Abraham Wapner	24	Av	Father of Irwin Wapner
8/6/18	Betsy Goodman*	16	Av	Daughter of Hinda Beaman
8/7/18	Charles Wagner*			Husband of Lee Wagner
8/8/18	Stanley Stone	27	Av	Brother of Arnold Stone
8/10/18	Ester Greenberg*			Mother of Maurice Greenberg
8/11/18	May Akronowitz	30	Av	Mother of Len Akronowitz
8/11/18	Kevin Schrager*	30	Av	Son of Dr. Michael & Georgia Schrager
8/11/18	Ruth Zuckerbraun	30	AV	Mother of Alan, Grandmother of Sarah & Hannah
8/13/18	Arnold Katzenstein*			Father of Dorothy Tuman
8/14/18	Harry Tuman*			Husband of Lillian Tuman, Father of Max Tuman
8/15/18	John Reese	15	Av	Father of Johanna Reese
8/18/18	Elyce Kaplan	18	Av	Daughter of Mike & Anne Kaver
8/18/18	William Herskovitz	7	Elul	Father of Seymour Hersh
8/20/18	Pam Gollub	9	Elul	Niece of Myra Wapner
8/20/18	Saul Tunick*	9	Elul	Son of Marcia and Art Tunick
8/23/18	Josephine Gollub	12	Elul	Aunt of Myra Wapner
8/25/18	Shirley Berens			Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein
8/25/18	Solomon Sussman*			
8/26/18	Dorothy Greenberg	9	Elul	Cousin of Stan Eschen
8/26/18	Alvin Minzenberg*	1	Elul	Husband of Jean, Father of Mike and Eric
8/26/18	Ivy Sheryl Pregozen*			Daughter of Herb and Lorraine Pregozen
8/26/18	Rose Botwinik	15	Elul	Grandmother of Yael Gott
8/28/18	Mollie Saltzberg	3	Elul	Sister-in-law of Corinne Bernstein
8/29/18	Jack E. Portney	18	Elul	Father of Jeff Portney
8/30/18	Adelyn (Addy) Raich	19	Elul	Wife of Rabbi Abraham Raich

Months of Mourning

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
Marsha Miliman	Sister of Yael Gott	4/4/18
Hank Schiff	Husband of Shirley Schiff	6/20/18

AUGUST

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Shabbat service led by Diane Borad-Mirken (7:30 PM)	4 Etz Chayim (10 AM)
5 Brotherhood Breakfast meeting (8:30 AM)	6	7 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	8	9 Community Affairs Council annual meeting at Temple Ner Shalom (6 PM)	10 Shabbat service led by Rabbi Gottesfeld (7:30 PM); Potluck (6 PM)	11 Etz Chayim (10 AM)
12	13 TBE Board of Directors meeting (7 PM)	14 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	15	16 PCPA production of Mamma Mia. (7 pm)	17 Shabbat service led by Yael Gott (7:30 PM)	18 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion group (10 AM) Etz Chayim (10 AM)
19	20	21 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM) Sisterhood dinner meeting at Jaffa Cafe (6 PM)	22	23	24 Shabbat service led by Rabbi Gottesfeld (7:30 PM); Potluck (6 PM)	25 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion group (10 AM) Etz Chayim (10 AM)
26	27	28 Intermediate Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	29	30	31 Shabbat service led by Andi Portney (7:30 PM)	

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