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Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

Shanah Ezrachit Tovah L'kulam – Happy New Civil Year to all.

“And the word of the Lord came to me the second time, saying: “what do you see?” And I said, I see a boiling pot; and its face is from the north. The Lord said to me, “Out of the north an evil shall break forth upon all the inhabitants of the land. For behold, I will call all the families of the kingdoms of the north,” said the Lord, “and they shall come, and they shall set everyone his throne at the entrance of the gates of Jerusalem, and against all its surrounding walls, and against all the cities of Judea. And I will utter my judgments against them...” (Jeremiah 1:13-16).

Jeremiah prophesized from 626 BCE during the reign of Josiah - King of Judah - until the destruction of Solomon's Temple in 587 BCE. That period spanned the reigns of five kings of Judah.

Volumes about the above quote have been written, and analyzed. The word “North”



Dov Gottesfeld

became a different metaphor to different commentators – depending on their religion affiliations and belief.

Today, that biblical “North” has one meaning, which is “Iran”. Do those believers, who subscribe to the truth spoken by those prophesies in the bible, see the current threatening political situation in the Middle East as an extension of Jeremiah prophecy? I think they do. Should all Jews, therefore, consider it as such because it has become a dangerous reality? I think all Jews should.

As a matter of fact, I think the entire world should... but not necessarily because of its religious connotation, but because of the historical facts that for thousands of years, starting with the empires of Babylon, Assyrians, through the Ottoman Empire the “North” continuously brought destruction and death – not merely for the Jews, but for the entire Middle East.

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January Schedule of Services:

Rabbi Gottesfeld (January 3rd)
Potluck at 6 PM
Diane Borad-Miken (January 10th)
Anita Friedman (January 17th)
Rabbi Gottesfeld (January 24th)
Potluck at 6 PM
Andi & Jeff Portney (January 31st)

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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However, if that prophecy is real, and still valid, I believe that the outcome might end up on a positive note – for all parties concerned. In Jeremiah 1:16 it is written that God said: "... I will utter my judgment against them...". My interpretation is (metaphorically speaking) that the word "utter" can be replaced with the word "negotiation", and the word "judgment" with "biblical laws". Since all those who are going to be affected by the dangerous consequences believe in those laws, perhaps there will be not really a need to destroy that portion of the planet earth and its people, once more, to solve political conflicts. If it must happen, however, let God take care of it, in a much more humane way... like another flood perhaps.

Just a thought.

Blessing to all

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, 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 14th 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

By the time you are reading this, we will have already had another wonderful Chanukah party. There is so much joy in hearing our temple come to life with the voices of children. Any reason to get together is great, but Chanukah is particularly special because it comes with so much happiness. Judaism is a wonderful religion when it comes to celebrations, there is a holiday almost every month! Did you even know all of these existed? We try to celebrate as many as we can as a community. That is what our congregation is all about, the sense of community we provide by being together at the special times. Please read our bulletin, follow our website, thesantamaria.org, or our Facebook page to find out what we are doing and be part of our community! You will be glad that you did

2020 Holidays

Tu BiShvat	Feb 9 Su
Purim	Mar 9 M
Pesach (2nd night)	Apr 9 Th
Lag BaOmer	May 11 M
Shavuot	May 28-30 Th--Sa
Tish'a B'Av	Jul 29-30 W--Th
Rosh Hashana	Sep 18-20 F--Su
Yom Kippur	Sep 28 M
Sukkot	Oct 2-9 F--F
Shmini Atzeret	Oct 10 Sa
Simchat Torah	Oct 10-11 Sa--Su
Chanukah	Dec 10-18 Th--F

Suzanne

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Help support your Temple by purchasing scrip as gifts. A percentage of all scrip sold goes back to the Temple (the amount varies with the retailer). It's a great "no cost" way to help our finances. Contact Michael Sachs at 928-2442 or email him at mjs1526@aol.com for further information. For a list of all the participating retailers, go to www.shopwithscrip.com <<http://www.shopwithscrip.com>> .

-Michael Sachs

The Religious Practices co-chairpersons want to thank the following Lay Shabbat service leaders for their leadership in the months of June, July, August, September, October, November, and December:

Lori Meltzer-Sutton (June 14th), Anita Friedman & Judith Klinger (June 21st), Andi & Jeff Portney (June 28th), Anita Friedman (July 5th), Andi Portney (July 19th), Lori Meltzer-Sutton (July 26th), Diane Borad-Mirken (August 9th), Anita Friedman (August 16th), Lori Meltzer-Sutton (August 30th), Anita Friedman (September 6th), Lori Meltzer-Sutton (September 20th), Andi Portney (September 27th), Anita Friedman (Shabbat Shuvah, October 4th), Diane Borad-Mirken (October 11th), Anita Friedman & Judith Klinger (October 25th), Lori Meltzer-Sutton (November 8th), Anita Friedman (November 15th), Andi & Jeff Portney (November 29th), Andi & Jeff Portney (December 13th), Anita Friedman (December 20th).

-Anita Friedman & Gary Epstein

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Donations

Maria & Guillermo Aguilar
Anita Friedman & Frank Young
Phyllis Green
Joel & Ilana David
Boots & Seymour Hersch
Andi & Jeff Portney
Jaffa Café

For the High Holidays:
Eric Berge
Andi & Jeff Portney
Ron & Suzanne Levy

In honor of Boots and Seymour 70th Anniversary
Gary & Marsha Epstein
Suzanne & Ron Levy
Linda & Jim Graham
Marjorie Schwartz

In honor of the Bat Mitzvah of Molly Epstein, from
Mary & Paul Goldiner
A Tree was planted in Israel in memory of Freddy
Mayer by Suzanne & Ron Levy
For the security cameras, from the Jewish
Community Center of SLO

Brotherhood

Our January meeting was held on Sunday, January 5th. We enjoyed our usual fabulous breakfast of lox and bagels, eggs, juice, muffins and coffee, followed by a group discussion, which focused primarily on current events, especially involving Israel.

Our next meeting will be Sunday, February 2nd at 8:30 am. We look forward to having you join us. All Jewish men (and women) are invited to attend.

Michael LeCover

Sisterhood

The Sisterhood will meet on Tuesday, January 14th, 6:00pm, at the Jaffa Café on South Broadway. We benefit from 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.

Sisterhood dues of \$25 are payable at this time. Sisterhood provides the flowers for the bima on the High Holidays. We maintain the gift shop and make donations to the temple. Your support is appreciated.

Marsha Epstein

74th Movie Night: The Biggest Little Farm

Saturday, February 15, 2020 at 7:30 pm.
Recommended donation of \$5 for refreshments and coffee.

The Biggest Little Farm chronicles the eight-year quest of John and Molly Chester as they trade city living for 200 acres of depleted farmland in California's Ventura County and a dream to harvest in harmony with nature. Through dogged perseverance and embracing the opportunity provided by nature's conflicts, The Chesters unlock and uncover a biodiverse design for living that exists far beyond their farm, its seasons, and our wildest imagination. Featuring breathtaking cinematography, captivating animals, and an urgent message to heed Mother Nature's call, The Biggest Little Farm provides us all a vital blueprint for better living and a healthier planet.

Exciting Fundraising Events coming to Temple Beth El

Please mark your calendars and **SAVE THE DATES** for the following great events. PCPA has a really good season this year and the Temple will be selling tickets for **FOUR** shows. Our price is the same price you would pay at the PCPA box office. First, on Sunday afternoon February 23 is Neil Simon's "Brighton Beach Memoirs". This is an autobiographical comedy about his Jewish family. Next on Sunday afternoon May 3 is the "Sound of Music", a wonderful musical for the whole family. Then the hilarious "Little Shop of Horrors" comes to PCPA and we will be selling tickets for Sunday, June 28. Last is a musical not to be missed named "Something Rotten". It is a really funny play taking place in Shakespeare's time. This play we will be seeing on Sunday, July 26. I have heard some of the music and it is **SO** funny! All of these will be in the Marian Theater right here in Santa Maria.

Our first concert this year will be on Sunday, November 17th at 3 PM. Barbara Wilson will be returning to Temple Beth El to put on another great show. She will be starting with "swing era Big Band music" and she will throw in some country and old standards. The second half will be audience participation and sing alongs. She is a great entertainer, having performed on Celebrity Cruise ships, Las Vegas venues, Country clubs etc. One of our members, Mike Kaver, said "She is the best entertainment you've ever brought to the temple!" If Mike said it, it **MUST** be true. I will be selling tickets for these fun activities as the dates get closer.

Diane Borad-Mirken, Fundraising Chair



A photo from the Temple Beth El Hanukkah party on December 29, 2019

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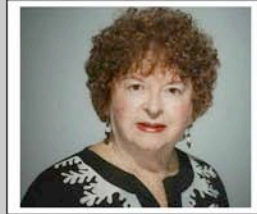
SANTA MARIA

NEW YORK

Central Coast entertainer

Diane Borad-Mirken

joins



retired NYC
Broadway entertainer
Michael Cone



for a program of solos and duets!

WHEN: Sunday, January 12, 2020 at 3:00 PM

WHERE: Temple Beth El, 1501 E. Alvin Street, Santa Maria, CA

ADMISSION: \$15. With reservation - - \$18 at the door

CALL: Diane at (805) 478-1463 for reservations.

Reservations include desserts during the intermission

An Evening with Rabbi Lee T. Bycel Humanitarian, Teacher and Author

Please join Congregation Beth David for an evening with Rabbi Lee Bycel, our Scholar in Residence. Lee is the author of *Refugees in America*, *Stories of Courage, Resilience and Hope in their own Words*. Forward by Ismael Beah.

Each chapter of *Refugees in America* focuses on an individual from a different country. Lee Bycel weaves their lives into a rich tapestry of Human resilience, suffering, determination and hope. Their stories reveal the people at the center of the political debates about US immigration.

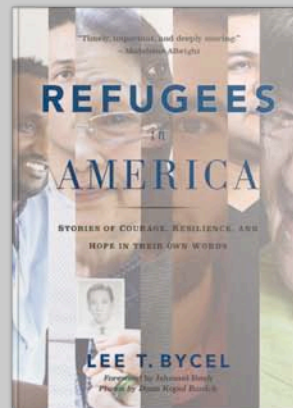
Rabbi Bycel was motivated to write this book after experiencing first hand the plight of people forced into refugee camps. He has visited camps worldwide. He will inform us on how we can engage in helping refugees.

Saturday, February 22, 2020
Havdalah, 7pm
Program, 7:30pm

Rabbi Bycel will lead a discussion based on his book *Refugees in America*, followed by a dessert reception.

**Books Will Be Available
for Sale, and Signed
by Request**

All profits from the sale of this book will be donated to two organizations dedicated to refugee resettlement work: HIAS (founded as the Hebrew Immigrant Aid society HIAS), hias.org. and International Rescue Committee (IRC) rescue.org



More about Rabbi Lee T. Bycel

Lee serves as the Sinton Visiting Professor of Holocaust, Ethics and Refugee Studies at the University of San Francisco. He has written extensively about the plight of refugees and has secured much needed funding for medical clinics in refugee camps.

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January Yarzheits

1/2/20	Laurie Wikes	20	Tevet	Friend of Boots and Seymour Hersh
1/2/20	Freda Kunarsky*	5	Tevet	Mother of Diana Bereskin
1/4/20	Morris Klempfner			Brother-in-law of Boots & Seymour Hersh
1/4/20	Gertrude (Trudy) Resnick*	23	Tevet	Sister of Rose Shrogin, Aunt of Marian & Aaron Shrogin
1/4/20	Dorothy Herscovitz	7	Tevet	Grandmother of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
1/6/20	Caroline Barnett*			Mother of Bert Barnett
1/6/20	Sheldon "Shep" Bereskin	9	Tevet	Father of Sari & Abby
1/6/20	Emma Wiessenberg	9	Tevet	Aunt of Lori Meltzer-Sutton
1/7/20	Elsie Goldiner			Mother of Paul Goldiner
1/7/20	Cheryl Lynn Pinckard*	6	Shevat	Daughter of Terri Ellen & G. Thomas Pinkard
1/7/20	Sidney Miliman	10	Tevet	Father of Yael Gott
1/8/20	Jerome F. Lubin*	11	Tevet	Husband of Evelyn Lubin
1/11/20	Jacob S. Gollub*	14	Tevet	Father of Myra Wapner
1/12/20	Ruth Sylinski*			Wife of Contrad Sylinski
1/13/20	Morris Akronowitz	16	Tevet	Father of Len Akronowitz
1/15/20	Morris Shulman	19	Tevet	Father of Bernice Gaon
1/17/20	Irwin Wapner*	20	Tevet	Husband of Myra Wapner
1/18/20	Lily Korklin	21	Tevet	Aunt of Michael LeCover
1/18/20	Elaine Miliman	21	Tevet	Sister of Yael Gott
1/19/20	Louis Klein*			Father of Ruth Roth
1/20/20	Nathan Novak	23	Tevet	Uncle of Michael Sachs
1/21/20	Edith Greenberg*			Mother of Sandra Sussman
1/22/20	Edward Allen	3	Shevat	Brother-in-law of Tom Geiger
1/22/20	Tillie Kaplan	25	Tevet	A founding member of Temple Beth El
1/23/20	Louis Vincent*	26	Tevet	Grandfather of Kenneth L. Wolf
1/24/20	Yankel (Chester) Holstein	2	Shevat	Grandfather of Eric Berge
1/24/20	Rae Schklair	27	Tevet	Grandmother of Suzanne Levy
1/25/20	Trudy Andross*			Wife of Norman Andross
1/25/20	Al Feinblatt	14	Shevat	Friend of Gary & Marsha Epstein
1/25/20	Samuel David Kellman	21	Shevat	Grandfather of Gary Epstein
1/27/20	Marvin Morris	7	Shevat	Cousin of Seymour Hersh
1/27/20	Shirley Simon*			Sister-in-law of Nancy Evans
1/28/20	Sol Greenberg	2	Shevat	Cousin of Stan Eschen
1/28/20	Bess Perline	2	Shevat	Sister of Irwin Wapner
1/29/20	Bonny LeVine	17	Shevat	Aunt of Gary Epstein
1/31/20	Millie Kring			Wife of Ray Kring

Months of Mourning

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
Syd Hershfield		8/5/19
Lil Klempfner	Sister of Seymour Hersh	9/4/19
Miriam Gaon	Daughter of Bernice Gaon	10/9/19
Emily Hoffman McGinn	Historian of SLO Jewish community	12/12/19

JANUARY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) Potluck at 6 PM	4 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion group (10 AM) No Etz Chayim school
5 Brotherhood Breakfast (8:30 AM)	6	7 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM) TBE Board Meeting (7 PM)	8	9	10 Diane Borad- Mirken leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	11 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
12 Concert @ 3 PM	13	14 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM) Monthly TBE Fundraiser & Sisterhood Dinner Meeting (6 PM)	15	16	17 Anita Friedman leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	18 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
19	20	21 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	22	23	24 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM) Potluck at 6 PM	25 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Torah discussion group (10 AM) Etz Chayim school (10 AM) Also: Havdalah Night from 5 PM to 7 PM
26	27	28 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	29	30	31 Andi Portney leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	