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## Rabbi's Message ~ Dov Gottesfeld

### HERE I GO AGAIN, FOR THE LAST TIME!

The following instructions are not, by any means, a practical joke. The Jewish Holiday Sukkot is around the corner, and so are the anti-Semites who rise to annihilate us - Jews - just like Pharaoh did, and Haman did, and Hitler did. (To mention a few). The difference is that the Jews in Egypt had Moses as a leader. In Shushan - Persia, the Jews had Mordechai. Here in the U.S. - as far as I know - There is no one now who would rise to organize the Jews for a mass Exodus - or shall we call it "evacuation" for survival purpose.

Therefore, I began to prepare by making all sorts of lists. The first list is a safe place to hide. Deserts are wonderful places to hide. There are numerous cold deserts and hot deserts on the North American continent. The cold deserts are: Thompson-Okanagan Plateau, Columbia Basin, Northern Basin Range, Wyoming Basin, Central Basin and



**Dov Gottesfeld**

Range, Colorado Plateaus, Arizona/New Mexico Plateau, Snake River Plain. The hot deserts are: Mojave Basin and Range, Sonoran Desert, Baja Californian Desert, Chihuahuan Desert. Please Google them all to pick your best choice.

Chabad's Alef institute sends a free sukkah to the needy, but they are not that big. Here are some stores to purchase camping equipment and dehydrated food supplies. (Don't bring yeast. It's easier to make pita bread or matzah with just water and flour). For camping equipment, please Google for the sporting goods stores in your neighborhood. If you ask me, I would suggest you don't bring along pets. They attract wild animals -meat eaters, like wolves and hyenas. And yes, buy large rim hats, sun screen moisturizer, and plenty of water to drink. The rest, I guess, will be up to God.

I don't think that arming yourselves would ensure survival if the anti-Semites will be chasing you. Yet, perhaps God will initiate a flash-flood, and they'd all drown, and you'll be saved.

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### October Schedule of Services:

Anita Friedman (October 4th)  
Kol Nidre (October 8th)  
Yom Kippur (October 9th)  
Diane Borad-Mirken (October 11th)  
Rabbi Dov Gottesfeld (October 18th)  
Potluck at 6 PM  
Anita Friedman (October 25th)

### 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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Yet, there is another solution.

If all Jews within their respective communities, begin to organize, and instead of installing recording cameras, (which are great to record and show the world bleeding and dead Jews after an horrendous attack on synagogues or Jewish institutions), start to care for one another by creating patrols in Jewish neighborhoods, and alert police when suspicious people, or cars are seen in their neighborhood. Educate students in schools about the contribution of the Jews to the world. Organize meetings of neighborhood residents to join them in an effort to eradicate any type of hatred against other religions. Or come up with other creative ideas.

If we Jews take this matter seriously, only then, when we walk into our sukkah, this Sukkot holiday, we will be able to view the Sukkah as a temporary home, and not a permanent one. See you Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, at our 6 pm potluck Sukkot event.

Happy Sukkot.

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](http://www.jaffacafe.us)

Bring your family and friends to Jaffa Cafe on Tuesday, November 12th 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**

## **Kol Nidre Appeal**

The next time you are at Temple Beth El look around you. Where is the nearest exit? What if that one is blocked? Do you know where you will go once you go through that door?

Where are the fire extinguishers? Do you know how to use them?

You know why I am asking these questions. Safety has become a major concern and we want to be sure everyone is prepared; not only here but also everywhere you go. Do you look where the exits are when you are at a restaurant, at a movie theater, at a sporting event? You should.

Last November, Ken Wolf and I met with the SMPD to discuss the safety of our campus. They had a number of concerns. First, they were concerned with the overgrown landscape that made our building look abandoned and was easy to hide things in. Thanks to the help of Serve Santa Maria, we have removed the ivy and junipers from the front of the property. Ken and Sid have also spent a lot of time trimming back the trees. We have also installed security cameras with loans from some members that will need to be paid back. This, along with the alarm system we already use, will help us to hopefully catch and identify individuals who pose a threat to our building.

We still have three major goals. You may have noticed the construction behind the temple. We have sold this property and the builder is putting up three single-family homes. Once they are finished with the construction, we plan to repave and expand our parking area. We also would like to improve the parking lot, landscaping, and building lighting. We also were told by the police department that we should have a 8-ft tall solid wall around the property. We also want to put a system in our front door where someone on the inside controls a buzzer to get in. Similar to what you find in apartment buildings. And a goal, not to do with security, but with safety, is to replace our carpet and the asbestos it is covering.

All of this costs a lot of money, of course. No, we are not asking you to pay for all of this! We have applied for a grant through the Department of Homeland Security. If we get the grant, and the agency we are using to apply for us has been 85% successful, we will be able to accomplish our security goals.

In the meantime, we still have a temple to run. That means we have bills for regular maintenance, utilities, supplies, spiritual leadership, yada, yada, yada. THAT is what I am asking for your help with at this time. Support for our temple will mean we can continue to offer religious services, a religious school, a building for life cycle events, and social events for our small, but mighty, Jewish community.

Suzanne

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25 Allison Portney  
30 Oceana Medina

## Donations

In memory of Lillian Klempfner by Andi & Jeff Portney

Guillermo & Maria Aguilar

## Brotherhood

Our October meeting will be held on Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>. Normally, we meet on the first Sunday of the month, but this month we are meeting a week later due to the High Holidays. We will enjoy our usual fabulous breakfast of lox and bagels, eggs, juice, muffins and coffee, followed by a group discussion. Enjoy breakfast and another great discussion, which will focus primarily on current events, especially involving Israel. We look forward to having you join us. All Jewish men (and women) are invited to attend.

Gary Epstein

## Sisterhood

The Sisterhood will not meet in October due to the High Holidays. We normally meet the second Tuesday of the month, but that is Kol Nidre. Instead, our next dinner meeting will be on November 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm, 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. This year we received a generous donation from Renee Coe, which helped defray the cost. We maintain the gift shop and make donations to the temple. Your support is appreciated.

Marsha Epstein

## 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 Cruiseships, Las Vegas venues, Countryclubs 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



## October Yarzheits

10/1/19	Leonard Fierman*			
10/2/19	Meyer Yasskin*			Brother of Trudy Resnick
10/3/19	Violet D. Ladin			Mother of Beth Ladin
10/5/19	Melissa Marshall			Sister of Frank Young
10/5/19	Maurice Roth*			Father of Arthur Roth
10/6/19	Bill LeVine	2	Heshvan	Uncle of Gary Epstein
10/10/19	Frieda Levy			Mother of Mary Goldiner
10/11/19	Kathlin Bakst			Mother of Leslie Bakst
10/11/19	Lilly Shulman			Mother of Bernice Gaon
10/11/19	M.J. Salle	12	Tishri	Great Uncle of Jeff Portney
10/12/19	Madeline Akronowitz*	13	Tishri	Wife of Len, Mother of Dove and Daniel
10/14/19	Samuel Yasskin*			Father of Trudy Resnick
10/14/19	David Baer	14	Tishri	Cousin of Boots Hersh
10/15/19	Ruth C. Stern			Sister of Howard Stern
10/18/19	Abraham Bakst			Father of Leslie Bakst
10/19/19	Lois Pawlan			Mother of Suzanne Levy
10/19/19	Abraham Rothstein	3	Heshvan	Stepfather of Gary Epstein
10/20/19	Leonard L. Kaunfer	21	Tishri	Father of Al Kaunfer
10/22/19	Jacob Simon*			Father of Nancy Evans
10/24/19	Ernest Kaplan*			Husband of Sylvia Kaplan
10/25/19	Matthew David Hersh	15	Heshvan	Nephew of Seymour and Boots Hersh
10/25/19	Enrique Vidales	21	Heshvan	Brother of Cesar Vidales
10/25/19	Errin Berkowitz*	26	Tishri	Sister of Sari Almaguer & Abby Zangwill
10/25/19	Stanley Gollub	26	Tishri	Brother of Myra Wapner
10/26/19	Bertha Rubenoff*			Mother of Lillian Tuman
10/26/19	Isidore Rosler	27	Tishri	Grandfather of Tom Geiger
10/27/19	John McManus	26	Tishri	Friend of Ron Levy
10/27/19	Sam Melman*			Father of Harvey Melman
10/27/19	Adele Mintzer	14	Heshvan	Aunt of Marsha Epstein
10/27/19	Stephen Schwartz			Husband of Marjorie Schwartz
10/27/19	Moshe Olevi Nourani*	28	Tishri	Father of Dan Nourani*
10/27/19	Jack Burton Sachs*	28	Tishri	Father of Michael Sachs
10/29/19	Ruth M. Levy*	10	Heshvan	Wife of Stanley Levy
10/31/19	Irwin Jay Berson	2	Heshvan	Cousin of Len Akronowitz

## Months of Mourning

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
Mel Bilow	Father of Aaron Bilow	5/23/19
Mike Kaver	Husband of Anne Kaver	5/28/19
Syd Hershfield		
Lil Klempfner	Sister of Seymour Hersh	9/4/19

# OCTOBER

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1 Rosh Hashanah #2 (10 AM)  TBE Board Meeting (7 PM)	2	3	4 Anita Friedman leads Shabbat Shuvah service (7:30 PM)	5 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
6 Reverse Tashlich (7 AM) Kever Avot (10 AM)	7	8 Kol Nidre (7 PM)	9 Yom Kippur (10 AM)	10 Construction of Sukkah (10 AM)	11 Diane Borad- Mirken leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	12 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
13 Brotherhood Breakfast & 119 <sup>th</sup> Seminar (8:30 AM)  Erev Sukkot celebration (6 PM)	14	15 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	16	17	18 Rabbi Gottesfeld leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)  Potluck at 6 PM	19 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
20	21	22 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	23	24	25 Anita Friedman leads Shabbat service (7:30 PM)	26 Etz Chayim school 10 AM
27	28	29 Adult Conversational Hebrew class with Joel David (6 PM)	30	31		