

Shofar



Temple Beth El

“Where Judaism Lives”



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Fridays @ 6:00 PM

Shabbat ShaZoom

Fridays @ 6:30 PM

“Shabbat Shmooze”: Pre-Service Zoom

Social Half-Hour

Fridays @ 7:00 PM

Shabbat Service

Saturdays @ 4:30 PM

Jewish Text Study

Saturdays @ 5:30 PM

Havdalah

Thursday, December 3 @ 6:30 PM

Chanukah How-To with Rabbi Klein

**Thursday, December 6, 13, 20 & 27
@ 6:00 PM**

Religious School

Tuesday, December 1 @ 6:00 PM

Religious Practices Meeting

Tuesday, December 8 @ 7:00 PM

Board Meeting

Thursday, December 10 @ 5:30 PM

Young Jewish Families Light First Candle
by Zoom

Monday, December 14 @ 7:15 PM

Young Professionals Zoom Chanukah

Sunday, December 20 @ 1:00 PM

WOTBE/Sisterhood Cooking Class

Services in our [Zoom Room, 661 322 7607](https://www.zoom.us/j/6613227607) and by [livestream on Facebook](#)

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**Welcome
New Members**

Michael, LaZelle, Leilani & Miko Broida



With December comes visions from over my lifetime of memorable Chanukah moments with family:

Lighting candles with my mother and father in my parents' slightly sunken living room, dressed in pajamas with my older brother, these ugly seventies orange mats upon which the *Chanukkiyot* were placed to catch the messy candle wax.

Getting a golden "Chai necklace" when I turned eighteen

My sister Sylvia (who many of you know), the best present-giver ever, who one year gave me eight separate bundles of coins from all over the world, adding intrigue to my curiosities.

The wafting delicious handmade latkes that over time turned into Trader Joe's pre-packaged "potato pancakes!"

The year that Jasmine the family cat singed his whiskers on the Chanukah candles, the same year that my son Rocky absolutely balled on the last night, his heart crushed that Chanukah was over.

The colorful (toxic?) flames that filled our fireplace when a mini-pyromaniac-Soon-To-Become-rabbi loved to rid us of used wrapping paper.

The Chavurah gatherings where really silly gift exchanges always seemed utterly unsatisfactory to a ten-year-old, but it was our TRADITION.

Just a sprinkling of memories. What are YOUR memories? Perhaps you have a lifetime of your own memories? Or, perhaps, you have never really experienced Chanukah before but want to find out? Whatever your level of past practice, Chanukah is an opportunity to create new memories to last your lifetime. "Chanukah" literally means "Dedication;" it reflects the historical rededication of the Temple--the center of worship in Jerusalem where offerings were made on an altar--so that our traditions could continue. Chanukah:

- "Ch" or "H," but not "Kh"
- "n" or "nn"
- "k" or "kk" or "c" or "cc," and it could also distastefully be "q" or "qq," I suppose
- "a" or "ah"

It's harder to spell the word than it is to celebrate it! I prefer Chanukkah" or "Hanukkah" with a dot under the H, for reasons beyond the point of this article!

This holiday is often juxtaposed with Christmas because of the season, but in reality, we need to ensure that Chanukkah stands on its own; the *Menorah/Chanukkiyah* is a "*Pirsuma nisa*," an advertisement of the miracle of the Jewish people's survival despite all the odds. Like Passover and Purim, Chanukkah can be summarized as so many Jewish holidays can be summarized: 1) They tried to kill us, 2) We won, 3) Let's eat!

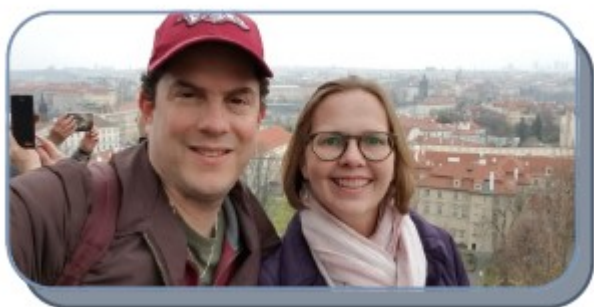
At the core of the holiday is pride in who we are. We don't just survive in secret, we boldly place the *Chanukkiyah* in public sight, some even placing it on their doorway for all passersby to see. We loudly and proudly proclaim that our unique traditions, our Jewish nonconformity with the predominant religions that surround us, are worthy of celebration, in as public a fashion as can be. Whereas Passover celebrates our freedom FROM slavery, Chanukkah celebrates our freedom TO be Jews.

We need celebration, now more than ever in America. On all accounts, 2020 has been difficult for virtually all of us. My personal silver lining has been the opportunity to serve Temple Beth El; I only hope that 2021 will bring new opportunities for us to celebrate our traditions—even more so, our total lives as community members invested in one another's wellbeing—in health and safety with one another.

I look forward to Chanukkah with all of you! Whether it be the Latke Brunch, where I will serenade you with Chanukah music, on Zoom for our Chanukah How-to, during our communal candlelighting (and we have several special candle lightings planned, including with our young families and with our Young Professionals), or on Shabbat... let's make the world brighter by adding light to our Chanukah Menorahs on this Festival of Lights!

Be Safe and Chag Urim Sameiach, Happy Festival of Lights!

Rabbi Klein



Our Temple Family offers Deepest Condolences to the family of Susan Cohn, longtime Temple Beth El Member, 6/20/52 – 11/12/2020

President Schechter's Perspectives



Dear Chevrei,

Please welcome our newest members, Michael and LaZelle Broida and their children Leilani and Miko to Temple Beth El. Michael is Greg and Rose Broida's son.

As we welcome our new members we also mourn for the loss of our dear friend Susan Cohn. She was Milton Younger's niece and spent many of Shabbats and Holidays by his side. She will be missed.

Our daycare, Bright Beginnings is open during the week. Our attendance is low but we are hanging in there. If you are interested in having your child or grandchild attend, please contact our office.

Our Hebrew Class concluded in November. Our students are very grateful to Rabbi Klein and Tim Fromm for giving of their time and expertise. Hopefully we shall see some Congregants called to read Torah! Yasher Koach to all that participated!

Fundraising is very important for continuing the financial support of our Congregation. Dues play a major role in our financial stability but fundraising adds to our overall income.

On December 6th there will be a drive through Latke Brunch. If you haven't already ordered your brunch, please do so now. You can also purchase the brunch on that day. Information will be in this Shofar.

From December 10th - 18th, you can participate in the 8 Krazy Kilometers or 2K Latke Loop. If you haven't signed up, it's not too late. Please do that now.

If anyone has any ideas for additional fundraising activities, please let us know. Your ideas are very much welcomed. We need to think of expanding our monthly budget.

On behalf of the Board, we wish everyone a joyous Chanukah!

Yasher Koach to all the Congregants of Temple Beth El for all you do to keep Us thriving!

"More than the Jewish people have kept Shabbat, Shabbat has kept the Jewish people!"

Temple Beth El where Judaism lives!

Shalom,

Ilene Schechter



Norma's
Latke Brunch!
to Celebrate Chanukah (Hanukkah)

Dec. 6, 2020 11:30 am - 1:30 pm

www.templebethelevent.org

The meal is served with Latkes (potato pancakes), applesauce and/or sour cream, Norma's Ortega Cheese Souffle and other condiments. Other brunch items may be available at an additional cost.

**Reserve Your Meals and Pick Them Up at
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Chips & Artichoke Dip - 5.00	_____	_____
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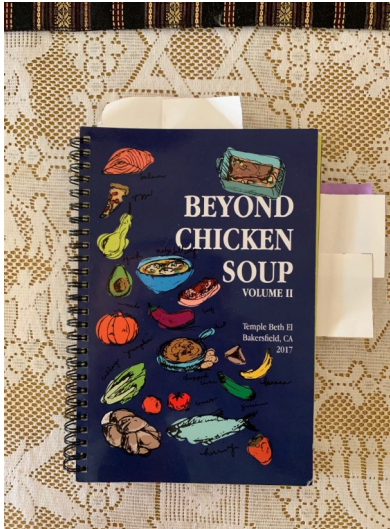
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Or email to donnaschwartz01@gmail.com Or fax to 661-588-4243

WOMEN OF TEMPLE BETH EL/SISTERHOOD Presents

COOKING CLASSES via *ZOOM*

Featuring Cooking From:



A once a month cooking class at **1 pm on a Sunday** through a Zoom meeting room, featuring Legacy recipes from the cookbook **BEYOND CHICKEN SOUP VOL II**, and an additional recipe of the cook's choice.

THIRD TIME'S A CHARM? This class was going to be in October, then November,

NOW December 20, 2020! **YIPPEE!** We get to learn a **double** Legacy recipe from the cookbook will be **Marsha's Mom's Strudel (page 170)** taught to you by none other than **Marsha Parr**. (Maybe it's a triple Legacy? Marsha Parr, her mom-Bess Kaplan and Mel Magnus...tune in for details). And this maybe even be a **QUADRUPLE LEGACY**, because Marsha is going to talk about **her Grandmother's Depression Strudel on page 169**. Need to get over a Depression and Challenging Times? Our Imahot (Mothers) knew how to do it!

TO PARTICIPATE: Send us an RSVP via email to: wotbesisterhood@gmail.com by **October 4 at noon**. We will send you a Zoom link and the ingredient list (if you want to cook along with the cook.) **Questions?** wotbesisterhood@gmail.com



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| 2 | Laura & Ricardo Reyes | 32nd |
| 2 | Mauritz & Annelize Theron | 18th |
| 6 | Ferdinand & Yolanda Aggenbach | 23rd |
| 14 | Andy & Diane Andrews | 40th |
| 15 | Esther & Rogers Brandon | 35th |
| 24 | Martin & Barbara Kessler | 53rd |
| 25 | William & Beverly Weisman | 63rd |
| 27 | Michael & Judy Feldman | 56th |
| 29 | Andy & Ella Abrams | 30th |
| 30 | Glenn & Anita Singer | 47th |

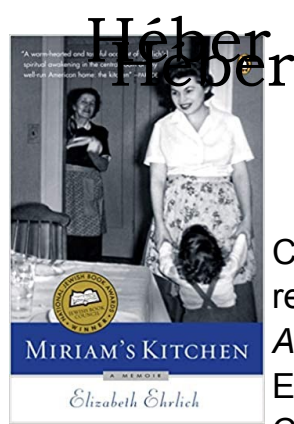


Returning Soon
Mondays
11:30 A.M.

For Info Contact:
Ilene Schechter @ (661) 332-1212

Happy Birthday

2	James Hugo
5	Michael Freedman
5	Isla Dulcie Friedman
6	Etta Robin
12	Katie Brennan
12	Rachel Chavez
13	Ilene Schechter
15	Jonathan Klein
18	Indiana Schenkman
20	Bob Allison
21	Mario Garza
22	Christina Rothberg
23	Robert Young
24	Héber Cruz Berber
25	Reece Garza
28	Ross Abarbanell
29	Juane Aggenbach



WOTBE
Book
Club!

WOTBE
Book

Club is currently reading *Miriam's Kitchen: A Memoir* by Elizabeth Ehrlich. Our next Book Club meeting to discuss

this book will be Sunday, January 10th at 1pm via Zoom. If you have not already ordered your copy of the book, please do so at one of the following retailers: [Amazon](#) , [Barnes & Noble](#) , [Thrift Books](#) , [Ebay](#) . Further information to come via WOTBE email and TBE Facebook Mishpacha and Young Jewish Families. Contact Amanda Garza with any questions via email at amanda.g.33@hotmail.com or home phone #6618737938 or cell phone #6616379508. We look forward to your



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HANUKKAH

8 Krazy Kilometers

Organized by Temple Beth El of Bakersfield, California



The 2020 Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers and 2K Latke Loop Fun Run are going to be virtual races this year due to the current pandemic. You'll be able to run an 8K or 2K distance anywhere and anytime during the eight days of Hanukkah (Thursday, December 10 –

Friday, December 18). Plus, you'll have the option to complete your run at the Panorama Vista Preserve, as both courses will be marked. In addition, awards will be given to the top finishers who run the 8K course at the Preserve. With your registration, you'll receive a race shirt, finisher medal, swag bag, and raffle ticket. We plan to have registration for our virtual races open in September on RunSignUp. Online registration and more information about our virtual races will be available on our website. (<https://www.8krazykilometers.org/>)

If you would like to help out with year's Hanukkah 8 Krazy Kilometers and 2k Latke Loop Fun Run, please consider donating a gift card as a raffle prize or becoming a race sponsor. If you would like to volunteer to help with the race, please contact Stacy Davis for more information at 661-319-4069 (i.e.: handing out race materials).

Contributions (10/16-11/17)

Kol Nidre

Rosa Barrera
Gretchen Bloch
Héber Cruz Berber
Ahron & Linda Hakimi
Ronald & Laura Lauria
Irvin Pike & Pamela Elisheva
Etta Robin

Memorials/Yahrzeit

Bob & Heidi Allison
In memory of Shirley Ann Newman,
Max Newman & Irma Sachs Adler
Brent Eastep
Ronald & Laura Lauria
In memory of Jeanette Gintzler,
Sam Gintzler & Shirley Polland
Nancy & Arthur McCombs
In memory of Alexa McDowell

Rabbi Discretionary Fund

Ann Diamond
In memory of Jess Diamond

Memorial Plaques

Temple Beth El provides a sanctuary for your sacred prayers, a social hall for special celebrations, a library to study our heritage, a school to teach our eternal values and ways to remember ones who are no longer with us. One way we honor those who helped shape our lives is by adding a made-to-order bronze Memorial Plaque to the walls of the Temple foyer.

Contact Andy Abrams:
(661) 589-3778 or aabrams@bak.rr.com

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General Contributions:

- Tree of Life
- Prayer Book Plates
- Memorials
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- Kol Nidre
- High Holy Day Seats
- Caring Committee

Specific Funds:

- Rabbi's Discretionary Fund
- Camperships

<https://templebethelbakersfield.org/donation/> provides these options for your contribution.

Thank you!



Caring Committee

Judaism requires those comforting mourners to provide meals following their loved one's funeral. Temple Beth El's Caring Committee provides these **Meals of Condolence, Se'udot Havra'ah**. Please donate, <https://templebethelbakersfield.org/donation/>, to the Caring Committee so that we may continue to support our mourners in their time of need.

Thank you,
The Temple Beth El
Caring Committee

December 2020 Yahrzeits

12/04 Shabbat Service Yahrzeits

Stanley H. Fish , father of Larry Fish	12/04
Faith Parris , mother of Marcy Smith	12/05-Kislev 19
Sol Simonowitz , brother of Joe Simonowitz	12/05
Marilyn Smith , mother of Robert Smith	12/05
Lillian Waller , great-aunt of Diane Andrews	12/05
Linnie Pearl McCombs , mother of Arthur McCombs	12/07
Mary Ancelet , sister of Andy Andrews	12/08
Bob Christenson , husband of Irene Christenson	12/08
Robert B. Strauss , uncle of Judy Strauss	12/08-Kislev 22
Kenneth Goodman , father of Vickie Hugo	12/09
Clara Shapiro , great-aunt of Steven Magnus; great-great-aunt of Elliott Magnus	12/09
John Bridges , uncle of Karen Briefer	12/10
Joseph Felsenfeld , father of Esther Brandon	12/10
Peggy Fried , mother of Drina Fried	12/10
Simon Schiller , uncle of Sylvia Neal z"l	12/10

12/11 Shabbat Service Yahrzeits

Dawn Killian , niece of Sheryn Pincoski	12/11
Stanley Fram , father of Joe Fram	12/12
David Isaac , brother-in-law of Sharon Miller	12/13-Kislev 27
Rita Fromm , step-mother of Tim Fromm	12/14
Bud Simmons , uncle of Bonnie Birch	12/14
Manya Schneider , aunt of Norma Schwartz z"l; great-aunt of Jeff Schwartz	12/15-Kislev 29
Milton Gintzler , great-uncle of Laura Lauria; great-great-uncle of Amanda Garza	12/16
Bracha Hayoun-Weiss , sister of Haya Klein	12/16-Tevet 1
Jack LeMuie , step-father of Bonnie Birch	12/16
Robert W. Neal , step-father of Dan Neal z"l	12/17

12/18 Shabbat Service Yahrzeits

Barry Abott , brother of Rebecca Gottesman z"l	12/18-Tevet 3
Ann Gross , mother of Hillary Neumeister	12/18
Melvin Magnus , father of Steven Magnus; grandfather of Elliott Magnus	12/18
William Solomon , grandfather of Greg Broida	12/18
William Goldberg , father of Risha Grosberg z"l	12/19-Tevet 4
Rosemarie Azgour , remembered by the congregation	12/20
Shirley Lipco Baker , mother of Sharon Lipco z"l & Lisa Lipco Levine	12/21

12/18 Shabbat Service Yahrzeits (cont'd)

Ruth Briefer, grandmother of Karen Briefer	12/22
Ruth Schneider, sister-in-law of Norma Schwartz z"l; aunt of Jeff Schwartz	12/23-Tevet 8
Edward Schwartz, grandfather of Susie Simrin & Amy Knight	12/23
Arthur Sachs, father of Shirley Ann Newman; grandfather of Heidi Allison	12/24

12/25 Shabbat Service Yahrzeits

Neva Benedict, grandmother of Gail Magnus; great-grandmother of Elliott Magnus	12/25
Dorothy Ernst, aunt of Esther Brandon	12/25
Raymond Katzell, father of Ellyn Widelock; grandfather of Jenna Odlin	12/25
Ethel K. Bregor, mother of Jackie Rudnick z"l	12/26
Merrilee Bronstein, grandmother of Rebecca Roldan	12/26
Ebba Jensen, grandmother of Laura Wolfe	12/26
Gladys Kimber, grandmother of SLheryn Pincoski	12/26
Carolyn Larks, aunt of Anita Singer	12/26
Jessie Reason Aikens, mother of Patricia Bell	12/26
Seymour Schechter, father of Ilene Schechter	12/26
Jack Vogel, grandfather of Leah Bank	12/26
Morris Gintzler, great-uncle of Laura Lauria; great-great-uncle of Amanda Garza	12/27-Tevet 12
Katherine Knight, mother-in-law of Amy Knight	12/27
Tony Alfred Chavez, father of Rudie Chavez	12/28
Alfonso Gonzalez, brother of Rose Broida	12/28
Sol Weiss, grandfather of Sarah Weiss	12/28
Betty Cohn, mother of Susan Cohn; sister of Milton Younger z"l	12/29
Burton Epstein, father of Leonard Epstein	12/29
Herman Schneider, brother of Norma Schwartz z"l; uncle of Jeff Schwartz	12/30-Tevet 15
Dugan Turner, husband of Denise Turner z"l	12/30
Marjorie Joan Atencio, mother of Susie Simrin & Amy Knight	12/31

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(661) 322-7607

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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1/2 Page	\$200

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- Phone number(s)
- Births, marriage dates, Yahrzeits

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