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Rabbi's Corner - **WHO IS WISE?**

I grew up in a wonderful Temple in Norfolk, VA called Ohef Sholom. My rabbi was Larry Forman, and he is still connected there after forty-some years. I always looked up to my rabbi and saw him as an innovator and a teacher. I was excited when I entered my Confirmation year, because Rabbi Forman taught that class. As an active participant in the temple and in the regional youth groups, I was ready to learn about Judaism, Torah, and Israel. To my surprise, one of our first weeks at Sunday School was a field trip - not to the Jewish community Center, not to the mikveh at the Orthodox shul, not even to the bagel store. No, our trip was to the Baptist church a few blocks away. I did not even know there was a Baptist church there. We sat through a Sunday morning service and then reconvened back at the temple. There, we discussed the structure of the church service, what we felt about the sermon, and talked about the symbols on their stained glass

windows. I honestly have no recollection about any of those particulars. But I remember asking myself why a trip to a church was part of my Jewish education.

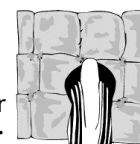
But the seed was planted. As I grew more and more committed to Judaism, I began to feel more comfortable exploring other religious communities. And I recognized that my faith was strengthened when I engaged with other communities. Because, as an ambassador of Judaism, I must always be ready to explain various customs, rituals, or theological questions about Judaism. And that

requires me - us - to become better informed Jews. Interfaith dialogue prompts us to strengthen our Jewish identity.

In addition to strengthening our identities, interfaith dialogue also gives us another opportunity for social action. By ourselves, the Jewish community can make a positive difference by social action programs



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Schedule of Services

Friday, June 5—ONLINE ONLY

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT NASSO: Numbers 4:21-7:89

HAFTARAH: Judges 13:2-13:25

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Alison & Keith Ables

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: May 30-Max H. Gross, 31-Shirley Murov Eltis, Lena F. Klotz, Harry Leonard, Bessie Katz Spero, June 3-Evelyn Lisner, 4-Jeanne Hurwitz, Burnett Wadel, 5-Jennie Bassist Wolf.

Friday, June 12—ONLINE ONLY

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT BEHA'ALOTCHA: Numbers 8:1-12:16

HAFTARAH: Zachariah 2:14-4:7

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Sandra & Mark Greenberg

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: June 6-Isaac (Ike) Lippman, Dora Sharman Sachs, Elliott E. Sharp, 7-Thomas Bill Werbner, 8-Harry Coleman Dellar, Billie Shaw, 10-William C. Orrender, Jr., 11-Ethel Willer Eltis, Arthur "Skip" Urbach, 12-Fannie B. Benson, John Francis Pereira.

Friday, June 19—ONLINE ONLY

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT SH'LACH: Numbers 13:1-15:41

HAFTARAH: Joshua 2:1-2:24

ONEG SHABBAT HOST: Margo Adams

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: June 14-Ruth Davis, Mary Louise Healy, 15-Dorothy Gordon, Louis L. Sugar, 16-Hannah Brooks Jarett, 17-Howard A. Wolfson, 18-Ben Fisch, Philip H. Lipstate, Genevieve Abram Robinson, Otto Wolf, 19-Joe Rosenfield.

Friday, June 26—ONLINE ONLY

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT KORACH: Numbers 16:1-18:32

HAFTARAH: I Samuel 11:14-12:22

ONEG SHABBAT HOST: Shirley Watterston

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: June 20-Charlotte Lugoff Wessel, 21-Gussye G. Williams, 24-William Yantes, 25-Morris Lubar, 26-Shirley Edelman, Von Webber Freeman.

Friday, July 3

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT CHUKAT-BALAK: Numbers 19:1-25:9

HAFTARAH: Micah 5:6-6:8

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Sisterhood

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: June 27-Morris A. Rosenberg, Alvin Seawright, 29-Robert R. Muntz, 30-Annie Cinnamon French, Fayga Gross, Marian Moore, Lottie Regan, July 1-Joseph Ginsberg, Rheda Fisch Levy, 3-Edwin Goldstucker.

Friday, July 10

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT PINCHAS: Numbers 25:10-30:1

HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 1:1-2:3

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Pam & Tracy Lisner

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: July 7-Sandra Greenberg Goodman, Berma Dean Levine, Max Saffir, 9-Zora Golden.

Friday, July 17

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT MATOT-MASEI: Numbers 30:2-36:13

HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 2:4-28;3:4

ONEG SHABBAT HOST: Margo Adams

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: July 12-Anna Shapiro Grossman, 13-William Golden, Steven Alan Kolker, Louis Shaffer, 15-Martin Jacobs, 16-I. L. "Sonny" Friedman, Florence R. Krumholz, 17-Gertrude Lubar.

Friday, July 24

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT DEVARIM: Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 1:1-1:27

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Betty & Otto Berndt

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: July 18-Herbert Kaufman, 19-Harry Block, 20-Marguerite R. Eliassof, Mildred S. Rubin, 21-Katie Gold Gottlieb, Betty Schultz, Bernice (Cris) Cristol Selman, 23-Edith F. Watterston, 24-Evelyn Berger Franks, Leona "Sandy" Portnoy.

Friday, July 31

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT VAETCHANAN: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 40:1-40:26

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Miriam & Richard Rubin

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: July 25-Richard Green, 26-Benjamin Protas, Arthur Wolfson, 27-Zerlina Levy, 28-Aleck S. Genecov, Mary Lewis, Paul McManus, 29-Nina Sanders, Rose Kamsler Shane, 30-A. Melvin Gold, Elaine Jacobs.

Friday, August 7

Erev Shabbat Service 7:00 P.M.

PARASHAT EIKEV: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Lisa & Gary Gross

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: August 2-Rabbi David Alpert, 3-Mildred Caplan Bergson, Tonie Englander, Margaret Epstein, 4-Annie Gladstein Brown, Stella M. Fiegel, Carolyn Frances Hyman, 5-Morris Gottlieb, Valerie Hardy, Lovella Johnson, 6-Solomon Passoff, 7-Harry Abram, Albert Russak.

SISTERHOOD

Dear Members:

It's been way too long since our last meeting and we miss seeing all of you...

However, Congregation Beth El made history!!! We had a wonderful "Zoom" Bar Mitzvah last weekend! Grayson Goodman did an outstanding job and Rabbi Katz and the Goodman family are to be commended for going the extra mile for not only Grayson but for everyone to be able to watch, listen and even participate in the Bar Mitzvah. Perhaps this quarantine has taught us just how resourceful and creative we can be.



As you know, we mentioned in the last bulletin that it was time for someone else to take over as President, but in light of everything going on and our inability to do much of anything we will continue trying to keep us afloat.

With that in mind, we wanted to remind you that we put our Yearbook together during the summer months. Please take a look at your calendars now to see if you have a special occasion coming up and would like to pick out a special oneg. And please consider if you can, to do more than one oneg so we can fill as many slots as possible. Hopefully we will all be back in our Temple very soon.

In addition, Alison and I will be putting together a new schedule for meetings/events for next year. We will send out an email to all Sisterhood members asking how you can help us out next year. The COVID pandemic is NOT going to stop us!

We appreciate each and every one of you because we couldn't do any of the things we do without you!

Until next time...Alison and Pam

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IN APPRECIATION TO
RABBI NEAL KATZ & ZOOM
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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY, MAGS!
Love Missy Moo & Merry Berry

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By Monica Miller

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RABBI NEAL KATZ
ON HIS INTERNET SERVICES
FOR PASSOVER AND SABBATH
By Howard Kravetz

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and by giving tzedakah. But if we work together with other faith communities we can make an enormous impact. Ultimately, we must all do our part to bring relief to the suffering, and aid to those in pain. Here in Tyler, we are blessed to have many non-profits that address social justice concerns. And we must appreciate that that call to righteous service comes from a universal religious sensitivity. We recognize that working together - with other faith communities - we can make an impact in the lives of our neighbors in need.

Over the years, I have been asked to offer prayers at various non-profit events around town. And I try to address the universal call to social action using a Jewish voice. I share with you one of my prayers by way of example:

Hiney mah tov u'mah na'im, shevet achim gam yachad. The psalmist cried out: "Behold how good and pleasant it is for brothers [and sisters] to dwell together in unity." (Psalms 133:1)

Lord our God, you know that there are many paths to You. Christians, Muslims, Jews, and other God-fearing people are all in the same forest, yet on different paths, all striving to do Your will.

And whatever our faith may be, each of us is drawn to righteous action because deep down in the marrow of our existence, we have the belief that we are all divine servants. And when your children of different faiths come together to serve those in our community who need relief, who need an ear to listen, who need hope, and who need to retain their dignity, when we come together to provide these services, we are doing holy work.

The variety of faiths is like a mosaic, each stone with a well-defined boundary and purpose, with its own unique size, color and characteristics, but ultimately it is part of a larger work of art. May we appreciate our boundaries, and yet always support one another in our work for the greater welfare of our community. God, we pray that our different faiths will not prevent us from embracing one another - we pray instead for moments of holy collaboration.

The ancient rabbis ask the question "Eizeh Hu Chacham?" - Who is wise?

To which they answer "Shelomed mi kol adam" - One who learns from all people.

We all have something to teach and to offer - and may we be guided in wisdom to learn from one another.

Lord our God, we bless you and thank you for allowing us to reach this moment in unity with our brother and sisters. Amen.

I pray that we open up our minds and hearts to learning about other religious cultures, and in that learning process, we grow intellectually and spiritually as Jews. As we learn about other theologies and rituals, may we come to feel more comfortable in our own theology and observances. May we continue to join hands with our neighbors in learning and celebration, in service and collaboration. In this way, we may continue doing God's work together.

L'shalom - to peace,




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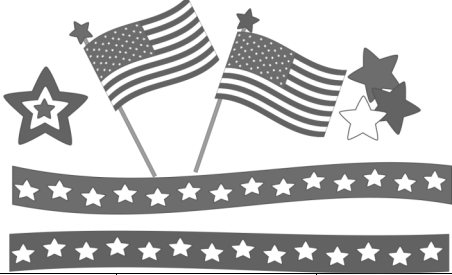
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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 7pm <u>Virtual</u> Erev Shabbat Service	6 SHABBAT NASSO
7	8	9	10	11	12 7pm <u>Virtu-</u> <u>al</u> Erev Shabbat Service	13 SHABBAT BEHA'ALOTCHA
14	15	16	17 7pm Board of Trus- tees Meeting 	18	19 7pm <u>Virtu-</u> <u>al</u> Erev Shabbat Service	20 SHABBAT SH'LACH
21	22	23	24	25	26 7pm <u>Virtu-</u> <u>al</u> Erev Shabbat Service	27 SHABBAT KORACH
28	29	30	 It's SUMMER!			

July 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3 7pm Erev Shabbat Service	4 SHABBAT CHUKAT-BALAK Happy 4th OF JULY!
5	6	7	8	9	10 7pm Erev Shabbat Service	11 SHABBAT PINCHAS
12	13	14	15	16	17 7pm Erev Shabbat Service	18 SHABBAT MATOT-MASEI
19	20	21	22	23	24 7pm Erev Shabbat Service	25 SHABBAT DEVARIM
26	27	28	29 7:30 Tisha B'Av Study Pro- gram EREV TISHA B'AV	30 TISHA B'AV	31 7pm Erev Shabbat Service	August 1 SHABBAT VAETCHANAN

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS:

NAMES READ ON JUNE 5: May 31-Alison Ables, Brett Harrison, June 3-Neal Katz, 4-Robyn Lieberman, Susan Sayre.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 19: June 13-Terrie Mutchnik, 14-Gary Gross, Larry Kaufman, Bella King, Martha Lisner, 18-Phyllis Ginsberg, Jeffrey Gottesman.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 26: June 20-John Regan, 22-James Kolker.

NAMES READ ON JULY 3: June 28-Richard Green, Tracee Pouliasis, June 29- Laurie Brown, July 1-Helen Israel, 3-Robert (RJ) Hall.

NAMES READ ON JULY 10: July 6-Shari Ellsworth, 7-Clifford Burke, Natalie Ginsberg, Wanda Rauscher, 9-Rabbi Gene Levy, 10-Owen Harrison, 11-Jim Pluss.

NAMES READ ON JULY 24: July 20-Lisa Gross, 21-Bobbie Levy, 22-Dede Kaufman

NAMES READ ON JULY 31: July 26-Josha Banta, Richard Rubin, Betty Berndt, 30-Bunny Orrender, 31-Ed Chiniewicz.

NAMES READ ON AUGUST 7: August 1-Joy Wallach, 2-Miriam Rubin, 3-Janet Horsley, Charles Lisner, 5-Martin Muntz.

ANNIVERSARIES:

NAMES READ ON JUNE 5: June 1-Martha & Charles Lisner, Judy & Gary Mayer, 2-Anita & Wallach.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 12: June 9-Miriam & Richard Rubin, Stephanie & Rick Seawright, 11-Betty & Otto Berndt.

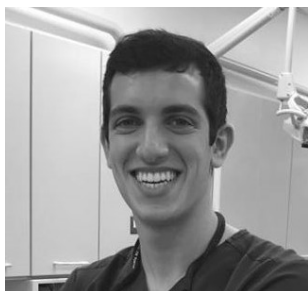
NAMES READ ON JUNE 19: June 15-Bobbie & Gene Levy, Dolly & Stephen Wolf.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 26: June 20-Andria & Josh Stein, 27-Shari & Shannon Ellsworth.

NAMES READ ON JULY 17: July 12-Nancy Pusser & Timothy Sherwood, 13-Susan & Randall Keener, 14-Connie & Sam Greenberg.



Mazel Tov to all of our Beth El Families with High School or College graduations this Spring.
From strength to strength!



Richard Wallach

Graduated on May 17, 2020
with a DDS Degree
from the
University of Texas
Health Science Center
at San Antonio Dental School

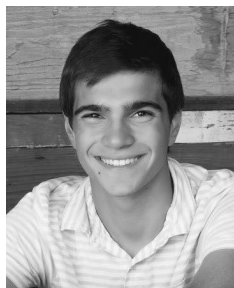
He will begin a residency in
orthodontics in July at
UT Health Houston School of
Dentistry.



Zane Harrison

Graduated from
All Saints High School

He will be attending
Duke University this coming fall



Renn Stein

Graduated from
All Saints High School

He will be attending
Stanford University
this coming fall



Sophie Philibert

Graduated from
Rusk High School

She will be attending
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