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Rabbi's Corner - **EMPTY CHAIRS**

Over Memorial Day weekend, I drove down to Kerrville with the family to lead Shabbat morning services at the Folk Festival. I've done this for a number of years, and I always look forward to spending Shabbat morning leading camp-style services with some of the Festival participants. It's always fun when an occasional singer-songwriter joins the service and shares a song or two. On this visit, I welcomed a California-based songwriter to share a song in the service he had written about forgiveness.

On my drive back that Sunday, I stopped at a little coffee trailer on the side of the road between Kerrville and Austin that makes some of the best coffee I've ever had. It is literally a small blue trailer set off the side of the road. You drive down into a little gravel parking lot and go inside the trailer to order. I have it saved in my GPS, and it's

always a welcome stop as I get a tired making my way back.

On this last trip, I stopped at the coffee stand around 11 a.m., and the temperature was already 90-plus degrees. And out in the gravel parking lot were some picnic benches and loose plastic chairs that could seat about 25 people. And



right there in the blazing sun was a young man playing guitar and singing into a microphone. Yet there was nobody there. He was playing to a parking lot full of empty chairs. And the worst part was - he was very good. I asked the owner inside the trailer what was going on - and he told me that he brought the young man out to share some music on a Sunday afternoon, but it didn't

look like he was going to get any audience. Especially since it was outdoors in the heat. It also turns out the young man was on American Idol! So here was a young man, with great talent, playing to a parking lot full of empty chairs. But he was playing his heart out.

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SUMMER SERVICE TIMES

NEW! -ish

During the summer months of June, July, and August—we will be meeting for Shabbat services at **6:00 pm**. We hope the earlier start time will encourage people to attend services that will be done by 7:00pm—leaving time for Shabbat dinner after. And, we hope to encourage some of our younger families with children to attend the **6:00 pm** regular service time.



Schedule of Services

Friday, June 1

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT BEHA'ALOTCHA: Numbers 8:1-12:16
 HAFTARAH: Zechariah 2:14-4:7
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Stephanie & Rick Seawright
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: May 26-Samuel Cohn, 27-Milton Bergson, John L. Healy, 28-Jack Shubert, 29-Sarah Friedlander, Ruby Horsley, 30-Max H. Gross, 31-Shirley Murov Eltis, Lena F. Klotz, Harry Leonard, Bessie Katz Spero.

Friday, June 8

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT SH'LACH: Numbers 13:1-15:41
 HAFTARAH: Joshua 2:1-2:24
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Miriam & Richard Rubin
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: June 3-Evelyn Lisner, 4-Jeanne Hurwitz, Burnett Wadel, 5-Jennie Bassist Wolf, 6-Isaac (Ike) Lippmann, Dora Sharman Sachs, Elliott E. Sharp, 7-Thomas Bill Werbner, 8-Harry Coleman Dellar.

Friday, June 15

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT KORACH: Numbers 16:1-18:32
 HAFTARAH: I Samuel 11:14-12:22
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Sandra & Mark Greenberg
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: June 10-William C. Orrerend, Jr., 11-Ethel Willer Eltis, Arthur "Skip" Urbach, 12-Fannie B. Benson, John Francis Pereira, 14-Ruth Davis, Mary Louise Healy, 15-Dorothy Gordon, Louis L. Sugar.

Friday, June 22

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT CHUKAT: Numbers 19:1-22:1
 HAFTARAH: Judges 11:1-11:33
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Nez & Mike Gross
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: June 16-Hannah Brooks Jarett, 17-Howard A. Wolfson, 18-Ben Fisch, Philip H. Lipstate, Genevieve Abram Robinson, Otto Wolf, 19-Joe Rosenfield, Charlotte Lugoff Wessel, 21-Gussye G. Williams

Friday, June 29

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT BALAK: Numbers 22:2-25:9
 HAFTARAH: Micah 5:6-6:8
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Janet & Ed Chiniewicz
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: June 25-Morris Lubar, 26-Shirley Edelman, Von Webber Freeman, 27-Morris A. Rosenberg, Alvin Seawright, 29-Sol Ashendorf, Robert R. Muntz.

Friday, July 6

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT PINCHAS: Numbers 25:10-30:1
 HAFTARAH: I Kings 18:46-19:21
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Kris & Griffin Goodman
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: June 30-Annie Cinnamon French, Fayga Gross, Marian Moore, Lottie Regan, July 1-Joseph Ginsberg, Rheda Fisch Levy, 3-Edwin Goldstucker.

Friday, July 13

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT MATOT-MASEI: Numbers 30:2-36:13
 HAFTARAH: Jeremiah 2:4-28;3:4
 ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Sisterhood
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: July 7-Sandra Greenberg Goodman, Berma Dean Levine, Max Saffir, 9-Zora Golden, 12-Anna Shapiro Grossman, 13-William Golden, Steven Alan Kolker, Louis Shaffer.

Friday, July 20

Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.

PARASHAT DEVARIM: Deuteronomy 1:1-3:22
 HAFTARAH: Isaiah 1:1-1:27
 ONEG SHABBAT HOST: Margo Adams
 BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund
 YAHRZEITS: July 16-I. L. "Sonny" Friedman, Florence R. Krumholz, 17-Gertrude Lubar, 19-Harry Block, 20-Marguerite R. Eliassof, Mildred S. Rubin.

Friday, July 27**Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.**

PARASHAT VAETCHANAN: Deuteronomy 3:23-7:11

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 40:1-40:26

ONEG SHABBAT HOSTS: Betty & Otto Berndt

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: July 21-Katie Gold Gottlieb, Betty Schultz, Bernice (Cris) Cristol Selman, 23-Edith F. Watterston, 24-Evelyn Berger Franks, Leona "Sandy" Portnoy, 25-Richard Green, 26-Benjamin Protas, Norman Switsky, Arthur Wolfson, 27-Zerlina Levy.

Friday, August 3**Erev Shabbat Service 6:00 P.M.**

PARASHAT EIKEV: Deuteronomy 7:12-11:25

HAFTARAH: Isaiah 49:14-51:3

ONEG SHABBAT HOST: Susan Sayre

BIMAH FLOWERS: Congregation Beth El Sisterhood Flower Fund

Yahrzeits: July 28-Aleck S. Genecov, Mary Lewis, 29-Nina Sanders, Rose Kamsler Shane, Jennie Davis Wasserman, 30-A. Melvin Gold, Elaine Jacobs, 31-Marc Becker, August 2-Rabbi David Alpert, 3-Mildred Caplan Bergson, Tonie Englander, Margaret Epstein.

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Stone: IN HONOR OF
EVELYN MUNTZ'S
90TH BIRTHDAY
By Friends of Evelyn Muntz

Leaf: IN HONOR OF
TRACY LISNER'S
70TH BIRTHDAY
By The Horsley Family

**SISTERHOOD**

Dear Members:

Our last meeting of the year was on Sunday morning, May 20th at the Temple. The following slate of officers was approved for the coming year:

2018-2019 Slate of Officers

Co-Presidents:	Alison Ables and Pam Lisner
1 st Vice President:	Kris Goodman
2 nd Vice President:	TBA
3 rd Vice President:	Wanda Rauscher
4 th Vice President:	Jen Katz
Secretary:	Andria Stein
Treasurer:	Nez Gross
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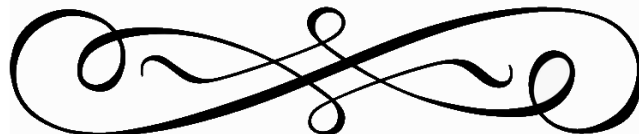
The hostess for this meeting was Andria Stein. Thank you again Andria for the wonderful goodies - they were delicious! As a special program, the Sunday School classes presented a program for us. How delightful it is to hear the thoughts of our children, for they are our future!

We also had a very informative program from Stephanie Taylor of the Alzheimer's Alliance of Smith County as to what and how they provide services for our community. Thank you so much!

As you know, we will begin putting our Yearbook together this summer. 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. In addition, Alison and I will be putting together a new schedule for meetings/events. We will send out an email to all Sisterhood members asking how you can help us out next year.

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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As a musician myself, I've been there. I've played many gigs to empty chairs and horrible venues. I put as much heart into my music if there are no people in the room or if there are a hundred people in the room. But those are the dues that we pay for doing what we love. I felt bad for the musician in the parking lot, and so I left a nice tip.

I thought a lot about him on the drive back to Tyler - about how one night, that young man will be playing to a theater full of thousands of people on American Idol - and sometimes he will be playing on an empty parking lot in the heat. Yet he continues to play. And I think it is a nice metaphor for the Jewish people. Stay with me here.

It is easy to proclaim the Oneness of God, and to emphasize social justice, and to create moments of holiness in our community when everyone is listening to you. But the real test comes when we have to share those same messages when no one is listening. Jewish values are true whether we have an audience or not. When things are going our way, we are pleased. But when we are fighting against popular sentiment - as a counter-culture voice - sometimes we may feel discouraged. But those are the dues that we pay for the privilege of Covenant.

As a Jew, I put as much energy into choosing holiness when nobody is watching, as I do when all eyes are on me. And the same goes for our congregation. We remind ourselves through prayer and ritual that our work is holy work. We are called into service through our ancient covenant to be a light unto the nations - and a light unto each other. Sometimes it will be easy, sometimes it will be difficult. But we remain engaged either way, because the payoff - redemption - is worth it.

In our prayerbook, the Gates of Prayer, there is a beautiful reading that says, "O God of Israel, teach us to be worthy of the name of Jew. May we do nothing to disgrace it. May our every act bring honor to our faith and glory to Your name. May we understand our responsibility as Jews, to continue the task begun by earlier generations of our people who achieved greatness by their faith in the mission to which You had called them: to serve in Your name, to bring light and blessing to all the families of the earth."

May we continue to share our voices and messages of holiness. May we continue to collaborate with other religions who share these core messages. May we hold true to our mission of holy service - whether or not any one is listening at that given moment.

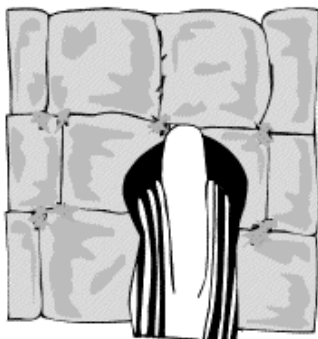
L'shalom,

Rabbi Neal Katz

Tisha B'Av Service & Study

Please join Rabbi Katz at 10:30 a.m. on **Sunday morning, July 22nd** for a short service followed by a selection of readings for Tisha B'Av. The program will conclude with a study of the Book of Lamentations.

**Tisha B'Av
Service & Study
Sunday, July 22**



Thank you so much to all of you who contributed to the food and set up after the funeral of Neil Ginsberg. You made it easier for us in our time of grief. A special thanks to Margo Adams who organized the whole reception.

Marcie Ginsberg and Dina, Jonathan and Aidan Glasser.





A big thank you to friends who contributed a stone to the Tree of Life—a magnificent gift. I am so grateful to you for your generosity, your love and your support.

Love Evelyn

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 6pm Service Hosts: Stephanie & Rich Seawright	2 SHABBAT BEHA'ALOTCHA
3	4	5	6	7	8 6pm Service Hosts: Miriam & Richard Rubin	9 SHABBAT SH'LACH
10	11	12	13	14 7pm Board of Trustees Meeting 	15 6pm Service Hosts: Sandra & Mark Greenberg	16 SHABBAT KORACH
17	18	19	20	21	22 6pm Service Hosts: Nez & Mike Gross	23 SHABBAT CHUKAT
24	25	26	27	28	29 6pm Service Hosts: Janet & Ed Chiniewicz	30 SHABBAT BALAK

July 2018

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 	5	6 6pm Service Hosts: Kris & Griffin Goodman	7 SHABBAT PINCHAS
8	9	10	11	12	13 6pm Service Hosts: Sisterhood	14 SHABBAT MATOT-MASEI
15	16	17	18	19	20 6pm Service Host: Margo Adams	21 SHABBAT DEVARIM
22 10:30 am Tisha B'Av Study Service	23	24	25	26	27 6pm Service Hosts: Betty & Otto Berndt	28 SHABBAT VAETCHANAN
Tisha B'Av	30	31	August 1	August 2	August 3 6pm Service Host: Susan Sayre	August 4 SHABBAT EIKEV

CALLING ALL MEMBERS! WE NEED YOU!

The Beth El Sisterhood has decided to put together a cookbook. Some of you may not know, but 50+ years ago, our Sisterhood catered a lot of community affairs. We have always been known for being some of the best cooks in town!

So now, let's put our money where our mouths are - and put it in writing! Wanda Rauscher has agreed to be the Chairwoman of this fundraiser and to help us make it happen! But, **WE NEED YOU AND YOUR RECIPES!**

If you /your parents or grandparents have/had a favorite recipe, **WE WANT IT!** Our plan is to have a book complete with recipes for everything, including a "Holiday and Kosher" section. So, start looking through your recipe's and send us the ones you want included. You can even ask your neighbors for their recipe's but **don't forget** to ask their permission to put it in print!

Be sure you give us the documentation of any recipe you send, such as where it came from, who do we credit for this recipe and any other information we might need.

You can either: mail, email or scan/text them to Pam or Wanda Rauscher:

Pam Lisner, 1509 Holly Creek Drive, Tyler 75703
903/245-2142 (Cell) OR lisner@suddenlink.net

Wanda Rauscher, 2516 Oasis Drive, Longview, 75601
979/848-9407 (Cell) OR wandarauscher@yahoo.com

We will also be sending out an email about the cookbook as well as asking for Sponsors.

**DEADLINE FOR SUBMISSIONS IS JULY 15TH,
so get busy!!!**



To Molly and Jebb Stone
on the birth of their
new daughter
CAMERON KATE STONE
May 26, 2018
7.13 pounds, 20 1/2 inches
Great Granddaughter of
Evelyn Muntz

LIFE CYCLE EVENTS

BIRTHDAYS:

NAMES READ ON JUNE 1: May 31-Alison Ables, Brett Harrison

NAMES READ ON JUNE 8: June 3-Neal Katz, 4-Robyn Lieberman, Susan Sayre.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 15: June 13-Terrie Mutchnik, Richard Wallach, 14-Gary Gross, Bella King, Martha Lisner.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 22: June 18-Phyllis Ginsberg, Jeffrey Gottesman, 20-John Regan, 22-Jim Kolker.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 29: June 28-Richard Green, 29-Laurie Brown.

NAMES READ ON JULY 6: July 1-Helen Israel, 6-Shari Ellsworth.

NAMES READ ON JULY 13: July 7-Natalie Ginsberg, Wanda Rauscher, 10-Owen Harrison, 11-Jim Pluss, Ben Wallach.

NAMES READ ON JULY 20: July 16-Andrea Shtofman, 20-Lisa Gross.

NAMES READ ON JULY 27: July 26-Josh Banta, Richard Rubin.

NAMES READ ON AUGUST 3: July 28-Betty Berndt, 30-Bunny Orrender, 31-Ed Chiniewicz, August 1-Joy Wallach, 2-Miriam Rubin, 3-Janet Horsley.

ANNIVERSARIES:

NAMES READ ON JUNE 1: May 30-Tana & Joel Switsky, June 1-Martha & Charles Lisner, Judy & Gary Mayer.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 8: June 2-Anita & Perry Wallach.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 15: June 9-Miriam & Richard Rubin, Stephanie & Rick Seawright, 11-Betty & Otto Berndt, 15-Dolly & Stephen Wolf.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 22: June 20-Andria & Josh Stein.

NAMES READ ON JUNE 29: June 27-Shari & Shannon Ellsworth.

NAMES READ ON JULY 6: None

NAMES READ ON JULY 13: July 13-Susan & Randall Keener.

NAMES READ ON JULY 27: None

NAMES READ ON JULY 20: July 14-Connie & Sam Greenberg.

NAMES READ ON AUGUST 3: None



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