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Our Rabbi Speaks



We at Temple are hoping that you and your family are staying healthy at this time of uncertainty. While we are unable to be together physically, we have been striving to maintain as much of our programming digitally as we can. Besides worship services, we have been continuing our social justice programming, courtesy of Ross Halfant. As much

as our worlds seem upside down, injustice does not stop and, therefore, neither should our justice efforts. We have many opportunities coming in the month of May, but there is one that I want to highlight as a special program.

On May 19 at 7:00 PM, we have a unique opportunity to have Jeffrey Hons, the President and CEO of Planned Parenthood Southwest join us on Zoom to talk about the importance of women's reproductive health and rights. This is an important discussion for both women and men to attend to understand what this campaign looks like from national organizations and the Jewish perspective. We will learn about services available and learn how to advocate for these rights. We will also learn about how the current pandemic has impacted the work of Planned Parenthood, specifically in Texas.

In order for us to truly understand the important of reproductive rights in Judaism, Ally Karpel, the Women of Reform Judaism-Religious Action Center Reproductive Health and Rights Campaign Associate, Texan, and former GFC camper and staff, will teach us at the beginning of the session. It is important to know that the Reform movement has been passing resolutions since the 1930s regarding fair and equal access to family planning services as well as the need for medically accurate sex education. This has all stemmed from Jewish texts and use the Jewish value of *kavod ha'briyot*, respect for human dignity, as a basis for its understanding.

Join us to learn from these amazing speakers and leaders on this very important topic!

Rabbi Marina Yergin

A Conversation on Reproductive Justice

Tuesday, May 19 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

In May, NEFESH will be focusing on the theme of reproductive justice. On Tuesday, May 19 at 7:00 PM, we will welcome Jeffrey Hons, President & CEO of Planned Parenthood South Texas, on an online conversation to discuss the issue. All are encouraged to attend and learn about the services Planned Parenthood offers, a legislative update, and how one can advocate on women's reproductive health and rights. Additionally, we will hear from Ally Karpel from the Religious Action Center, who will examine reproductive rights and Judaism.

This will be a virtual discussion taking place via Zoom call and you can register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/tbereproductiverights>. If you don't have a computer or smart phone, any type of phone device will work.

Jeffrey Hons is a proud San Antonio native and has been a part of the Planned Parenthood South Texas (PPST) family for more than twenty-five years. In 1999, Jeffrey became the President & CEO of PPST and has been at the frontlines of local, state, and national battles over reproductive rights and care ever since. Undeterred by laws and regulations designed to weaken family planning funds and access to abortion, Jeffrey has led PPST to overcome challenges and remain an essential, vibrant, sustainable operation. Jeffrey sees his work in the world as part of social and economic justice, equality, and opportunity for all. Jeffrey attended UTSA where he received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology in 1988 and an MBA in 2004. When he is not at working championing family planning and sexual health care, Jeffrey's personal interests and hobbies include reading,



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Tikkun Olam Opportunities While in Isolation

We wanted to inform you of several important opportunities for helping out those in need in our community.

That being said, the CDC is suggesting that if you are 60 years or older and/or have a compromised immune system—you should stay home no matter what!

Don't forget to use #BringingTheDomeHome for us to see all your amazing projects.

For the Hungry:

Jewish context: "Share your bread with the hungry, and take the wretched poor into your home. When you see the naked, clothe him, and do not ignore your own kin." Isaiah 58:7

- Pack a meal for students with Cereal Killer Sweets (cerealkillersweets.com)
 - Volunteer to prepare the meals each morning at 9:00 AM
 - Donate peanut butter, jelly, bread, drinks, and chips, or money
- Deliver a Meal with Meals on Wheels (mowsatx.org)
- Donate to the San Antonio Food Bank (safoodbank.org)

For Those in Need:

Jewish context: "Your heart shall not be grieved when you give." Deuteronomy 15:10

- Donate blood by making an appointment at tinyurl.com/theappointment
- Donate to the Texas Diaper Bank (texasdiaperbank.org)
- Donate items to our "Little Free Pantry" located at the Temple facing the Ashby lot. Items needed include toilet paper, household cleaner, hand sanitizer, and more (tinyurl.com/FreePantry)
- Consider buying a meal for a healthcare worker or first responder. Have the meal delivered to a local hospital.

Teaching:

Jewish context: "You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise." Deuteronomy 6:7

- Tell a story and upload a video at tinyurl.com/quarantinelearningcenter
- Volunteer Tutoring:
 - Fill out tinyurl.com/TBEtutor if you are a tutor/teacher or if you are looking for one—Temple will match you up
- Mentor a Refugee Youth at tinyurl.com/ccaosa

Advocacy:

Jewish context: "Tzedek Tzedek Tirdof—Justice, justice you shall pursue, that you may live, and inherit the land which the Lord your God gave you." Deuteronomy 16:18

- Writing a Letter to an elected official about an important issue to you or your family
 - Find out more by exploring the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism at <https://rac.org/advocacy-activism>
- Start a Campaign about an important issue to you or your family
 - Create fliers, present via live stream, get in touch with the local newspapers, and/or start a petition

Working Outside:

Jewish context: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and keep it." Gen. 2:15

- Planting seeds in Dixie cups
- Weeding out the backyard or apartment complex
- Planting a tree
- Decorating a compost or recycling bin
- Creating a butterfly puddle through tinyurl.com/butterflypuddle
- Making seed balls through tinyurl.com/tbeseedballs
- Building and/or painting a birdhouse
- Litter pick-up

Helping Your Neighbor:

Jewish context: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Leviticus 19:9

- Mow their lawn
- Wash their car
- Walk their dog
- Knit or sew:
 - Donate your work to Haven for Hope, Center for Refugee Services, or the Children's Shelter
 - View instructions on how to make a no-sew blanket at <https://www.instructables.com/id/No-Sew-Fleece-Blanket-1>
 - Make and donate face masks at <https://tinyurl.com/tbmask>
 - Learn how to sew virtually with a family member
- Spring Cleaning:
 - Many of the items are gladly accepted at Haven for Hope, SAMMinistries, and other organizations including our adopted schools, Edison High School and Travis Early College

For Older Adults:

Jewish context: "Stand up in the presence of the aged, show respect for the elderly and revere your God. I am the Lord." Leviticus 19:32

- Help deliver groceries/run errands
 - Volunteer with SAJSS (sajss.com/volunteer)
- Writing a letter or making a card:
 - Need an address? Contact Ross Halfant at ross@beth-elsa.org
 - Visit tinyurl.com/tbevirtualcard to send a virtual kindness card
- Technology for Seniors:
 - Free classes at Senior Planet—Older Adults Technology Services (seniorplanet.org/get-involved/membership)
 - Have a request? Contact SAJSS (sajss.com/requests)
 - Need food delivered? Contact H-E-B (favordelivery.com/seniors)

Shabbat Services During Social Distancing



Until we can once again be together for *Shabbat* and holiday services in our Wulfe Sanctuary, we will continue to offer the following online opportunities for worship.

Shabbat Blessings

5:00 PM on Facebook Live with *Shabbat* table blessings (www.facebook.com/TempleBethelsa)

Shabbat Services

6:30 PM Fridays and 10:30 AM on Saturdays

Simulcast on:

Zoom (see weekly emails for links)

Live Stream (www.beth-elsa.org/live-streaming)

Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/TempleBethelsa)

Online version of *Mishkan T'filah* for *Shabbat* at <https://tinyurl.com/CCAR-MTS>

If possible, please consider using two devices; one for your prayer book and one for streaming services. You may want to download the kindle version of *Mishkan T'filah* as well.

Havdalah

Join us on Saturday afternoons at 5:00 PM on Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/TempleBethelsa) to share in *Havdalah*.

Keep the Temple Informed

We rely on our Temple members, their friends and family to let us know when someone is hospitalized or suffering any illness or bereavement, or would just enjoy a call or visit from the clergy or a member of the congregation. The clergy would also like to hear good news, such as celebrating a birth or other *simchah*. Please share this information with our clergy by contacting Iris Berman-Smith at iris@beth-elsa.org.

Donate Blood at Temple Beth-El

Thursday, May 14 | 9:00 AM– 2:00 PM

On Thursday, May 14 Temple Beth-El, along with the South Texas Blood & Tissue Center, will be hosting a blood drive. The drive will take place at Temple and will last from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM. Social distancing procedures and CDC guidelines will be strictly enforced.

The South Texas Blood & Tissue Center needs to collect an adequate blood supply for 67 hospitals in 43 South Texas counties, and due to the current pandemic there is a tremendous need. Donations are by **appointment only**. You can schedule one today by visiting tinyurl.com/tbemaydrive.

The qualifications to be a blood donor are simple. You must be in good general health, at least 17 years of age (16 with a parent's consent) and weigh at least 110 lbs (120 lbs if the donor is 16).

Come donate and fulfill the Jewish value of *pikuach nefesh* (saving a life).



**South Texas
Blood & Tissue Center**

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Shavuot Services Online

Services will be available on Zoom, Live Streaming, and Facebook Live

Thursday, May 28 | 6:30 PM

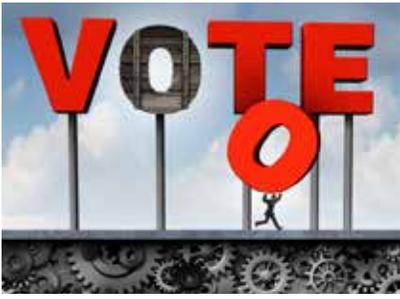
Erev Shavuot Service

Friday, May 29 | 10:30 AM

Morning of Shavuot Festival Service

Rabbis Nathan and Yergin and Cantor Berlin will officiate. The service will include a brief *Yizkor*-Memorial ritual.

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Panel Lunch and Learn on Voter Rights

Saturday, May 2 | 12:00 PM | Zoom

The Social Action Committee will be holding their bi-annual Social Action Potluck on Saturday, May 2 at 12:00 PM. While we cannot share food with one

another this time, we will still enjoy one another's company.

The panel will primarily focus on the issues of voter rights, voter suppression, and civic engagement and will feature speakers from the League of Women Voters, Education Voter Registration Initiative (EVRI), and Antioch Baptist Church.

Much of the conversation will be centered on the documentary "Suppressed: The Fight to Vote." It is strongly encouraged that you view the film ahead of time and you can do so, for free, by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/tbfight2vote>.

This will be a virtual discussion taking place via Zoom call and you can register by visiting <https://tinyurl.com/tbesacvotingrights>. If you don't have a computer or smart phone, any type of phone device will work. Although we will not be serving food, please consider joining this "potluck" by bringing your lunch.



Panelists include representatives from the following:

Madhu Sridhar, President of the League of Women Voters

Madhu Sridhar is the President of the League of Women Voters of the San Antonio Area, a nonpartisan organization that encourages informed and active participation of citizens in their government. Under her leadership, the League launched the Empowering Voters Project.

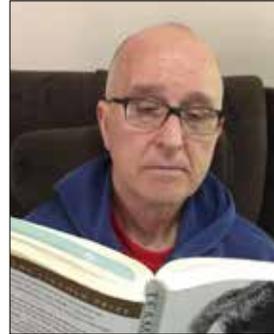
The project strives to ensure that all voters in San Antonio area know their rights and responsibilities on Election Day and go to the polls informed and empowered. The Project especially focuses on those constituencies that are underrepresented in the electoral process and are most vulnerable to voting problems.

Sridhar also serves on the board of NAMI, National Alliance for Mental Illness.

Sridhar has over 25 year of leadership and management experience in the nonprofit sector. She served as the President of the Massachusetts League of Women Voters for four years. Under her leadership, the League drafted and passed election reform legislations that expanded the pool of Election Officers, ensured impartiality of Administration of Elections and required the League drafted Voters Bill of Rights is posted at all polling sites. Governor Deval Patrick of MA appointed Sridhar to the Commonwealth Corps Commission that engaged residents to rebuild communities. She was appointed to the MA Commission on the Status of Women by MA Senate President Theresa Murray. She served on several boards including ACLU and WGBH (PBS affiliate).

Sridhar was the founding President/CEO of the Akshaya Patra Foundation USA, an organization which provides freshly prepared midday meals to over 1.3 million under served children daily in schools across India.

Her corporate management experience includes working as the Director of Actuarial Department for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of MA and as a consultant for Peat Marwick Mitchell and New England Mutual Life Insurance Company



Dan Bolen, Education Voter Rights Initiative (EVRI)

Dan Bolen has worked in education for more than forty years as a teacher, counselor, and administrator, specifically in special and bilingual instruction. He is one of the founders of the Education Voter Registration Initiative (EVRI), a program dedicated to registering voters in San Antonio high schools. He has lived in Peru, Ecuador, Mexico, and all over the United States.

Having first voted in 1972 at age 21, Dan has been involved in voter registration since 2014. He has been married to his wife, Luisa, for 47 years.



Pastor Kenneth R. Kemp, Antioch Baptist Church

Kenneth R. Kemp, MD, is a native of Tucker, Arkansas. After graduating from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a 4.0 he attended the University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences and graduated with honors in research and academics. He accepted and ROTC scholarship while in medical school and was appointed a captain in the US Army upon

graduation from medical school and began his internship in internal medicine at Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, TX. He retired from the Army after 25 years of total service. He currently is certified in the areas of Internal Medicine, Pulmonary Medicine, and Critical Care Medicine.

In addition to his life in medicine, Dr. Kemp is an Ordained Baptist Minister. He was called into the gospel ministry in 1991 at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church under the late Pastor J. J. Rector, Sr. He served as the interim Pastor of the True Vision Baptist Church in San Antonio from 1994 to 1995 and he was Assistant to the Pastor for Pastoral Care at the Lewis Chapel Baptist Church in Fayetteville, North Carolina from 1995 to 1998. Upon his return to San Antonio in 1998, he resumed his duties as a member of the preaching ministry at Antioch under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. E. Thurman Walker. In 2004, he was selected to be Assistant Pastor at Antioch, under his friend and mentor, Pastor Walker. Dr. Kemp continued as Assistant Pastor at Antioch until September 27, 2009, when upon the recommendation of Pastor Walker and the overwhelming support of the members of Antioch, he was selected as Co-Pastor. One month later, on October 26, 2009, upon the demise of Dr. Walker and the move of the Holy Spirit, he assumed the responsibilities and position of Senior Pastor.

Dr. Kemp married Velma L. Willoughby Kemp on August 3, 1985. They are the parents of two daughters: Jessica, a graduate of Truett Theological Seminary and the current Minister of Children, Youth & Young Adult at Antioch, and Joelle, a Pharmacy graduate of Feik School of Pharmacy, University of the Incarnate Word.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Ross Halfant at ross@beth-elsa.org.

Shalom Y'all

A Warm Welcome to our New Members

Cheryl Davis

Jen and Andy Greenfield

Mary Lou and Sherm Kimelbrot

@TBE20s30s

Fridays | 12:00 PM | Zoom

While we navigate through these unprecedented times and #StayHomeStaySafe, TBE20s30s is committed to staying connected in creative ways. First, while we are physically distancing, we are still "meeting" once a week. Every Friday at noon we are having a virtual lunch hour where we schmooze and check in with each other. We would love for you to join us whenever possible. We meet via Zoom. If you would like the link to the Zoom meeting (it is the same each week), then email tbe20s30ssa@gmail.com. For the safety and comfort of all attendees, we do not publicly share the Zoom link. This meeting will continue as long as the physical TBE is closed to the public.

Second, we are actively soliciting fun ways to stay connected. We have created a new Facebook group for TBE20s30s where we can crowdsource ideas for virtual connection. If you haven't been added to the group yet, please reach out to Jason or Cory and they will get you connected.

Third, some have already updated their contact information at <https://tinyurl.com/TBE20s30sContactForm>, but if you haven't had the opportunity, please do so in order for us to stay connected to each other now and in the future.

We very much look forward to the time when we can all gather together in person again. Until then, be well and stay safe!

Rosh Hodesh

Wednesday, May 20 | 7:00 PM | Zoom



Join us for *Rosh Hodesh Sivan* on May 20 at 7:00 PM. Cantor Berlin will lead a discussion on Abigail via Zoom. You can find the book, *Listen to Her Voice: Women of the You* can find the book, *Listen to Her Voice: Women of the Hebrew Bible* by Miki Raver in the Temple library or on Amazon tinyurl.com/RH-HerVoice.

RSVP to tinyurl.com/tbe-rhodesh to be sent the link to the Zoom meeting.

TBE30s40s50s Virtual Happy Hour

May 13 | 7:30 PM | Zoom

Since we can't be together in person, let's catch up on Zoom!

Grab something refreshing to drink and join the first ever TBE 30s40s50s virtual happy hour!

Zoom Link is below...email Rabbi Nathan at mnathan@beth-elsa.org for the password!

<https://zoom.us/j/2107339135>



Temple Book *Chavurah*

June 30 | 7:00 PM | Zoom

This book group for adults of all ages meets every other month on Tuesday evenings at 7:00 PM, and in the past year, the discussions have been diverse, lively, and interesting. All are welcome to join at any time. Make plans and mark your calendar for the following discussion:

June 30—*The Huntress* by Kate Quinn



"Quinn deftly braids the stories of a female Russian bomber pilot, Nazi hunters, and a young Bostonian girl staring down evil in the most unthinkable of places. The result is a searing tale of predator and prey, transgression and redemption and the immutable power of the truth. An utter triumph!"

—Pam Jenoff, *New York Times* Bestselling Author of *The Orphan's Tale*

RSVP or ask to be added to the notification list for this group and to receive the Zoom Invitation prior to each session by contacting Geri Gregory geri@beth-elsa.org.

In the Temple Family

We congratulate those celebrating life's joyous occasions...

Susan and Dr. Larry Siegel, on the February marriage of their daughter Sara Lauren, to Marc-Anthony Delgado. Congratulations also to Sara's grandmother, **Marjorie Gernsbacher**.

Julia and Philip Moss, on the birth of their daughter, Alison Jane. Congratulations also to Alison's grandparents, **Barbara and Jeff Moss**, Cindy Kiburz, and John Laurenson.

We congratulate those celebrating milestone birthdays in May...

Brian Allen, Eva Balcazar, Jordan Berlin, Rick Carduner, Leslie Chasnoff, Jessica Cohen, Annakaren Cohn, Leslie Collins, Thomas Foose, Judy Garrison, Steven Goldberg, Brenner Green, Tracey Gullledge, Mark Herzberg, Sarah Hurdelbrink, Polly Livingston, Eric Levi, Barry Middleman, Willis Salomon, Jennie Schoenbaum, Claire Silberman, Elizabeth Silberman, Charley Smith, Maxine Smolins, Autumn Sparks, Marlene Spirt, Susan Straus, Levin Tull, James Warman, Mary Weiner, and Mark Weinstein.

We wish a hearty "Mazal Tov" to **Miriam Grossman** as she celebrates her 101st birthday.

We congratulate those celebrating milestone anniversaries in May...

20 Years: **Melissa and Steven Fiero**
Mitch Kaliff and Bruce Smiley-Kaliff

50 Years: **Jerri and Barry Abrams**

Jewish American Heritage Month

Since its inception in 2006 by President George W. Bush, Jewish American Heritage Month (JAHM) has been an opportunity to honor and recognize the achievements and contributions of the Jewish community within the United States.

All Jews should share their story. All month long we will be sharing some of these Jewish trailblazers, from Harvey Milk to Ruth Bader Ginsberg, on our Temple Beth-El social media accounts. However, we are inviting you to share your piece of JAHM, either on your own social media page or allowing us to do so. Use #TBEJAHM for us to see all that you share or simply email your story to me at ross@beth-elsa.org.

To learn more about Jewish American Heritage Month go to www.jewishheritagemonth.gov.



Volunteer Shabbat May 8

Join us Friday, May 8, at 6:30 PM,
as we honor our special volunteers
who earned a President's Volunteer
Service Award this year.

Watch your weekly email for links to Zoom,
Live Stream, and Facebook Live.

A Conversation on Reproductive Justice

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gardening, food and wine, fitness and his rescue cats. Jeffrey comes from a large family and is a proud uncle to six nieces and nephews.

Ally Karpel is the Women of Reform Judaism (WRJ)-Religious Action Center (RAC) Reproductive Health & Rights Campaign Associate. In this role, she drives strategy around the Reform Movement's reproductive rights advocacy and works to mobilize Reform Jewish communities to take action on a local, state, and federal level. Previously, Ally worked as a Legislative Assistant at the RAC covering a diverse portfolio of social justice issues.



#TBEMaskOn

Temple Beth-El takes seriously the concept of *pikuach nefesh*, to save a life. To be a light unto every-one else, we would like to show how our community is wearing our masks. Please send us a selfie of you and/or your family wearing masks. We will share it on our social media channels. Send your selfies to Ross Halfant at ross@beth-elsa.org and post them on your own social media with #TBEMaskOn.



Bulletin Deadline

The deadline for the June/July Temple Bulletin will be Monday, May 11, at 12:00 PM. All articles and photos must be submitted by that time.

Articles and photos may be submitted via email to geri@beth-elsa.org. Articles may not exceed 250 words.

2020-2021 Religious School Registration Now Open

Join all your friends, teachers, clergy, and Beth Elephant at Religious School next Fall. Registration is open for students in Preschool (age 3) through Post Confirmation (Grade 12). Online registration is now available on the Temple website at <http://bethelsa.formstack.com/forms/rsreg>. Sign up for a year of learning, sharing, growing, and celebrating with your Temple Beth-El community.

Register and pay in full prior to June 1 to receive a \$50/child discount. Contact Sara in the Religious School office (sara@beth-elsa.org) if you have questions or concerns.

An Important Update for Hebrew School Families

In the past few years, we have taken a close look at the needs of our Religious School students, their families, and teachers. Out of a desire to invest in the best of our school—the community we build and the quality of instruction—we have made an important decision regarding Hebrew School options in the coming year.

In the 2020-2021 school year, we plan on offering traditional Hebrew School two days per week: Sundays and Wednesdays in our building at Temple Beth-El. We believe this will help us stay connected with one another and benefit consistent instruction, keeping all students all on the same track. We hope that this option will be feasible for most of our families and highly recommend this option.

We also understand that it is difficult for many families to get their children to Hebrew school for our midweek sessions because of distance, work, and other conflicts. We have found success with our online tutoring model we've used throughout the past few weeks. As such, when you register for Hebrew School, you will find the option to register either for Sunday/Wednesday classes or for Sunday/Online classes. The online classes will be available on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. When you register for this option, we will be in touch to assign you your midweekly, 20 minute time slot. Please note that these times will be reserved on a first-come first served basis in most cases.

We are looking forward to sharing the coming year of learning with you! If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Leah Apothaker at leah@beth-elsa.org.

Shalom Y'all

Are you unaffiliated or know someone who is interested in joining our Congregation?

Contact Rabbi Alan Berlin at aberlin@beth-elsa.org

We celebrate The Confirmation Class of 5780

and honor their commitment
to their Jewish studies.

Benjamin Aaron Bankler

Madison Elizabeth Bookman

Paulena Claire Jie Edelman

Bailey Rhianne Eichelbaum

Zoe Elizabeth Gurwitz

Gabriel Aaron Lynch

Michael David Kressbach

Jacob Mason Lauterstein

Jonathan Oren Perloff

Amy Virginia Toms

Ceremony to be scheduled at a later date.

Save The Date

SAFTY Shabbat & Senior Send-Off

Friday, June 5 | 6:30 PM | Zoom

In recent years Temple Beth-El has offered a special blessing to our high school Seniors during our annual SAFTY Shabbat and while nothing can replace the feeling of standing together in front of our ark, we will continue the tradition this year.

On Friday, June 5 members of our high school youth group SAFTY will lead our Erev Shabbat observance and we will offer a blessing to the class of 2020. We invite the entire Temple Beth-El community to join us as we honor these dedicated and fantastic young adults.

This special service will be streamed on Zoom, Facebook Live, and our temple website.

Passover 5780/2020

This Passover was different from all other Passovers—we sheltered in place, but still stayed connected online.

Home Seders were smaller this year, but many connected with family members across the country via Zoom.

Rabbi Marina Yergin was interviewed by Spectrum news on April 6. "The best piece of advice I can give anyone celebrating Passover this year is to make it what it is," said Yergin. "Whatever you have at home, whatever you have available to you. This is an unprecedented time and we're supposed to have this wonderful time of celebrating freedom and being able to show our history. This is just another step in our history."

Our Community Seder, held the 2nd night of Passover, was enjoyed by many from the comfort of their own homes via Zoom, Live Streaming, or Facebook Live.



Mara Nathan



Michael Epstein



Cantor Julie Berlin



Geri Gregory



Daniel Vela



Ashley Ross



Hank Lipsitt



Beth



Kercida McClain



Dale Flashberg



Rabbi Marina Yergin (sh...)



Lauren's iPad (2)



Deseri Purvis



Amy Hewes-Piper



Elyce Tecktiel



Greg Gonzalez



Rabbi Yergin distributed a "Creative Seder Plate" worksheet, which some members used.



Vizkor Elohim

We note with sorrow the passing of our members...

Joe Blanks

husband of Shirley Blanks

Ina Bushon

mother of Shiloh Bushon

Dean Lewis

longtime partner of Dr. Eleanor (Bitsy) Komet and 'adopted family' of Leslie (and Adam) Komet Ausburn, Lauri (and Mark) Porter, David Komet, Missy (and Eric) Rindler; Ethan, Madeleine and Peyton Ausburn, Sarah, Zander (and Autumn), Evan Komet and Tory Wadiche, Erin and Shane Porter, Andrew and Ben Rindler

Jerry Rosson

husband of Nina Rosson,
father of Katie and Karen Rosson

The Congregation extends its sincere condolences to the families of...

Beatrice Beer

mother of Barry Beer, grandmother of Jackson Beer, Jeremy Beer and Dayna Beer

Vic Gainer

brother of Elsa Barshop, uncle of Jim Barshop, Ron Barshop, and Patty Hanfling

Teresa Maria Garza

mother of Albert (and Julie) Garza

Ramona Garza

grandmother of DeAnne Cuellar-Cintron (and Louis Cintron)

Tom Pinansky

brother of David (and Harriet) Pinansky

"May their souls be bound up in the bonds of eternal life."

We Gratefully Acknowledge the Contributions of Our Members and Friends

Contributions received in the Temple office by Sunday May 10 will appear in the June/July Temple Bulletin. Contributions received after May 10 will appear in the June/July Temple Bulletin. Contributions are welcome to any of our funds at any time. For a list of Temple funds and their descriptions, go to the Temple website at www.beth-elsa.org/Funds. You may also make a contribution online at www.beth-elsa.org/Donations.

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We want to remain connected to you during this fragile time for our community. Our staff is working remotely from their homes until it is safe for us to reopen the Temple offices. During this period it is best to reach our staff at their email addresses below. Please be sure to visit beth-elsa.org and our Temple Facebook page (facebook.com/TempleBethelsa) for up to date information.

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DURING THE COVID-19 PANDEMIC, JFS IS ABLE TO OFFER THE FOLLOWING SERVICES THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SAFETY NET PROGRAM DONORS.



Case Management

Needs assessments, resource assistance, support group, and family communication.



Food Deliveries

Contact-less delivery of groceries, cleaning supplies and household essentials.



Bill Assistance

JFS is here to help with emergency assistance for those struggling to pay bills, such as rent, water and electricity.



Support System

This is a scary time for seniors and the JFS licensed social workers are here to be a listening ear and support through scheduled calls.



Community Collaboration

If Jewish Family Service (JFS) is unable to provide a requested service, we will connect you with a community partner who can meet your needs. We pride ourselves in the supportive network we have created within the San Antonio community.

CALL OUR HOTLINE: 210-302-6934

PLEASE LEAVE A MESSAGE AND SOMEONE WILL CALL YOU BACK WITHIN ONE WORKING DAY. JFS IS AVAILABLE FOR OUR SOCIAL SERVICES CLIENTS AND ELDERLY JEWISH CITIZENS IN NEED OF SERVICES THANKS TO THE GENEROSITY OF OUR SAFETY NET DONORS.

Assistance Available

Our Temple Beth-El congregation is fortunate, in these unusual and worrying times, to be comforted by the foresight and generosity of remarkable individuals both past and present. They donated generously and created endowments for the benefit of future generations. Because of those forward-looking gifts, Temple Beth-El has funds available to assist members in need today.

These funds fall into two categories:

- Direct grants and interest-free loans that are available to all members
- Scholarships and interest-free loans for college students

If you or a congregant you know could benefit from these funds, please contact Rabbi Alan Berlin at aberlin@beth-elsa.org for additional information. All inquiries will be kept confidential.

Musical Offerings

We are excited to share with you two new musical programs for your listening pleasure.



On Wednesdays at 12:00 PM, **Musical Musings with Erin McAdams.**

Temple Beth-El accompanist, Erin McAdams, will share musical selections on piano or organ. What great accompaniment to your lunch and a soothing mid-week pause. Tune in to the Temple Beth-El Facebook* page each Wednesday.



On Saturday evenings at 7:00 PM, **Havdalah and Concert** on our Facebook* page. Each week will highlight a musical performance by a local musician. In this time of social distancing, most musicians are not able to participate in their usual performances and therefore are not taking in their

usual income. Temple Beth-El wants to support our local talent and bring their beautiful music to you. The first concert will be Saturday, May 2 with Renia (violin) and Ilya (clarinet) Shterenberg of the San Antonio Symphony and Olmos Ensemble.



*Join our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/TempleBethelsa.



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The mission of Temple Beth-El, the historic heart of Reform Judaism in San Antonio, is to provide a sacred framework that inspires people to cultivate their Jewish lives.

Temple Beth-El Annual Meeting

Sunday, May 17 beginning at 10:30 AM



All congregants are encouraged to attend our annual meeting. If able, we will gather together in the Wulfe Sanctuary for our meeting. But if we still cannot physically be together as a congregation by that date, we will offer a way for us to have our annual meeting electronically.

At our meeting we will share priorities for the upcoming year, thank outgoing Officers and Trustees, elect a new slate of Board members, adopt our annual budget, and more. Copies of the proposed budget are available upon request by contacting Rabbi Alan Berlin, Executive Director, at aberlin@beth-elsa.org.

Our Nominating and Leadership Development Committee, chaired by Richard Planto, is honored to bring forward the following members for consideration. We are grateful to the committee for bringing forth this outstanding slate of diverse, committed, and enthusiastic leaders for our Board of Trustees which will be voted upon by the congregation:

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