



# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BULLETIN



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Rabbi Debbie Stiel

**Rabbi Stiel's writing for Parshat Ekev for Reform Voices of Torah  
(This will be sent out by the URJ on August 24, 2019 - shortened here)**

In Deuteronomy 8:11-19, Moses warns “take care lest you forget the Lord your God and fail to keep God’s commandments, rules and laws, which I enjoin upon you today. When you have eaten your fill and have built fine houses to live in, and your herds and flocks have multiplied,...and everything you own has prospered, beware lest your heart grow haughty and you forget the Lord your God...and you say to yourselves, ‘my own power and the might of my own hand have won this wealth for me....if you do forget the Lord your God and follow other gods to serve them or bow down to them, I warn you this day that you shall certainly perish.’”

The older I have gotten the more aware I have become of the way my theology affects my inner landscape. In my teens and twenties, I thought the question of God’s existence and involvement in the world was a mostly intellectual pursuit. One could reason one’s way to the theological answers, and once one had done so it would not necessarily greatly affect one’s outlook on life or sense of well-being.

As I have matured, I have not found that to be the case. In actuality, I have seen that when I assume and internalize a belief in God it gives me a much greater sense of purpose. I also find that connecting with a higher power fills me with more energy, compassion, joy, love, hope and peace. I have come to realize that my soul (and I think this is true for most people) thrives on this connection to God, even while I cannot prove that God is real or understand God’s ways. I guess you could say that my theology has become less based on what is externally verifiable (since we can neither prove nor disprove God) and more determined by what resonates as meaningful and true at the core of my being.

In these verses from Torah that I have quoted here, we are told to make sure to remember our connection to God even when our lives become easier. Verse 19 warns that, if we do not remember, we will perish. We could understand this verse as suggesting that God will perform some supernatural act to destroy the people of Israel, and perhaps that is what the text originally meant. However, I see now that this verse can be understood as pointing to a deeper, more spiritual lesson. We need gratitude and a connection to God to flourish.

Rabbi Jonathan Sacks once wrote in a commentary on these verses, “though you don’t have to be religious to be grateful, there is something about belief in God as creator of the universe, shaper of history and author of the laws of life that directs and facilitates our gratitude. It is hard to feel grateful to a universe that came into existence for no reason and is blind to us and our fate. It is precisely our faith in a personal God that gives force and focus to our thanks.”

The difference between the kind of gratitude we feel when we believe in God versus the challenge of feeling deep gratitude without such a belief is one powerful example of how our life changes based on spiritual beliefs.

The portion goes on to say in Deuteronomy 10:12-13, “now Israel what does Adonai ask of you? Only to revere God, to follow all God’s ways, to love and serve God with all your heart and soul. To keep God’s commandments and rules, which I have given you on this day *to your own good.*”

I think the mystics understood a long time ago the power of being in relationship with God. The Noam Elimelech reads these verses as suggesting that when we follow the mitzvot and try to love and serve God, we become a vessel for God’s holiness. It may sound chutzpadik to suggest a greater holiness for those who follow a theistic path, but I don’t think this is meant in a “holier than thou,” judgmental way. Rather the Noam Elimelech is saying that any of us can see ourselves as a vessel for God and that that perspective opens the door for approaching our lives as having a special mission here on earth. When we follow God’s commandments and focus on loving God and God’s creatures, our life has a clear mission. Such a view ends up affecting us and our world “to our own good.”

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-Thank you to Julie Petrucci-Treen for the lovely service

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**Women's Night Out**  
will meet Thursday,  
August 22 at Hunam  
Restaurant on  
Fairlawn and 29th at  
**6:30 pm.** Please  
contact Liz  
Bergmann-Harms with  
any questions.

**Men's Dinner Club** will  
NOT meet during the  
summer months. Please  
contact Alan Parker with  
any questions.

**Calling all Torah  
Readers:**

If you would like to read  
Torah once or more this  
coming year, please let  
Rabbi Stiel know at  
[rabbi@tbstopeka.org](mailto:rabbi@tbstopeka.org).

Thanks for helping the  
congregation in this way!

**Thank You**

**We are grateful for all of  
the cards, donations, and  
kind words of support as  
we mourn the death of  
Jean Stiel, Steve's mom,  
z'l. Thank you for being  
such a caring  
community.**

**Fondly,**  
Steve, Debbie, Micah and  
Jonah Stiel

**Yahrzeits**

**August 2** – Betty Gartner,  
Mamie Baum, Charles  
Nachtigal, Meyer Tkatch,  
Minnie Finkelstein, Lawton  
Cook

**August 9** – Michael Richter,  
Karl Leberman, Sophia  
Dauer, Gertrude Benjamin,  
Jane Hoffman, Willard  
Weeks, Rebecca Lieberman,  
Beth Sheffel

**August 16** – Sadie Haber  
Stein, Norma Jean Leff,  
Solomon Israel, Robert F.  
Moss, Tillie Horwitz, Meyer  
E. Sandhaus, David Cohen,  
Helen Katz, Sadie Rosenholtz,  
Sylvia Helper

**August 23** – Sidney Steiner,  
June Horwitz, Jack Bauman,  
Murray Horwitz, Jack  
Bauman, Luba Hetman, David  
Edelman, Robert Einstein,  
Charlotte Affron Dal, Ariye  
Ginzburg, Roberta Foster  
Reed

**August 30** – Lottie E. August,  
Dorothy Bolnick, Abe  
Kershner



**NEW ADDRESS:**

Bryan, Elizabeth and Emma  
Cohen

In paper bulletin

**URJ Biennial 2019**  
**December 11-15**  
**Chicago, Illinois**  
**[URJ.org/Biennial](http://URJ.org/Biennial)**  
**for more**  
**information.**

**The Temple Beth Sholom  
family extends condolences  
to:**

**-Len and Terry Richter on  
the death of Josh Richter,  
Len's nephew.**

**Zichrono livacha – May his  
memory be a blessing**

## UPCOMING SPECIAL SHABBAT SERVICES

### Friday, August 9, 7:00 pm Simchat Shabbat Service and Recognition of Paul Evans

Please join us for a special recognition of Paul Evans as we thank him for 35 years of accompanying music at Temple Beth Sholom. What an amazing mensch and terrific musician! We have been so blessed by his involvement in our congregation. Let's tell him how much we love and appreciate him!

Frayna Scrinopskie will read Torah.

August birthday and anniversary blessings will be offered.

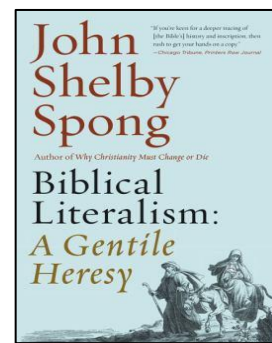
The choir will participate in the service, and the board and choir will sponsor a special oneg in Paul's honor.

### Friday, August 16, 7:30 pm Shabbat Service

#### Lorne Ruby will review Bishop Spong's Insightful Critique on Biblical Literalism

Lorne Ruby will share some of the teachings and insights from Bishop John Shelby Spong's book *Biblical Literalism: A Gentile Heresy*, published in 2016.

There is so much to say about this book that Lorne plans to divide his remarks into two parts. In addition to this talk, he will give another in November. In August, Lorne will share Spong's argument that the Christian gospels of the New Testament grew out of and follow the Jewish liturgical calendar. They were written by Jews as **Jewish books** for ears savvy to Jewish Scripture. Spong believes they are an attempt to wrap Jesus into and around specific narratives in the Torah and the Prophets (ie. as *midrashim*) rather than as literal biographical accounts of factual historical events. They were never meant to be taken literally.



### Friday, August 23, 7:30 pm Shabbat Service

#### Special Guest Speaker: Rabbi Mark Levin

**Also: Back to School Oneg!! Religious School families – come worship with your Temple friends and bring a treat for all to share at the Oneg Shabbat!**



Rabbi Mark Levin is the founding Rabbi of Congregation Beth Torah in Overland Park and the author of *Praying the Bible: Finding Personal Meaning in the Siddur*. On this Shabbat, he will share his insights on these two parts of our traditional Jewish liturgy:

#### **Adonai Sefatai Tiftach: What it means and why we say it?**

When asked, people generally respond that "Oh Lord open my lips that my mouth may declare your glory," means that "I am about to praise God and ask for stuff. I am asking God to make me articulate." But that's not the intended meaning. Further, those words are a quotation from Psalm 51:17. Why, and what did the Rabbis who included this introduction to the Tefilah intend for us to understand?

#### **Adon Olam: No Xanax Needed!**

Do you know Adon Olam? Do you know what it means? Nearly every Jew knows the words to Adon Olam. Almost no one knows what it means or why we sing it. We will look at the intention of Adon Olam, and why Solomon ibn Gabirol wrote this marvelous poem, and why Jews have loved it for 1,000 years.

We will examine the final paragraph and the biblical quotations Gabirol inserted in his poem. Why? And what's the true, deeper meaning of the words we have sung our entire lives?

**August 30, 7:30 pm Second Annual Rosh Chodesh Shabbat Service:**  
**Celebrating Women's Voices.**

**Miriam Awards for Volunteerism Presented to**  
**Frayna Scrinopskie and Susan Zuber-Chall**

Rosh Chodesh, the celebration of the new month, has often been a time in Judaism when women gathered for a special service. We would like all of our women and men to join us as we mark Rosh Chodesh Elul, the new month of Elul (which will begin Saturday night, September 1), with a creative service that will include some reflections on mothers and women, plus songs and writings by Jewish women.



**September 6, 7:30 pm Shabbat Service**  
**Special Guest Speaker: Lisa Cain, Executive Director of Doorstep**

As we prepare to give tzedakah and food to Doorstep in September and October, come learn more about it. Lisa Cain has been with Doorstep for over 25 years. She started out as the administrative assistant moving to the role of social worker, then the associate director, and now the executive director. She has been in this position for nearly 16 years. As the director she works to increase funding through grant writing, oversees services, reports to grantors, plans fundraisers and more. Lisa is a graduate of Washburn University with a degree in Social Work.

Doorstep has evolved into an agency focused on providing emergency assistance. They help people with the basic needs of life: food, clothing, rent and utility assistance, prescription assistance, dental vouchers, gas vouchers and metro bus tickets for work or medical appointments. And they also offer pet food, hygiene packs, diapers, linens, dishes and more. In 2018, Doorstep provided assistance to 8,387 households involving 18,796 individuals.

**RELIGIOUS SCHOOL**

**First Day of Religious  
School on Sunday,  
September 8**



Young Adult  
Chavurah  
(Ages 23-45)  
meet at  
Iron Rail  
Brewery  
Saturday  
August 31  
6:30 pm

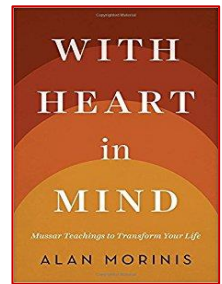
Sisterhood of Salaam  
Shalom Meeting  
Sunday, August 18,  
5:00 pm at Deidre  
Hazim's home.  
Deidre will share  
information about a  
Muslim holiday.  
Open to Temple  
members of SOSS.  
Women who are  
interested in joining  
contact Rabbi Stiel.



## **Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding**

**August 21, Noon – 1:00 pm**

Bring a bag lunch and join us in the Temple Pusitz Library. We are reading Alan Morinis' *With Heart in Mind ~ Mussar Teachings to Transform Your Life*. We study the character traits (*middot*) and work on bringing them into our lives in the right amount. Please bring the book to the *Va'ad* meetings. Newcomers are always welcome.



## **Monthly Shabbat Morning Opportunities**

### **Talmud Study – 9:00 – 10:30 am, Saturday August 3 and 17.**

*Pirkei Avot* consists of the wisdom of our sages concerning the values and ethics of Judaism as reflected in the Oral Law. While I am paraphrasing here, perhaps one of the most famous is Rabbi Tarphon's dictum: "It is not for you to finish.....but neither are you free to desist from it." We shall read *Pirkei Avot* in small segments, simultaneously looking at and discussing different commentaries that have been written about each portion of it.

We invite and deeply welcome you to join us in what we anticipate will be a very rewarding study. It is not necessary to commit to attending every session. Come as you are interested and able to.

### **Kabbalah Study - 9:00 - 10:30 am, Saturday, August 10 and 24**

*Introduction to the Zohar*, by Arthur Green.

Our group is reading Art Green's excellent and thorough introduction to the Pritzker edition of the Zohar. If you want to get an inside look at the Zohar, please join us for this fascinating read! We will hand out copies in class.



### **TaNaKh Study – 10:30 am – 12:00 pm, Saturday, August 10 and 24**

In this group, we are reading the Bible all the way through. Each time we meet we read a few verses or a chapter out loud and then stop to discuss it before going on. We enjoy a free-ranging discussion of what was read and its implications.

What an incredible night of music we had at Temple on erev Shabbat, July 12! Wow! We hope to do this again sometime soon! Thank you Warren Sickel, Emily Tummons, Carmen Dieker, Randy Deutch, Allen Kossoy, and members of our Kol Neshamah choir for the wonderful instrumental and vocal music!



## June 22, 2019 Annual Meeting Highlights

- We saw a wonderful slideshow created by Tracie Lamb. You can see it again inside our Facebook Group.
- We thanked Doug Meyers, Howard Schwartz, and Richard Shapiro for serving your Temple as members of the Board of Directors.
- Our congregation nominated and elected Deborah Edelman-Dolan and Stephanie Schuttera as new Board Members.
- The Temple formally adopted the Social Media Committee into the bylaws. And anytime you see something of interest to our congregation please notify the Office so they can pass it on to our new committee.
- Temple Beth Sholom voted to join Topeka JUMP - a social-action oriented organization of faith-based groups that give us a better opportunity to actually get local social improvements done. PLEASE learn more about this, and consider participating on some level.



**Annual Meeting  
Photos**  
Temple members.



**Our meetings are open to all Temple members. Please come. Your input is needed.  
PLANNING FOR THE UPCOMING YEAR AT THE AUGUST COMMITTEE MEETINGS:**

- Social Action on Sunday, August 11 at 11:00 am
- Religious Services on Sunday, August 11 at 3:00 pm
- Adult Education on Sunday, August 11 at 7:00 pm
- Religious School on Sunday, August 18 at 10:30 am (teachers),  
11:00 am (committee)



## **Important Genetic Testing and Counseling Information** **To Know Prior to Getting Pregnant**

### **Can I be healthy and be a carrier for at least one of the 19+ Jewish genetic diseases?**

A carrier is a completely healthy person. There are only 2 ways to know you are a carrier, either by genetic screening or by having an affected child.

### **What is a genetic screening?**

Genetic screening is a process in which, through a simple blood test, a person's genes are examined for changes, called mutations, in specific genes. Genetic screening is used to determine whether an individual or couple is at increased risk to have a baby with a hereditary disorder by passing on a gene mutation to their offspring.

### **Who should consider genetic screening?**

Carriers of the gene are healthy individuals. Being a carrier does not mean they have a genetic disease. Being a carrier does mean that either parent can pass the gene mutation onto their children, making it important to screen both prospective parents.

Individuals who fall into one or more of the following categories should consider genetic testing:

- Anyone with at least one Jewish grandparent, ancestors in the Ashkenazi Jewish population
- Anyone whose ancestors are from Central Eastern Europe (i.e. Poland, Russia, Germany, Lithuania, etc.)
- Young adults 18 and over should be screened before becoming pregnant and be screened again if genetic testing for new diseases becomes available.

### **What are the chances that I am a carrier for a genetic disease?**

One in two Ashkenazi Jews is a carrier for at least one of 19+ genetic diseases.

### **What kind of genetic screening should I do?**

Advances in genetic technology have led to significant changes in genetic screening and screening panels. Ethnic background and insurance coverage may have a bearing on your screening options.

### **Where can I get screened?** Talk to your doctor.

### **Genetic screening cost**

Many insurance providers cover preconception screening although coverage and costs to you can vary depending on your plan and the screening panel you select (e.g., your lab, deductible and co-insurance requirements). Check with your insurance provider for more information.

This write-up and more information is available at [www.nicklauschildrens.org/VictorCenter](http://www.nicklauschildrens.org/VictorCenter) or [www.JewishGeneticDiseases.org](http://www.JewishGeneticDiseases.org).

**Memorial Book  
Yom Kippur  
5780-2019**



*This is your opportunity to memorialize deceased relatives or friends in the booklet published by our congregation and distributed at the Yom Kippur Memorial Service.*

**Deadline is August 14 to return your card and donation!**



## **Reform Jewish Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays 2019-2020 (5780)**

Rosh Hashanah	September 29-30, 2019 (sunset Sunday-sunset Monday)
Yom Kippur	October 8-9, 2019 (sunset Tuesday-Wednesday evening)
Sukkot	October 13-20, 2019 (sunset Sunday-sunset Sunday)
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	October 20-21, 2019 (sunset Sunday-sunset Monday)
Chanukah	December 22-30, 2019 (sunset Sunday-sunset Monday)
Purim	March 9-10, 2020 (sunset Monday-sunset Tuesday)
Passover	April 8-15, 2020 (sunset Wednesday-sunset Wednesday)
Shavuot	May 28-29, 2020 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)

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### **High Holy Days 5780-2019 Service Schedule**

Selichot/Shabbat service – Friday, September 20 – 7:30 pm  
Erev Rosh Hashanah – Sunday, September 29 - 8:00 pm  
Rosh Hashanah Morning Service – Monday, September 30 - 10:00 am  
Rosh Hashanah Children's Service – Monday, September 30 – 1:30 pm  
Tashlich Service – Monday, September 30 - 3:00 pm  
Cemetery Services - Sunday, October 6 – times in September Bulletin  
Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre Service – Tuesday, October 8 - 8:00 pm  
Yom Kippur Morning Service – Wednesday, October 9 - 10:00 am  
Yom Kippur Children's Service – Wednesday, October 9 - 2:30 pm  
Afternoon, Yizkor, Neilah, Havdalah Service – Wednesday, October 9 - 3:30 pm

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### **Please give to these funds!**

Temple Beth Sholom has many special funds that benefit and enrich our community. Members and friends are always welcome to contribute to these funds when the spirit moves them. Such gifts can honor a friend's achievement, recovery of a special person, memory of a loved one, a life cycle event, or any appropriate occasion! Giving can be a moving experience – for the giver as well as the honoree. Try it! It really feels good. Enclose a check with the coupon below and mail to: Temple Beth Sholom, 4200 SW Munson Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66604.

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Enclosed please find my/our contribution of \$\_\_\_\_\_ to the following fund:

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<input type="checkbox"/> Music Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Religious School Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Endowment Fund (Make
<input type="checkbox"/> Social Action Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Security Fund	check to Jewish Community
<input type="checkbox"/> Fannie Wisman Kitchen Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Pusitz Memorial Library Fund	Foundation)
<input type="checkbox"/> General Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Rabbi's Discretionary Fund	<input type="checkbox"/> Maimonides Fund (Make
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## **Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City**

**Date:** Sunday, August 25, 2019

**Time:** 8:45 am – 3:15 pm

**Location:** Jewish Community Campus, 5801 W. 115th St., Overland Park, KS

### **'Day of Discovery' to Kick Off Year of Jewish Learning**

Mark your calendar for an exciting, upcoming community program: "Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City." This event will be held from 8:45 a.m. – 3:15 p.m., at the Jewish Community Campus on Sunday, August 25. Participants will have an opportunity to learn, study, and discover some of the community's finest Jewish educators, rabbis, and cantors, who will lead sessions on a wide range of topics. Over thirty classes will be offered throughout the day. Rabbi Stiel will teach a class on "Beginning a Personal Middot Practice."

Registration and a continental breakfast take place from 8:45 – 9:30 a.m., study sessions begin at 9:30 and lunch will be served from 12:15 – 1:20 p.m. An optional "lunch and learn" session will be offered during the lunch hour. A dessert reception with door prizes will conclude the day. Registration for the event will begin in early August. Registration forms will be mailed in July. A listing of classes and information related to the day can be found the end of July at: [www.kcrabbis.org](http://www.kcrabbis.org). Space is limited and advance registration is required. Class and lunch payments must be received in advance; after the deadline registration fees increase and enrollment is open on a space-available basis.

The cost to participate in "Day of Discovery" is \$22 per person, which includes classes, continental breakfast, a kosher box lunch and a dessert reception. The program is co-sponsored by The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, Jewish Community Center, Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, Village Shalom and area congregations. This program is funded by the Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City.

For more information, visit [kcrabbis.org](http://kcrabbis.org) or contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, by email at [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or by phone at 913-327-4622.

### **Conversion Class Options**

For anyone interested in converting to Judaism, now is a good time to get started. Conversion requires regular meeting with Rabbi Stiel and taking an Introduction to Judaism/Conversion class. There are two class options:

- a) The Conversion class in Kansas City which will be starting up in the fall and registrations are due at the beginning of August. If you are interested in taking the KC class, please contact the registrar for the class, Annette Fish, at [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or 913-327-4622. Then let Rabbi Stiel know that you have signed up.
- b) The other option is to take the Union for Reform Judaism's online class. Here is the link for that: <https://reformjudaism.org/learning/judaism-classes/intro-judaism-0> It will be starting in October. Again, let Rabbi Stiel know if you sign up for it.

## ONEG SPONSORS NEEDED

We are looking for a host for the following Shabbat onegs:  
**August 30; September 13, 20 and 27.**

Please check times of services in the monthly bulletin and weekly email. Please remember, for those of you who cannot host an oneg, you may donate any amount to our Oneg Fund. Contact Molly Wisman if you have questions.

### **Please Remember the Maimonides Fund**

In order for the Temple to maintain enough funds to insure we have a full-time Rabbi now and in the future, please remember to pay your Maimonides Fund Assessment and consider donating to the Maimonides Fund just as you would contribute to any of the other funds. The Maimonides Fund was set up specifically to fund the Rabbi's salary. Your donation to that fund helps to sustain Rabbi Stiel's salary. Thank you, in advance, for donations to the Maimonides Fund.

## **Historical Corner by Jack Wisman**

As the Jews from Eastern Europe made their way into the United States, they were always on the lookout for business opportunities. Many opened small retail shops selling clothing. Others opened pawn shops or became traveling salesmen. There were some that even got into the entertainment business. There were a few of these folks in Topeka, and I will write about these gentlemen.

George Gorsom was an early settler in Topeka. He and his brother, Hyman, opened the first movie theatre in Topeka and later opened a much larger theater in 1912 called the Orpheum (photo on the bottom). I also have been told that Simon Galitzky had a theatre in the area of Washburn University. There was also a Jewish man by the name of Friedberg who operated a "dance hall."

Topeka was a supply stop for the train from Kansas City, and a company of vaudeville entertainers, which included Jewish ones, would put shows on in Topeka. So "show biz" can be included as a part of early Topeka Jewish history. We had movie theatres, dance halls and vaudeville shows.

-Jack Wisman



## **LEGACY SOCIETY**

The Legacy Society is a group of individuals who have left property, funds or a percentage of funds to Temple Beth Sholom endowment in their wills. This Society is open to everyone, and the only requirement is to fill out a form and let Jack Wisman know that you have mentioned Topeka Beth Sholom in your will. Exact details of what is allocated are not required, but the will must be properly executed. The Legacy Society will be mentioned periodically in the hope that more and more members will join. Please let us know if we can add your name to the list of individuals who have put Temple in their wills.

# August 2019

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar with the following link: <a href="http://templebethsholomtopeka.view-events.com">http://templebethsholomtopeka.view-events.com</a>		Rabbi Stiel will be gone from the Temple Office from July 27 to August 4.		1	2 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Julie Petruccelli-Treen/ Rhoda Wisman	3 Talmud Study 9:00 am
4 Kol Neshamah Rehearsal 1:00 pm	5 NO Chair Yoga	6	7 Board Meeting 7:00 pm	8	9 Simchat Shabbat Service 7:00 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/ Rhoda Wisman/ Paul Evans Oneg	10 Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am TaNaKh Study 10:30 am
11 Tish'a B'Av Social Action committee meeting 11:00 am Religious Services committee meeting 3:00 pm Kol Neshamah Rehearsal 1:00 pm Adult Education committee meeting 7:00 pm	12 NO Chair Yoga	13 Be the Bridge	14	15 World Myths Class 7:00 pm	16 Shabbat Service with 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Rhoda Wisman/ Lorne Ruby will speak	17 Talmud Study 9:00 am
18 Religious School committee meeting 10:30 am Kol Neshamah Rehearsal 1:00 pm Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom 5pm (out of the building)	19 NO Chair Yoga	20	21 Middot Va'ad 12:00 pm	22 Women's Night Out at Hunam Restaurant 6:30 pm	23 Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/ Rabbi Mark Levin will speak	24 Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am TaNaKh Study 10:30 am
25 Day of Discovery in KC	26 NO Chair Yoga	27	28	29	30 Women's Shabbat Service 7:30 pm Rabbi Stiel/ Warren Sickel/ Stephanie Schuttera/ Hurst Coffman	31 YAC event at Iron Rail Brewing 6:30 pm

## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM MISSION STATEMENT

The purpose of this Congregation shall be to worship God in accordance with the faith of Judaism; to cultivate a love and understanding of the Jewish heritage through study; to stimulate fellowship in the Jewish community and the community at large; to strengthen the bond of loyalty with the Jewish people everywhere; and to promote the principles of righteousness in the world. To further those purposes the Congregation will be a member of the Union for Reform Judaism.

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Topeka, Kansas

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## Worship Services



**Friday, August 2**

**Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm**

Service led by Julie Petruccelli-Treen and Rhoda Wisman. Oneg sponsored by Rebekah Mastel. Sadly, she he is preparing to leave Topeka. Come say good-bye and wish her well.

**Friday, August 9**

**Simchat Shabbat Service - 7:00 pm**

Service led by Rabbi Stiel, Warren Sickel and Rhoda Wisman. Frayna Scrinopskie will read Torah. August birthday and anniversary blessings will be offered. Special Oneg honoring Paul Evans sponsored by Temple Board and Choir members.

**Office Hours – Monday to Friday**

**9:00 a.m. to 12:00 or by appointment**

**COMMUNICATION RESOURCES:**

**[www.templebethsholomtopeka.org](http://www.templebethsholomtopeka.org)**

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**[Office@tbstopeka.org](mailto:Office@tbstopeka.org)**

**[Rabbi@tbstopeka.org](mailto:Rabbi@tbstopeka.org)**

**Friday, August 16**

**Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm**

Service led by Rabbi Stiel and Rhoda Wisman. Lorne Ruby will speak. Oneg sponsored by Marsha Pankewich-West.

**Friday, August 23**

**Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm**

Shabbat Service and story led by Rabbi Stiel and Warren Sickel. Rabbi Mark Levin will speak. Join us for our annual Back to School Oneg sponsored by the Religious School.

**Friday, August 30**

**Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm**

Women's Shabbat Service led by Rabbi Stiel, Warren Sickel and Stephanie Schuttera. Hurst Coffman will accompany. Join us to celebrate our Miriam Award Recipients. Oneg sponsor needed.



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