



# TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM B U L L E T I N



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Dear Temple Beth Sholom,

*Mah tov chelki* - how great is my portion!

Thank you for the beautiful send-off and farewell. I will remember forever our last Zoom Shabbat - with its special video, messages that meant so much to me, beautiful music, and the chance to share Shabbat with over 75 friends (wow!). The exquisite Aishet Chayil candle sticks and incredible book of Temple Beth Sholom messages and pictures will be in our new home and will be wonderful reminders of our 14 years together.

And of course, the parade was a hoot! My family and I loved all the decorated cars with sweet messages, the fire trucks and police cars and the chance to see you face to face!

Thank you for a very special last few days.

My love is with you. I know you will continue to be a wonderful congregation. I wish you individually and as a congregation strength, love, friendship, joy, success, health, holiness, and shleimut as you continue life's journey.

Bivracha,

- Debbi

“Trough” (Judy Brown)

There is a trough in waves,  
a low spot  
where horizon disappears  
and only sky  
and water are your company.  
And there we lose our way  
unless  
we rest, knowing the wave will bring us  
to its crest again.  
There we may drown  
if we let fear  
hold us within its grip and shake us  
side to side,  
and leave us flailing, torn, disoriented.

But if we rest there  
in the trough,  
in silence,  
being with the low part of the wave,  
keeping our energy and  
noticing the shape of things,  
the flow,  
then time alone  
will bring us to another place  
where we can see  
horizon, see the land again,  
regain our sense  
of where  
we are,  
and where we need to swim.

# Spiritual Practice

- A commitment to be conscious of actions that invite us to experience God in the world and allow us to be more compassionate
- Things we do on a regular or consistent basis to enable us to connect to or remember God, sometimes with the intention of those practices heightening our connection to God at other moments
- A ritualized activity done with intention, to cultivate awareness, that brings equilibrium, sustenance and balance that one does not get elsewhere, with the potential for restoration
- A regular effort that cultivates awareness which leads to greater shleimut
- Cultivates meaning and connectedness to that which is within and beyond
- Allows for the transcendence of the self to a state of beauty beyond the rational
- Conscious, regular activities which nurture the soul and engender an appreciation of levels of meaning that transcend the activity itself

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**Text**     **Rabbi Adin Even-Israel Steinsaltz. *Pebbles of Wisdom.***

There is no essential difference between the love of God and the love of man. But since the love of God is not described in numberless publications sold at corner kiosks, with illustrations and cartoons, the matter seems to be much more difficult.

True, there is an intrinsic difficulty. Love of God depends on one's ability to be aware of Him, not in the sense of one's knowledge of what is written in this book or another, but in terms of personal consciousness. One can love God to the degree that one is able to be conscious of Him or to feel Him.

All that is necessary is to understand and to sincerely inquire into one's knowledge of that which is worthy of love, and the natural impulse, the love of God, is awakened.

## **Parting Words to Rabbi Stiel from Warren Sickel**

### **YOUR FIRST SERVICE AT TEMPLE**

Seems like just last month when we met for the first time via a phone conversation. The purpose was to plan your first service at TBS. Having sung in Kol Neshamah for several years, I thought I would possibly know enough repertoire to get by for one service. As we began with choosing the opening song, you listed 5 – 7 selections that I was not familiar with and I began to sweat bullets as to what you might be thinking of me. In my mind, I was not making a good 1<sup>st</sup> impression as a soloist. You were very patient turning the question around to what did I know for possible opening songs? We were able to choose one, and then move through the rest of the service. The funny thing was, when you asked me if I knew how to chant G'vurot, "Oh sure." I said lying through my teeth. I could NOT stand the thought of admitting to one more thing I did not know. As soon as we got off the phone, I went searching online to find a recording of G'vurot ending up in Cantor Shermet's Cantor's Classroom. It was a good thing we talked on a Monday, because I must have listened and practiced with that recording several hundred times the rest of the week. During that service, I stood in awe (ironically 6 feet from you near the candle table) of what a pro you were/are. You moved through the service with such ease allowing us to get to know you and that made us feel welcome. What made that first service so special for me was at the end: You came over to me, extended your hand, thanked me and said good job. Even though I knew I had a great deal to learn about being a music leader, at least you were kind enough to allow me to get off on a positive "note" thanks to your patience and desire to establish a positive working relationship.

### **SPEAKING OF CANTOR SHERMET**

I believe it was your third year I decided, that instead of attending Cantor Shermet's virtual classroom, I would attend a Saturday Shacharit Service at Temple Israel. I had made prior arrangements with Cantor Shermet. At the beginning of the service, (she was leading the whole service) she introduced me to the rest of the congregation referencing Temple Beth Sholom. She continued the introduction with "You all know that is where Rabbi Debbie Stiel is now." There was a rousing response from the congregation, "WOW is that one lucky congregation to get to have Rabbi Stiel!"

### **THE FIRST JOKE**

You have heard this one before, but I love it so much I wanted it in writing. When you first came, a board member, with tongue-in-cheek, made me promise, no puns or bad jokes around you for at least a month until you had some time to adjust. A month went by, and I had been on my best behavior. You called for advice about acquiring corn stalks for the TBS outdoor sukkah. I shared my thoughts but ended with telling you I was not sure how good my advice was. You responded, "Thanks anyway. We'll keep our ears open." I started laughing out loud and said, "Rabbi, you just made a pun and I love puns!" So much for maintaining any future pun self-control. No matter how dumb my puns were, you always smiled and showed great tolerance.

## **MY MOTHER'S LAST JEWISH EXPERIENCE & DEATH**

A few weeks before my mother passed in November 2006, you decided you would stop by and visit her at Menorah. My mother was a highly ethical person, and always wanted the best for her family. She viewed Judaism as a nice means to get family together. Your incredible act of kindness in making the time to visit gave her a taste of Judaism that she had not experienced before. Her experience told her that Rabbis were austere and aloof. For the first time in her 86 years, she experienced a Rabbi with caring and compassion. My cousin, who is my surrogate sister, remarked to me later, "Now how come I couldn't have grown up with a Rabbi like yours! Maybe

I would still be a practicing Jew!" Suffice to say my cousin was very impressed, and my dad was very grateful. I will always be grateful to you for making my mother's last Jewish experience a positive one. You were wonderful facilitating my mother's memorial service at Temple. Fast-forward six years later to you officiating at my dad's funeral. Although you had only met him on two occasions, you were wonderfully compassionate offering comfort as the officiant. You are so dedicated that you even took the time to contact me a few days later to be sure that all had gone as I had hoped. I will always be grateful to you for the compassion and support you showed to me after the deaths of both my parents.

## **OUR FIRST PURIM**

Our first Purim service together, you greeted me and then asked me where my costume was? I had not thought about wearing a costume as my experience had been that only the kids wore costumes. I stammered for a moment and replied that I had dressed like a classroom teacher. You chuckled and avoided giving me a hard time over something that I was naïve about. Your costumes were all great, but my favorite was seeing you dressed as RBG. What really surprised me about that first Purim was you telling me that we would sing *Mi Chamocha* to *Oklahoma*, and *Oseh Shalom* to the *Star-Spangled Banner* allowing me to add, "LET'S PRAY". WOW did I have fun with that!!!! AS you know, I love being a "ham" in public, and I got to be a "ham" with a Rabbi!! Purim with you became an even more fun holiday!!

## **AN ONEG ENCOUNTER**

As nice a person as you are, I have always marveled at how you can verbally spar with others. It was during your first year at an oneg, Len Richter asked you, "So what should we call you: Rabbi or Rebettzin?" You responded that you should be addressed as Rabbi. Then without missing a beat you said to Len, "You know what I call my husband?.....lucky!" Oh, did that make me laugh. You always had great jokes as you began your sermons and you always knew how to put a smile on one's face.

## **AN EREV SHABBAT BEFORE A BAR MITZVAH**

I was the designated soloist that evening. The family requested that I sing Yesh Kochavim. I was half-way through the song when I was flooded with memories of my departed mother along with other family members and Temple members. I was hit with a crippling wave of grief and could only stand there frozen. Fortunately for all, you and the congregation were also singing, so the song continued. As usual, you quickly figured out what had happened and graciously put your

arm around me as you continued to lead the congregation. I was disappointed that grief had chosen to strike me at that moment. You could have been very easily frustrated with me, but instead, as always, showed me empathy and understanding.

### **HH CHILDREN'S SERVICES**

I can remember being young and attending the HH Children's Services with my parents. They sat politely, and were glad to be together as a family, but they were only politely interested in what the Rabbi was doing, as was the case with the other parents. It was not until I began helping you with the TBS Children's Services that I experienced a Rabbi Stiel children's service. Not only are you able to gage the pace of the service so as not to alienate the students, but as I have told you on many occasions, you are an incredible storyteller. I do not know who is on the furthest edge of their seat as you tell a story: Parent or child. I know I am hanging on to every word. If the Rabbi gig does not work out for you, I think you could go on the road as a storyteller.

### **AFTER NANCY EPOCH'S FUNERAL**

A few weeks after Nancy Epoch's funeral, I was attending the Kansas Music Educator's Convention. I ran into the Topeka West Band Director, Barry Evans. We do not know each other very well, but I do know he has a very strong band program at Topeka West. My sense is that he and Nancy were very close as colleagues. Many school band directors and choir directors become very good friends. Barry was quite saddened over Nancy having passed. He began his conversation with me, (I am paraphrasing) "You know, I have been to many Christian funerals, and they all do a good job of paying tribute to the deceased, but I had never been to a Jewish funeral. Are all Jewish funerals that compassionate and done with that much love and care?" I responded, "I can't speak for all Jewish funerals, but you won't find a more compassionate Rabbi than Rabbi Stiel or a Rabbi more adept at providing comfort and solace for all who are grieving." Suffice it to say how impressed he was with you. Of your many, many strengths, one of them is to assist with the grieving process with support, kindness, and comfort.

### **MY FIRST MIFGASH**

You were about to complete your second year when you encouraged me to attend Mifgash Musicale. The rationale side of me concluded that this was a tremendous opportunity being afforded me, but I was also filled with trepidation. How was a school band director in rural Kansas, with very little vocal background going to be received at a conference filled with many experienced congregational music directors? Of course, my fears were unfounded, and more importantly, I learned a great deal. The cream cheese on the lox was getting to meet Bonia Shur and be able to have a conversation with Ben Steinberg. And I made some wonderful friends! As usual Rabbi, you knew the right thing to do and how to go about getting it done.

### **THE LECTERN**

After a service or two, you indicated to me that, rather than standing at the candle table with a music stand, your preference was for me to stand next to you at the lectern. It did not take me long to understand your rationale for this preference as I quickly learned the need for you to communicate with me without interrupting the flow of the service. It made me smile when there

was a Rabbi Stiel hand all of a sudden touching my wrist, or a Rabbi Stiel index finger pointing up which was the Rabbi Stiel international signal for “HEADS-UP, I’M DOING SOMETHING A BIT DIFFERENT THAN I PLANNED”. It made me feel special as a soloist. It almost goes without saying that I have always loved performing but being a soloist and assisting you was never about performing. It was about helping you to provide a spiritual experience for a service. I would like to think we made a great team as there was a give-and-take at the lectern that brought me great joy.

### **THE RABBI STIEL WE RESPECT AND LOVE**

I know I have said this to you before, but it bears repeating: You are the educator’s educator. Most educators have an age group they prefer. You have this incredible talent as you can teach ALL age groups. From toddler to senior citizen, you can inspire ALL of us to learn, think, and grow within both the Jewish realm and the human realm. A great example is you challenging Jason with the Helfman setting of “Shema Koleinu”. You somehow knew that he could use a challenge, and that setting was a wonderful way to engage him. This would be a “dayenu” in and of itself, but you achieve all of this without ego. I will forever be grateful to you for having inspired me to grow in ways I never thought possible. Growing up, I was always awed by cantors and their ability to chant and to lead music. Even though I did not have the voice quality, you still encouraged me and it was that encouragement that allowed me the joy of being in front of a congregation having the opportunity to imitate/impersonate a cantor. In addition, you encouraged and nurtured the choir. You embraced and welcomed music as an important component to our services and to Temple in general. These are all memories I will always hold dear. Not only are you the educator’s educator, you are the Rabbi’s Rabbi. May you be blessed from strength to strength as you go on your way!







**Thank you, Jane Greene for making the wonderful memory book for Rabbi Stiel.**

**Click the Link Below to see a flipbook version of the memory book:**

<https://book.designrr.co/?id=20210&token=3112387480>

**Memory book is available in print for a donation. Please contact theoffice if interested.**



## **Contributions**

### **General Fund**

#### **Einstein's**

##### **Jack and Rhoda Wisman**

- In memory of Abe Einstein
- In memory of Janet Facher
- In memory of Barbara Brown
- In memory of Adeline Briman
- In memory of Nell Levy

#### **Simon Joseph**

##### **Jan Abrams**

- In memory of Roy Shapiro

##### **MJ Krasny**

##### **Russ and Jane Greene**

- Mazel tov to Chandler (Maxon) and Justin Surrency on the birth of Monroe Vivienne Surrency
- Mazel tov to Esther Potts
- Mazel tov to Sarah Roth

##### **Anna Lambertson**

##### **Diana Siegal**

##### **Zahavah Angus**

### **Rabbi's Discretionary Fund**

##### **Jerry Berger**

### **Religious School Fund**

##### **Ezra and Barbara Ginzburg**

- In memory of Ron Curnes

### **Security Fund**

##### **Sophie Thayer**

- In memory of Donald Thayer

##### **Len and Terry Richter**

- In memory of Geri Goldstein
- In memory of Nell Levy
- In memory of Joshua Richter
- In memory of Merril-Joe Fernandes

## **Yahrzeits**

**July 3** – Phyllis Levine, Hannah Black, Belle Nathanson Check

**July 10** – Sarah Galitzki, Dorothy Hoffman, Odes Haas Stein, Harold Sachs, Morris Levine, David Mudrick, Kenneth Kahn, Toba Silver, Clyde Marshall, Harry Isaacs

**July 17** – Abe Samuels, Darlene Higgins, Irene Richter, Luba Levin

**July 24** – Rae Baum, Joseph Facher, Rose Facher, Harold Grodberg, Ann Manson, Natalie Dworsky, Sylvia Schwartz, Michael Richter, Joseph Sessel, Joe Stein, Karl Leberman, Melvyn Beiman

**July 31** – Charlotte Edelman, Min Verbin, Betty Gartner, Mamie Baum, Bill Leeds, Charles Nachtigal, Meyer Tkatch, Minnie Finkelstein

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

-To family and friends of **Debbie Latta.**

**Zichrona Livacha – May her memory be for blessing**

## **Calendar of Jewish Holidays for 2020-2021**

<https://jcrbajc.org/resources/religious-calendars.html>

### **Committee Meetings:**

Religious Services Committee meeting on Wednesday, July 8 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

### **NEW CONTACT INFORMATION:**

#### **Rabbi Debbie Stiel and Steve Stiel**

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Phoenix, AZ 85032  
Rabbi Stiel's email address:

[rebstiel@gmail.com](mailto:rebstiel@gmail.com)

Cell phone number:  
913-626-2528

#### **Kelly Perkins**

1965 SW Regency  
Parkway Drive  
Topeka, KS 66604







**Temple Beth Sholom's 55<sup>th</sup> Annual Jewish Food and Cultural Fair  
Rescheduled for July 19, 2020  
Take out and curbside pickup!  
Pre-order online: \$15**

**Blintze Brunch Drive up/ Take out on Sunday, July 19**

Jack Wisman is looking for volunteers to help with preparations for the Blintze Brunch Drive up/Take out on Sunday, July 12, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm. Volunteer help will also be needed on Sunday, July 19 from 8:00 am – 1:00 pm. If you can help, please call Jack at 357-4104 or the Temple Office. For questions, please call Jack.



For the Drive up/Take out, Jack would like a large supply of rugelach, mandelbread and cookies for individual wrapping.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM'S AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE**  
**Sunday, July 26, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm**

Email [doug.meyers@redcross.org](mailto:doug.meyers@redcross.org) to schedule your life saving appointment or for questions.

Visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org) for additional information about eligibility or call 1-800-RED-CROSS.



**Reform Jewish Calendar of Major Jewish Holidays 2020-2021 (5781)**

Rosh Hashanah	September 18-20, 2020 (sunset Friday-sunset Sunday)
Yom Kippur	September 27-28, 2020 (sunset Sunday-Monday evening)
Sukkot	October 2-4, 2020 (sunset Friday-sunset Sunday)
Shemini Atzeret/Simchat Torah	October 9-11, 2020 (sunset Friday-sunset Sunday)
Chanukah	December 10-18, 2020 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)
Purim	February 25-26, 2021 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday)
Passover	March 27- April 4, 2021 (sunset Saturday-sunset Sunday)
Shavuot	May 16-18, 2021 (sunset Sunday-sunset Tuesday)

## TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM FUNDRAISER ON AUGUST 8, 2020

As this pandemic has changed many things in our world, it has now required that BROADWAY DUETS be a live virtual performance. I hope you will all be able to attend this Temple Beth Sholom fundraiser, in Honor of Nancy Epoch.

We will be performing in The Historic Jayhawk Theatre on Saturday, August 8 from 7:00 pm to 9:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and can be purchased on the Temple Website. Please consider also donating to The Jayhawk for its restoration.

We have a great lineup and among the best of Topeka's singers and entertainers. Here are a few of the songs and performers You will hear:

*Dan & Megan Lindquist*

“Suddenly Seymour” from Little Shop of Horrors and “Old Fashioned Wedding” from Annie Get Your Gun.

*Kelsey Atwood & Lucero Padilla*

"10 Minutes Ago" Cinderella

*David Pomeroy & Stephanie Schuttera* “Pineapple Song” Cabaret.

*Diane Payne & Patty Van Slyke* "I Enjoy Being a Girl" Flower Drum Song

"Ladies Who Lunch" Company

*Teri Walton & Ceci Yeager*

“Class” - Chicago

"Ladies Who Lunch" Company

*Skye Reid & Brad Voth*

"You're The Top" Anything Goes

"You Matter to Me" Waitress

*Andrea Graham & Lauren Lewis*

"Take Me or Leave Me" Rent

*Alisha Bolz & Amelia Flores*

“Love While You Can” If/Then

*Daniel Lassley & Phyllis Schaper* "Sunrise/Sunset” and “Sabbath Prayer” Fiddler on the Roof

*Alex & Isi Castaneda*

“Happy Days/Get Happy”

Chasing Rainbows/Nine-Fifteen Review 1930

*Jennifer Foreman & Jesyca Hope* “For Good” Wicked

“Light One Candle” PP&Mary

Our Stage Manager is Donna Lambrecht.

Please join us in an evening honoring Nancy Epoch and supporting Temple Beth Sholom.  
Thank you, Stephanie Schuttera!

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 8, 2020**



**7:00 PM AT THE JAYHAWK THEATRE  
TICKETS: \$20 PER PERSON**

***IN MEMORY OF NANCY EPOCH***

**SPONSOR: Ron and Frayna Scrinopskie**

**DIRECTOR: Stephanie Schuttera**

**DESSERTS: Howard and Elaine Schwartz**

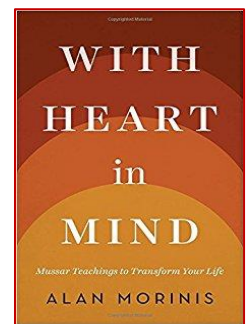
**TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM PRESIDENT: Alan Parker**

**For more information, call Stephanie (785) 554-7558.**

**This is a Temple Beth Sholom Fundraiser.**

**Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding**  
**Next Meeting: Wednesday, July 22, via Zoom at Noon**

We read 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 have the book to the *Va'ad* meetings. We will review Chapter 29 and read Chapter 30. Newcomers are always welcome. The Zoom link will be in the Temple Beth Sholom weekly e-mail.



**Monthly Shabbat Morning Study Opportunity**

**Kabbalah Study - 9:00 - 10:30 am, Saturday, July 11 and 25, via Zoom.**  
***Introduction to the Zohar*, by Arthur Green.**

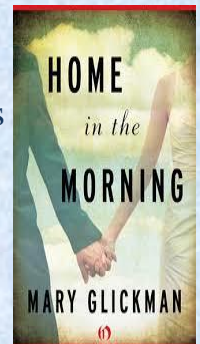
Our group is reading Art Green's excellent and thorough introduction to the Pritzker edition of the *Zohar*. If you want to get an inside look at the *Zohar*, please join us for this fascinating read! Let the Temple Office know if you want to attend via Zoom.



**Temple Beth Sholom Book Group Meeting will be Rescheduled**

The Sassaports of Gullford, Mississippi are an established Southern Jewish family. *Home in the Morning* by Mary Glickman follows Jackson Sassaport's journey from his childhood as a coddled son of the Old South to his struggle as a young man eager to find his place in the civil rights movement of the 1960s while protecting his prominent family's imperative not to stand out in the segregated South.

Flashbacks between his adult life and his youth trace the ways that race and prejudice, family and love intertwine to shape our lives. Available online for under \$5.00 and no shipping charge.



**COMING in July .....Your letter about the annual Memorial Book!**

**Memorial Book  
Yom Kippur  
5781-2020**



*This is your opportunity to memorialize  
deceased relatives or friends in the booklet  
published by our congregation.*

## June 3, 2020 Board Meeting Highlights

- The Rabbi Search Committee will be conducting Listening Sessions with the congregation to help determine what the highest priorities are in a new long-term rabbi.
- The 2020 Blintze Brunch is rescheduled for Sunday, July 19. It will be a drive-through take-out event.
- The tzedakah that the Board collected over the past year will be donated to help support the local NAACP Chapter's Freedom Fund.
- Temple Committees and the Board of Directors are continuing to work very hard on planning and adapting activities safely amidst the continuing Covid-19 health crisis. Research and observations are happening to determine what safe circumstances must exist before our TBS Congregation can physically assemble in the future.
- This was Rabbi Debbie Stiel's final monthly Board of Directors meeting. She will be greatly missed.

*Please join the Potts family as*

***Davin Potts***

*will be called to the Torah as a Bar  
Mitzvah, Saturday morning,*

*October 24, 2020 at 10:30 am at  
Temple Beth Shalom.*

*Luncheon to follow.*

*RSVP information will be in a future  
bulletin.*



**At this tough time for the Temple when we are not able to have the Blintze Brunch, we would appreciate any extra donations.**

**Make donations and contributions to Temple at this secure link** (in the message box on the checkout page, put what the donation is for):  
<https://tbs.convertri.com/donate>

### **Donations to Temple can help your Taxes this Year**

This year the CARES Act will allow you to deduct up to \$300 of cash charitable gifts even if you do not itemize deductions on your taxes. If you do itemize, the existing cap on annual cash contributions has been raised from 60% of adjusted gross income to 100%.



## **Member News:**

### **MAZAL TOV!**

We would like to welcome **Esther Potts, Sarah Roth and Gavin Roth** to the Jewish Faith by completing their conversions!

### **THANK YOU!**

To **Adam Treen and Leif Dolan** for weeding and mulching the flower beds in front of Temple Beth Sholom!

We still need volunteers to continue to weed and mulch the flower beds at Temple Beth Sholom.

## **Friday Shabbat Services via Zoom**

We will start reading Mi Shebeirach names again during our Shabbat Services via Zoom. If you would like your name read, please email the Temple office Wednesday prior to that Friday's Service to have your name(s) added. Please note that they will be read during the Shabbat service via Zoom and on Facebook Live in the private group.

As we move into transition, we need more lay leaders. If you are interested in leading services or learning what goes into leading a service, please contact Julie Petruccelli-Treen at [petruccellitreen.jl@gmail.com](mailto:petruccellitreen.jl@gmail.com) or the Temple Office. With enough interest, we will put together a class. This is a unique and special way to help out your congregation.

## **Religious School Plans for Next Year**

We are working on plans for the 2020-2021 Religious School Year. A decision has not yet been finalized if we will have Hebrew School and Sunday School classes in-person at the Temple or if we will need to complete them over the internet with Zoom classes. We are waiting for guidance from the State Department of Education on best practices for the next school year as well as having discussions with the parents to make this decision. We just wanted to let you know that we will be prepared to continue Religious School and Hebrew School for our Temple children next year. - Danelle Harsin

## **Church Using Temple**

The Apostolic Assembly Church will return and will be using the Social Hall at the Temple. They are in the building on Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:30 pm and on Sunday afternoons from 1:00 – 4:30 pm. Please greet them when you see them. They will be adhering to strict cleaning and social distancing guidelines.

## Online Jewish Education and Worship Opportunities For Adults and Kids

*What Jewish learning will you/your kids do this summer? Here are some excellent online opportunities! IF you know more, send the link to the Temple office.*

Morning Minyan: Temple Israel, Omaha, 7:00 am M-F <https://zoom.us/j/308011253>

Torah videos for all ages (Orthodox): [torahlive.com](http://torahlive.com)

Jewish/Israel escape room: [Bagelsandlocks.com](http://Bagelsandlocks.com)

Lookstein Virtual Jewish Academy: <https://www.looksteinvirtual.org/>

Children's crafts, stories and more: <https://pjlibrary.org/home>

Ideas and Opportunities for good deeds: <https://www.areyvut.org/>

Jewish learning for kids: <https://bytes.jikids.org/>

Educational games: <https://gamedev.msu.edu/sparks-of-eternity/>

Educational videos for kids: [https://www.facebook.com/torahtron/?hc\\_location=ufi](https://www.facebook.com/torahtron/?hc_location=ufi)

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### **Virtual Jewish Community Tisha B'Av Observance July 29 and 30**

Tisha B'Av (the fast day that is on the ninth of the Hebrew month of Av) is a period of fasting, lamentation and prayer to remember the destruction of the First and Second Temples of Jerusalem and other major disasters and tragedies that Jewish people experienced throughout history.

In observance of Tisha B'Av, a community-wide VIRTUAL observance and service will take place on Wednesday, July 29. The evening begins at 8:30 p.m. with a Tisha B'Av MA'ARIV service and will be followed by a D'var Torah and reading of *Eicha*. Participants can choose to participate in either the Hebrew or English reading from the Book of Lamentations, which details the destruction of Jerusalem through song and poems. This is a meaningful service with beautiful, mournful melodies, some engaging teaching, and a time for communal reflection on both painful times of our past and hope for our future. Participating in this observance are Rabbis David Glickman, Mark Levin, Beryl Padorr, Jonathan Rudnick and Hazzan Tahl Ben-Yehuda.

The virtual community Tisha B'Av observance will continue Thursday, July 30 beginning at 6:00 p.m. Program details are forthcoming. Fast concludes at 9:04 pm. Rabbi Moshe Grussgott is serving as the rabbinic coordinator for this program.

A virtual observance is also being planned for teens and college students.

These observances are sponsored by the Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City.

To indicate your attendance at both observances, register online at [kcrabbi.org](http://kcrabbi.org); click on the Tisha B'Av registration link <https://kcrabbi.org/event/tisha-bav-observance-2020/> or, access the registration link directly at: <https://forms.gle/qTF5rVUZ1HeyVBuY6>

Links to connect via zoom for each event will be sent a couple of days in advance.

For more information, visit [kcrabbi.org](http://kcrabbi.org) or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com), 913-327-4622. Rabbi Jonathan Rudnick is the rabbinic liaison for this year's communitywide Tisha B'Av observances.

**Event:** Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City Virtually  
**Date:** Sunday, August 23, 2020  
**Time:** 8:45 am – 3:15 pm

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

Mark your calendar and save the date for this year's annual "Day of Discovery – Explore the Joy of Jewish Learning in Kansas City" scheduled for Sunday, August 23, 9:30– 3:00 p.m. To ensure the safety of all participants, this year's program will be entirely virtual using the platform Zoom, and will be held in partnership with Limmudna, a national organization that connects Jews of all backgrounds with transformative learning and with each other.

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 including a learning session that will focus on the 2020 elections.

Registration for the event will begin in early August. Watch your mail and check the Rabbinical Association website [kcrabbi.org](http://kcrabbi.org) the end of July for information about how to register and where to view the online listing of classes and details related to the day. Space is limited and advance registration is required.

This program is co-sponsored by The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City in partnership with: Limmudana, The J KC, Jewish Federation of Greater Kansas City, Hyman Brand Hebrew Academy, Jewish Family Services, Tribe KC, Village Shalom and area congregations.

For information, visit [kcrabbi.org](http://kcrabbi.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.

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### **Kansas City Community-wide Course: "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" Begins in Fall, 2020**

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The Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City will once again offer a community-wide course, "Judaism for Conversion Candidates" beginning August 20 virtually. The year-long course will be taught on a rotating basis by rabbis from the Reform, Conservative and Orthodox movements and is intended to acquaint those considering conversion to Judaism with what it means to live Jewishly.

Virtual classes will take place on Thursday evenings from 7:00-9:00 pm. An orientation session is scheduled for August 13, 7:00-9:00 pm. For additional information or to register for this course, visit [kcrabbis.org](http://kcrabbis.org) or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, by email at [afprogram@aol.com](mailto:afprogram@aol.com) or 913-327-4622.

# JULY 2020

**Sunday**

**Monday**

**Tuesday**

**Wednesday Thursday**

**Friday**

**Saturday**

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5	6	7	8 Religious Services Committee meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom	9	10 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Frayna Scrinopskie/ Warren Sickel	11 Kabbalah Group 9:00 am via Zoom
12	13	14	15	16	17 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Julie Petruccelli-Treen/ Stephanie Schuttera	18 Blintze Brunch preparations 9:00 am
19 Blintze Brunch Take out/Curbside 9:00 am	20	21	22 Middot Va'ad 12:00 pm via Zoom	23	24 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rhoda Wisman/ Susan Zuber-Chall	25 Kabbalah Group 9:00 am via Zoom
26 Temple Beth Sholom Blood Drive 9:00 am to 1:00 pm	27	28	29	30 <b>Tisha B'Av</b>	31 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Julie Petruccelli-Treen/ Stephanie Schuttera	

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