



TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM BULLETIN



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JULY 19, 2020, BLINTZE BRUNCH CURBSIDE/TAKEOUT SUCCESSFUL!



At this time, we have brought in \$10,000 with donations and sold meals. We also had a wonderful story on WIBW news. Very many positive reviews! Link:

<https://www.wibw.com/2020/07/19/temple-beth-sholom-hosts-drive-up-blintze-brunch/>

Thank you to Todd Gordon, Will Potts, their families, and the wonderful volunteers who worked so hard in the face of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Todd Gordon and Will Potts are becoming the Wisman brothers of the next generation. Add their wives, Tara Gordon and Esther Potts, who worked so hard during this new Blintze Brunch adventure and the future of the Temple Blintze Brunch is bright!

Personally, for close to 35 years I helped or later was responsible for knishes. I cannot do it anymore. But Todd and Will stepped up and the next thing, their knishes were better than the ones I used to make. In youth, there is progress. But here is my thought. A few years ago, Alan Wisman and I were talking and I was lamenting about the future of the Brunch when we couldn't do it anymore. Now, the future is assured.

I'm not a terribly religious Jew, but sometimes, just sometimes, when that miracle occurs, when you think it is all over but the shouting, when that something happens and a doorway opens and the impossible occurs, when that happens, I look to the heavens and say, "It's good to be a Jew." Today was one of those days.

Len Richter, the Old Jewish Guy

Greetings Temple Beth Shalom!

On behalf of the board, I wanted to talk to you about our COVID-19 response. A lot of you have had a chance to experience some of our responses to this pandemic, such as Shabbat via Zoom and Facebook Live, Zoom study groups, and even our very first virtual order and drive through Blintze Brunch! In many ways, a lot has been happening almost seamlessly, although not as together as we would like. We have found ways to “be together,” even when the circumstances do not provide a safe environment to do so.

But what has been going on to make this all seem so adaptive and easy? There is a LOT of planning, debating, grappling, and discussion amongst the Temple leadership, both board members and committees’ chairpersons. For example, for the Blintze Brunch to happen in this environment, the Blintze Brunch committee and Temple leadership used their combined creativity, compromise, and intelligent discussions about safety, presentation, and procedures for months prior to the event to develop a plan of action. As a result, it was a success for the Temple. This is just an example of how much work goes on behind the scenes to respond to this pandemic. Each Shabbat, service leaders, be it the Rabbi or lay leaders, work diligently prior to services not only to pick appropriate readings, music, and prayers, but they also now coordinate weeks beforehand with those working the technology associated with presenting via the Zoom environment and Facebook Live. Shabbat services, as a result, are presented with the same warmth and meaning as they would be live in the sanctuary from the bimah. We can smile and wave at each other, schmooze a little beforehand, and hear fantastic leaders communicate G-d’s teachings to us in a variety of ways. Also, on a positive note, our technological response to COVID-19 is allowing us to bring Shabbat to those who cannot join us on a regular basis due to health, distance, or other reasons. We are making Shabbat work because of what goes on behind the scenes.

Many of you are asking these questions: When should we move back into the Temple and how do we do that safely? That is a question that is dealt with at every Religious Services committee meeting and board meeting. How are High Holy Days going to be conducted? That is a question that is being ironed out as we speak. We still do not have some of the answers, but at the same time we know we, as leaders, owe you answers. Please know that the Temple leadership will continue to work hard behind the scenes for as long as we have to, even when the COVID-19 risk has been reduced, to make your experience with Temple Beth Shalom both meaningful and blessed. It is the most important thing we can do for you, our congregational family. If you have questions or concerns, do not hesitate to reach out to a Temple Board member. Shalom everyone!

-Julie Petruccelli-Treen

Great news on Federal Emergency Management Agency Security Grant!

In February of 2020, Len Richter and Elaine Schwartz, with the help of Danelle Harsin, Alan Wisman, and the Kansas Highway Patrol, worked together to submit a \$95,000 Federal Emergency Management Agency grant for enhancing Temple Beth Sholom security. **Len Richter recently received notice that we did get approved for this grant!!**

The security grant funds security officers, an upgrade to the security system, emergency lighting, a project manager and window egress.

I want to thank Elaine Schwartz without whose expertise in grant writing, this grant might never have come to fruition. While I initiated the Federal Emergency Management Agency grant, it was Elaine whose grant writing expertise, knowledge of the nuances to put the correct language into the grant and adding additional monetary requests that she recognized were within the purview of the grant, that got the Temple tens of thousands of additional dollars for security. She deserves our greatest thanks for without her, this grant may have not come to fruition.

- Len Richter

2020 Memorial Book!

**Memorial Book
Yom Kippur
5781-2020**



This is your opportunity to memorialize deceased relatives or friends in the booklet compiled by our congregation. This will be available in a digital copy and emailed to the congregation. Please mail your card and donation to office!

DEADLINE: AUGUST 10

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.



Contributions
General Fund

Einstein's

Russ and Jane Greene

-In memory of Debbie Latta

Michael Weinsaft

-In memory of Miriam

Weinsaft

Paul and Melissa Hungerford

-In memory of Nell Levy

Steve and Derie Briman

-In memory of Debbie Latta

Ragen and Marj Murray

-Congratulations to Elaine

Schwartz for receiving the

Miriam Award

Jack and Rhoda Wisman

-Thank you to Jane Greene for

all the work she put into the

memory book for Rabbi Stiel

-In memory of Luba Levin

-In memory of Rose Facher

-In memory of Joseph Facher

-In memory of Harold

Grodberg

-In memory of Ann Manson

-In memory of Joe Stein

-In memory of Bill Leeds

-In memory of Debbie Latta

-In memory of Ruth Epstein

-Mazel Tov to Sarah and Gavin

Roth on their conversion

-Mazel Tov to Esther Potts on

her conversion

-A big "Thank you" to Alan

Parker for being a mensch and

a wonderful Temple President

-In memory of Kelly Perkins'

cousins

Beth Furman

-In memory of Adeline Briman

Simon Joseph

Music Fund

Ron and Frayna Scrinopskie

-In memory of Barney Spector

-In memory of Meyer

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-In honor of the conversion of

Sarah and Gavin Roth

Security Fund

Elizabeth Long

Len and Terry Richter

-In memory of Michael Richter

-In memory of Irene Richter

Leif Dolan and Deborah

Edelman-Dolan

-Thank you to Ron and Frayna

Scrinopskie, for being great

people

-Thank you to Rhoda Wisman

and the Mitzvah Committee

Yahrzeits

August 7 – Lawton Cook,

Sophia Dauer, Gertrude

Benjamin, Jane Hoffman

August 14 – Virginia

Kaufman, Willard Weeks,

Rebecca Lieberman, Beth

Sheffel, Sadie Haber Stein,

Norma Jean Leff, Solomon

Israel, Robert F. Moss, Tillie

Horwitz, Meyer E. Sandhaus,

Peggy Black

August 21 – David Cohen,

Helen Katz, Sylvia Helper,

Sadie Rosenholtz, Sidney

Steiner, June Horwitz, Jack

Bauman, Murray Horwitz,

Luba Hetman, David Edelman,

Robert Einstein, Rose Kolman

August 28 - Charlotte Affron

Dal, Ariye Ginzburg, Roberta

Foster Reed, Shayla Fern, Katie

Gold, Helen Levine, Lottie E.

August, Joseph Megibow

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

-To family and friends of

Ruth Epstein.

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

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

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

Committee Meetings:

Board of Directors and
Chairpersons meeting
about COVID on
Sunday, August 2 at
11:00 am via Zoom.

Religious Services
Committee meeting,
Tuesday, August 4, at
7:00 pm via Zoom.

Social Action
Committee meeting,
Sunday, August 23, at
1:00 pm via Zoom.

**TEMPLE BETH
SHOLOM:**

The Temple building will
host a polling place for the
Primary Election on
Tuesday, August 4 from
5:45 am to 8:00 pm.

**BROADWAY DUETS
FUNDRAISER FOR
TEMPLE BETH
SHOLOM HAS BEEN
POSTPONED**

A date will be
announced later.

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)

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; 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>

For more information, visit kcrabbi.org or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, 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 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 or contact Annette Fish, Administrator/Program Director, Rabbinical Association of Greater Kansas City, by email at afprogram@aol.com or by phone at 913-327-4622.

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

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 or contact Annette Fish, Rabbinical Association Administrator/Program Director, by email at afprogram@aol.com or 913-327-4622.

HIGHLIGHTS TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM ANNUAL MEETING, JUNE 28, 2020

- We saw a wonderful slideshow created by office secretary, Tracie Lamb. You can see it again in our private FaceBook Group.
- This Annual Meeting represented many new firsts:
The Annual Meeting was on Zoom due to the Coronavirus global pandemic; not having a physical Blintze Brunch in this fiscal year after 54 consecutive years; and currently not having a rabbi. The year had some notable firsts, including a Matzo Ball soup fundraiser and Interfaith Thanksgiving service at Temple.
- Jack Wisman welcomed new members: Rachel Herold, Paul and Yocheved Nusbaum, Naim (Rodney) Briggs, and MJ Krasny.
- Newly elected Board of Director members are: Allen Kossoy, Danelle Harsin, and Melissa Householder. Continuing term board members are Ezra Ginzburg, Stephanie Schuttera Elaine Schwartz, Ron Scrinopskie, Hayley Magee, and Jane Greene. Temple Board of Director Officers are President Alan Parker, Vice-President Julie Petruccelli-Treen, Treasurer Alan Wisman, Financial Secretary Margot Brown, and Secretary Deborah Edelman-Dolan.
- The Rabbi Search Committee is working on seeking a long-term rabbi to replace Rabbi Debbie Stiel, who has moved to a new congregation in Phoenix, AZ. The Temple Beth Sholom Congregation authorized the Search Committee to enter negotiations for an interim position with Rabbi Moti Rieber.

Thank you from Temple Board Member: Elaine Schwartz



It was an honor to receive the Miriam award this year at the Annual Meeting. For those of you who missed the meeting, I shared the following comments:

After the Exodus and the splitting of the Red Sea, Miriam led all the women in song and dance. Together with Moses and Aaron, she led the Jewish people for the forty years they were in the desert. During this time, the Jews were provided with water because of Miriam. It is obvious, Miriam and the women helped the Jews during their time in the dessert. In honor of Miriam today, many Jewish families set a Miriam's cup of water next to Elijah's cup on the Passover table to recognize the effort of women. I would like to give six women, who have helped me along my Jewish path, at Temple a water goblet for their Passover Table. These six women are Danelle Harsin, Stephanie Schuttera, Frayna Scrinopskie,

Anna Spero, Marj Murray, and Robin Gordon. These six women have helped me in more ways than they realize with the following events like the two Photo Directories we put together, the Silent Auction efforts, the grant writing we've done, and the special encouragement I've received, many times since I joined Temple, in 1997, 23 years ago. I will give these goblets to these women when we open Temple back up. In closing, I would like to offer a final description of Miriam's Cup: "This is the Cup of Miriam, the cup of living waters. Let us remember the Exodus from Egypt. These are the living waters, God's gift to Miriam, which gave new life to Israel as we struggled with ourselves in the wilderness."

RJ ON THE GO

Interactive Jewish Experiences for Everyone in Your Family

ReformJudaism.org is launching a platform to host interactive, meaningful and fun experiences that are easily accessible on the go or at home. RJ on the Go invites you to own your Jewish journey by choosing experiences that speak to you, on a schedule that works for your life. Sign up now to join the community.

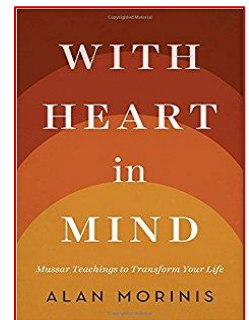
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Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding

Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 19, 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 30 and read Chapter 31. 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, August 8 and 22, 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.



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 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%.

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 or someone else's 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 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.

Church Using Temple

The Apostolic Assembly Church is 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.

AUGUST 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar: http://templebeths.holomtopeka.view.events.com						1
2 Board of Directors and Chairpersons meeting on COVID 11:00 am via Zoom	3	4 Election Polling place Religious Services Committee meeting 7:00 pm via Zoom	5 Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm	6	7 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Rieber	8 Kabbalah Group 9:00 am via Zoom
9	10	11	12	13	14 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rhoda Wisman/ Susan Zuber-Chall	15
16	17	18	19 Middot Va'ad 12:00 pm via Zoom Meditation led Jon Lothanore 7:00 pm via Zoom.	20	21 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Rieber	22 Kabbalah Group 9:00 am via Zoom
23 Kansas City Day of Discover via Zoom Social Action Committee meeting 1:00 pm via Zoom	24	25	26 KNI Blood Drive 9:30 am – 2:30 pm	27	28 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Julie Petrucci-Treen/ Warren Sickel/ Deborah Edelman-Dolan	29
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