

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM B U L L E T I N



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Rabbi Moti Rieber



Rabbi's Column

Dear Friends –

By the time you read this, the election may already be over. Election Day, that is, this year, it would not be a surprise if the vote counting takes longer than a day or even a week. Like everything else about this year, the election is fraught with

uncertainty and trepidation. So, I would like share with you a few Jewish values that can guide our actions in the voting booth, in any subsequent period of uncertainty, and in our civic life for the rest of the year as well.

B'tzelem Elohim – Human beings are created in the image of God. This is the recognition of the spark of humanity, of divinity, in those we tend to "other" – whether because of race, sexual orientation, or immigration status. In addition, in a time of such strong partisanship, it is vital that we recognize the human worth of those whose opinions we disagree with -- even strenuously. Recognizing the created-in-God's-image of those we see as our political adversaries keeps open the possibility of reconciliation and a renewal of shared purpose. In fact, it may be the only thing that does.

Kehilla – Community. In Jewish thought and practice, much emphasis is placed on the importance of the collective. Usually we think of this in terms of the synagogue, but it is important to think of our civic community this way as well. At a time when so much emphasis is placed on the rights of the individual, our responsibilities to the community are often forgotten or denied. When something as simple as wearing a mask can have real health implications, renewing our commitment to community is vital.

Democracy – This is a modern value that has been incorporated into Jewish life. The free exchange of ideas; collective decision making by a well-informed citizenry; the right as a citizen to vote for our leadership – this is the basis of the legitimacy of our government, and it's also the means by which social progress on many important issues has been made. This is the reason that so many of us see Election Day, although it is secular, as among the most sacred of days.

Tzedek – Justice. Resisting oppression is a core commitment of Judaism, especially Reform Judaism. Paying the worker a fair wage; the right to education, healthcare, housing, food, water; making sure people receive equitable opportunity to flourish as human beings, wherever they come from, whoever their parents are; are the basis of a just and equitable society, exactly what we should be striving for.

There are more: *emet* (truth, integrity), *kavod ha 'briut* (creation care), *rahmanut* (compassion), *shalom* (peace). These values remind us that voting, and civic participation in general, are not to be left to someone else, but are core commitments, incumbent upon each of us, not just as citizens, but as members of the Jewish community. There is a *brakha*, a blessing, that was written in our generation to be said when casting a vote or otherwise participating in civic affairs: Blessed are You, Holy One our God, Lifeforce of the Universe, who directs us to address the needs of the community.

May this election help lead us to an era of human dignity, justice, and peace. Amen.

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- -In memory of Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg
- -In memory of Fannie Wisman
- -In memory of Patricia Burch
- -In memory of Joseph Zatzkis
- -In memory of David Grodberg
- -In memory of Florence Van Kleeck

Russ and Jane Greene

-Thank you to Rabbi Moti, Alan Parker, Julie Petruccelli-Treen, Warren Sickel, Rhoda Wisman, Stephanie Schuttera, Darcella Goodman, Frayna Scrinopskie and all those who helped start 5781 so beautifully and meaningfully. Services were truly lovely.

Bob Harms and Liz Bergmann-Harms

-In memory of Mitch Manson **Robert Dolgoff**

-In memory of Thomas Dolgoff **Nick Dyer**

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-In memory of Marcus Sickel

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-In appreciation to Rabbi Rieber in appreciation for the lovely Yom Kippur services

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-In the spirit of Tzedakah this High Holy Day season

Religious School Donations Ezra and Barbara Ginzburg

-In memory of Tamar Ginzburg

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-Thank you Rabbi Rieber

Yahrzeits

November 6 – Emma Nachtigal, Leo Pressman, Ben Kreitman, Ike Benjamin, Ann Gordon, Naomi Margolies, Ethel Einstein, Bessie Reibstein, Gladys Zatzkis, Edward Robinson, Emily Grodberg

November 13 – Helen Berlin. Annette Cohen, Nettie Kornbleet. Gordon Reed. Mildred Wingard, Joseph Levin, Benjamin Morgenstern, Martin Hoffman. Jacob Flora Seff. Julie Matlaf, Cohen, Irving Kaufman, Shaol Pozez

November 20 - Sheldon Edelman. Adele Greene. Lillian Cohen, Dora Cohen, David Benson, Seymour Katz, Abraham Ropfogel, Hallert, Milton Tigerman, Ken Curnes, Isador Kershner, Rosa Goodman, Samuel Stanberry, Fredrick Trainor, Roger Roth, Anna Cohen, Natalie Sickel November 27 – Dale Briman, Nathan Kolman. Libby Gordon, Fannie Mandelbaum, Adeline DeBrovy, Betty Friedman, Harry Gordon, Isaac Gartner

Alan and Marilyn Parker no longer have a telephone land line. Cell phones: Alan (214) 676 5637 Marilyn (214) 893-5637

Calendar of Jewish Holidays for 2020-2021

https://jcrbajc.org/resour ces/religiouscalendars.html

Monthly Meditation via Zoom

November 18, 2020 7:00 pm Leader will be announced later.

MAZAL TOV:

-To Hurst Coffman, who has been recognized in the 2021 edition of "The Best Lawyers in America." He was honored for his work in trusts and estate law.

The Temple Beth Sholom family extends condolences to:

-To **Lindsay Moyer**, on the death of her grandmother, Florence VanKleeck.

To Leif Dolan, Deborah Edelman-Dolan and family on the death of Erling Dolan, Leif's uncle.

Zichronam livracha – May their memory be for blessing

NOVEMBER SHABBAT SERVICES

Religious Services for November via Zoom (Zoom Links are also in Weekly emails or reminder service emails)

Friday, November 6, Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm

Rabbi Moti Rieber will lead the service.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710

Friday, November 13, Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Julie Petruccelli-Treen and Warren Sickel will lead the service. Special Guest Richard Cohen, Jane Greene's brother, will give the D'var Torah.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710

Friday, November 20, Shabbat Service – 7:30 pm

Rabbi Moti Rieber will lead the service. Birthday and Anniversaries blessings will be given.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710

Friday, November 27, Shabbat Service - 7:30 pm

Rhoda Wisman and Susan Zuber-Chall will lead this service.

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85372307710



Temple Beth Sholom Joins the Global Day of Jewish Learning, Sunday, November 8



Every year, hundreds of communities, representing tens of thousands of Jews around the world, participate in the Global Day of Jewish Learning. Over 24 hours, world Jewry engages in united study of Torah, centered around an annual theme. This year's theme is human dignity.

Temple Beth Sholom will once again take part in the year's event, on Sunday, November 8 at 11:00 am via Zoom. Members will also be able to take part in distance learning provided by the organizers.

Look for more details in the weekly email.

VIRTUAL INTERFAITH THANKSGIVING SERVICE

This year members of the interfaith religious community will gather virtually on Sunday, November 22 at 7:00 pm for the annual Interfaith Thanksgiving Service. The theme this year is *Giving Thanks Amid Challenges*. Recipient of goodwill offering will be Topeka Center for Peace and Justice. We hope you will join us for this event. It is always inspiring, and it is a good opportunity to celebrate our blessings and our common hopes and aspirations for the world. Zoom link will be on the Interfaith of Topeka Facebook page and website.

November

TEMPLE BETH SHOLOM RELIGIOUS SCHOOL 10:30 am VIA ZOOM

Sunday, November 8, Global Day of Jewish Learning Group study sessions. Sunday, November 1, 15 and 22 Group meets, Individual Classes meet.

Sunday, December 6, Group meets, Individual Classes meet.

Sunday, December 13, Chanukah Group Celebration followed by breakout sessions.

Temple Beth Sholom Virtual Religious School

The Religious School has been meeting weekly since Sunday, September 13. We have five classes of varying age groups who participate in a Zoom call together to start the morning with some silliness and funny faces. Occasionally, a pet will sneak in and delight the entire group. Because we are all in this together, we decided to do our art projects and our song singing as a big group and the mayhem that comes from this makes us laugh and reminds us how much we like and miss each other. Note: we are far better than you would think at not talking over one another.

When we don't have a special art project with Miss Leora, or Rabbi Moti talking to us about a holiday, or Miss Stephanie leading us in song, we break out into our own classrooms and enjoy a lesson with our teachers. In addition to our lessons, the 1st/2nd grade class enjoyed drawing pictures of timely themes like apple & honeycomb trees and sukkahs. Our Hebrew students met separately with their teachers to make sure that we do not let our Torah-reading grow rusty.

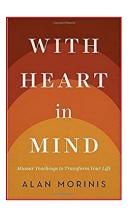
While we long for the day we can be together to play and enjoy in-person learning, for now we are being smart, we are trusting the science and we are taking care to keep us all well.

Laurie McKinnon



Middot Va'ad: Gaining Jewish Wisdom and Understanding Next Meeting: November date to be announced

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 for the Va'ad meetings. We will review Chapter 33 and read Chapter 34. 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, November 14 and 28, 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.

Adult Hebrew Classes

Please contact Frayna Scrinopskie if you are interested in Adult Hebrew Classes.

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JEWISH STUDIES

A new feature in the Bulletin will be a list of birthdays and anniversaries of members for the month. The office did not have a birth date or anniversary for everyone. If your birthday or anniversary is not listed or if you do not want your birthday or anniversary listed, please inform the Temple office. We hope you enjoy seeing who else has a birthday the same as you.

November Birthdays

Jack Epstein – 5th

Vernon Neff – 6th

Russ Greene – 12th

Diana Siegal – 16th

Alan Gilmore – 19th

Harlan Black - 21st

Irv Cohen - 23rd

November Anniversaries

Harold and Ronda Youngentob – 14th Adam Treen and Julie Petruccelli-Treen – 15th Naim Briggs and Mark Fuller – 15th Steve and Derie Briman – 19th

Temple Beth Sholom Virtual Silent Auction Postponed to Spring

Having the auction in December is not feasible, as we have not collected very many items and more time is needed to put together the auction, since it will be totally virtual. We hope we will have the Blintze Brunch in April (at least a drive thru) and will plan to have the Silent Auction on that date.

In the meantime, we still need more helpers and more items to auction off! Now is a great time to ask businesses for year-end donations before they do their inventories! I will schedule a Zoom meeting soon to begin the six-month preparation. Thank you to the Temple members who have volunteered at this time.

Members can also start collecting nice items that they want to donate for the auction in addition to making things that would sell. I have been watching Facebook Marketplace for \$5 items that Howard and I can buy and donate for the auction. We bring them home and clean them if necessary and take photos. Here are a few from this past week.



We hope to make this auction easier with better profits so that future Temple Beth Sholom generations can get involved and help Temple keep a rabbi. If you have not signed up, please do.

Elaine and Howard Schwartz

THANK YOU!

- -To the Potts family for weeding the bed in front of the Temple Beth Sholom building.
- -To the Ginzburg family, the Roth family, Deborah Edelman-Dolan, Emma Forstein, Alan Wisman, Laura Silverberg, Rhoda Wisman, Christine Montgomery, and April and Connor Neff for decorating the Sukkah!

WELCOME NEW MEMBER!

Emily Tummons 5510 Belinder Ave Fairway, KS 66205

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The **Facility Usage During the Pandemic** ad hoc committee was formed to suggest guidelines for a safe return to Temple usage.

The Facility Usage Committee unanimously agreed that Friday night Shabbat services should continue via Zoom.

The following guidelines were presented to and approved by the Temple Board of Directors.

Temple Beth Sholom Guidelines for small group meetings:

- 1. The committee chair or group leader of a meeting will sign up with the Temple office to reserve a date and time for the meeting.
- 2. Committees or groups will be encouraged to meet outdoors (e.g. in the Sukkah). If meeting indoors is necessary, committees are encouraged to open a door or window for ventilation.
- 3. Every attendee will sign in including a phone number in case contact tracing is necessary.
- 4. All attendees will be required to maintain a 6' social distance and wear a mask at all times. The mask must be worn properly, covering the nose and mouth, and may not be removed, including when speaking.
- 5. The committee chair or group leader is responsible to wipe down all surfaces and
- 6. doorknobs (or may designate someone) after a meeting.
- 7. Food and drink should not be served as masks should remain on at all times.
- 8. Taking of temperatures is not required. In person, Zoom or a hybrid meeting will be left up to the Committee chair or group leader. Ideally, a Zoom option will be available for individuals preferring to attend online.

Guidelines to scheduling meetings

- 1. One group at a time will meet at Temple.
- 2. One AM meeting and one PM meeting per day
- 3. Exception to #2 would be if there is one small group meeting followed by another with four to five attendees in each group and the same facilitator, e.g. Frayna's Hebrew classes.

Cleaning supplies and hand sanitizer will be placed in the board room, library, bathrooms, and social hall.

Temple Beth Sholom will follow the State of Kansas Ad Astra plan and monitor the county COVID numbers and will modify the guidelines accordingly.

Every Tuesday, you receive the announcement below in our weekly email.

"Hy-Vee Gift Cards & Dillons Rewards Program

Don't forget we have Hy-Vee gift cards in the Temple office, and we get 5% from Hy-Vee. You can purchase gift cards at Hy-Vee with your Temple Hy-Vee gift card. And as a reminder, if you are signed up for the Dillons Community Reward program through your Dillon's card, Temple Beth Sholom receives a percentage of your grocery purchases."



For many years Temple Beth Sholom has relied on Dillons Community Rewards program and the purchase of Hy-Vee gift cards from Temple Beth Sholom to supplement our annual income.

An interesting bit of trivia, and we all know how much Jack Wisman likes trivia, he and Helen Berlin began a script program with Albertsons on February 25, 1997! I believe we began the programs with Dillons and Hy-Vee in December of 2013.

For the first several years, Temple Beth Sholom earned approximately \$2,000 per year just from Dillons with 45 households registered. In 2020, we have 46 households registered; we are on track to receive \$1100 from the program.

Dillons no longer gives rewards for gas purchases or gift cards, which accounts for some of the drop in amount we are receiving. But I would like to encourage those who are not enrolled to follow the instructions below to link up your Dillons Plus card or obtain a Dillons Plus card if you shop at Dillons. This will also work at other Kroger Stores. When we travel to California (like in the good old days), our Dillons card (Kroger) can be used at Ralphs.

We also have gift cards to Hy-Vee available in the Temple office. Thank you to Margot Brown who purchases the gift cards in which Temple Beth Sholom receives 3% of the gift card face value.

Please consider taking the extra effort to support Temple Beth Sholom, there is no extra cost to you, but Temple Beth Sholom will reap the benefits.

Jane Greene

How to enroll in Dillon's Community Rewards program

Obtain a Dillon's Plus card available at any Dillon's store (if you do not already have one). You will need the number on that card to set up an on-line account.

Go to <u>www.dillons.com</u> to SET UP AN ACCOUNT. <u>IF YOU DO NOT ALREADY HAVE AN ACCOUNT</u> click

REGISTER in the upper right corner.

Enter your email address, password, zip code (select preferred

store) and check the box if you desire to receive email communications from Dillons

Click on CREATE ACCOUNT at the bottom of the page

You will receive an email confirmation to your inbox, to activate your account, click on the link in the body of the email and enter your sign in information to confirm

<u>IF YOU HAVE AN ACCOUNT</u>, click SIGN IN in the upper right corner.

TO ENROLL IN THE COMMUNITY REWARDS PROGRAM:

Find the button or tab for COMMUNITY REWARDS (may be under the COMMUNITY tab on the top bar).

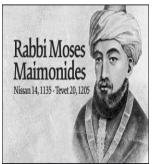
Click on ENROLL NOW

Enter the following 5-digit NPO number: BL361, and search.

Select Temple Beth Sholom and click on ENROLL.



Community Rewards



Just a reminder, at the 2013 Annual meeting, the congregation approved establishing a Maimonides Rabbinic Fund to assure continued rabbinic leadership at Temple Beth Sholom.

This assessment amounts to \$5 per month per family or \$60 a year and started with our fiscal year beginning June 1, 2013.

If possible, please send a separate check for \$60 (made out to Temple Beth Sholom or Maimondies Fund), with your dues check to make your contribution to the Maimonides Rabbinic Fund.

Also, contributions to this fund do not need to be limited to this yearly payment. Donations can also be made for a yahrzeit, to commemorate a birth or a wedding, a thank you, etc.

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

Chanukah Purim Passover Shavuot December 10-18, 2020 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday) February 25-26, 2021 (sunset Thursday-sunset Friday) March 27- April 4, 2021 (sunset Saturday-sunset Sunday) May 16-18, 2021 (sunset Sunday-sunset Tuesday)

Highlights from Temple Beth Sholom Board meeting, October 7, 2020

- Even though they were online, Temple Beth Sholom members enjoyed wonderful and meaningful High Holy Day services. Our thanks go to Rabbi Rieber, Julie Petruccelli-Treen and the entire Religious Services Committee for working so hard with organizing the High Holy Day services.
- The online Temple Silent Auction fundraiser is being rescheduled for the spring. With so many things to do for a successful auction, more time is needed to prepare properly. We will all continue to work hard on this under the leadership of Elaine Schwartz.
- Jane and Russ Greene are heading a special committee to create guidelines for Phase 1 of returning to Temple Beth Sholom building usage for small group meetings. Details in this bulletin.

Friday Shabbat Services via Zoom

We are 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 by 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 your congregation.

Hello, Fans of Lawrence Jewish Community Center's Blintz Brunch!

This year, by COVID-19 guidelines, we are holding a Grab and Go Blintz Brunch on November 8 from 10:00 am to 3:00 pm. What does Grab and mean? You will place your order online, tell us what time you plan to stop by, and pay for your items. Then, all you will need to do is drive through the Lawrence Jewish Community Center campus (see pick-up instructions on linked site), and we will bring your order out to you! Note: The store closes on October 28, so get your orders in soon!

Please click on the link below to shop for cheese blintzes, cinnamon, and chocolate babka, cinnamon and chocolate rugelach, and challah. If you are fully stocked up on these goodies, or you are watching your calories, the site also includes an opportunity for donations. Purchases AND donations would be great, too!

You can help us make this event a success. Please copy the link (above) and share it on all your social media: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, etc.

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We are looking forward to seeing you this year. We hope to have an in-person brunch next year.

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.

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%.

THANK YOU, RABBI MOTI RIEBER! Rabbi Rieber provided in-person special time to shake the lulav and etrog in our decorated outdoor sukkah.













NOVEMBER 2020

Sunday	Mond	ay Tuesd	lay Wednes	day Thursda	y Friday	Saturday
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Religious School via Zoom 10:30 am		Election Polling Place at Temple	Board Meeting via Zoom 7:00 pm	3	Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Rabbi Rieber	,
8 Global Day of Jewish Learning 11:00 am Religious School via Zoom 10:30 am	9	10	11	12	13 Shabbat Service via Zoom 7:30 pm Julie Petruccelli- Treen/ Warren Sickel/ Richard Cohen	Kabbalah Study Group 9:00 am via Zoom
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29 No Religious School	30					Want to keep up with Temple EVENTS?! Access Temple's Calendar: http://templebeth sholomtopeka.vie wevents.com

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