

# The Shofar



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November 2020  
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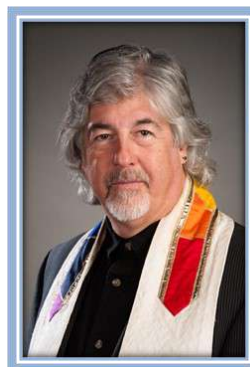
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### From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

By the time we all get this, our national election will have taken place. Hopefully, the outcome will have been determined, whichever way that goes, and we can all share a sigh of relief.



The Torah presents many ways for humanity to deal not only with crisis, but with winning and losing. Most of our worthy prophets argued with God, took positions that challenged our God and sometimes did fairly well in the negotiations. (ok - although sometimes really badly).

In any case, many of the stories in the Torah teach us how to challenge and then move together for the common good. The leadership of Moses was questioned quite often, but in the end, the people joined for the good of ALL, not the good of the ONE.

Presumably, we are there now. Some of us will be happy, some not so. That is the ruthless act of democracy. Democracy challenges our vision of our lives and faith. It is the act of working, within structure, to address or advance, the outcome of requests for citizen input. The act of voting itself is an act of intrinsic faith, no different than accepting the word of God, the belief that the joining of visions makes a vision greater. Having to join, through negotiation, polar opposite ideas, makes us stronger, but only if we agree to the concept of a middle where all get something, and no one gets everything.

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*The President's Communication Corner .....*

*Although we are not back in our Temple home yet, we are here for all of our members with numerous classes and ways to connect with each other via Zoom. In an effort to bring us together even more, we are scheduling more classes and adult ed sessions for our membership.*

*Beginning Tuesday, November 10<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. TBEI will offer a weekly series of videos with discussion afterward. The first session is entitled, "A History of Hitler's Empire". Our ongoing connected classes on Mondays at 7 p.m. and Thursdays at 10:30 a.m. have a new series of videos, entitled, "Jewish Intellectual History ~ 16<sup>th</sup> - 20<sup>th</sup> Century".*

*As always, we invite you to join our abbreviated Saturday morning service combined with the Torah study class on Zoom at 10 a.m., and it enables us to actually participate in the service..... but, we are continuing to pre-record services, so, if you haven't already joined us on Friday nights and Saturday mornings - until we can be together, go to YouTube - in the search bar type in: temple beth el israel and it will bring you to our services.*

*As we work toward opening our doors, please be patient and know we are working hard to come up with a sound solution to enable us to be together in the near future.*

*Lets all stay healthy, wear our masks and stay in touch.....*

*Faith*



**Rabbi Benson's Cell Phone Number is: 561-601-8294**



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normal programming*

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## SISTERHOOD NEWS

Dear Sisterhood Ladies,

Hoping you are all doing well and staying safe.

On October 20th, we had our general meeting on Zoom. We enjoyed a presentation by Ms. Andy Poli, President of the League of Women Voters. Thank you to Fran Cooper for putting this program together. It was an excellent and informative event and all of our questions were answered.

We will continue to meet and hope to have more good news in the near future. Stay well!

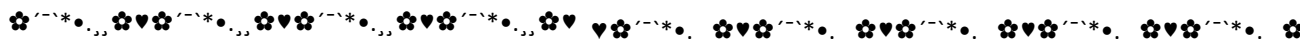
Fondly,

Eve and Evelyn

Just a reminder - if you haven't sent in your High Holy Day pledge yet, please do it now.

And thank you to everyone that has already sent in your holiday donation, it is truly appreciated.

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### TBEI Sisterhood Book Club



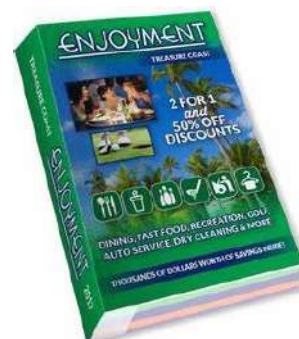
***There is no Book Club in November***

*Wishing everyone a very  
Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Information about when we will resume our  
meetings will be forthcoming  
in the next issue of the Shofar*

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Brotherhood is alive and well and anxious to get back to Temple.

This month is all about the elections. We hope the candidate(s) you supported and voted for won.

We are looking forward to the temple beginning to open with small groups as per CDC recommendations and guidelines. I'm sure everyone misses going to services and our Temple Board will put together a plan for re-opening safely and with our health first and foremost in mind.

On a personal note, I thank all of you who have sent cards or phoned me. I am doing well and it will be several months before all is back to the new normal for me.

Len Epstein, President



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I consider it a test of our God visioning that, now that the citizenry has had its say, that we look at the bigger picture: the country, not the individual. It is time for each and every one of us to return to the “us” and away from the “me”.

As we heard Moses implore God to allow him to enter the promised land, God asked Moses: “Who are you that you are so much better, or more special, than all who went before you? The rules for all are equal- it is what you do with them that makes you special”.

Let us now cling to our Judaism and each other as we move to strengthen our Jewish values as well as our American values, leave the disagreeableness behind us and move forward.

It was pointed out to me recently that, when sitting in a car, the rear view mirror, showing where you have been, is substantially smaller than the windshield showing where you are going. Let us all look forward: to what we can work on, how we can together vision moving forward to a post pandemic reopening, all of us together working towards a common goal: a safe and joyful reopening.

In the meantime, we here at the temple are ever expanding our online available offerings for you. None of us created this pandemic, but together (ביחד) we will prevail.

Stay safe, stay connected.

We are here if you need us. Look inside at the listing of on-line classes and meetings we are offering. If you need help setting up your device to get on, reach out. We'll help...

Have a safe and creative Thanksgiving whether it be live, zoom or whatever. Be strong....

Rabbi Bruce

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This past month:



Rabbi Benson and some of our members in the Sukkah



*Celebrating Simchat Torah ~ socially distanced*







## Simchat Torah at TBEI

Our Simchat Torah 5781 service was different this year, but Rabbi Benson still read the end of one Torah immediately followed by reading the beginning of another to show the continuity of our Torah



Our Torahs were on display and Rabbi Benson described the various parts as he read from each Torah



Ari helped lead the service in preparation for his Bar Mitzvah on November 7th



### November Birthdays

2 Robert Levine  
 5 Harry J. Jackson  
 6 Michael Zeff  
 8 Tobi Rettig  
 14 Susan Feldman  
 14 Sandra Lippman  
 14 William Stein  
 19 Carolyn Levine  
 20 Samuel Nathanson  
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### November Anniversaries



1 Mr. & Mrs. Gary Cooper  
 11 Mr. & Mrs. Benjamin Goldberg  
 18 Mr. & Mrs. Michael Zeff  
 21 Mr. & Mrs. Robert Levine  
 27 Dr. & Mrs. Larry Giltman  
 27 Mr. & Mrs. Harry Jackson

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Arlene Schweitzer & Sue Schwartz  
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Praised are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through the Mitzvot, and en-joined upon us the kindling of the Shabbat lights.



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## ***Our Monthly TBEI Library Book Review.....by Sheilah Korinow***

I can't believe it's already Fall. With the pandemic, it just seems like one day flows into another and we lose track of time - we even forget what day it is! With the High Holidays behind us - with all of its solemnity, I thought I would change direction this month and review a "light-hearted" book. Of course in Judaism, that means it must be about Jewish humor. With the seriousness of events all around us, perhaps we all need to laugh a little. I found a book in our library called Old Jews Telling Jokes, by Sam Hoffman with Eric Spiegelman. As Mel Brooks once said, it's "chock full of funny stuff."

This book was born in an abandoned warehouse in Highland Park, New Jersey, with twenty of the author's father's friends and relatives. There was even a set, and nobody could be a joke-teller under sixty years of age, thus making sure the joke-tellers had a lifetime of experiences to use for their jokes. Later the jokes actually went "viral" and were heard six million times! The idea spread and more people joined and were even filmed in New York City and in Los Angeles, and there were plans to shoot in Florida and London.

The book has been categorized into chapters concerning topics relevant to Jewish life. Some of these topics that are included are: The Jewish Mother, Who are the Jews, Coming to America, Moving to the Suburbs, the Rabbi, Food, Husbands and Wives, Illness and Doctors, Getting Old and more. Please note that some jokes are "adult in nature", but they are really quite "tame" as compared to some of the jokes floating around today.

Humor is a large and necessary part of Judaism. With so much *tsores* in Jewish history, once in a while we need to include a little humor - something that makes us release some of our tension.

I'm going to give you a few examples of what is in the book. If you smile even a little, and for a short time you are in another world, then here's the book you need to check out of the library.

Joke #1, "Kleptomaniac" submitted by Harry Macklowe, a real estate developer who said: "I grew up listening to my parents' generation of comedians, Jack Benny, Henny Youngman, Myron Cohen, instilling in me a lifelong appreciation of a well-told joke."

A couple is in a supermarket. She has a problem, though. She steals; she's a kleptomaniac. She steals a can of fruit and is taken before the magistrate.

The magistrate says, "Sarah, how could you do something like that? What did you take?"

She says, "Well, I just took one can of peaches."

"Peaches you took? How many peaches?"

"I think there were six peaches in the can."

"Sarah. You are going to go to jail for six nights. That's it, it's final."

"Oh my God."

Her husband stands up. "Your honor, she also stole a can of peas."

Joke #2, "My Son, the President", submitted by Dennis Spiegelman, a man who deals in antique and collectible objects. Subject-wise, this is a very timely joke!

It's the year 2016, and a Jew has been elected president. He calls his mother and says, "Ma, I'm the president of the United States! Are you coming to the inauguration?"

She says, "Eh, well, I've got nothing to wear."

He says, "Ma, I'm gonna be the president. I can get you a dressmaker."

She says, "Eh, well, I only eat kosher."

"Ma, I'm gonna be president! I can get you a kosher meal."

She says, "Eh, well, how am I gonna get there?"

"Ma, I can get you Air Force One. Come to the inaugural."

She ends up at the inaugural and they're on the reviewing stand.

On the left side of her are all the Supreme Court justices; on the right side is the president's cabinet.

She nudges the guy to her right and says, "you see that guy with his hand up? His brother's a doctor!"

Just to let you know, to get the most from these jokes, it helps to read them aloud, or even better, to someone else if they are around. Use the inflection of your voice as if the words were said by your grandparents or anyone else who might have spoken Yiddish.

To take out this book from the library, when the temple re-opens, you will find them on the left side of the room on a shelf that also has a small wooden box. Remove a slip, fill it out and return it to the box. When you return the book, just put it back where you found it.

For Thanksgiving, many of you might be sitting around your table, and joining friends and family over the internet, zooming and enjoying the holiday together. I know I am thankful for the technology we have so that we can do this! Please, have a Happy Thanksgiving and stay safe!



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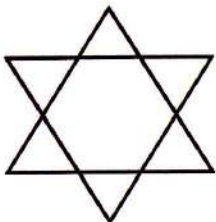
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Abraham Teich  
Meyer Wisan

11/7 –11/13

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Celia Zolno

11/14—11/20

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11/21-11/27

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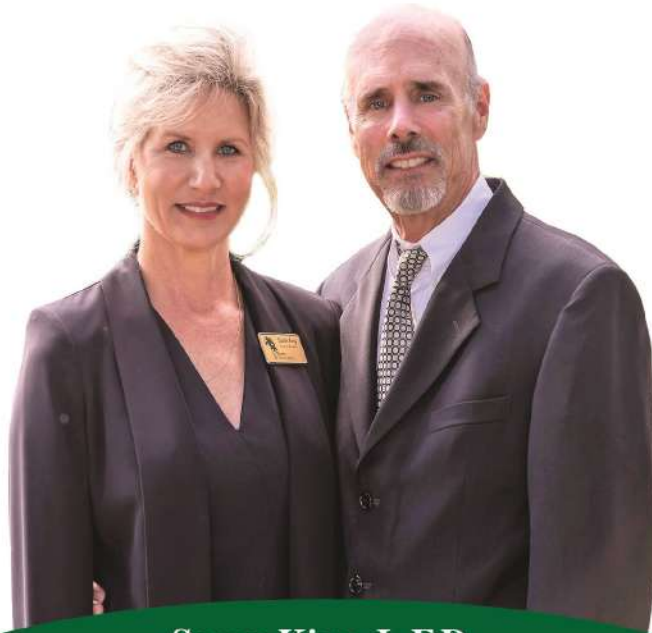
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