The Shofar



Temple Beth El Israel

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May 2022 NISSAN / IYAR / SIVAN 5782

SAVE THE DATES...

Brotherhood Dessert Bar on Mother's Day May 8th at 7:30 p.m.

Congregation Meeting - May 14th

SLC Sheriff's Department Program 4 p.m.

Dinner & Meeting to follow

Please note all events are subject to cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control and health & safety concerns

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From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

It's hard to believe, but here we are going into the month of May which concludes with the observance of Shavuot. The giving of the law is an apex moment in the life of not only the Israelites as they get ready for the future transition to being acknowledged as Jews, but, indeed, to the whole world.

The recitation of the aseret hadibroat אשרת the 10 utterances or, as more commonly,

known, the 10 commandments, secures our relationship with Adonai, one of the names of God.

In reviewing the calendar, Shavuot comes as one of the agricultural festivals during which time the people would gather together to hear the recitation to all assembled. It is spoken to all to act as a yearly reminder of the decisions we make regarding how we act to, and with, each other, and - to God.

We live in a generation where many of our most pressing questions are answered by science and technology. God sits in second place on the spectrum for many of us. I believe that to be a critical mistake for us. That allows us to believe we are superior to that which created all that we have and live within. It is only by our backing up and reminding humility can we possibly slow our existence down to recapture the joy that God put into this world for us to find and explore.

Covid will pass. Science, in partnership with God and mankind, will find the way. Let us work to find the way for us to live with each other as well. That answer cannot be found in, or through, science but by working to fulfill the desire we all have for mutual respect, kindness and a willingness to understand we are all God's creatures, none above and none beneath.

See the world through new eyes as we approach the retelling of the 10 utterances meant to define and declare who it is we choose to be.

Rabbi Bruce

The President's Communication Corner

ביחד

May is going to be a busy month here at TBEI.

I hope everyone will attend the special services and events we have planned beginning with celebrating Israel Independence on May 6th. We will also be honoring our new members on May 13th.

Brotherhood is going to have a Dessert Bar at 7:30 p.m. on Mother's Day, details in the Brotherhood message.

And last, but certainly not least, on May 14th at 4 p.m. we will have a special program presented by the SLC Sheriff's Department to inform and prepare us in the event of a situation that could be harmful to us. It is really <u>imperative</u> that we all attend. We will have dinner following this presentation and then we will have our Congregation meeting.

We're in this together, let's stay healthy and safe together.

Faith



You're Invited!!!!

Join Rabbi Benson on Thursday mornings at 10 AM for our combined Torah/Haftorah Study on ZOOM

SISTERHOOD NEWS

Greetings from your Sisterhood

Hope everyone had a great Pesach. A good time was had by all at our TBEI Seder.

Thanks to all who helped.

May is a busy month for our Onegs. On May 6 we will be honoring Faith for her hard work and dedication to the temple.

On May 13 we are having a New Member Shabbat, Mike & Kay Vesey will sponsor the Oneg on May 20th and on May 28th we will celebrate the Bat Mitzvah of Ava Wagner.

Please make every effort to attend services and onegs.

If you would like to honor a loved one please consider sponsoring an oneg or for \$10 a year you can honor someone in the Shofar until we return to our regular meetings.

Our next function will be a card party in July. Watch for details.

Have a Happy Mother's Day and a good Memorial Day.

Evelyn and Eve



OUR SIMCHA CAKE

UNTIL WE ARE ONCE AGAIN ABLE TO HAVE MEETINGS AND CELEBRATE OUR HAPPY OCCASIONS IN PERSON, WE WILL BE CELEBRATING IN THE SHOFAR EACH MONTH.

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SIMCHAS & GREETINGS TO SHARE:

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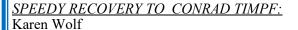


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BROTHERHOOD NEWS:

Dear Members,

We are planning a Mothers Day Dessert Bar for your day. We are doing this since the Temple is used on Sundays and the only time would be in the evening. As usual there will be no charge for our wives and the husbands will be charged \$10.00.

We also are planning on having the Rhythm Chicks back to perform in concert for us on Saturday night, June 18th. More info will follow.

Jeff Kreiss, President



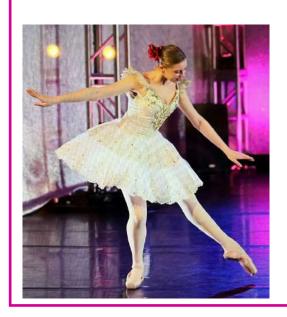




For more information about what's happening in the Temple go to TBEI.org

We have all been ordering from Amazon - particularly now that we are trying to stay safe and shop only when necessary. If you don't already have it set up please see the directions for TBEI being your designated charity (on page 26) so that we receive \$\$ from Amazon for each purchase we make.

Every little bit helps!!



Ava Wagner

We are proud to announce that our daughter Ava Wagner will become a Bat Mitzvah, on May 27th continuing and completing on May 28th at 10 am. Ava is an honor roll student in 8th grade at Westgate K-8 where she is currently the Vice President of the National Junior Honor Society. She has studied classical ballet for over 10 years and will continue to perform with St. Lucie Ballet. Ava chose to do a mitzvah project in which she rehearsed a contemporary piece that will be performed for the congregation to Shalom Rav. Ava aspires be a leader in our community, setting an example for all. We have every hope that you will join us for this special occasion.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO ALL MY SISTERHOOD LADIES!!

Wow, we didn't think that we would ever pull these off because of the virus, but we finally did!!! Sisterhood had two successful fundraisers. On March 26th, we had our Billy Joel/Elton John Tribute show starring Tony Duran. He was fantastic. It was wonderful. Everyone in attendance had a fun evening. Dessert was served after the show. On April 5th, we had our Women's Seder which was beautiful and fun. We read from our Hagaddah and sang and danced with our timbrels to the accompaniment of Sandra Lippman on the keyboard. We served a light lunch with homemade Passover desserts. I would like to thank my ladies for helping to setup, cleanup and plating the food. A heartfelt thanks goes to Faith Krumenacker, Ferne Barishman, Eve Epstein, Doris Haendel, Fran Tama, Rona Rothenberg, Evelyn Poulter, Karol Levine, Roz Infeld, Belle Sidel, Diane Goldberg, Linda Chazin, Ricki Leiter and especially Sandra Lippman. I don't know what I would have done without them. OUR NEXT FUNDRAISER IS OUR SUMMER MAHJONG/CARD PARTY ON JULY 12TH. More info will be forthcoming as to the lunch menu and tickets sales. Susan Schlein



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| 18 | Mr. & Mrs. Richard Holmes |
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| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Mario Steisel |
| 24 | Mr. & Mrs. Mark Stuart |
| 27 | Mr. & Mrs. Harold Holtsberg |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Martin Cohen |
| 28 | Mr. & Mrs. Peter de Graaff |

מזב טוב

If you don't see your birthday or anniversary listed in the Shofar contact the Temple office and ask to have your special day included on our list.

PLEASE.....

Notify the Temple office or call the Rabbi if you are aware a fellow congregant is ill, or if a family member is ill, or has had an accident, or is in need of the Rabbi's services. The Rabbi can only help if he is informed that he is needed.





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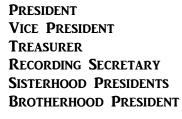
Our semi-annual Congregation meeting will be on Saturday, May 14th, 2022

We will begin with a program at 4 p.m. presented by the St Lucie County Sheriff's Department that will be geared to the safety of our population.

This program will be followed by dinner and the Congregation Meeting.

Please make every effort to attend.

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Baruch ata Adonay, Eloheynu melech ha-olam, asher kid-shanu b'mitz-votuv, v'tzivanu l'hadlik nayr shel Shabbat.

Praised are You, Lord our G-d, King of the universe, who has taught us the way of holiness through the Mitzvot, and enjoined upon us the kindling of the Shabbat lights.



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

Turning on the TV today means being exposed to a tremendous amount of sad news coming out of Ukraine. However, some light shines through the darkness when witnessing the many civilians and military personnel who continue to "give it their all". They are heroes, fighting against a major power, even using their own

bodies to stop tanks trying to move forward against them. Their president is a hero, giving them much encouragement to continue and push the enemy back. He too is considered to be a hero, not only to his country's people, but to much of the world. Thinking about them made me remember American individuals who fought over all odds, and also about the heroes who lived in Israel. In fact, there is a holiday this month that is called *Yom Hazekaron* (Day of Remembrance). It honors veterans and other people who died as part of the Israel Defense Force (IDF) - all are heroes defending their homeland. The book I am reviewing this month concerns one such hero. His name is Jonathan Netanyahu, brother

of the former Prime minister Benjamin Netanyahu. The name of the book is *Self-Portrait of a Hero*. It contains the letters of Jonathan, as well as an Introduction by Herman Wouk, a Foreword by his two brothers, a eulogy delivered by Shimon Peres (Defense Minister), and an Afterword by his brothers Benjamin and Iddo. Others can write much about Jonathan, but when one uses a Primary Source of information such as letters someone has written, we discover what the writer's true feelings are. Welcome to the world of Jonathan Netanyahu.

Self Portrait of a Hero contains numerous letters from Jonathan (Yoni) to many others - his mother and father, his two brothers, close friends, the woman he loves - later to become his wife, and fellow soldiers. He had no idea that what he wrote would be published one day. As was written about these letters: "they give us not only a dramatic story, but perhaps the most striking insight we have ever had into the mind of a hero." The depth of his letters provides a "wow factor", and he wrote often. I am impressed with his passion to stay in touch with those he felt were important to him, no matter what was happening around him. I'm not sure how many of us would do that today!

The first letter was written when Yoni was a teenager and spending a year in America with his parents. We can see he is homesick. The last letter of the book was written a few days before his death at the age of only thirty. In between these two letters, we find he is in the Israeli Army (1964-67), he takes part in the Six-Day War (1967), he returns to America and attends Harvard and then Hebrew University in Israel (1967-69), is a part of an elite unit, (1969-73), is in the Yom Kippur War, and finally takes part in Operation Jonathan in which he was killed. It was there at Entebbe where he became commander of the elite unit. He could not always explain details about what he was doing because it was to be kept a military secret. However, we can tell from his letters what he felt about his military experiences and about his family members and his army partners.

Here now are parts of letters that appear in Chapter 1 -"The United States, 1963-1964" First I will inform you to whom he is writing. To a schoolmate back in Jerusalem after three months in America: "There's not a moment here-even the most precious and beautiful one-that I wouldn't trade for my immediate return to Israel. my friends in Israel, my social life there, and above all the land itself- I miss very much.

Longing is difficult to describe. I always used to laugh at the word; I always thought you could forget, but I was wrong....To adapt oneself to a new life-yes, that's possible, but to forget the old is impossible. And I want to return, return, return..."

To a schoolmate back in Jerusalem: "I've taken on a new role here in the U.S.-making propaganda for Israel. A month ago I was interviewed in the student newspaper. Apparently the interview was quite successful:...I'm glad to note that I've discovered a number of human beings here with a high level of wisdom and intelligence. The trouble with the youth here is that their lives are meager in content, drifting as though in a dream or game." Continued on next page...

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To a fellow scout leader in Jerusalem:" There is no limit and no end to man's understanding." I live in this moment: I die in another. Is there any difference between the two? Are they not one and the same? There are times it is better to die than to live, and sometimes it is better not to feel than to suffer. Then there are times it is also good to feel that there's a purpose to your actions, that you're not helpless but strong, that you are great and mighty. Sometimes it is good to believe that man is a giant, a force before whom nothing can stand."

To the same person as above: "Death - that's the only thing that disturbs me. It doesn't frighten me; it arouses my personality....I do not fear it because I attribute little value to a life without a

purpose. And if I have to sacrifice my life to attain its goal, I'll do so willingly."

Originally, I had every intention to present this article as one- in its entirety. However, after really "getting into" the letters, I found the book fascinating and wanted to include more of them. This would help you gain a better insight into his thinking. Therefore, to do this article justice and present the many facets of Yoni and his experiences, I thought it best to split this book review into more than one part, the next being in next month's *Shofar.*

TO BE CONTINUED.....



Wednesday, May 4th







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THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~ By Ellis Bromberg

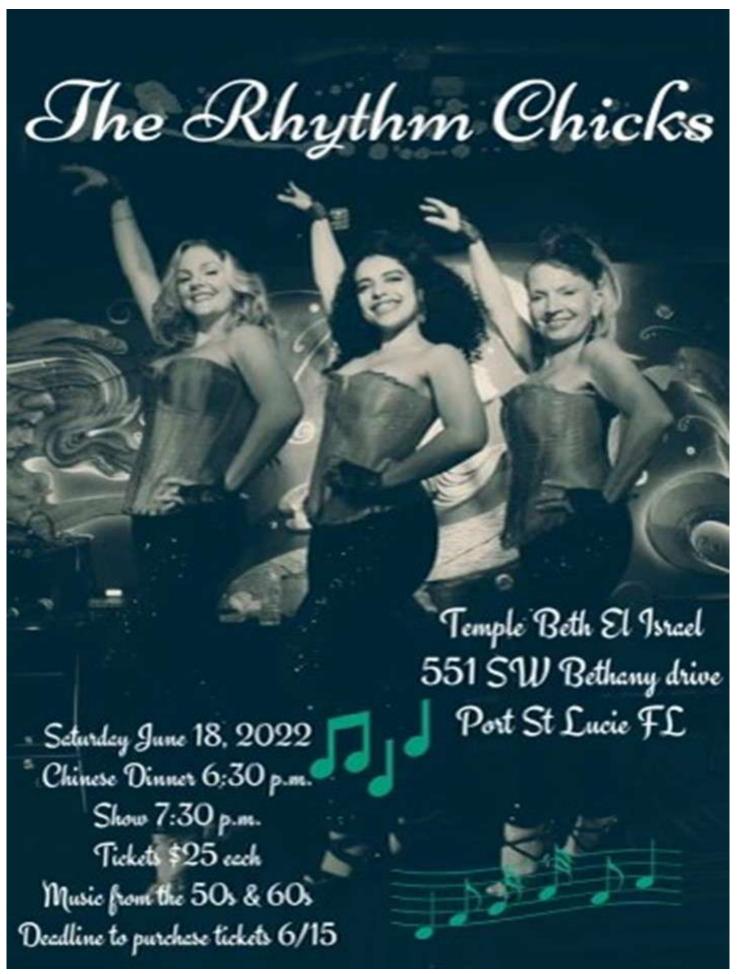


This month's featured stamp was the first Israeli commemorative issued to mark Yom HaZikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, which begins this year at sundown on Tuesday, May 3, and ends at nightfall on Wednesday, May 4 (the 4th of Iyyar). Enacted into law in 1963, Yom HaZikaron was traditionally dedicated to fallen soldiers, but has been extended to commemorate civilian victims of terrorism.

The 1966 stamp depicts the monument to the liberators of the Lower Galilee, the Israeli Haganah army that fought to free Galilee from Syria, which invaded the area in 1948. Located in Tiberias, this is one of eight monuments built where historic battles were fought during Israel's War of Independence. It is located on a hilltop, visible from afar, its two triangular masses representing a Star of David: one pointing skyward to symbolize the victory of the liberators, the second pointing earthward indicating the union of the fallen with the living. Its light colored stone is from quarries in the Lower Galilee.

According to Israeli law, all places of entertainment in the country are closed beginning on erev Yom HaZikaron; Israel's president broadcasts a condolence speech to bereaved families; and government officials join ceremonies in memory of the fallen heroes. The day immediately precedes Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel's Independence Day, a symbol of the biblical theme that "joy follows mourning."

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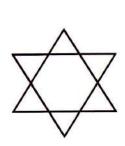
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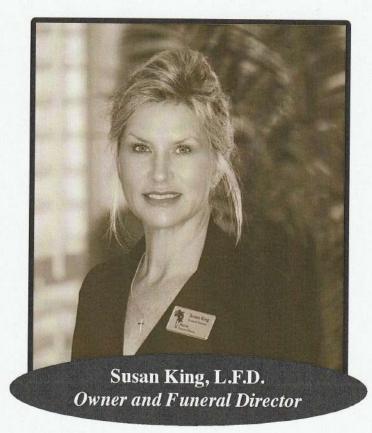
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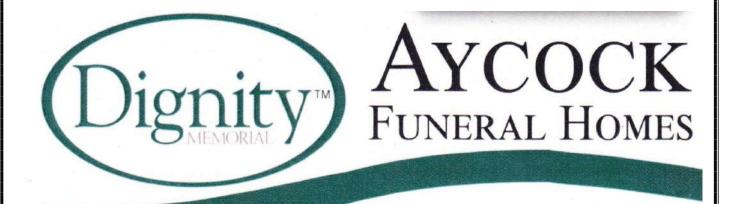


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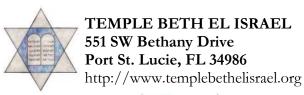
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