## The Shofar



#### Temple Beth El Israel

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February 2023 SHEVAT / ADAR 2023 / 5783

#### Upcoming events:

#### Sisterhood Card Party/Luncheon

Brotherhood Show starring Jeff Leiter & Ed Humphries

Neil Zirconia - Sisterhood Show

See the flyers in this issue for more information about what's happening at TBEI.

Please note all events are subject to cancellation due to circumstances beyond our control

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#### From the Desk of Rabbi Bruce Benson

The book of Exodus defines the relationship between man and God. Our responsibilities have been strongly redefined as have those of God. We have gone from the followers of God who creates and then assigns us fulfillment opportunities, (read through the jobs assigned to humanity throughout Genesis.



Basically, God says, "I have done this.... I have set these things in motion, it is your job to produce results.

Exodus is quite a different situation. For example, God suggests several times to Moses and Aaron, "I will lead you out of Egypt" "Go tell Pharoah that your God said this .... The job was for Moses to lead and God will be there as the "proof text". God acts as the prover of the strength of the Israelite God YAH-WEH, about to be known as Adonai, a much more relational God.

The ask and response paradigm have altered substantially. You tell them (the Egyptians) how powerful your God is and I will swoop down and prove it. We are often proving ourselves to others on behalf of God and occasionally reaping the benefits.

The story is told of the man who offers the following prayer to God:

#### Dear Lord,

So far today God, I've done all right. I haven't gossiped, lost my temper, been nasty, greedy, grumpy, overindulgent, overbearing, selfish or obnoxious. I'm really glad I've accomplished all of these things on my own. But, in a few minutes Lord, I'm going to get out of bed and from that point on, I'm going to need all the help I can get from you.

God IS there as our partner and we are the other half. But it is a 50/50 relationship. Let us ask for our fair share, but not more than. It should be the same when we look at who we have chosen to become, not just for the what we ask for. Let's even the playing field. That seems fair enough. We all need whatever help we can get.

Rabbi Bruce



The President's Message.....

Greetings TBEI members,

We have several exciting events coming up this month, including a musical performance that Brotherhood has organized and a Luncheon Mah Jongg/Card Party from Sisterhood. You won't want to miss these great events.

I also strongly encourage you to get involved in our congregation and join our board. Giving your time and talents to our congregation is extremely rewarding.

If you're interested in being on our Board of Directors, please fill out an application and submit it to the Temple before February 10th. Applications are available in the Temple, or you can call and ask to have one mailed to you.

All the best,

Michael Zeff TBEI President



#### You're Invited!!!!

Join Rabbi Benson on Thursday mornings at 10 AM for our Torah Study Class on ZOOM

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84122238910

#### SISTERHOOD NEWS

Dear Sisterhood ladies,

We hope you'll join us this month for our semi-annual Card Party/Luncheon on February 14th at 11:30 a.m. Please remember to tell your friends about this fun event and support our fund-raising efforts. The cost is \$22.

To sponsor an oneg for any occasion, you can contact our presidents.

On March 3rd we will be celebrating "Shabbat Across America" with a pot-luck dinner. You can call the Temple office to let us know what you will be bringing.

Our guest speaker at our March meeting will be Talia Carner author of the book "The Third Daughter". See the flyer in this issue for more information.

Sincerely, Eve and Evelyn



#### **OUR SIMCHA CAKE**

CELEBRATE YOUR HAPPY OCCASIONS IN THE SHOFAR EACH MONTH.

SIMCHAS, GOOD WISHES & GREETINGS TO SHARE:

WE APPRECIATE EVERYONE THAT VOLUNTEERS AND HELPS AT TBEI.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE THAT SUPPORTS OUR FUNCTIONS & EVENTS.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY
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FROM MOM & LILLY

HAPPY BIRTHDAY
TO MY SWEETHEART RAY
LOVE, RONNI

THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE FOR YOUR PRAYERS
AND GOOD WISHES
LOVE, RONNI



Come to our Tu B'Shevat Seder on Saturday, February 4th, following the service, to observe "The New Year of Trees". We will be celebrating with all the customary fruits and nuts related to the Holiday and indigenous to Israel.

#### **BROTHERHOOD NEWS:**

Dear Members,

The TBEI Brotherhood reminds everyone of the upcoming "Musical Evening" on Saturday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m., starring Jeff Leiter and Ed Humphries. Tickets are \$18 each and can be purchased at the Temple office during normal business hours. Tickets are available online as well – see the flyer in the current issue of the Shofar and on our website. Coffee and cake will be served after the concert.

Also in the planning stage is our Yom HaShoah candle distribution in April. More to follow in the weeks to come.

We invite all our Temple members to join us at our services, events and functions.

Jeff Kreiss, President



















Don't miss our next show starring Jeff Leiter & Ed Humphries Saturday night, February 18th at 7 p.m.

Tickets are \$18 and are available in the Temple office and online.

See the flyer in this issue for details.

#### Life Cycle Events ~ Get Well Wishes and speedy recovery to:

Amy Conoly Carol Seigel Linda Greshes Mark Stuart Carol Kahn Michael Zelinsky

#### DISCRIMINATION AND ANTISEMITISM

Discrimination is the unfair or prejudicial treatment of people and groups based on characteristics such as: Disability, Sexual Orientation, Status as a Parent, National Origin, Religion, Pregnancy, Race, Color and Sex.

Discrimination cannot be attributable to any one or group of individuals. Even within a discriminated group there can be discrimination. Religion based discrimination is not limited to any one particular religion. Wars have been fought all over the world in the name of a Religion. However, only one variant of religious discrimination has persevered for centuries and in almost all countries. In fact, this form of discrimination is so ubiquitous it has a name: antisemitism. The Holocaust Encyclopedia defines antisemitism as "prejudice against or hatred of the Jews."

According to the Anti-Defamation League, 2021 was the highest year on record for documented reports of harassment, vandalism and violence against Jews.

Contemporary examples of antisemitism in public life, the media, schools, the workplace, and in the religious sphere, includes, but is not limited to: "Calling for, aiding, or justifying the killing or harming of Jews in the name of a radical ideology or an extremist view of religion".

Making mendacious, dehumanizing, demonizing, or stereotypical allegations about Jews as such or the power of Jews as a collective - such as, especially but not exclusively, the myth about a world Jewish conspiracy or of Jews controlling the media, economy, government or other societal institutions.

Accusing Jews as a people of being responsible for real or imagined wrongdoing committed by a single Jewish person or group, or even for acts committed by non-Jews.

Denying the fact, scope, mechanisms (e.g. gas chambers) or intentionality of the genocide of the Jewish people at the hands of National Socialist Germany and its supporters and accomplices during World War II (the Holocaust).

Accusing the Jews as a people, or Israel as a state, of inventing or exaggerating the Holocaust. Accusing Jewish citizens of being more loyal to Israel, or to the alleged priorities of Jews worldwide, than to the interests of their own nations.

A recent study by the Center for Antisemitism Research concluded that "antisemitic attitudes in the United States are widespread and likely increasing; 85 percent of Americans believe at least one anti-Jewish trope as opposed to 61 percent in 2019. Furthermore, 20 percent of Americans believe six or more anti-Jewish tropes, substantially more than the 11 percent found in 2019. Unlike in years past, researchers found that young people seem to hold similar levels of belief in anti-Jewish tropes compared to older adults." From the very beginning of their regime the Nazis discriminated against the Jews. Ini-

From the very beginning of their regime the Nazis discriminated against the Jews. Initially they passed laws limiting the social, political, economic and religious activities of the Jews.

Over time the measures against the Jews became more draconian until eventually the policy became the complete annihilation of the Jews --- the Holocaust.

#### THE HOLOCAUST

The Holocaust was the systematic, government sponsored persecution and murder of 6 million European Jews by the Nazi German regime and its allies and collaborators.

During the 1920s and 1930s Europe saw the outbreak of an aggressive and antisemitic nationalism that made racial and social claims and which saw the Jews as an inferior and dangerous race. It sought to limit Jewish economic activity and distanced Jews from public life in their countries. With Adolf Hitler's rise to power in Germany this racial Antisemitism became the official ideology and policy of the German regime. In 1938 an organized campaign took place that included destroying synagogues, mass arrests, destruction and looting of Jewish owned businesses, and official registration of Jewish property in preparation for eventual confiscation.

#### THE HOLOCAUST IN BOHEMIA AND MORAVIA

By the time of the Nazi invasion in March 1939, the Jewish community had been in Bohemia and Moravia for more than a thousand years. The Nazis immediately took over Jewish businesses and property, forcing the congregations to close, using the Jewish community administration to enforce their demands and decrees. In November 1941, RSHA chief Reinhard Heydrich ordered the creation of a camp-ghetto at Theresienstadt, 37.5 miles north of Prague. Between 1941 and late 1944, the Czech Jews were deported from Bauschovitz to Theresienstadt ghetto. German authorities, assisted by local Czech gendarmerie, deported 73,603 Jews from Prague, Brno, Ostrava, Olomouc, and other towns of the Protectorate to Theresienstadt. Most stayed only briefly in Theresienstadt, which served as a transit camp for Protectorate Jews.

In 1942, as a result of instructions sent by Dr. Stein of the Jewish Religious Community (Judische Kiltusgemeinde) in Prague, the communities of Bohemia and Moravia packed their Sifrei Torah and other religious artifacts and sent them to the Jewish Museum in Prague. The Germans had all of this catalogued by the Jewish curators of Prague who were deported to concentration Camps once the work was finished. Although revived after the war, the Communists in 1948 suppressed the Jewish communities. The scrolls were then transferred and warehoused in the ruined synagogue at Michle, outside Prague, where they remained until 1964.

In February 1964, after some negotiations with the Communist Czech government, 1564 scrolls arrived in London. Most of the scrolls that arrived in London from the damp Michele Synagogue could be matched with the individual records of congregations from which they had come. There were those which had been given a number, but where there was no record to show where they had come from. **These now became the "Orphan Scrolls"** 

#### MST860 IS AN ORPHAN SCROLL

#### **SOURCES**:

Czech Torah Network: www.czechtorah.org

U.S. Holocaust Museum https://encyclopedia.ushmm.org/

Memorial Scrolls Trust: https://memorialscrollstrust.org/

Yad Vashem: https://www.yadvashem.org/

ADL: https://www.adl.org/

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#### Our Judaica Shop

We have many new and beautiful items on sale. If you would like to purchase something in the gift shop, we are open on Fridays from 7 to 7:30 p.m. or call for an appointment.

We have mini-Jewish calendars for \$4 each while supply lasts.



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Be a part of our exciting celebration

On April 15th come walk with us as we welcome our Holocaust Torah to TBEI





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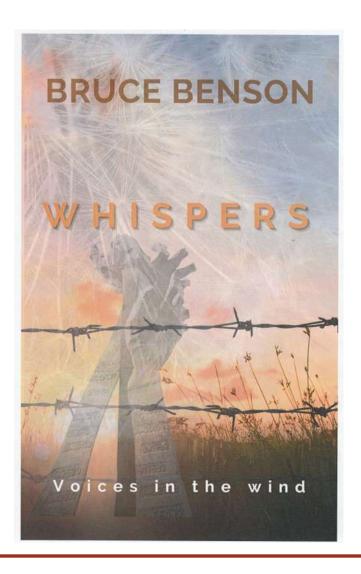
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Born in 1950's America, for me and my generation, the Holocaust has been a continual drumbeat in the lives of Jews around the world. The distance allowed the raw truth to evade many of us. I felt a compelling need to see, hear, taste, feel and walk where it all took place. Over a 12-day trip, all that and more was experienced. The search for the voices of the six million murdered was afoot. This is the story of the search for Voices in the Wind.

Rabbi Benson's long-awaited book will finally be published in April.

The book is a memoir of the trip that we took to Europe several years ago and the observations and feelings that the trip left us with after seeing the sites we witnessed first-hand.



#### Restorative Chair Yoga

Yoga instructor and member of our Temple, Shelli August, is offering us a great opportunity.

The benefits of Chair Yoga are:

The upper body and legs will gain strength and flexibility. The circulatory system will be stimulated. Balance and posture will improve. The more you practice the better and healthier you'll feel. The classes begin on Tuesday, March 7th at 1 p.m. starting with a 6-week session. The cost is \$25 for 6 classes for Temple members.

We should wear comfortable nonrestrictive clothing, bring water and a small hand towel.

At the end of class there will be a 5 minute guided meditation/ relaxation... even in a chair. After each session, we can stay to ask questions and socialize.

Yoga makes you stronger, more flexible, improves balance, concentration and brings inner peace. Come with an open mind and heart.

#### February Birthdays

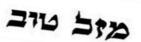
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- 13 Kai Fromer
- 13 Jacqueline Ward
- 14 Traci Glickman
- 18 Jason Grant
- 22 Sara Maggin
- 23 Liana Rosichan-Nader
- 24 Albert Bindman
- 24 Sherry Frank
- 27 Lester Schwartz
- 27 Francine Tama



#### February Anniversaries



8 Karol & Richard Levine14 Drs. Douglas & Judith Logue



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.



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### REMINDER . . . .

MASKS ARE OPTIONAL IN THE TEMPLE UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.



#### SAVE THE DATES!!!

February 14<sup>th</sup> – Sisterhood's Winter Mah Jongg/Card Party/Luncheon

February 18<sup>th</sup> – Brotherhood's Show starring Jeff Leiter & Ed Humphreys Tickets available in the Temple office or to buy tickets online go to:

https://www.eventbrite.com/e/a-musical-evening-staring-jeff-leiter-and-ed-humphries-tickets-486893861647

March 18<sup>th</sup> – Sisterhood's Show starring Neil Zirconia

Tickets are available for all our events in the Temple office.

# THE STAMP CORNER ~ ~ CELEBRATING TU B'SHEVAT, JEWISH ARBOR DAY, IN FEBRUARY by Ellis Bromberg

Rosh Hashanah is not the only Jewish New Year Day; the Mishnah Rosh Hashanah 1:1 declares that one of the other dates that mark a "new year" is the 15th of Shevat -- the New Year for Trees. The festival, considered a minor Jewish holiday, is called Tu B'She vat, and will begin this year on the evening of Sunday, February 5, and end on the evening of February 6.

A colorful three-stamp set, issued by Israel in 1975, celebrates Tu B'Shevat, commonly referred to today as Israel's Arbor Day.

The holiday falls during Israel's first days of spring, usually coinciding with the heavy rains of February, when freshly planted saplings have the best chance of survival.

Although not mentioned in the Bible, Tu B'Shevat originated in the early days of ancient Israel when its residents were largely farmers and herders. Tithes of products and livestock formed an essential part of taxation, and the Mishna details the choice of the 15th of Shevat as the date for the beginning of the cycle for agricultural tithes.

The celebration of the holiday has evolved over the years. It did not become an accepted festival until the 16th century when Rabbi Isaac Luria of Safed and his disciples developed a ceremony in which families and friends sat at a table laden with dozens of products of the Holy Land; wine was drunk, and appropriate prayers and poems were recited. The practice spread throughout the Jewish Diaspora.

In 1908, the Jewish Teachers Association of Palestine initiated a new practice intended to restore fertility to Israel: they led a mass planting of saplings at Mikveh Israel, a youth village and boarding school, in Tel Aviv. Founded in 1870, Mikveh Israel was the first Jewish agricultural school in what is now Israel, and the first modern Jewish settlement in Palestine outside Jerusalem. The Jewish National Fund (JNF), founded in 1905 to buy and develop land in Palestine, took up the idea, and ambitious projects of swamp reclamation and afforestation soon followed. The JNF and Teachers Association also encouraged schoolchildren to march out on Tu B'Shevat with seedlings and spades to increase the greenness of Israel -- a practice that continues today.

Since the creation of the State of Israel in 1948, miraculous changes have taken place in the country's often barren, moisture-lacking terrain. The JNF, with governmental aid, has drained marshes, planned vast irrigation projects, cleared and sowed arable land, and planted hundreds of thousands of trees. National bodies, including the National Parks Authority, have saved wide areas, turning them into well cared-for parks, nature reserves, and places for recreation.

The three stamps in the series depict the festival as an ecological awareness day. The biblical quotations on the tabs (the attached labels below the stamps), in Hebrew and English, are all from the Song of Solomon (also known as the Song of Songs):

- The 1 agorot stamp features a young girl holding leaves and looking at a rainbow in the sky. The tab bears the phrase: "... the winter is past; the rain is over and gone" (Song of Solomon 2:11).
- The 35 agorot stamp shows a bird singing in a tree. The tab is inscribed: "The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come..." (Song of Solomon 2:12).
- The 2-pound stamp depicts a young boy holding a potted plant while walking under a bright sun. The stamp's tab has this inscription: "Come, my beloved, let us go forth into the fields..." (Song of Solomon 7:11).

See the stamps on next page









Join us on March 3rd at 6 p.m. for a Pot Luck Dinner to celebrate Shabbat Across America

Please call the Temple office to let us know what you would like to contribute Call 772-336-2424 We celebrated Ronni's recovery and Ray's Birthday this past month.



#### This past month:



We will be officially welcoming our Holocaust Torah to our community on April 15th - join us for this exciting celebration.

Our MST860 Holocaust Torah
Debbie read the beginning
"B'reshit" when we opened the scroll



Tu B'Shevat Tu B'Shevat is a holiday connected to the agricultural cycle of the Land of Israel. Known as The New Year of the Trees it is often celebrated by planting saplings and by participating in a Tu B'Shevat seder that consists of the produce of trees indigenous to Israel. Tu B'Shevat is a Jewish holiday occurring on the 15th day of the Hebrew month of Shevat. This year Tu B'Shevat begins at sunset on February 5 and ends in the evening of February 6. It is also an ecological awareness day, and trees are planted in celebration.

The name *Tu B'Shevat* is originally from the Hebrew date of the holiday, which occurs on the fifteenth day of Shevat. "Tu" stands for the Hebrew letters Tet and Vav, which together have the numerical value of 9 and 6, adding up to 15.



#### THANK YOU FOR YOUR **GENEROUS DONATIONS:**

#### **Donations to the General Fund:**

Arnalda Alwood

Peter & Ilene Sobel

Leonard & Eve Epstein

#### Donations to the Security Guard Fund:

Deborah Brateman

NOTE:

Above donations were received in December.

The 2022/2023 Enjoyment Books are still on sale in the Judaica Shop until March 1st.

#### YAHRZEIT FUND DONATIONS

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#### PLEASE.....

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

#### TAX TIP

The Setting Every Community Up for Retirement Enhancement Act of 2019 (SECURE Act) became law on December 20, 2019. The Secure Act made major changes to the Required Minimum Distribution (RMD) rules. If you reached the age of 70½ in 2019 the prior rule applies, and you must take your first RMD by April 1, 2020. If you reach age 70 ½ in 2020 or later you must take your first RMD by April 1 of the year after you reach 72.

The amount of your RMD is a taxable distribution. You can reduce your tax liability and assist TBEI by making a Qualified charitable distribution (QCD).

A QCD is generally a nontaxable distribution made directly by the trustee of your IRA (other than a SEP or SIMPLE IRA) to an organization eligible to receive tax-deductible contributions. You must be at least age 70½ when the distribution was made. Also, you must have the same type of acknowledgment of your contribution that you would need to claim a deduction for a charitable contribution.

As an example: if you are in the 22 percent tax bracket a distribution of \$1,000 would increase your tax liability by \$220. If you made a QCD to TBEI there would a \$220 saving to you and TBEI would get the

For more information see IRS Publication 590-B (2021), Distributions from Individual Retirement Arrangements (IRAs)

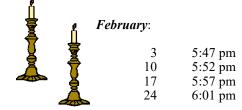


Watch the mail for your *Yom HaShoah Memorial Candle* that will be mailed next month and be a part of the Brotherhood Yom HaShoah commemoration at our service on April 14th.



If you aren't getting your emails from the Temple...
Check your spam folder and put our email information into the address book in your computer.

Friday night Candle Lighting Schedule:



Lighting the Shabbat Candles:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶּךְ הָעוֹלֶם אֲשֶׁר קִדְשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִנָּנוּ לִהַדְלִּיק גַר שֵׁל שַׁבָּת: (אָמֵן)

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.



Our new Shofar advertising year begins with the September issue.

If you or anyone you know would like to advertise in our monthly newsletter, please contact the Temple office for details.

Rates are as follows per year:

FULL PAGE	\$325.00
HALF PAGE	\$200.00
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#### TBEI CZECH HOLOCAUST TORAH



On April 15, 2023, a piece of history will be coming to TBEI. We will welcome a Czech Holocaust Torah to our Temple designated MST860. This is one of 1,564 scrolls that the Nazis took from the synagogues in Bohemia and Moravia in 1942. The Torah scroll is the most important document in Judaism and has been the "spiritual glue" that has held the Jewish people together through the centuries. The TBEI Holocaust Torah is on loan from the Memorial Scrolls Trust in London.

They have cared for them since 1964 and loan these scrolls throughout the world. We know that the scrolls are rare not just because many in the collection are hundreds of years old, but because they were rescued from the terror and destruction of the Holocaust. While many of the scrolls have a known provenance, no such data exist for MST860. Truly, MST860 is an "orphan." It will become a member of our TBEI family.

The fostering of the TBEI Holocaust Torah has been made possible by the efforts of Rabbi Benson and the generous donation of \$5,000 from several Temple members. The Torah comes to us without the usual ritual accourtements accompanying it, so we will be purchasing a Torah Mantle, Wimple and Yad since the Torah will be used periodically for services.

The Torah will be housed in a separate display case in the lobby so it can be shared with all who enter the Temple. This display case will be constructed of materials that will assure its security and preservation.

A special *Holocaust Torah MST Fund* at TBEI is ready to accept donations in order to give MST860 a welcome presence. Check the TBEI website, Shofar, and Connections for future updates concerning MST860 related activities. If you know someone outside the TBEI family who would be interested, please let us know by calling the office and leaving a message.







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#### Join Rabbi Benson for:

#### TORAH STUDY



We meet every THURSDAY beginning at 10:00 a.m. to study and reflect on the weekly Torah portion.

Join us for this study of the Torah and its specific lessons for the week.

Here's the Zoom link:

#### https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84122238910

We look forward to having you join this lively discussion.

#### A Temple Beth El Israel Sisterhood & NCJW Presentation Tuesday, March 7th at 12:30 p.m.



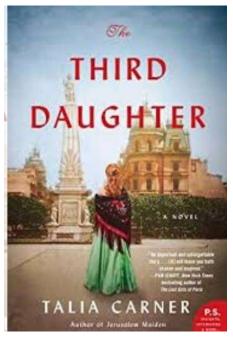
#### Talia Carner

Join us for a conversation with the Author of "The Third Daughter", Talia Carner's fifth book

Talia Carner is formerly the publisher of Savvy Woman magazine, a marketing consultant, and a lecturer at international women's economic forums. An award-winning author of five novels and numerous stories, essays, and articles, she is also a committed supporter of global human rights.

"In The Third Daughter, Talia Carner ably illuminates a little-known piece of history: the sex trafficking of young women from Russia to South America in the late 19th century. Thoroughly researched and vividly rendered, this is an important and unforgettable story of exploitation and empowerment that will leave you both shaken and inspired." — Pam Jenoff, New York Times bestselling author of The Lost Girls of Paris

The turn of the 20th century finds fourteen-year-old Batya in the Russian countryside, fleeing with her family from endless pogroms. Desperate, her father leaps at the opportunity to marry Batya to a worldly, wealthy stranger who can guarantee his daughter an easy life and passage to America. Feeling like a princess in a fair-ytale, Batya leaves her old life behind as she is whisked away to a new world. But soon she discovers that she's entered a waking nightmare. Her new "husband" does



indeed bring her to America: Buenos Aires, a vibrant, growing city in which prostitution is not only legal but deeply embedded in the culture. And now Batya is one of thousands of women tricked and sold into a brothel. As the years pass, Batya forms deep bonds with her "sisters" in the house as well as some men who are both kind and cruel. Through it all, she holds onto one dream: to bring her family to America, where they will be safe from the anti-Semitism that plagues Russia. Just as Batya is becoming a known tango dancer, she gets an unexpected but dangerous opportunity—to help bring down the criminal network that has enslaved so many young women and has been instrumental in developing Buenos Aires into a major metropolis. A powerful story of finding courage in the face of danger, and hope in the face of despair, The Third Daughter brings to life a dark period of Jewish history and gives a voice to victims ...

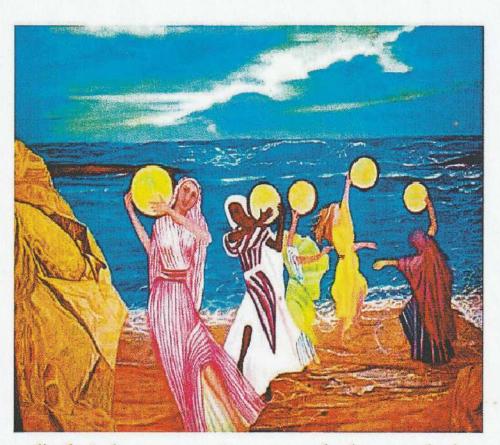


# Temple Beth El Israel Sisterhood Women's Seder

Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at 11:30 AM

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased
at the Temple office by March 24, 2023

Please bring your favorite Passover Dessert to share



"And the women dancing with their timbrels followed Miriam as she sangher song."

#### TEMPLE BETH EL ISRAEL

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#### A Special Breakfast Meeting

On Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00 until 10:30, the Temple is sponsoring a FREE breakfast for ALL the TBEI men to give us the long overdue opportunity to socialize. No speeches, no solicitation, no business meeting, not even a 50/50. We will have a short (that's a promise) program that will be of interest to all. Please mark the date and plan on joining us.

An RSVP is essential for the food purchase.

To RSVP call the Temple office Monday - Friday 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at 772-336-2424















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



This month, I wanted to inform you of a book we have in our library which is useful for those of you who would like to pick apart the words of our Torah and would like to view the differences between a copy of the Torah you might have at home and this newest translation printed in the book I am reviewing - The Torah - The Five Books of Moses. It is the

"new" (1992) edition, the JPS translation of the Holy Scriptures based on the traditional Hebrew text and written for the reader in contemporary English.

This was a major task to accomplish - almost three decades to complete, and many scholars from the three major branches of Judaism in America to do it. Never before - since the major undertaking in the 3rd century BCE. of 72 elders of the tribes of Israel created the Greek translation of scriptures known as the Septuagint - has such a broad group of Jewish scholars tackled translation. The explanation this book gives us is that "in executing this monumental task the translators made use of the entire range of biblical interpretation, ancient and modern Jewish and non-Jewish. They drew upon the latest findings in linguistics and archaeology as well as the work of early rabbis and medieval commentators, grammarians, and philologians." We are told that " the resulting text is a triumph of literary style and biblical scholarship, with unsurpassed accuracy and clarity."

The need for a new translation has been apparent. Obviously, this newer translation is much more accurate than older ones, because more recent discoveries in biblical archaeology have been made, and we have learned more about Near East language. We have discovered more about the "shades of meaning of words and expressions, and the force of grammatical forms of construction." Also, as every generation changes, so then does our need to understand the Bible in every generation.

You will find footnotes periodically because the committee admitted they did not understand a word or passage, or where an alternative was possible. The Preface discusses even more reasons for the footnotes. It also gives us other changes on its third page. Also, on the same page, there is a discussion about the chapter and verse divisions.

I'll now give you an example from this book. First, I will give you Chapter 1 of Genesis, verses 6-8 from a Bible I have -the JPS edition 1962, and then the same section from the book I am reviewing., 1992.

From the older edition:

And God said: 'Let there be a firmament in the midst of the waters,', and let it divide the waters from the waters.' And God made the firmament, and divided the waters which were under the firmament from the waters which were above the firmament; and it was so. And God called the firmament Heaven. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

From the newer translation in the book I am reviewing:

God said, "Let there be an expanse in the midst of the water, that it may separate water from water." God made the expanse, and it separated the water which was below the expanse from the water which was above the expanse. And it was so. God called the expanse Sky. And there was evening and there was morning, a second day.

What changes have you noticed between the two books?

I then started to really get into this and hopped around looking at versus with which I am familiar. It was interesting to see the changes - some seemed to be small changes, others more major. But of course, the real pleasure is to pick our brains about why these changes were ever made. It's amazing how time flew by when doing this. I think you would experience the same thing.

As time passes, people change and there is even more information gathered about ancient civilizations. It would be interesting to see what any future translations of the Torah would bring!

If you would like to check out this book from the library, contact me at skorinow@gmail.com.

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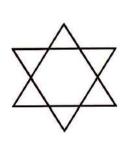
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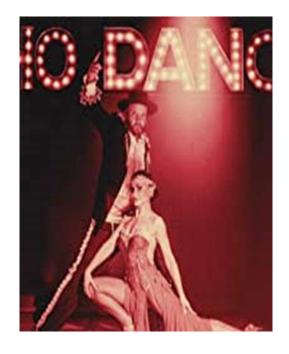
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