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A MESSAGE FROM RABBI KAPLAN

Please check out Rabbi Kaplan's Blog for photos, interesting notes and more at:

https://www.danakaplan.com

August 2024 Jewish Prayer and Prayer Books

There are many ways to pray. You can just go into the forest and sit down on a log and try to express your emotions to God. You can sit down and close your eyes and try to meditate to God. You can sing with joy and try to reach God that way. None of those approaches are easy. There are people who have a natural ability to reach out to God and they can pray with ease, but for most of us, prayer is very difficult.

In our community, we have a number of different groups that approach God differently. they understand God in their own unique way and that means that how they pray will vary because of their understanding of who God is and what God is. All of this is true no matter what one's religion. I'd like to make a few comments about how we Jews could pray in a Jewish way.

A Jewish prayer book, called in Hebrew a Siddur, is a good starting place for trying to pray in a Jewish way. With its many incarnations, the prayer book has been an ongoing effort to build a communal and simultaneously personal prayer structure to express whatever we believe is important. This has included the *Shema*, Judaism's declaration of faith, as well as the *T'fillah*, nineteen distinct prayers (on weekdays) appealing to God for specific actions.

How did the Siddur become the book we see today? The ongoing development of the prayer book, which began with antiquity's sages, embodies the Jewish discourse central to Judaic sacred texts. For each successive version of the prayer book, the sages and the leaders who came after them went back and forth over which theological points might be most meaningful on a practical, personal level.

What is the difference between a traditional and a modern prayer book? Traditional prayer books offer historical insights into Jewish theology and spirituality. In contrast, modern prayer books are designed to update, revise, and change traditional precursors. A good prayer book is soul-nourishing and uplifting. Yet I would argue that it must also be consistent with a contemporary world view.

Continued Message From Rabbi Kaplan

A good prayer book lets go of traditional prayers that express beliefs that no longer hold meaning, but it retains the ancient wisdoms that still nurture us. Sorting through the prayers is an ongoing process of cooperation. What one of us perceives as antiquated, another finds quite relevant; what one sees as laughably implausible, another holds to be a cornerstone of faith.

If a prayer stirs something in the consciousness, a response follows, be it emotional, intellectual or both. The response might be one of frustration or even anger if words in the prayer are unacceptable. It can feel provoking to discover that an anticipated spiritual haven is in fact cluttered with offensive concepts.

Here I would argue that feeling frustrated is far better than feeling no response at all. When worshippers respond strongly to an offending prayer, liturgical change may ensue. Such change is both a value and a responsibility within Judaic culture. The actual threat to Judaism's existence is apathy.

We have lots of opportunities to pray. Many of these opportunities are on our own. As a community, we pray together every Friday night and one Saturday a month. We can also pray on our own, either in a setting of our own choice or in our Sanctuary or Chapel. There are many obstacles to successful prayer but if we persevere, we can make progress and learn how to pray and be better able to connect with God, however we conceive of God.





NOTES FROM OUR CANTOR

The realization of the power of sound is overwhelming and yet it is a most silent experience. When one perceives noticeable silence, something of importance may actually be 'heard.' The common expression, "the silence was deafening," is not a joke. What is the depth of deep silence, anyway? After all, it is a scientific fact that light travels incredibly faster than sound, inferring some fantastic superiority of light on some geeky level. After much study, I can only surmise, however, that the opposite is true. Reading Genesis 1:3, the third line of the entire Tanakh states definitively: "God **said**, 'Let there be light,' and there was light!" Aha! Scientists have long been investigating this variation on 'the chicken or the egg first' question. The English physicist, Edward Neville ca Costa Andrade (1887-1971) stated: "The electron... answers harmonic frequencies, as do crystals, and our nervous systems, and also leads us to the doorway of religion."

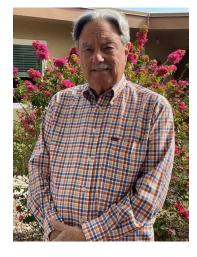
Yes, sound is a creative act for both the originator and listener. To truly hear is an aggressive grasping of a given prodding, sometimes physical and at times is even inaudible. External sound does not belong to us but echoes its true source. Certainly, sound does not even belong to time. Many transmissions are perceived before they are material produced in this special and temporal form of expression. Reportedly, there are telepathic sensitives who are not harnessed within those confines, nor are talented composers whose music feels as new and powerful as when they first perceived it (not to imply they are merely 'receivers' and not actually the creators). They deserve credit for bringing us closer to our Source or bringing our Source closer to us.

Each of us emits a frequency that is unique as one's fingerprints. Of course, with the advent of artificial intelligence, this uniqueness may become a thing of the past. I shudder just thinking about the possible perfection because I enjoy hearing our human foibles as much as our audible triumphs; that's what makes us human, our imperfections and our adlibs. Strange to admit, but there are some voices that actually make me feel sick. Due to some physiological, mathematical, and plain weird stratagems, it is actually possible to be allergic, in a sense, to another's vocal emissions. This does not necessarily imply that a certain voice is an irritant, although that could also be the case. Our ethereal bodies are keener at receiving vibrations than our physical bodies and are able to detect frequencies much lower and higher than our five senses can. Noise pollution threatens all of us if we are not aware of it. Ray guns could be made of sound and not light with the same effect. On the positive side, Magnetic sound images (MRI) help so many by showing what light cannot.

Many people at one time or another have seen a fine glass being shattered by or unusually profound high note of sympathetic vibrations. This is echoed in the plant and animal kingdoms as well as in the spiritual realm. Even the walls of Jericho may have finally succumbed to the unrelenting trumpets of the Israelites. In a future article, the healing effects of organized sound (commonly known as music) will be discussed. As Shakespeare wrote in *Romeo and Juliet*: "When griping grief, the heart doth wound, and doleful dumps the mind oppresses, then music, with her silver sound, with speedy hand doth lend redress."

Our future in sound is as limited as our hearing. Aside from maintaining healthy inner and outer ears, when we can open our spiritual perceptions to the sounds deep within us, we may be able to be in tune with each other... or the Logos... and the Original Sound! Amen.

Baruch Koritan



MESSAGE FROM YOUR PRESIDENT Stephen Bold

The use of paintings in the decoration of temples goes back to at least the 3rd century and is found in the late pre-emancipation and modern synagogues as well.

And Temple Beth Shalom is well stocked with art work. Most walls are covered and nooks and crannies are filled. There are places in the Temple where you would never expect to find art! Up against the wall in the library and in various store rooms throughout the Temple, you will find some beautiful art pieces.

I have not found any documentation or direction on how the Temple artwork has been put in place. There is no attribution, provenance or donor that I can find for the majority of the pieces displayed. Some seem completely out of place, having no relation to Judaism or the Temple, For example, in the lobby, there is a picture of a tree in full fall bloom in front of what could be a synagogue or temple. But there is nothing to indicate what the Jewish significance, if any, the building represents. There are other examples throughout the building.

I would like to ask for a few volunteers to review all the artwork that we have and help determine what and how the temple art collections should be displayed. I would like these volunteers to determine the most efficient and best way to categorize and determine how each piece should be displayed. Please let the office know if you would like to participate in the effort.

We want our artwork to be an inspiration to our religion, not just something to cover the walls.

Painters but not artwork needed.

I am sure you have noticed that the main entrance doors are quite weathered. I want to fix this. While we could hire a painter, I think it would mean more to many of us if we undertook this task with our members. We would first determine the best way to clean the door, then what type of stain or paint is needed for the door. The work would be done in September to be ready for the High Holidays and cooler weather. The last time the doors were refinished, it took a single person two days to complete.

Another skill needed.

One of the Torah covers is falling apart. We need a seamstress to rehabilitate this cover. Please let the office know if you would like to participate in the effort.

Please thank all our volunteers for their assistance in keeping our Temple moving forward.

Shalom Steve

AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE FROM THE TEMPLE

Wearing a Tallit for Honors at Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley

Members of Temple Beth Shalom – or any other Reform Jewish congregation – are not required to wear a tallit or kippah at any time during religious services, although many of our members do so – especially during the High Holy days. Neither the Union for Reform Judaism (URJ) nor the Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR) require persons who hold or carry a Torah, or who recite the blessing before or after the reading of the Torah or the Haftorah, to wear a tallit.

When Carrying or Holding a Torah or Reciting a Blessing

It is the practice at TBS to wear a tallit when carrying or holding a Torah. Similarly, many at TBS choose to observe this practice when reciting the blessing before or after the reading of the Torah or the Haftorah. Rabbi Kaplan thinks it is a practice we should observe. However, it is not a mandate to do so.

When Sitting on the Bimah

Members of TBS who accept the honor of sitting on the Bimah (with or without responsibilities) during a service are not expected to wear a tallit. However, Rabbi Kaplan thinks it would be nice for Bimah participants to wear one and for our Temple community to see members on the Bimah wearing a tallit. We hope that members who accept Bimah honors will give serious consideration to doing so.

TBS provides a tallit rack with tallitot in the lobby just before the entry doors to the sanctuary. These tallitot are available to anyone to borrow for wearing during a service. We just ask that if you borrow one, you fold it and return it to the rack after the service. There is usually a "spare" tallit or two folded up and sitting on the top of a bookshelf along the wall leading to the sanctuary. Any of these can also be borrowed for wearing during a service.

Please let the Rabbi know if you would like to discuss anything related to this matter of wearing a tallit at TBS.



August 2024

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7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

<u>8/7</u>

11:00 AM Torah Study

<u>8/8</u>

1:30 PM Team TBS Meeting

<u>8/9</u>

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

<u>8/11</u>

3:00 PM Religious School Open House

<u>8/13</u>

10:00 AM Outreach Meeting

8/14

11:00 AM Torah Study

8/15

11:30 AM Religious Practices Meeting

<u>8/16</u>

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

8/18

10:00 AM General Board Meeting

8/19

10:00 AM Sisterhood Board Meeting

8/21

11:00 AM Torah Study

8/22

1:00 PM Security Meeting

8/23

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

8/28

10:00 AM Selicot Service 11:00 AM Torah Study

8/30

7:00 PM Shabbat Evening Service

Torah Discussions

Torah Discussion Group – Every Wednesday at 11:00 AM via Zoom

Our next Torah Discussion Zoom meeting will be at 11 a.m. August 7,2024.

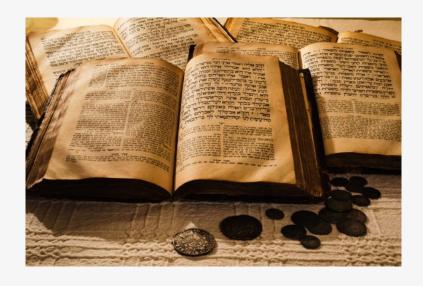
The reading is Parashat Devarim, Perek Bet: "The Spies, Another View" pages 102-105. A Torah Commentary for our Times, Harvey J. Fields, Volume Three: Deuteronomy

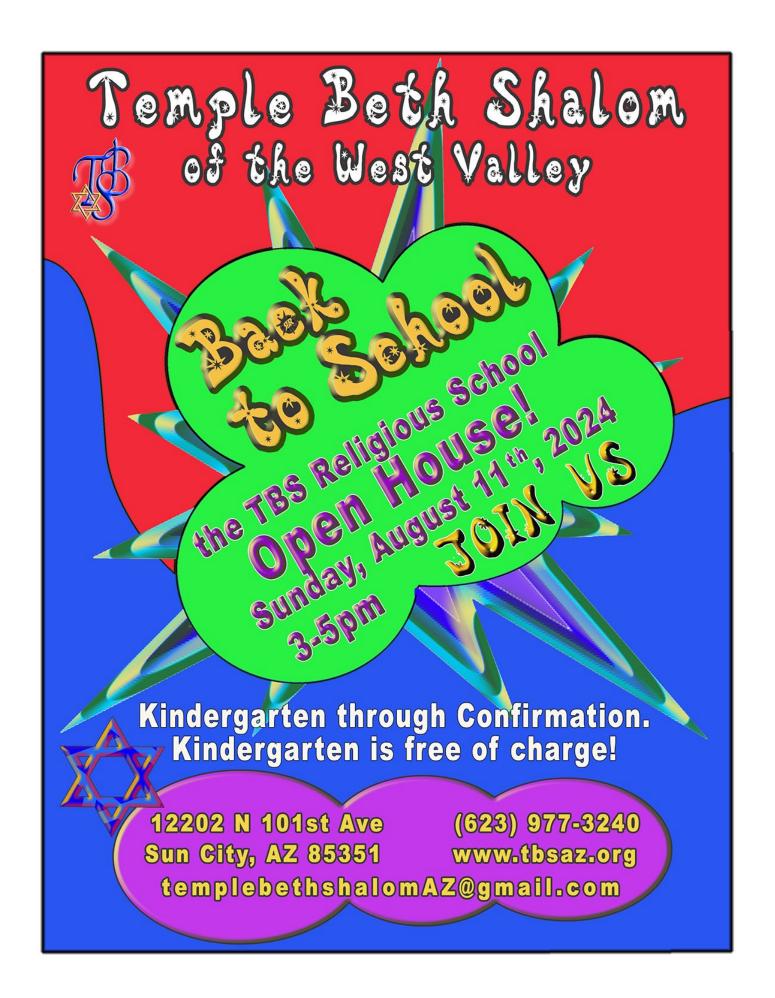
Zoom link: https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87000784481?
pwd=ZodLTkIvSEFHU2NjOWM5ZHpKdnpnQTog

Meeting ID: 870 0078 4481

Passcode: 079190

New participants are always welcome to our free and lively study of Torah. Please contact the TBS office at 623.977.3240 to register for the discussions if you have not previously done so.







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IF YOU CAN'T READ THIS,

YOU NEED CLASSES!

ALEF — BET: BEGINNING HEBREW FOR ADULTS

OPEN TO ALL ADULTS – JEWISH AND NON-JEWISH – WHO WOULD LIKE TO LEARN BASIC HEBREW

TUESDAYS • SEPTEMBER 3, 10, 17, 24 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Here is your chance to learn how to read the letters and the vowels in Hebrew. Beginning from scratch, we will go through each of the Hebrew letters as well as each vowel and explain how you put together sounds and eventually words.

This will be a basic simple course for those who would like to read prayer book Hebrew. It will require some practice at home and some perseverance after the course ends but it is definitely possible to learn to read the Hebrew letters from the prayer book. Even if you are not entirely successful, the familiarity with Hebrew that you will acquire will make you feel more connected to the Friday night prayer service and Judaism as a whole.

This 4-week course will be taught by TBS member Mariane Anderson, who is also the Coordinator of our Religious School. In addition to teaching in religious schools for over 15 years, she was motivated to learn siddur Hebrew herself so she could teach beginning Hebrew to her daughter and the other fourth graders so they would be prepared to become B'nai Mitzvah.



MARIANE SAYS
"Teaching adults is no more difficult than
teaching a room full of fourth graders who
would rather be playing video games."

\$25 FOR MEMBERS

\$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS

OR 1 COUPON • INCLUDES COURSE MATERIALS

ADVANCE REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT OF FEES REQUIRED BY THURSDAY NOON, AUGUST 29.
Register by contacting the Temple office between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Thursday.

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WHY DID THE BIBLE BEGIN?

THURSDAYS • SEPTEMBER 5, 12, 19, & 26 • 10 - 11 AM

Have you ever asked yourself this question? Probably not!

Many books on the Bible answer the 4 W's of historical scholarship — who, what, when, and where?

Jacob Wright, of Emory University suggests that a fifth "W" question is the most intriguing, which is why?

This September, anyone interested in this topic will have the opportunity to explore this fourth question. In this four-part series we're going to look at why the Bible was written by going beyond the Bible's religious teachings to its political and social dimensions by using the writings of Jacob Wright.

Most of the important activity related to the creation of the Bible occurred in and around the time of the Babylonian exile. The Babylonians conquered Jerusalem in the summer of 586 BCE. It was expected that this would be the end of the Judeans. But that did not happen.

Instead a small group of Judeans eventually returned from Babylonian exile to their homeland in Judea. They rebuilt the temple with the permission of the Persians and tried as best as they could to reconstitute national life. At the same time groups of scribes created, edited and redacted what became the Hebrew Bible.

The scribes who worked on biblical texts during this time are much less known than the later rabbis but they may be as or more important. We will try to look at what the experience under the Babylonians was like and what they thought about the important issues of the day.

The question that we will ask is why did they do that? What were they trying to demonstrate? Did they have one central belief that was of paramount importance to them or did they have many agendas some of which may have been conflictual?

You will never be able to see the Bible again in the same way!



Dana Evan Kaplan, Rabbi of Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (TBSWV), will lead this course.

\$20 FOR MEMBERS \$35 FOR NON-MEMBERS

or 1 COUPON FROM BOOK

TBSWV now has coupon books for its Adult Education courses that can be used for any 4 courses beginning September 2024 through June 2025.

The cost for a book of 4 coupons for TBS members is \$65 (a 19% discount) and a book of 4 coupons for non-members is \$120 (a 17% discount). Coupon books are available at the TBS Office.

Persons who are interested in enrolling in this course should call the Temple Office at 623-977-3240 between 9 am & 3 pm, Mon. - Thurs. by September 3rd to register and pay the course fee.



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HIGH HOLY DAY PRAYERS

MONDAYS • SEPTEMBER 9, 16, 23, & 30 • 10:00 - 11:00 AM

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley (TBSWV) presents this four-part series course that will look at some of the more important prayers of the High Holy Days. This year we will begin using a new prayer book for RoshHaShanah and Yom Kippur, called the Mishkhan Hanefesh, or the "Machzor for the Days of Awe." Although our use of this prayer book will be new for us at TBS, it was adopted by the Union for Reform Judaism several years ago and is used by Reform congregation throughout the United States.

During these four weeks, we will examine some of the more important prayers of the High Holy Days as well as look at how this prayer book differs from its predecessors. We will focus on specific liturgical compositions that are of great significance to these "days of awe." In additional to studying them carefully in English, we will listen to the music of several of them so that we will be able to identify them when they are sung during our services. This is a "hands-on" workshop for anyone who wants to learn about our High Holy Day prayers in theory and in practice.



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Help Wanted

The TBS Outreach and the TBS Membership Committees are combining their resources to accomplish a new objective, "In-Reach". We'll need additional people to accomplish this objective, so we're inviting applicants to help us.

Our overall goals are to engage more members in TBS life. For those who have recently joined, we want to introduce them to mentors within the congregation to welcome them and make introductions to the committees in which they've expressed potential interest.

For those "quiet" members that are not yet active, and who wish to become more so, we'll do the same.

If you are interested in helping out, please email Jon Green at JMGreenCPA@gmail.com to set up a call or meeting for more information, and an invitation to a planning meeting.

We are an equal opportunity employer, with great benefits to offer.

Social Opportunity

The mighty TBS Outreach Committee will sponsor a recruiting event for membership in a new club, Arts & Culture. Members of this club will investigate area performance and art show type opportunities, arrange group tours or tickets, pre-event dinners, and after-event discussions. Members of the current TBS Book Club are welcome with no additional cost.

If you are interested in helping us organize and are eager to participate, please contact Jon Green at IMGreenCPA@gmail.com.

SATURDAY SHABBAT SERVICE & POTLUCK BRUNCH

Please join us on September 14th for Saturday Shabbat Service at 10:30 AM at the Temple followed by a potluck brunch

Details of service will follow







Ellyn Ventura is our New Caring Committee Chair.

If you are ill or know someone who is ill and needs our prayers,
please contact Ellyn at 602-595-9303 or 1bronxgal@gmail.com.

Yom Kippur Memorial Book

Please fill out the form below and drop it off or mail it to the Temple office. If you have any questions, please contact the office at 623-977-3240.



YOM KIPPUR MEMORIAL BOOK

Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley 5785-2024 YOM KIPPUR OCTOBER 12, 2024

In keeping with Jewish tradition, on Yom Kippur, our most Holy Day, Jews everywhere recall their loved ones who have passed on by reciting the Yizkor Memorial Service. This year, our **Yizkor Memorial Book** will be published for use during the Yom Kippur Memorial Services.

Members of the Congregation for many years have placed their loved ones' names in our pages of Remembrance as a way of performing the requirement on this holiday giving Tzedakah or by making a gift in their loved ones' name to the Temple.

If you wish to avail yourself of this opportunity this year, please print your name, address, and phone number along with the names to be listed "in memory of" in the proper area below. All names must be printed clearly.

You may memorialize your loved ones with either a line listing, a beautifully laid out ¼ page, ½ page or full page. Check one from below for each insertion.

Full Page	\$234.00
½ Page	\$162.00
¼ Page	\$108.00
Line Listing	\$ 36.00 for 3 names
	\$ 18.00 for each additional line

NOTE: Last Year's listing is available in the Temple office if you wish to use it as a guide.

Print Deadline Wednesday, September 18, 2024

PLEASE PRINT OR TYPE INFORMATION TO ASSURE ACCURACY Return to Temple Office with check.

CONTRIBUTOR(S) NAME:		
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JEWISH COMMUNITY DAY

WITH THE ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11 VS. PHILADELPHIA PHILLIES AT 1:10PM



TICKET PRICING

CATEGORIES	PRICING
INFIELD	\$80
BASELINE RESERVE	\$52
BLEACHERS	\$40
UPPER LEVEL	\$28



For group tickets of 12 or more or for a discount code for kids' tickets, please text or email Johanna Imperial at 602-462-4113 or jimperial@dbacks.com

- Kids 15 and younger receive a discounted \$25 ticket free upgrade with the purchase of one adult ticket
- Includes a FREE Jewish Community Day Diamondbacks in Hebrew hat giveaway (limited quantity available)
- Activities for all ages in our community area under/behind the Banner Health Centered Field near Section 145W
- · Jewish community choir to sing Star-Spangled Banner
- · Holocaust survivor, Herbert Marx, will throw the first pitch

To purchase tickets, visit phoenixcjp.org/diamondbacks

Tickets are based on availability. No refunds or upgrades. Can't be combined with other offers. The ballpark has a clear bag policy and is cashless for all events.





For more information about the day or to get involved, contact engagement@phoenixcjp.org



3pm to 5pm starting

Tues. Sept. 17, 2024

HAPPY HOUR - BYOB

JOIN IN THE FUN THE SECOND TUESDAY
OF EVERY MONTH!
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Call Gloria Bold (302) 245-0049 for further information. No RSVP's needed.

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Keir Starmer is the new Prime Minister of the United Kingdom

Meet Keir Starmer's Jewish wife, bringing Shabbat to No. 10 Downing Street



From regularly observing Shabbat to maintaining strong connections with the Jewish community, Victoria's influence extends beyond the domestic sphere

Lady Victoria Starmer, a Jewish woman with a rich cultural heritage and deep-rooted traditions, is the new British prime minister's wife.

Intertwined with her Jewish upbringing, her life story plays a significant role in shaping the values and practices of her family.

From regularly observing Shabbat to maintaining strong connections with the Jewish community, Victoria's influence extends beyond the domestic sphere into her husband's, <u>Labour Party leader Keir Starmer's</u>, political career.

Lady Starmer's steadfast commitment to her faith and cultural traditions, as well as her involvement in combating antisemitism, emphasizes the unique role she will play.

Originally Victoria Alexander, Starmer was born in 1963 in North London.

Her father was of Polish-Jewish descent, and her mother, a community doctor, converted to Judaism upon marriage. Growing up, Starmer was immersed in Jewish traditions and cultural practices, which played a significant role in shaping her values and outlook on life.

Family and Jewish practices

In the Starmer household, Jewish traditions are actively observed and cherished. Despite Keir being an atheist, the family regularly observes Shabbat, marking the weekly day of rest with family gatherings and traditional rituals.

In an interview with *The Jewish Chronicle*, Keir mentioned, "Every week there's a challah, and we say kiddush," highlighting the importance of these rituals in their family life. Their children are raised with a strong awareness of their Jewish identity and participate in various Jewish customs and celebrations.

Starmer's husband has emphasized the importance of these traditions in their home, ensuring that their children understand and appreciate their cultural and religious heritage. The family belongs to the Liberal Jewish Synagogue in St. John's Wood, London. This synagogue is part of the Liberal Jewish Movement, a progressive strand of Judaism similar to Reform Judaism in the US. It focuses on modern interpretations of Jewish traditions and inclusivity, providing a welcoming environment for Jews of all backgrounds and levels of observance.

community.

Meet Keir Starmer's Jewish wife continued



Public life and Jewish identity

Her Jewish heritage is a significant, though understated, aspect of her public persona. She actively participates in Jewish community activities, giving her family unique cultural richness. Despite her husband's high-profile political position, Victoria prefers to stay out of the political spotlight, focusing on her professional responsibilities and family life.

The fact that the prime minister's wife is an engaged Jew is particularly relevant given the Labour Party's recent history with regard to accusations of antisemitism. Keir has made it clear that his commitment to tackling antisemitism in the Labour Party is a matter of principle, reinforced by the cultural and religious practices observed in their home. He reiterated this commitment in a speech to the Labour Friends of Israel, emphasizing that "anti-Zionist antisemitism is the antithesis of the Labour tradition."

Connection to Israel

His wife's connection to Judaism inherently links her to Israel. She has family in Israel, and Starmer's husband has expressed deep concern for their safety amid the October 7 massacre. His stance on Israel is supportive, emphasizing the right of Israel to defend itself while advocating for peace and a two-state solution. The prime minister stated during a Labour conference, "I utterly condemn the senseless murder of men, women, and children, including British citizens, in cold blood by the terrorists of Hamas."

In an interview with LBC, he also expressed "deep concern" for his extended family in Israel and highlighted the "incredible anxiety" they were experiencing. He added, "We stand by our Jewish communities here, and we stand by Israel internationally." The prime minister also noted that antisemitic attacks in the UK have trebled since the conflict began, stating that "[antisemitic] attacks are not a one-off." He also criticized the BBC for their refusal to label Hamas as terrorists, asserting that terrorism is "obviously what we are witnessing." Discussing long-term solutions to the conflict, Starmer highlighted the importance of peace proposals and a two-state solution, stating, "We do need to get back to peace proposals and a two-state solution," and adding, "What Hamas has done has pushed that further away, and deliberately."

Past antisemitism in the Labour Party, specifically under Jeremy Corbyn

Notably, over the past decade, the Labour Party has faced significant criticism and controversy over allegations of antisemitism. Under Jeremy Corbyn's leadership, numerous incidents and complaints of antisemitic behavior and rhetoric within the party were reported. This led to investigations and widespread condemnation from Jewish communities and beyond. The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) published a report in 2020 detailing the party's failure to adequately address these issues, highlighting a "breakdown of trust" between the Labour Party and the Jewish community. Upon becoming the leader of this party, Starmer made a public commitment to "root out antisemitism" and restore trust, stating that there would be "zero tolerance" for such behavior anywhere.

Temple Beth Shalom Social Action Item to bring this month of August

PAPER GOODS

All of this will be benefiting the Valley View Food Bank

The Committee is asking you to bring a paper type item this month and place it in the designated space in the lobby



The Committee thanks you, the Food Bank thanks you, but most of all, you will be helping those that are really in need.

Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan's Israel trip—July 2024

Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan is studying at the Rabbinic Torah Seminar at the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jerusalem. It's a very intense study program with a record 250 rabbis this year. The rabbis come from all the different denominations.

Rabbi Kaplan shared about his journey in Israel:

"I attended services at the Tel Aviv Port one week and at a small Masorati synagogue in Jerusalem the other week and Saturday morning services at Hebrew Union College just down the street from the King David Hotel. I visited the Western Negev where the terrorist attacks took place on October 7th and I will be able to report on this. I visited Sderot, a city of about 25,000 people where the terrorists took over the police station. I also went to the site of the Nova music festival where there is now a memorial to each of the 364 young people who were murdered there. On a separate trip, I was able to visit Kibbutz Nir Oz, which was taken over by terrorists and largely destroyed."



Rabbi Dana Evan Kaplan delivered messages to God at the Western Wall, including ones from Temple Beth Shalom of the West Valley members.







TREE OF LIFE



Consistent with our belief, our Tree of Life on the Lobby wall next to the office commemorates simchas and life cycle events, such as special birthdays, anniversaries, or Bar & Bat Mitzvahs with an engraved leaf. We look forward to members making a contribution to the Temple and honoring their loved ones or commemorating an event by adding a leaf to the tree in their name.

Each leaf is a \$200.00 donation to the synagogue. This is a lovely way to commemorate a special milestone for your family and support Temple Beth Shalom.

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GRIEF RECOVERY GROUP

Our Grief Group weekly meetings will be taking a hiatus for the summer.

Our support sessions will resume in the fall.

Joyce Gold Ph D

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Armando Espinoza 8/4

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Lorraine Stolove 8/9

Jill Clements 8/10

Michelle Bennett 8/16

Michael Shaul 8/16

Anthony Taddei 8/16

Joy Eisner 8/17

Benita Stein 8/18

Burt Stolove 8/20

Steven Hechler 8/22

Lila Hauptman 8/26





AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

Burt & Lorraine Stolove	8/2	60th anniversary
Eugene & Judith Neigoff	8/3	49th anniversary
David & Pam Katz	8/10	49th anniversary
Andrew & Shari Kirshner	8/16	37th anniversary
Jack & Danielle Reed Tobey	8/16	27th anniversary
Dr. Howard & Sally Lonn	8/18	56th anniversary
Lawrence & Minia Kalish	8/20	57th anniversary

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Many People contribute to the Flower Bouquet & Food Basket Funds "in memory of", but did you know that you can also contribute to these funds "in honor of" to help someone special celebrate a birthday, anniversary or any other kind of Simcha?

This is Sisterhood's major fundraiser. We use it to make donations to local food banks, but the major portion is given to our temple whenever a need arises, such as a copier, a computer and new kitchen appliances like a refrigerator and dishwasher. We are always there to help.

Please help by contributing.

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INFORMATION FROM YOUR TBS SISTERHOOD PRESIDENT ROZ GOLDSTEIN

On the third Monday of the month, Sisterhood has a luncheon program. Our luncheons are delicious and the programs are always interesting and fun. In October we had a presentation on Breast Cancer Awareness conducted by Mary Gill Savoren, a long time Sisterhood member. In the following months there will be a Chanukah meeting with entertainment and our yearly women's Seder. Further discussion and details to be announced at a later date.

Every month we also help the synagogue pay for our weekly security guard.

Your TBS Sisterhood supports the area Food Bank. Any donations that we receive for Food Baskets or Flower Baskets in memory of someone, or celebration of birth-days, anniversaries, graduations, new babies, etc., are sent to the designated fund the donor chose and to the Valley View Food Bank.

At the end of our fiscal year, we donate a good portion of our funds to the temple operating fund maintaining the synagogue or for new equipment or repairs, especially in the kitchen.

Please join us. If you are a new TBS member, the dues are free for your first year and \$30.00 in the years that follow, I'm happy to answer any questions or listen to any suggestions you may have about our group. Please don't ever hesitate to contact me.

Roz

<u>Bereavement "Meal of Consolation"</u> Families of a member can call Yolanda Schatz at (623) 566-6686 to make arrangements for a meal at the Temple.



TBS Sisterhood



All women Temple members are invited to join the Sisterhood. First year Temple members receive a complimentary membership to Sisterhood

WE:

- Are a group of Jewish women supporting our Temple
- Are an active, friendly group offering many opportunities for women
- Share our many talents and interests
- Provide activities that enable caring and bonding experiences
- Maintain the Judaica Boutique
- Send Yahrzeit reminders
- Raise funds all year to benefit Temple Beth Shalom through our many activities
- Meet the 3rd Monday of each month from October thru May
- Sponsor the Oneg Shabbat after the Friday night service

President	Roz Goldstein	Send in this coupon to join TBS Sisterhood for 2024-2
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We would like you to be involved in all of our Brotherhood events by joining. First year temple members are free.

Planned dinners, outings, brunches, helping the temple, and working with Sisterhood are only part of what we do. But most of all, we can all enjoy a great camaraderie. We are all from different parts of the country with different and wonderful ideas and it is our communal efforts that make TBS great.

This year we have brand new officers and they are energetically planning for an eventful year.

Contact me (Glen 3elkind) at (303) 514-2895 or call the temple at (623) 977-3240 for an application.



ecome part of the backbone of Temple Beth Shalom. Join a group that knows how to help. Join the Brotherhood today.



First year members of TBS are given a free membership in the Brotherhood. Just submit this form and let us know you are a first year member of TBS.

Returning members need to submit this form and a \$25 payment for the year.

You can bring it in to the office or mail it to: Temple Beth Shalom 12202 N 101st Ave. Sun City, AZ 85351.

Make sure you write "Attention: TBS Brotherhood" on the envelope, and that your checks are made out to: Temple Beth Shalom Brotherhood.





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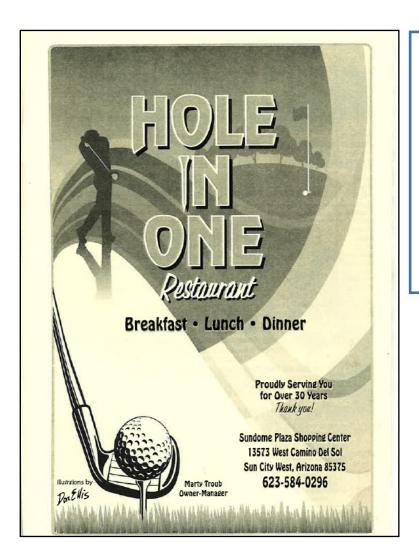
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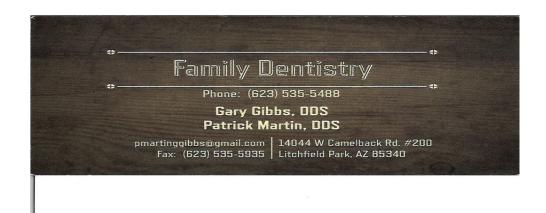
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