

Temple Beth Sholom



The Shofar

Iyar/Sivan/Tammuz 5781

May/June 2021

Our Torahs are Calling to Us

Jo Ann Howard, President



February 2019 was the last time we opened the curtains of our ark, walked a Torah around the sanctuary, scrolled it to the weekly parshah, responded to the aliyah, listened to its words chanted in Hebrew and interpreted in English, and learned how those ancient words applied to us today. Won't it be wonderful when we can join together and enjoy that experience once again!

Our Torahs are calling to us, but in the meantime, we can still read the sacred words in our bibles or on line (chanting included). We can find interesting commentaries at urj.org or chabad.org, or write our own commentaries, even if they're only in our heads. A sentence or even just one or two words can often give us a starting point to think about how that week's parshah relates to us as individuals.

Our Torahs are calling to us to remind us that the celebration of Shavuot, Z'mon Maton Toratenu, the time of the giving of the Torah, will be here soon. Think about how you felt when you read from or held a Torah, or how you felt when you led a service and presented a D'var Torah. Think

about the meaning of Ruth F. Brin's poem on the next page. Think about our Temple Beth Sholom Torahs ...they are calling to us.

*"Our Torah is the great symbol of Jewish life today,
as it has been for more than two thousand years.*

*At first there was the menorah, the Ark of the Covenant,
and then the Temple.*

*But before the Second Temple was built, the reading of the Torah
became the great symbolic act of Jewish unity.*

*Medieval Jews honored the Torah with a rich cover and a crown,
as they had learned to honor royalty.*

*Modern Jews, like our ancestors,
stand in its presence and treat it with awe, a holy object.*

*It is a Tree of life we say, therefore identifying it with the seven-branched
menorah that stood in the tabernacle and the Temple.*

*It contains the Law of Moses, we say,
identifying it with the Tablets of the Covenant given on Mount Sinai.*

*Torah is the life and the length of our days, we say, identifying it with the
Temple, the center of Jewish life in the past, and proclaiming it the center
of Jewish life today for ourselves and our people.*

*We stand in awe of these scrolls, for they have preserved us as we have
preserved them. They are potent and they are dangerous:*

*Dangerous if we treat them like icons, keep the scrolls rolled and look at the
jeweled embroidery, kiss the mantle and forget the words."*

*Dangerous even if we read the words and accept them as written...
without understanding, without interpretation, without love.*

*Potent to make us seek eternal values in our temporary lives;
potent to set our minds and souls on the search for God.*

*This is our Torah. In it is the God-seeking of our people.
Let us use it with wisdom.*



Yahrzeits

May Their Memories Be a Blessing

May 7-8/25-26 Iyar

2 – Edith M. Cornblatt
2 – Nathan Newman
2 – Wildred Santerre
3 – Margaret Heiner Kingoff
3 – Jeanne Gabriel Kaufman
5 – Herman J. Cornblatt
6 – Gloria Calisch Gallagher
6 – Patrice Kramer
8 – Sarah Rebeka Whitten Kushner
8 – Louis Sager
22 Iyar – Dr. Luis Fraifeld

May 14-15/3-4 Sivan

9 – Samuel Jacobs
9 – Isaac Rosenstock
12 – Edwin Rosenstock
15 – Lorraine Lester

May 21-22/10-11 Sivan

17 – Lee Evan Howard
18 – Phillip Greenberg
19 – Samuel Cassoy
19 – Daniel Sechtin
20 – Mattie Kaufman

May 28-29/ 17-18 Sivan

23 – Jay Newman Macht
25 – Sidney Johnson, Sr.
25 – Joseph Vatz
26 – Esther Cohen
26 – Leo Kaufman
26 – Eileen Stendig (2016)
28 – Charles Miller
29 – Rebecca W. Berman

June 4-5/24-25 Sivan

30 – Rabbi Arnold Shevlin
31 – Shirley Kellam
1 – Jacob Berman
1 – Joe Bermann
3 – Arthur Goldstein
5 – Tillie K. Rubin

June 11-12/1-2 Tammuz

6 – Annie Rebeccah Vatz
7 – Raynell Lantor
10 – Hyman Sater
11 – Harry Binder Stein
12 – Samuel Gold

June 18-19/8-9 Tammuz

13 – Elizabeth Rose Hausman
15 – Riva Lea Kingoff
16 – Zev Becher
16 – Sam Heiner
17 – Ernest Freudenthal
18 – Robert Lehr
19 – Lee David Howard
19 – Alan Bermann

June 25-26/15-16 Tammuz

20 – Esther Berman Fishman
20 – Theodore Harris
21 – Herman B. Kushner
21 – Ben Klaff
21 – Eleanor Howard
23 – Murray "Buddy" Rippe
25 – Alice Heiner Kingoff

July 2-3/22-23 Tammuz

1 – Abe Koplen
3 – William Albert Nakdimen



Temple Beth Shalom Donations

Alison Gordon - In honor of the birth of William Seth Howard

Martha and Grady Carrigan - Three offerings

Gail Fisher - For the Building Fund

Don Loper - In honor of the birth of Seth Howard

Bernard and Belinda Baker - For the Building Fund

Carol and Michael Caplan - In honor of William Seth's arrival and your newest role of Bubbe and Zayde to another grandchild



Sisterhood Building Fund Contributions

Ronnie Mand, 799-3434

Please remember the Sisterhood Building Fund for Sympathy, Mazel Tov, Thank You, and Speedy Recovery. The list is endless. Your contributions are used to beautify our temple. Your support is needed more than ever!

Bernard and Belinda Baker - I have a lot of wonderful Sisters!

Melanie and Kevin Vaughan – In honor of William "Seth" Howard; For a quick recovery of all temple members who are healing

CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Watch for your weekly invitation for Zoom.

MAY

Friday, 7 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 14 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat/Shavuot Service
Friday, 21 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 28 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service



JUNE

Friday, 4 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 11 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 18 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday 25 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service
Friday, 30 th	7:30 p.m.	"Zoom" Shabbat Service

WHAT IS PLANNED FOR MAY and JUNE



Shabbat services will continue to be hosted by Jo Ann and Peter during the months of May and June. Thank you to all who attend and those who participate with reading and/or singing parts. It makes our services even more special!

We hope more of you will join us on your computer, laptop, or phone. You will have the opportunity to meet some new people, and feel the warmth of welcoming Shabbat together. If you need a prayer book just let us know. The weekly invitation is emailed each Thursday.



We will have a combined Shabbat/Shavuot "Zoom" service on Friday, May 14th. Come join us...be sure to put flowers on your table, have a piece of cheesecake ready to enjoy, and be curious to learn why Shavuot has a variety of names.



Our **annual Congregational Meeting** will be not be held in person. As we did last year, reports will be sent to you either via email or via the postoffice. Of course, you will be able to ask questions. If you ask via email, then the chairman doesn't have to answer the same question repeatedly. However, if you don't have computer access, please contact the person directly.

WHAT WE DID in MARCH and APRIL



March 27th was the first night of **Passover** and Peter conducted a very meaningful seder on Zoom. It was exciting to have temple members, former members, family and guests, represented on 12 screens! Prior to the seder, local participants received goody bags, which depending on the needs of the participants, contained charoset, eggs, saltwater, matza, horseradish, parsley, wine/grape juice, chocolate covered maccaroons and Haggadahs. We read, sang, learned about why a banana was on this year's seder plate, dipped our parsley and enjoyed our Hillel "sandwiches", kvelled as Maya chanted the four questions and laughed through "Who Knows One?" We ended with the ritual statement of "Next year in Jerusalem" with an addition of "Next year together at temple!"



Uplift another congregant's spirits by giving them a call or sending them a card, email or text! It only takes a few minutes and it will make a big difference in their day and yours! Remember: **"Attention is the rarest and purest form of generosity."**



Tikkun Olam: Thank you to those of you who continue to work to make the world a better place. Let's give a big shout out to Ronnie and Steve, Susanne, and Bernard for continuing to volunteer at the different COVID vaccination sites and to Peter for continuing his volunteer work for the VITA tax program. There have also been composting contributions taken to the Urban Farm and individual monetary donations made to various organizations in our communities by our congregants. We continue to do our part to make our world a better place not only for ourselves, but also those who will come after us. If you have done something special, let us know!



WITH OUR CONGREGATION

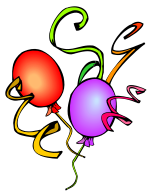
Mazel Tov to Paul and Karen Mandel on the birth of their grandson, Ezra Emanuel Espinosa! Ezra is their sixth grandchild. Enjoy! Enjoy! Enjoy!

Asher Caplan is thrilled to be able to walk the lawn at UVA twice in May for the Class of 2020 and will graduate with his Master's of Arts in Media, Technology and Culture in the Class of 2021. This fall he will continue his studies at the University of Oregon to pursue his Doctorate in Philosophy. Mazel Tov!!

Ben Fraifeld's photo on Facebook said it all...the excitement of his graduation from UNCG with a degree in social work. Mazel Tov!!

Our wishes for good health are extended to **Bernard and Belinda Baker, Mildred Barth, Carol Caplan, Joe Eisenberg, Faye Kushner, Lynne Loper and Charles Silverman.**

We know that some of our congregants become ill, have surgery, or suffer an injury between The Shofar publications, so please know that we extend a prayer of comfort and continued recovery to those who are not specifically named.



BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

May Birthdays: 4 – Stuart Kramer; 12 – Terrie Lantor; 21 – Elisabeth Stanley; 25 – Erwin Will; 27 – Mildred Barth; 28 – Harriett Will

May Anniversaries: 10 – Darcy & Michael Amick; 15 – Carol & Michael Caplan

June Birthdays: 8 – Allison Gordon; 19 – LaTrice Eisner; 20 – Bryna Kramer; 25 – Ben Rippe; 27 – Julian Koplen; 30 – Sam Rippe

June Anniversaries: 13 – Belinda & Bernard Baker; 16 – Ronnie & Steve Mand; 17 – Jo Ann & Peter Howard

Message from Ronnie Mand, Sisterhood President



To My Sisterhood Sisters

***HOPE is the place where you want to go
HOPE is the person you want to know
HOPE is the feeling that carries you through
And HOPE is the future for me and for you.***

And now that we all have HOPE that the future will be brighter and the pandemic soon a memory, I have HOPE that we will be able to gather again for Sisterhood and resume our fun, needed, and important work for the temple and community.

Enjoy the lovely spring, stay healthy and safe, and know that I miss you all.



Do you need a Silver for Sisterhood box? Just give Ronnie a call.



A Little Humor is Good for the Soul!

Manure

Schwartz, an elderly man, is resting peacefully on the porch of his small hotel outside Boca when he sees a cloud of dust up the road. He walks out to see who could be approaching: It is a Southern farmer with a wagon.

"Good afternoon," says Schwartz.

"Afternoon," says the farmer.

"Where you headed?" asks Schwartz.

"Town."

"What do you have in the wagon?"

"Manure."

"Manure, eh? What do you do with it?"

"I spread it over the fruit."

"Well," says Bernstein, "you should come over here for lunch someday. We use sour cream."

The Million-Dollar Question for God

A poor man walking in the forest feels close enough to God to ask, "God, what is a million years to you?"

God replies, "My son, a million years to you is like a second to me."

The man asks, "God, what is a million dollars to you?"

God replies, "My son, a million dollars to you is less than a penny to me. It means almost nothing to me."

The man asks, "So God, can I have a million dollars?"

And God replies, "In a second."



May - June 2021

Danville

Martha Woody, President

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Remember the old Sonny and Cher hit, "And the Beat Goes On"? It seems an apt theme song for our times. This past week, former police officer Derek Chauvin was convicted on all three counts of murder and manslaughter in the death of George Floyd almost a year ago. Some see this as a sign of progress in our battle against systemic racism; some see this as our country's descent into anarchy. So, will we begin to have thoughtful and meaningful discussions about what is right and what needs correcting in our society, or will we continue to shout one another down from the extremes?

In this, as with so many issues, Hadassah can be an inspiration. Our history, from Henrietta Szold and the first two nurses in Palestine in the early 20th century, to the diverse staff and patients at Hadassah Medical Organization today, has always proven the power of women who do!

Now is the time to increase our efforts towards tikkun olam, the healing of the world. I urge you to make your voice heard, with people who can make a difference, on the issues that speak to you. And Hadassah makes this easy to do! Simply go to myHadassah, click on "Get Involved" and then on "Take Action" and voila: loads of information at your fingertips and the ability to send an e-letter to your legislators in a matter of minutes!

If this whets your appetite for more advocacy, consider becoming involved with Day in the District, Date with the State, or Sit Down with a Senator efforts sponsored by Hadassah. You don't have to do this alone; there is plenty of help and support available.

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Please email me at rfbmmw@comcast.net if you are interested in knowing more about engaging with our legislators in meaningful and respectful discussions regarding the issues you are passionate about. You may be amazed at the degree of common ground that you find!

Martha Woody



Hadassah Announces Yom Yerushalayim Celebration Honoring the Reunification of Its Two Hospitals

May 3, 2021 – New York, NY – On Monday, May 10, Hadassah, The Women’s Zionist Organization of America, Inc. (HWZOA), will hold a Yom Yerushalayim event, “Hadassah & Jerusalem: United Forever.” The event will celebrate the reunification following the Six-Day War both of East and West Jerusalem and Hadassah’s two hospitals, Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem, which is in West Jerusalem, and Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus, which is in East Jerusalem. Together, they formed the Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO). **The virtual event will be broadcast on Monday, May 10, at 7:30 pm.**

The celebration will be hosted by actress Tovah Feldshuh and will feature musical performances by the Israeli duo **Yonina** and the **Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra**. Jerusalem Mayor Moshe Leon, Hadassah Hospital Mount Scopus Director Dr. Tamar Elram and Hadassah National President Rhoda Smolow will be among the speakers. The event is edited, filmed and produced by Elad Schanin of CRC Media.

President Smolow: “Yom Yerushalayim is an extremely important holiday for Israelis and for Jews around the world and one that occupies a special place in the heart of the Hadassah community. Hadassah & Jerusalem: United Forever will be a chance to celebrate this historic anniversary for Israel, for Hadassah and for the inspiring teams at our two hospitals.”

The event is free. To register for the event and to learn more, visit www.hadassah.org/events/YomYerushalayim.



Hadassah Schedules Mission to Argentina to Share Its COVID-19 Expertise (excerpts from the article)

May 4, 2021 - Hadassah International (HI), Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America (HWZOA), and Hadassah Medical Organization (HMO) have confirmed a joint collaboration between the Argentinean Government and HMO in Jerusalem, aimed at providing Argentina with the help it needs to prevent COVID-19 from spreading out of control.

Five top medical experts from Hadassah Hospital Ein Kerem will travel to Argentina next week to share Hadassah's extensive experience with treating COVID-19. At the same time, conversations to start a phase III study of Brilife, the Israeli COVID-19 vaccine, which was developed by the Israel Institute for Biological Research and tested primarily at Hadassah, will be initiated in Argentina.

Rhoda Smolow, President of Hadassah, The Women's Zionist Organization of America (HWZOA) said: "Hadassah's medical care is not constrained by geographic boundaries. With COVID-19 spiraling out of control in Argentina and the country's healthcare system in crisis, Hadassah has a moral obligation to step in. We are extremely proud of the HMO delegation, an all-star team of leading doctors, specialists in COVID-19 and a nurse from the COVID-19 ICU, who have volunteered to travel across the world. They will provide critical expertise to Argentina as it struggles to manage the onslaught of COVID-19 cases and stave off the worst effects of this terrifying disease."

Mr. Diener concluded: "For Hadassah Medical Organization and Hadassah International, this collaboration represents the fulfillment of our most important mission, which is to build bridges among nations through health."

He added, "The realization of joint projects with Argentina, which may eventually ensure the health of the population of Argentina in these critical times, will not only have an impact in both our countries, but will also generate solutions that can be applied in other parts of the world."

Rays of Hope and Celebration



Our Danville Hadassah members and guests continue to "light" menorahs and share their sentiments at our meetings as well as other times they would

like to acknowledge someone. If you would like recognition sent to an individual be sure to include their mailing information when you send your sentiment and check. Each menorah is just \$18. Make your check payable to Hadassah and mail to Jo Ann Howard, 326 Rosemary Lane, Danville, VA 24541. Looking forward to hearing from you!

Menorah from our January meeting:



MELANIE VAUGHAN LIT 1 MENORAH

For a general wish for healing, good health, and a wonderful 2021 in all aspects of our lives

Menorahs from our March meeting:



LEAH COHEN LIT 1 MENORAH

For all the people I'll miss at the Seder we should have/would have had this year!



MARTHA WOODY LIT 2 MENORAHS

MENORAH 1: *In honor of those of us on this Zoom meeting and the members of our chapter that support our fundraising.*

MENORAH 2: *For my family and friends and all they bring to my life.*



SUSAN DUFOUR LIT 1 MENORAH

*Grateful for getting my sling off.
Thank you to our members for sharing today.
In honor of my family who have put up with me after surgery
- especially Hank.
Just happy to be alive and receiving my second COVID shot.*



RONNIE MAND LIT 1 MENORAH

*Mazel Tov to Bubbe on the birth of Seth.
Happy 40th birthday to Amanda.
Wishing everyone a very happy Passover and a happy spring!
A special thank you to Barbara Hudson for her support!*



MELANIE VAUGHAN LIT 1 MENORAH

*I have taken to heart what we talked about today and
hopefully we'll help to put these special Seder questions into
practice.
For my sister-in-law who is waiting for the pathology on her*

biopsy.



JO ANN HOWARD LIT 2 MENORAHS

MENORAH 1: *I am wearing pink and blue today for my two awesome grandchildren, Maya and Seth!*

MENORAH 2: *For good health to Ronnie, Susan, Carol and Faye, and for two of our temple members Bernard and Charles. Thank you to Martha and Ronnie for working at many of the COVID-19 vaccination sites.*