



# The Clarion



## Temple B'nai Emet

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### FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER....

Dear Temple B'nai Emet Community,

By the time you get this, the time of sorrow that reached its depths on Tisha B'Av gives way to a time of repentance and renewal that reaches its heights at the High Holidays. Because of the intensity and importance of the coming holidays—Rosh Hashanah, Yom Kippur, the joyous festival of Sukkot and Simchat Torah—the entire month before they arrive, the month of Elul, is seen as a time of spiritual preparation.

The big holiday at the other end of the calendar, Passover, is marked by very physical preparation—housecleaning, dish-sorting, gathering everything for the Seder. In ancient times, there would also be physical purity rituals in anticipation of the pascal sacrifice. And these physical preparations, to whatever degree we are capable of them, are a big part of our commitment, a sign of devotion not to be underestimated.

So, what about “spiritual preparation”? Instead of looking through the recesses of our homes, we look through our own minds, our own souls, our societies. If that sounds challenging and difficult to put into practice, that’s because it is. But our tradition has its ways. The shofar is given a short sampling of blasts at weekday minyans, and the Selichot liturgy that we often say the Saturday night or Sunday morning before Rosh Hashanah—and that Sephardim have traditionally said throughout the month of Elul, contain the most essential words regarding God’s mercy and humanity’s sins that we say on Yom Kippur.

We do not wait for the great wakeup call of the dramatic shofar blasts on Rosh Hashanah. Every day—if we listen—we can allow ourselves to hear the cry of danger, the cry of those in need, the cry of a call to righteous action. We do not wait for our fasting bodies to tremble at the thought of our need to change on Yom Kippur. Every day—if we allow ourselves—we can open our eyes to our patterns of hurting others, of self-destruction, of going down the wrong path. Change for the better is always possible. And our calendar cycle helps us focus on that, not just for a few days, but for the season, and really for the rest of the year as well.

## FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER CONT....

When Yom Kippur is over, Sukkot starts a mere five days later. It is the joyous light at the end of the tunnel, a time when we allow celebration to fully surround and saturate our prayers for salvation. Not because the world is necessarily already saved, but because, for all the sorrow of Tisha B'Av, for all the angst of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, we must remind ourselves that our spirituality, our morality, our love, is all a part of a gift worth celebrating. Being a person of conscience is hard. It is so difficult to live for more than ourselves, for the moment. But a Godly path is what truly lasts.

With that, I want to put out quick reminders of the High Holiday dates for which I implore you to carve out some time for your families and your community. This too is spiritual (and practical) preparation!

*We will discuss some of the logistics as a community and have more details by the next newsletter. Please join that discussion! Meanwhile, the times below should at least give you a general idea of what to expect:*

|                                |                                                       |                       |
|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| September 6, 2026 (Sunday):    | <b>Selichot Services</b>                              | 8:00 am               |
| September 11, 2026 (Friday):   | <b>Rosh Hashanah Night</b>                            | 5:45 pm               |
| September 12, 2026 (Saturday): | <b>Rosh Hashanah Day 1</b>                            | 9:15 am               |
| September 13, 2026 (Sunday):   | <b>Rosh Hashanah Day 2</b>                            | 9:15 am               |
| September 20, 2026 (Sunday):   | <b>Kol Nidre, pre-fast meal</b>                       | 4:45pm (meal), 6:45pm |
| September 21, 2026 (Monday):   | <b>Yom Kippur Morning, End of Fast</b>                | 9:15 am, 4:15pm       |
| September 26, 2026 (Saturday): | <b>Sukkot Day 1</b>                                   | 9:30 am               |
| September 27, 2026 (Sunday):   | <b>Sukkot Day 2</b>                                   | 9:30 am               |
| October 2-4 (Friday-Sunday)    | <b>Hoshanah Rabah, Sh'mini Atzeret, Simchat Torah</b> | See below             |

Please note: because this year so many Holiday dates fall on the weekend, we have extra opportunities to gather. We will discuss how we best do this according to the traditions of TBE, according to Conservative Jewish thought broadly, and according to the practical ways we can balance our focus and personal observances.

*In particular, how we handle Hoshanah Rabah (the last day of Sukkot) and Sh'mini Atzeret (including Simchat Torah) will be discussed as a community before times are given. They occur between October 2, 2026 (Friday) and October 4, 2026 (Sunday). There are potentially unique, fulfilling, and fun morning (and perhaps night) services on each day but we will decide as a community which of them meet the best combination of tradition, practicality, and benefit.*

For now, please do try to leave your schedules for these days open. And please join our discussions for how to make the most of them! Whatever our prayers do or do not do to the world around us, they always have the potential to change ourselves. And we, in turn, can do our part to make the world a better place.

With great hopes,

Michael Feldman

## **FROM OUR PRESIDENT**

I hope everyone is doing well.

Summer is here. The High Holy Days are just around the corner and they are coming early this year. During this time we must rejuvenate our spirit and stay close to our creator. Selichot is on September 5th and then Rosh Hashanah will be on Sept 12th. Let's start planning for this time. We welcome you to join us for the High Holy Day services in person or on Zoom. Reminder: tickets must be purchased in order to receive the "High Holy Days Link." Tickets for members are \$60.00 and non-members \$100.00. Also please don't forget to make your pledges and holiday greetings.

We have just celebrated our 250<sup>th</sup> year of our Declaration of Independence. I hope everyone had a great time. We must be thankful to our forefathers who came up with the Constitution that has blessed us with the freedom of speech, freedom of religion, freedom to bear arms and so on... May God continue to bless this country and our leaders.

Membership dues statements were mailed out last week. Please continue to support TBE. For those who are not paid members, please join us. Your donations continue to help TBE provide religious services.

Stay Healthy,

Ricardo Aespuro



August 6<sup>th</sup> will mark 30 years I have been employed at Temple B'nai Emet. Time sure does fly by really fast.

I have been so blessed to meet so many wonderful people. There have been many that have passed away and it's still really hard to accept their passing, but I continue to give my best in memory of them.

Rachel De Merit and Abraham "Abe" Baron had faith in me that I could do the job and hired me. I sat across from Rachel in the office and loved every single minute that I did. She taught me so much in the 8 years we worked with one another. I miss her so much. I hope I make her proud.

Sandy and Jon Olesen and Luba Gelmis, I personally thank you for all your help and friendship. You have always been there for me when I've needed help with temple business. I could not ask for a better job.

Val Cook

## CONTRIBUTIONS

### **YORZEITS**

Margot Eiser  
In memory of Milton Eiser  
Mrs. Sandy Olesen  
In memory of Jon Olesen  
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In memory of Ruth Frolove  
Mr. and Mrs. David Gostlin  
In memory of Jon Olesen  
Mr. and Mrs. David Gostlin  
In memory of Moishe Eliyahu Gryner  
Mr. Marc Maretsky  
In memory of Maurice Maretsky  
Mr. Bruce Friedman  
In memory of Bea Friedman  
Mrs. Marion Barsky  
In memory of Howard Barsky  
Susan Spitzer  
In memory of Mollie Kirschenbaum  
Margot Eiser  
In memory of Howard Lee Haber  
Mr. Richard Winer  
In memory of Paula Winer and  
Marjorie Ruth Homer  
Mrs. Marion Barsky  
In memory of Milton H. Stone  
Mr. and Mrs. Sean Olesen  
In memory of Jon Olesen

### **GENERAL FUND**

Mr. Joel Blass  
In memory of Julia Nones

### **SOPHIE WEINBERG MEMORIAL FUND**

Mr. Michael Weinberg  
In memory of Gail Shinn  
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith  
In memory of Gail Shinn  
Mr. Michael Weinberg  
In memory of Sophie Weinberg  
Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Smith  
In memory of Sophie Weinberg

# YORZEITS

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 7<sup>TH</sup>**

|                        |            |
|------------------------|------------|
| Hyman Abkowitz         | Aug. 7-8   |
| Ethel Baron            | Aug. 7-8   |
| Samuel Drelach         | Aug. 7-8   |
| Charles Harris         | Aug. 7-8   |
| Nathan Meyer Lichtbach | Aug. 7-8   |
| Dora Loober            | Aug. 7-8   |
| Charna Rickey          | Aug. 7-8   |
| Annette Savad          | Aug. 7-8   |
| Eric Dirksen           | Aug. 8-9   |
| Harry Fonstein         | Aug. 8-9   |
| Annie B. Groupp        | Aug. 8-9   |
| Eve Ann Klasky Levy    | Aug. 8-9   |
| Alan S. Maid           | Aug. 8-9   |
| George Pfeffer         | Aug. 8-9   |
| Vera Rothstein         | Aug. 8-9   |
| Frieda Rudnick         | Aug. 8-9   |
| Gene "Red" Stern       | Aug. 8-9   |
| Dolores F. Fain        | Aug. 9-10  |
| Jack Fanarof           | Aug. 9-10  |
| Isidore Feiles         | Aug. 9-10  |
| Oscar Gelber           | Aug. 9-10  |
| David Ginsburg         | Aug. 9-10  |
| Marjorie Kastel        | Aug. 9-10  |
| Sydney Levine          | Aug. 9-10  |
| David Melchior         | Aug. 9-10  |
| Jean Pike              | Aug. 9-10  |
| Anna Mannheim          | Aug. 10-11 |
| Marvin Schwartz        | Aug. 10-11 |
| Schlomia Wildbaum      | Aug. 10-11 |
| William Becker         | Aug. 11-12 |
| Sydney Brotman         | Aug. 11-12 |
| Marci Kasper           | Aug. 11-12 |
| Hilda Katz             | Aug. 11-12 |
| John Kronenfeld        | Aug. 11-12 |
| Shelley Markenson      | Aug. 11-12 |
| John Newman            | Aug. 11-12 |
| Hy Neshkes             | Aug. 11-12 |
| Bessie Prager          | Aug. 11-12 |
| Nathan Rothman         | Aug. 11-12 |
| Beatrice Welles        | Aug. 11-12 |
| Solomon Kaspin         | Aug. 12-13 |
| Ernestine Wolff        | Aug. 12-13 |
| Abraham Cohen          | Aug. 13-14 |
| Stephenie Blasnick     | Aug. 13-14 |
| Rebecca Graves         | Aug. 13-14 |
| Fannie Mahler          | Aug. 13-14 |
| Clara Pieter           | Aug. 13-14 |
| Miriam Rosenberg       | Aug. 13-14 |
| Leonard Stanley Taylor | Aug. 13-14 |

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 14<sup>TH</sup>**

|                      |            |
|----------------------|------------|
| Hyman Cadkin         | Aug. 14-15 |
| Jacob Dell           | Aug. 14-15 |
| Orah Gross           | Aug. 14-15 |
| Sarah Simon          | Aug. 14-15 |
| Kathryn Sodikoff     | Aug. 14-15 |
| Dinah Stone          | Aug. 14-15 |
| Armida Aespuro       | Aug. 15-16 |
| Morris Brandman      | Aug. 15-16 |
| Abraham Eiser        | Aug. 15-16 |
| Aaron Gold           | Aug. 15-16 |
| Abe Green            | Aug. 15-16 |
| Joseph Keller        | Aug. 15-16 |
| Anna Shaevitz        | Aug. 15-16 |
| Moses Toibin         | Aug. 15-16 |
| Edwin Wandt          | Aug. 15-16 |
| Frederick R. Brown   | Aug. 16-17 |
| Rosalind K. Herrmann | Aug. 16-17 |
| Alice Hahn           | Aug. 17-18 |
| Ida Michlin          | Aug. 17-18 |
| Sol Weinberg         | Aug. 17-18 |
| Freidl Applebaum     | Aug. 18-19 |
| Abraham Braunstein   | Aug. 18-19 |
| Esther Covens        | Aug. 18-19 |
| Irving Dickman       | Aug. 18-19 |
| Helen Goldfarb       | Aug. 18-19 |
| Ira Miller           | Aug. 18-19 |
| Rebecca Smith        | Aug. 18-19 |
| Ruth Blasnick        | Aug. 19-20 |
| Joseph Brodsky       | Aug. 19-20 |
| George Bernard Fink  | Aug. 19-20 |
| Israel Reidman       | Aug. 19-20 |
| Samuel Weinberg      | Aug. 19-20 |
| Phil Goldberg        | Aug. 20-21 |
| Louis Kleinman       | Aug. 20-21 |
| Minnie Itzkovitz     | Aug. 20-21 |
| Archie Joseph Levin  | Aug. 20-21 |
| Eli Levy             | Aug. 20-21 |
| Herman Renkin        | Aug. 20-21 |

## **FRIDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup>**

|                   |            |
|-------------------|------------|
| Arnold Bukshpan   | Aug. 21-22 |
| Esther Ekanazi    | Aug. 21-22 |
| Celia L. Gersh    | Aug. 21-22 |
| Herbert Jaffee    | Aug. 21-22 |
| Abraham Karlinsky | Aug. 21-22 |
| Louis Walder      | Aug. 21-22 |
| Fanny Bornstein   | Aug. 22-23 |
| David Feuerstein  | Aug. 22-23 |
| Isaac Lubovsky    | Aug. 22-23 |

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 21<sup>ST</sup> CONT.**

|                         |            |
|-------------------------|------------|
| Jack Myers              | Aug. 22-23 |
| David Abraham Prager    | Aug. 22-23 |
| Samuel Franklin         | Aug. 23-24 |
| Lena Glick              | Aug. 23-24 |
| Bessie Gordon           | Aug. 23-24 |
| Joseph Kaplan           | Aug. 23-24 |
| George Resnick          | Aug. 23-24 |
| Max Rosenstock          | Aug. 23-24 |
| Leonard Mink            | Aug. 24-25 |
| Al Stewart              | Aug. 24-25 |
| Fannie Golden           | Aug. 25-26 |
| Albert Greengood        | Aug. 25-26 |
| Sam Grossberg           | Aug. 25-26 |
| Nathan Lager            | Aug. 25-26 |
| Mike Madnick            | Aug. 25-26 |
| Florence Hilda Rightman | Aug. 25-26 |
| Bess Chudacoff          | Aug. 26-27 |
| Solomon Gilderman       | Aug. 26-27 |
| Irving "Irv" Polin      | Aug. 26-27 |
| Louis Silbert           | Aug. 26-27 |
| Ida Silver              | Aug. 26-27 |
| Anna Toloedo            | Aug. 26-27 |
| Helen Abcug             | Aug. 27-28 |
| Pat Marks Boardman      | Aug. 27-28 |
| Sarah Feldman           | Aug. 27-28 |
| Larry Horberg           | Aug. 27-28 |
| Rebecca Kaplan          | Aug. 27-28 |
| David Maretsky          | Aug. 27-28 |
| Sol Richer              | Aug. 27-28 |

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 28<sup>TH</sup>**

|                       |                 |
|-----------------------|-----------------|
| Malka Behar           | Aug. 28-29      |
| Julius Dickman        | Aug. 28-29      |
| Alice Gartzman Haller | Aug. 28-29      |
| Stanley Martin        | Aug. 28-29      |
| Freda Smoler          | Aug. 28-29      |
| Bella Weiss           | Aug. 28-29      |
| Minna Davidson        | Aug. 29-30      |
| Max Friedman          | Aug. 29-30      |
| Hannah Goltz          | Aug. 29-30      |
| Gertrude Himel        | Aug. 29-30      |
| Kalmer Rosenstein     | Aug. 29-30      |
| Robert Simon          | Aug. 29-30      |
| Alva Friedman         | Aug. 30-31      |
| David Golden          | Aug. 30-31      |
| Melvin Harris         | Aug. 30-31      |
| Dora Pine Weiner      | Aug. 30-31      |
| Stanley Stone         | Aug. 30-31      |
| Reva Weisman          | Aug. 30-31      |
| Lillie Applebaum      | Aug. 31-Sept. 1 |
| Rebecca Friedman      | Aug. 31-Sept. 1 |
| Sylvia Schultz        | Sept. 1-2       |
| John Barsky           | Sept. 2-3       |
| Gertrude Bukshpan     | Sept. 2-3       |
| Jacob Karz            | Sept. 2-3       |
| Sam Blass             | Sept. 3-4       |
| Rita Rica Levey       | Sept. 3-4       |
| Myrna Joyce Bolinger  | Sept. 3-4       |
| Murry Porges          | Sept. 3-4       |



# HAPPY AUGUST BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARY



|                  |                         |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| Tova Rosenbaum   | August 2 <sup>nd</sup>  |
| Sean Olesen      | August 5 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Isabella Caldera | August 7 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Sydney Dickman   | August 9 <sup>th</sup>  |
| Linda Bear       | August 17 <sup>th</sup> |
| Lila Gordon      | August 28 <sup>th</sup> |
| Sylvia Dozal     | August 30 <sup>th</sup> |



Francine Pecoraro and Mark Denham August 7<sup>th</sup>





# GREETINGS AT ROSH HASHANAH 2026

Dear Friends:

It is time once more to wish our family and friends a Happy and Healthy New Year. We have two ways of sharing our warm feelings with our family and friends. We have a **ONE** line greeting or Two-line greeting. Please fill out the form below and enclose your check to guarantee your greeting being printed in the next issue of the **Clarion**. Checks should be made to **Temple B'nai Emet**. Your support is greatly appreciated. L' Shana Tova and Thank You.

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(Please detach and return to the Temple)

**ONE LINE GREETINGS**

The Doe Family

**TWO LINE GREETINGS**

L' Shana Tova **OR** Happy New Year  
John, Jane, Janet & Joey Doe

Two Line Greetings \$5.00

One Line Greetings \$3.00

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

YOUR GREETING: (Please print) \_\_\_\_\_

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## **MAKE YOUR PLEDGE TODAY 2026**

During Yom Kippur day services we follow our custom to appeal for funds to support our beloved Temple.

Yizkor-Yom Kippur Day – To the Temple General Fund for current expenses.

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**TO: TEMPLE B'NAI EMET –  
1975 Potrero Grande Drive, Monterey Park, 91755**

I want to help conduct a more dignified service by making my pledge and commitments before Yom Kippur.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ **Yom Kippur – YIZKOR FUND.**

**In Honor of** \_\_\_\_\_

**In Memory of** \_\_\_\_\_

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**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

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**DATE** \_\_\_\_\_

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Spiritual Leader.....Michael Feldman  
President..... Ricardo Aespuro  
Office Administrator..... Valerie Cook

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### Schedule of Services



Saturday morning services continue to be conducted through **ZOOM** and **IN PERSON** starting at **9:30 am**. If you would like to join services via **ZOOM**, contact the Temple office **(626) 545-2053** and give Val your email address. You will then receive the **LINK** to join services.

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### *Candle Lighting Time*

"Beautify the Sabbath and  
Your Home"



August 7 .....7:30  
August 14.....7:22  
August 21.....7:14  
August 28.....7:05