

The Clarion



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FROM OUR SPIRITUAL LEADER

Dear Sacred Community,

When you receive this, elections in Israel and in the United States are likely either just over or just around the corner. On October 27, 2026, the first Israeli election since the October 7, 2023 massacre and the war with Gaza that followed will have taken place. It seems impossible to overstate how heated the contest is, how important the issues, and how serious are the accusations about political and military conduct coming from all sides of Israeli society. Meanwhile, the polarization of American politics remains incredibly sharp and we have all been inundated by ads and news that is often quite a lot to take in.

Over the next few weeks or months, some of us may be significantly upset about the same thing that makes others of us happy, whatever results happen in the elections. Thank heaven, our community is so very well-equipped to give each other the emotional space we each need, regardless of whether we share the same views. For each other, I suggest we lean into that, whether or not politics actually comes up. Collective feelings and concerns have a way of showing up in our personal lives.

So why not reach a little further into our empathy and care for each other than usual? Check in with each other in a deliberate way, not just a casual, "Howya doin'?" Notice the pain or joy in another's face. This certainly goes for those of us in this community and our families, but it is great practice wherever you are. Observe how the moods of people around you evolve. Be curious rather than judgmental when negativity arises. Try, hard as it may be, to be receptive of positivity, even when (or especially when) you are privately in distress.

Of course, having these attitudes are helpful even when political events do not accentuate our emotional differences. It is just one aspect of the great Torah missive, *V'Ahavta l'rei'echa kamokha*, "And you shall love/be devoted to your fellow like yourself."

But what of actual debate (including but not limited to political debate)? Can we make room for viewpoints that are contrary or even abhorrent to us? That's up to you, but I argue that there is no need to compromise one's principles or positions to make that kind of room.

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The best model in our tradition for respectful debate that we have is the School of Hillel, Beit Hillel. One of the most heavily cited Rabbinic teachings is from Talmudic Tractate Eruvin 13b, where it asks why we usually follow Beit Hillel's teachings, as opposed to the competing school, Beit Shammai. Both schools were understood to speak divinely important words. But the Talmud says three things about Beit Hillel not attributed to Beit Shammai (in this order):
(1) Beit Hillel were agreeable and forbearing.
(2) Beit Hillel would teach not only their own words but Beit Shammai's words as well.
(3) Beit Hillel would teach Beit Shammai's words "before" their own (this could mean that they literally taught Beit Shammai teachings first, that they gave priority to Beit Shammai teachings, or both).

Sounds nice, but how would this translate to a modern discussion? Here's what I would suggest:
(1) Show your most pleasant emotional side. Whatever the conversation, you are not compromising your position by letting go of your anger, your snark, or your need to "win". On the contrary, you are making your views easier to hear or even accept.
(2) Learn what a competing view has to say. Really learn, well enough that you could explain it to someone else.
(3) Go out of your way to understand that competing view, as a priority to reviewing your own view, and before any final conclusions. Your own view may evolve as a result—not as a compromise, but as a natural result of greater collective wisdom. Or your view may stay consistent, but with greater security now that you have had the courage to hear another.

In our time, I believe this all applies no matter how "bad" the opposing view, even if you think it would ruin the country in question, commit a horrible moral atrocity, or destroy the entire world. When the stakes are as high as they often seem to be, opposing views (or our own views) really could be that disastrous. And yet, there is always a reason why a view exists even if it is disastrously wrong, a reason we could learn from. Perhaps the reason isn't logical, perhaps it's even hateful. But we can still learn from it.

What a comfort: no matter how bad or contentious things get, we can always learn. As we say, "*Eitz Chayim Hi*", learning is the "Tree of Life."

Keep learning, my friends.

Michael Feldman

FROM OUR PRESIDENT

I hope everyone had a wonderful and meaningful Holiday period. Time is moving along very quickly, the elections and Thanksgiving are just around the corner. Take the time to research all the propositions because they will affect each and every one of us.

Please try and join us in person as we need your presence to keep our services going. For us to continue to provide these services we need your support. Please continue to donate to Temple B'nai Emet and consider becoming a member. It is never too late.

This year the High Holidays came early and as a result Chanukah will be early this year. Chanukah will be starting December 4th thru December 12, 2026. We look forward to seeing you at our Chanukah celebration which will be held on Sunday, December 6,2026 at 5:00 pm. We will have refreshments and live music. Please contact the Temple office if you like to join us.

The Hebrew classes that were held in August by Rabbi Malka were successful and many showed much interest in attending every Tuesday. Rabbi Malka would like to continue the Hebrew classes if there is continued interest. If you are interested please notify the Temple office.

Ricardo Aespuro

TEMPLE B'NAI EMET TRIBUTE FUND….
Send a thoughtful card to a friend or relative for all occasions.
ALL contributions further the support of our Temple. Tributes are **$3.00**. WE NEED AND WELCOME YOUR SUPPORT…. Call the Temple
(626) 545-2053.



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Janis and David Kramer – on the loss of David's beloved Sister Betty. From Sandy Olesen, The Temple B'nai Emet Board.
Michel Nunez – on the loss of his beloved Sister Natasha. From Roslyn Siegel

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THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING WHO MADE A PLEDGE ON YOM KIPPUR 2026

Luba and George Gelmis

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CHANUKAH PARTY

Sunday, December 5th
At 5:00 pm

Please call the Temple Office to R.S.V.P.
By November 27th

YORZEITS

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 6TH

Harry Baron	Nov. 6-7
Rebecca Ebberman	Nov. 6-7
Reba Epstein	Nov. 6-7
Benjamin Glickstein	Nov. 6-7
Harry Kenegsberg	Nov. 6-7
Israel Shneider	Nov. 6-7
Haim Aharoni	Nov. 7-8
Lena Bran	Nov. 7-8
Cecile Gold	Nov. 7-8
Charles M. Greenberg	Nov. 7-8
Leon Gurnick	Nov. 7-8
David Harris	Nov. 7-8
Irwin Kane	Nov. 7-8
Joseph George Stone	Nov. 7-8
Katie Aarons	Nov. 8-9
Samuel Bricker	Nov. 8-9
Hyman Fanarof	Nov. 8-9
Ben Gurewitz	Nov. 8-9
Pearl Kelman	Nov. 8-9
Lillian Klein	Nov. 8-9
Norman Marks	Nov. 8-9
Nathan Meisner	Nov. 8-9
Theodore Rose	Nov. 8-9
Marguerite Rosenfeld	Nov. 8-9
Lillian Saks	Nov. 8-9
Julius Shapiro	Nov. 8-9
Carl Sherman	Nov. 8-9
Louis Altshuler	Nov. 9-10
Rose Gurewitz	Nov. 9-10
Etta Lawres	Nov. 9-10
Israel Stern	Nov. 9-10
Roy Stevens	Nov. 9-10
Lena Yellin	Nov. 9-10
Isadore Jacob Denenholtz	Nov. 10-11
Rose K. Engle	Nov. 10-11
Lillian Fertman	Nov. 10-11
Max J. Peurye	Nov. 10-11
Abraham Segal	Nov. 10-11
Rhoda Segal	Nov. 10-11
Clara Segal	Nov. 10-11
Betty Apsel	Nov. 11-12
Jack Morton King	Nov. 11-12
Samuel Kleeger	Nov. 11-12
Benjamin Levine	Nov. 11-12
Lillian Balonick	Nov. 12-13
Atty Finegood	Nov. 12-13
Max Green	Nov. 12-13
Betty Katz	Nov. 12-13
Nathan Rosenfeld	Nov. 12-13

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13TH

Samuel Gersh	Nov. 13-14
Esther Ruth Lubovsky	Nov. 13-14
Norman Pine	Nov. 13-14
Ben Isman	Nov. 14-15
David Katz	Nov. 14-15
Sol Mistriel	Nov. 14-15
Sam Rosenstein	Nov. 14-15
Yakov Sabin	Nov. 14-15
Ruth Shrager	Nov. 14-15
Jacob Bernstein	Nov. 15-16
Emanuel Meisner	Nov. 15-16
Harry Meyer	Nov. 15-16
Anna Peskay	Nov. 15-16
Samuel Rosen	Nov. 15-16
Charles H. Adelman	Nov. 16-17
Morris Baileys	Nov. 16-17
Ida LeVine	Nov. 16-17
Maurice Musicant	Nov. 16-17
Marvin G. Robbins	Nov. 16-17
Arnold Spring	Nov. 16-17
Herman Wolff	Nov. 16-17
Jack Yarrish	Nov. 16-17
Regina Zemel	Nov. 16-17
Rose Balonick	Nov. 17-18
Mathew Newman	Nov. 17-18
Joseph Peter	Nov. 17-18
Ben Schwartz	Nov. 17-18
Bella Serkin	Nov. 17-18
Bertha Spitzer	Nov. 17-18
Edward Morris Weinberg	Nov. 17-18
Chaim Weiser	Nov. 17-18
Dlin Lorna	Nov. 18-19
Morris Gross	Nov. 18-19
Elizabeth Henteleff	Nov. 18-19
Carol Kadar	Nov. 18-19
Louis Kart	Nov. 18-19
Regina Kleinman	Nov. 18-19
Morris Markowitz	Nov. 18-19
Jeanne Morris	Nov. 18-19
Myrtle Rosenzweig	Nov. 18-19
Charles Rothstein	Nov. 18-19
Miriom Siegel	Nov. 18-19
Shael Smith	Nov. 18-19
Rabbi Samuel Smith	Nov. 18-19
Pearl Watstein	Nov. 18-19
Henry Weiss	Nov. 18-19
Samuel Dolgow	Nov. 19-20
Morris Kirschenbaum	Nov. 19-20
Paul Mallett	Nov. 19-20

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 20TH

Judith Barron`	Nov. 20-21
Henry Drexler	Nov. 20-21
Sarah Forman	Nov. 20-21
Alta Chava Lerner	Nov. 20-21
Jacob Levine	Nov. 20-21
Blanche J. Zipper	Nov. 20-21
Julius Altman	Nov. 21-22
Manuel Gross	Nov. 21-22
Rachael Pollock	Nov. 21-22
Horace W. (Tom) Tomer	Nov. 21-22
Sidney (Sid) Cutler	Nov. 22-23
Zali G. Meisner	Nov. 22-23
Samuel Leon Schleet	Nov. 22-23
Bessie Tankelson	Nov. 22-23
Sol Walder	Nov. 22-23
Benjamin Brick	Nov. 23-24
Sarah Cramer	Nov. 23-24
Max Eskenasy	Nov. 23-24
Joan Nortel	Nov. 23-24
Joseph Marco Pessah	Nov. 23-24
William S. Porges	Nov. 23-24
Lee Rappaport	Nov. 23-24
Henrietta Sheckter	Nov. 23-24
Bertha Black	Nov. 24-25
Lena Esterman	Nov. 24-25
Elaine Katz	Nov. 24-25
Morris Cohen	Nov. 25-26
Sylvia Butler Karter	Nov. 25-26
Fannie Lieber	Nov. 25-26
Grace Shulman Malkin	Nov. 25-26
Jack Pekich	Nov. 25-26
David Schultz	Nov. 25-26
Roselle Barrett	Nov. 26-27
Ethel Rose Bloom	Nov. 26-27
Morris Dix	Nov. 26-27
Chave Gold	Nov. 26-27
Max Greenfield	Nov. 26-27
Max Katz	Nov. 26-27
Gene Levey	Nov. 26-27

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 27TH

Pauline Robbins Frank	Nov. 27-28
Abraham Isaac Harris	Nov. 27-28
Sidney Emanuel Klein	Nov. 27-28
Harry Levine	Nov. 27-28
Becky Shapiro	Nov. 27-28
Bud Shulman	Nov. 27-28
Rose Wasserman	Nov. 27-28
Consuelo De La Vega	Nov. 28-29
Isaac Franco	Nov. 28-29
Israel Novicoff	Nov. 28-29
Mary Rabins	Nov. 28-29
Frank Simmons	Nov. 28-29
Chester Smith	Nov. 28-29
Abe Weiner	Nov. 28-29
Joyce Cohen	Nov. 29-30
Dr. Joseph Eiser	Nov. 29-30
Herman Goldstein	Nov. 29-30
Esther Koffman	Nov. 29-30
Esther Raymor	Nov. 29-30
Joseph Toibin	Nov. 29-30
Leopold Zimmerman	Nov. 29-30
Ada Kreitzberg	Nov. 30-Dec. 1
Joseph Katz	Nov. 30-Dec. 1
Jacob Powell	Nov. 30-Dec. 1
Anne Goldberg	Dec. 1-2
Rickie Levey	Dec. 1-2
Marilyn Marcus	Dec. 1-2
Jacob Simon	Dec. 1-2
Albert Cousens	Dec. 2-3
Irving Fink	Dec. 2-3
Leah Fonstein	Dec. 2-3
Mollie Jacobson	Dec. 2-3
William B. Karz	Dec. 2-3
Margaret Najarian	Dec. 2-3
Pearl Shapiro	Dec. 2-3
Elsie Spievak	Dec. 2-3
Louis Zaslower	Dec. 2-3
Harold Horwitz	Dec. 3-4



HAPPY NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Nikki Applebaum	Nov. 1st
Michelle Bear	Nov. 1st
Beatrice Danoff	Nov. 3rd
Michael Bear	Nov. 7th
David Kramer	Nov. 8th
Jonathan Perez	Nov. 11th
Sarah Lerner	Nov. 21st
Yair Yehezkel	Nov. 25th
Joel Perez	Nov. 28th



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11th – Veterans Day **(Office Closed)**
26th – Thanksgiving **(Office Closed)**
27th – **(Office Closed)**

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PLEASE EXPEDITE

DECEMBER
5th – 1st Day of Chanukah
6th - Chanukah Party - **5:00 p.m.**
12th – 8th Day of Chanukah

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

Schedule of Services



Saturday morning services continue to be conducted through **ZOOM** at **9:30 A.M.** If you are interested in joining services call the Temple office or leave your email address on the Temple's answering machine and we will send you the log in information.

Candle Lighting Time

"Beautify the Sabbath and Your Home"



November 6.....4:37
November 13.....4:32
November 20.....4:28
November 27.....4:26