



Temple El Emeth Bulletin

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From My Desk...Reflections on My Recent Trip

Now that I've returned from my latest trip to Israel (I hope to return in the future), let me share a few observations about the country and our people living there.

The last time I was in Israel was 15 years ago. If you don't return on a frequent basis, you will be astonished at the rapid physical growth within the country. Areas that just a decade and a half ago were villages, have expanded to become cities. As an example, Tel Aviv throughout the 20th century had few tall buildings. Most were the original Bauhaus style that comprised only a few floors. Hence, many of the older buildings were "walk-ups". In addition, most of these buildings got their heating from large water tanks sitting atop the buildings, heating up in the strong sun that shines on Israel throughout the year. Today, the Tel Aviv skyline is dominated by sleek new high-rises, and cranes putting up more high-rises. Gleaming towers overlook the Mediterranean, and purchase prices have "gone through the roof". Apparently, the demand to live in Tel Aviv—despite the war and economic pressures—is very high. And why not? The allure of the beach and the attraction of many high end shops is powerful. It was hard for me to decide whether to run to the Mediterranean for another knee-high wade, or window-shop for things I'd have trouble affording! I'm not complaining, mind you. It is invigorating to see Israel's economy growing steadily. It is a divine blessing that our Israeli cousins can live in an Israel whose stores rival any we have in the West.

Second- the people. Sometimes, Israelis are criticized for their very forward attitude. It seems to outsiders that Israelis often interfere in other people's business. Stories abound of Jewish women looking at babies in strollers, and telling the mother they think the baby is too cold or too hot or too thin. Or Jewish men who overhear a political conversation at the next table and "butt in" with their opinion. This is not because Israelis are rude for the sake of rudeness. It stems, rather, from the fact that, as all Jews are extended family, most Israelis are genuinely concerned for your welfare, and will opine as to how to raise your child, or how to cook better, or how to vote. While we might consider this "none of your business", this attitude has a positive side. As an example, one evening I was sitting outside my hotel, on a fountain-pool wall. I may have had a "far-away look" on my face (or, perhaps, a confused look). In any case, a woman noticed me, walked over, and kindly asked, "Atah B'seder"? ("Are you o.k. ?") I assured her that I was, and thanked her for asking. As she walked away, I wondered whether I would have gotten an inquiry like that if I had been sitting in a similar spot in the United States. So often people walk by without stopping, even if they know the person may indeed need some help.

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Friday Evening (5:45 PM) and
Saturday Morning (10:00 AM)
Services are *HYBRID*.

Monday and Thursday Evening
(5:45 PM) Services are *VIRTUAL*.



SHABBAT

Candle Lighting Times

Reprinted on monthly calendar

Friday, January 2	4:47 PM
Friday, January 9	4:54 PM
Friday, January 16	5:01 PM
Friday, January 24	5:10 PM
Friday, January 31	5:18 PM

HAVDALAH

Saturday, January 3	5:46 PM
Saturday, January 10	5:53 PM
Saturday, January 17	6:01 PM
Saturday, January 24	6:09 PM
Saturday, January 31	6:18 PM

Baruch Dayan Ha-Emet

We note with sorrow the passing of

Steve Gerson

Father of Member,
Laura Silverman

Godfrey Anderson

Father of Member
Steven Anderson

*We extend our deepest condolences to all
their family members. May G-d help you
with strength, comfort and healing.
May G-d comfort and sustain you among
the mourners of Zion and Jerusalem.*

Hybrid Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, January 6th
7:30 PM

WITHIN THE SYNAGOGUE

From My Desk...Reflections on My Recent Trip Cont'd from page 1..

Third- the food. The food in Israel is delicious. My younger son, Daniel, happened to be in Israel with me to celebrate a family wedding. As he has been to Israel many times in the last two years, he is quite familiar with several major cities. When I asked about lunch one afternoon, he took me to a shawarma/falafel stand that has been in steady operation since 1939. It is reputedly the best fixed- stand shawarma/falafel place in Tel Aviv. The food was outstanding! (I am starting to salivate just remembering the dish we got (we shared one because the plate was piled high with food). Vegetables and fruit throughout Israel are very fresh, usually delivered just hours before use. And, it is remarkable to note that historically, under every foreign conqueror, the soil became weak, yielding very poor results. Only under the Jews does the land reveal its fertility.

Fourth- the incredible advances in archaeology. Fifteen years ago, a tunnel under the Western Wall in Jerusalem had been uncovered, and the process of searching it had recently begun. Today, much more of the tunnel has been excavated, and all sorts of treasures from both Second and First Temple times have been recovered. A bell from the hem of the robe of one of the High Priests' garments was recently found! The tunnel now leads to a place within just a few yards of where the Holy of Holies stood! The Pilgrim Road, on which our ancestors walked, as they ascended Mount Moriah to reach the Temple has been revealed! It is breathtaking to realize that one discovery after another fits right in with the Biblical story of Israel during the reign of King David and of King Solomon. Our enemies wish these discoveries didn't exist. Anyone who appreciates the Bible, however, hears historic voices from 3,000 years ago calling clearly to us. Archaeological discoveries prove that those stories and details are as true today as the day they were recorded. Israel is, indeed, the motherland of the Jewish people.

Taking these 4 observations together, you can understand why I was reluctant to board the plane from Tel Aviv to New York. Of course, I love and appreciate the many friends and family I have here in the U.S. But, truth be told, I'd hop on the next plane to Tel Aviv, if I could. I hope to return to breathe in more of the air of Eretz Yisrael, and celebrate the existence of the State of Israel. "My heart is in the East, and I am in the uttermost West", lamented poet Judah Halevi, 900 years ago. What would he have given to be able to board an airplane and arrive in Israel in a matter of a few hours ? Let's see- the next El Al flight from JFK to Tel Aviv leaves at_____.

Rabbi Seth Sternstein

FIESTA

Congratulations to our 2025 Fiesta winners!

Don & Diane DiPiero

Ronna Jo Marlin

Isaac Hetson

Three "S" Express Trucking

Elyse Silverman

Special thanks to our hard-working committee that made our only fund-raising event a great success. We acknowledge all who sold tickets, and all of you who supported us by purchasing a ticket. Your generosity makes a difference.

Jeffrey Marlin, President

PROGRAMMING

Celebrate Tu b'Shevat with PJ Library
at Temple El Emeth

Monday, February 2, 2026

5:00—6:15 pm

Children will make grass pets !

PIZZA DINNER WILL BE SERVED !

Please RSVP to Barb Wilson at the J at 330-746-3251



TEMPLE EL EMETH
SHABBAT SERVICE AND KIDDUSH LUNCHEON
Saturday, February 7, 2026
In recognition of
The Four Chaplains

The "Four Chaplains" were four U.S. Army chaplains who sacrificed their lives on the troop transport ship USAT Dorchester in 1943, giving their life jackets to others when the ship was torpedoed. They were Methodist minister the Reverend George L. Fox, Reform Rabbi Alexander D. Goode, Catholic priest Father John P. Washington, and Dutch Reformed minister the Reverend Clark V. Poling. The chaplains were remembered for their selfless act of giving their life vests to other soldiers and were seen praying together as the ship sank.



PROGRAMMING



LIBERTY COMMUNITY FOOD PANTRY

Churchill United Methodist Church 189 Churchill Hubbard Road

January & February Food Distributions are DRIVE-THRU ONLY.

NO Volunteers are needed for January or February.

SISTERHOOD



January 2026 Torah Fund

The Torah Fund supports the Jewish Theological Seminary (JTS). One of the many Benefits of the JTS are Lifelong Learning Programs. These programs offer meaningful insights into the Torah. The programs offered afford opportunity to learn from the Jewish Theological Seminary scholars. The programs are available as podcasts, on-line courses, as well as campus activities. The resources are available 24/7 and all of these give us knowledge in Jewish studies.

Sincerely,

Louise Kline

Torah Fund Chairman

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2026 is here!

Temple-Gram books celebrate our full members' Simchas, including:

- * Milestone birthdays and anniversaries (men and women, every five years)*
- * Children's B'nai Mitzvahs*
- * Weddings*

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Your **\$36** donation not only supports Temple El Emeth but also ensures your greetings and good wishes are shared in 2026. **Thank you** for helping us honor our members' joyous occasions and for being part of this Meaningful tradition.

February 2026

_____ Mary Kazimir
February 1st
Special Birthday

_____ Marcia Levy
February 9th
Special Birthday

_____ Sam H. Miller
February 13th
Special Birthday

_____ Jerry Kinast
February 21st
Special Birthday

Please **print your name** the way you want it to appear on the Temple-Gram

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NEWS & NOTES

MAZEL TOV

to those celebrating a Birthday in January

2	Lenore Ackerman	18	Ethan McNutt
6	Carol Gordon	19	Susan Blecher
7	Henry Nathaniel Kay	22	Gregory Alper
10	Marleigh Schonberger	28	Alan Cropp
12	David Randell	29	Jeannie Peskin
13	Jill Rogers	30	Laureen Kinast
14	Sherri Clayman	31	Terry Roth
	Eva Cropp		Bob Shansky
	Marc Silverman		Elaine Zolton

MAZEL TOV

to those celebrating an Anniversary in January

2	Howard & Linda Sniderman	55 th
3	Allan & Hannah Sharapan	61 st
27	Aron & Susan Blecher	52 nd

YAHREZEITS

January 1—January 9 12 Tevet—20 Tevet

Sidney Allen*
Morris Averbach*
Seva Averbach*
Morris Azneershansky*
Sophie Bazil*
Rebecca Mirkin Beck*
Esther Bonow*
George "Yanive" Boone
Sunny Butchin
Pearl Clayman*
Mary Cukerbaum*
Mary Deitchman*
Anna Edner*
Louis Farber*
Joseph Feuer*
Rachel Feuer*
Eliezer Friedberg*
Alexander Friedman*
Henry Friedman*
Samuel Joseph Gluck*
Edith Goldstone
Samuel Harr*
Louis Hollander*
Cheryl Karner Friedlander
Karen Hydos
Herman Katz*
Kenneth Katz
Cindy Joy Kirkorsky*
Stanley A. Kornspan*
Toby Levin*
Morris Melincoff*

January 1—January 9 12 Tevet—20 Tevet

Nelson Mendelson
Rose Gross Moranz*
Walter P. Morosko
Esther Moskowitz*
Saul L. Nadler*
Jacqueline B. Perlman*
Oscar B. Pollack*
Hannah Protetch*
Theodore Regenstreich*
Rose Rose*
Rose Rothenberg*
Fannie Saks
Vicki Schermer*
Morris Shonberg*
Max George Silver*
Jacob Smulovitz*
Helen Sperling*
Celia Suskind
Babette Soule Tucker*
Eugene Ungar*
Ethel Wagman*
Peggy R. Wagman*
Morris Weber*
Elizabeth Weiss
Lottie White*
Dora R. Wilkoff*
Leo S. Wilkoff*
Samuel Wilkoff*
Irwin Witchner*
Morris Zoldan*

January 10—January 16 21 Tevet—27 Tevet

Bonnie Apple*
Judy Elder Bail*
Irving Berchuck
Morris I. Berkson*
Ephraim Berman*
Bess Bock*
Sally Chudakoff
Rose Cohen*
Sonia Hersch Cramer*
Albert Deutsch*
Louis Greenberg*
Ruth Grossman*
Abraham Jacob Harr*
Morris Hoffman*
Mollie Hollander*
Clara Kesselman*
Charles B. Klyn*
Peter Kurjan*
Nate Landau*
Henrietta Levington*
Nancy Cohen Mayerson*
Abraham Millstone*
Idabelle R. Nathan
Beatrice E. Ozer*
Herman L. Robins*
Roberta Rome*
Jack Rusnak*
Charlotte J Stein Schwartz*
David Schwartz
Max Schwartz*
Jean Yarmy Shagrin*

YAHREZEITS

January 10—January 16 21 Tevet—27 Tevet

Yetta Shuman*
Anna Sisman*
Bertha Sisman*
Elizabeth Sniderman*
Florence Speck*
Lillian Weiss
Lillian Wittow*

January 17—January 23 28 Tevet—5 Shevat

Diana Altshuler*
Helen R. Berman*
Marie Klein Bloch
Anna Bonow
Kenneth Burdman*
Isadore Louis Cohen*
Phil Cohen*
Julius Cohn*
Linka Crow*
Harry Davidow*
Morris Davis*
Michelle DeTar
David Deutsch*
Helen Giber Engel*
Bertha Feuer*
Paul Ralph Freeman*
Hanny Klafter Fried*
Louis Fried*
Philip Terry Garfield*
Esther Giber*
Judy Goldberger*
Harry Grinstein*
Jacob Haber*
Bess Mirkin Haines*
Charles Kanfer*
Charles Landau*
Mishke Lazar*
Sarah Levitin*
Rose Liebowitz*

January 17—January 23 28 Tevet—5 Shevat

Sara N. Malkin*
Chaya Malkoff*
Meyer Moritz*

Abraham Nadler*
Joseph L. Oblonsky*
Louis Aaron Ozersky*
Ida Passell*
Anna Pianin*
Leonard Pianin
Samuel Podolny*
Sam Rifkin*
Richard Alan Roth*
David Schneider*
Sarah Shulman*
Max Siegel*
Edward William Silver*
Sophie Rose Silver*
Bertha Levin Simon*
Dobeh Simon*
Bernie Solomon*
Howard Solomon*
Ruth Solomon*
Rebecca Spector*
Blanche Weiss*
Elaine S. Winick*

January 24—January 31 6 Shevat—13 Shevat

Eli Agrenovitz*
Myron Agrenovitz*
Remelda Allen*
Franz Bibo*
Gita Rachel Chaimovitz*
Al Clebone
Ann Cohen*
Sandra U. Fein*
Helen Ida Freed*
Eleizer Fried*
Tillie Friedberg*
Bella Froomkin*
David Froomkin*
Harry Ginsburg*
Jenny Gossoff*
Joseph Greenblatt*
Sarah Greenblatt*

January 24—January 31 6 Shevat—13 Shevat

Eva Jacob*
Helen Katz*
Samuel Kaufman*

Nathan Labow*
Irvin Lapidus*
Morris Levy*
Bernard L. Linder*
Rena A. Lombardo*
Sophie Bradlyn Margolis*
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Norma Moldowsky*
Helen Newman
Lillian Ostroff*
Morris Panner*
Isadore H. Pearlstein*
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Freda Redford*
Bernard Rose
Hyman J. Rubin*
Sylvia Schwartz
Joseph Schwebel*
Morris Seif*
Gizella Sherman*
Nancy Slate*
Samuel Smith*
Sidney Sniderman*
Tillie Glass Sniderman*
Marvin R. Solomon*
Jaimy Spey*
Louis Spitzer*
Morris Jacob Suskind
Harold Weinblatt*
Harry Wisman*
Leo Zusman*



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those who
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Plaques

DONATIONS

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

David Ackerman
Sophie Rose Silver
 By Lenore Ackerman

Irving Berchuck
 By Marilyn Berchuck

Yaniv "George" Boone
Michelle DeTar
 By Dannielle MacDuff

Kenneth Burdman
 By Bonnie & Lee Burdman

Aunt, Rose Selma Felkowitz
Grandmother, Lena Felkowitz
Aunt, Ceil Hassid
 By Sheila Evenchik

Morris Firestone
Sophie Firestone
 By Terri & Neil Kaback

Louis Fish
 By Don & Diane DiPiero

Paul Ralph Freeman
 By Barbara Freeman Palmer
 Nancy Freeman Schwachter
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Morris Friedman
Jack Rusnak
 By Jill & Steve Cahn

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

Beloved Grandfather, Morris Friedman
Beloved Father, Bernard L. Linder
 By Shelley & Harvey Handler

Morris Friedman
Bernard L. Linder
 By Susie & Gary Rozanczyk

Freda Gerson
 By Geri & Nigel Newman

William Gordon
 By James & Amy Keller

Sister, Cheryl Karner Friedlander
 By Phyllis Friedman

Phillip Terry Garfield
 By Sharon Garfield

Bess Mirkin Haines
 By Janet Haines

Stanley A. Kornspan
By Dr. Len & Charlene (Kornspan)
 Winer

Father, Bernard L. Linder
 By Lori Linder

Rose Gross Moranz
 By Joel & Marsha Moranz

Helen Newman
 By Geri & Nigel Newman

Yahrzeits

In Loving Memory Of:

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 By Paula & David Kutlick

David Schneider
Howard Solomon
 By Martin Solomon

Mother, Frieda Lilienstern Schulman
Brother, Harri Jacob Schulman
 By Sonja Schwartz

Bernard Schwartz
Charlotte Schwartz
 By Richard & Janice Schwartz

Charlotte J. Stein Schwartz
 By Robert L Schwartz & Family

Nancy Slate
 By Richard Slate & Family

Howard Solomon
 By Judy Solomon & Family

Michael Stein
 By Brad & Judy Levy

TEMPLE FUND

In Memory of:

Steve Gerson
 By Rick & Ronna Marlin
 Lisa & Randy Mirman
 Gerry & Jeannie Peskin



We never know what weather is on tap!
 During this Winter Season, be sure to call the Temple prior to coming over—in case weather forces closure of the Temple offices.

TEMPLE OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday
 9:00 AM– 4 PM
(Afternoons by Appointment)

Friday
 9:00 AM—12 Noon



The Deadline for the February Bulletin
is January 15th

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Wish You A Happy & Healthy New Year!