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Journeying to the New Year…. For Trees

Jewish festivals were almost all originally based in agriculture but as the people were removed from the land, Judaism became more cerebral and more text-based. That’s not a bad thing, of course... one of the glues that for two thousand years has held our people together no matter where we find ourselves has been pilpul, the excited discussion of minutiae of text. Finding God mainly in text, however, left vast numbers of Jews feeling isolated from spiritual experiences, which is one of the reasons why both Kabbalah and subsequently Chasidic Judaism rose to prominence with their strong focus on finding God either in mystical experiences or in the natural world around us.

In contemporary society, we are profoundly removed from the cycles of the earth, from harvests and more, which is why the festival of Tu BiShevat – the New Year for Trees – is starting to rise to prominence. In the past, Tu BiShevat was such a minor festival that some books on festivals do not even mention it. Tu BiShevat gained much more prominence when the Kabbalists of Sefat created their own rituals to celebrate the day, most notably a Tu BiShevat seder.

That’s not to say that people didn’t know of the festival. The Babylonian Talmud talks about it, for example. There, it says (Tractate Rosh Hashanah 2a) that there were two opinions for the date of the New Year for Trees – the school of Shamai said the 1st of Shevat whereas the school of Hillel said the 15th. Hillel’s opinion was accepted and Tu BiShevat (which literally means “the fifteenth of [the month of] Shevat”) became the New Year for Trees.

This year, I have updated a calendar of readings that I first shared with this community nearly a decade ago, called “Journeys to Tu BiShevat.”
It presents a calendar of Jewish readings and positive actions that start on the day of the festival suggested by Shammai, and end on the day of the festival suggested by Hillel. As well as Jewish texts, I have also provided commentaries each day by an array of non-Jewish environmentalists and ecologists because I believe that if we are to address the increasing number of environmental challenges today, we must learn from everyone and act together. Please be on the lookout for Journeys to Tu Bishevat coming to you in January.

Also, since I mentioned both Kabbalah and Jewish environmentalism, I am very pleased that I will be teaching on both during 2024 – three sessions on Jewish mysticism and six sessions based on some of the research for my book on Judaism and the environment. Israel Baal Shem Tov once said (Shivkhei HaBesht, 329) that “nature is of the very essence of Deity.” I agree on the statement but understand that connection between God and nature differently to him, and I am very excited to share my own perspective on this over the year.

We have an exciting 2024 ahead of us – much learning, many opportunities to gather in each other’s homes for local community Havdalah services, more chances to explore differing Jewish spiritual paths and even celebrating ten years of us learning and growing together since we moved to this Land of Enchantment.

-- Rabbi Neil Amswych

A MESSAGE FROM CANTOR LIANNA

We just finished reading the book of Genesis, which concludes with the epic story of Joseph. One of the first things we learn about Joseph is that his father, Jacob, loves Joseph the most of all his sons, and that the way that Jacob expresses his love is by making him an ornamented tunic. Jacob causes jealousy among his children by giving only Joseph a special handmade garment, but there should be enough love and enough handmade clothes to share!
In a more heartwarming story, in 1 Samuel, Hannah prays desperately to have a child, and promises to dedicate him to Temple service once he’s born. After Samuel goes to work at the Temple, Hannah continues to make him a little robe that she brings to him every year when she makes her pilgrimage to offer sacrifices. When she’s far away, she continues to express her motherly love by making garments for him. She can’t hug her son very often, but she can make sure that he is always wrapped up in the symbol of her love.

You have probably seen me knitting - I almost always have a project in my backpack. The more I knit, the more I feel the magic in knitting. You take a length of string and loop it around itself until it turns into a garment, with thousands of little interlocking motions. Every stitch is an act of love. I made my dad a hat this year with a cable going all the way around the brim, using a lovely gray wool that I bought at Looking Glass Yarn.

It’s important to me to be able to give my loved ones things I made with my own hands, a little bit at a time. It shows an investment of time and talent, and gives them a little piece of my soul to keep for themselves. I am someone who needs to keep my hands busy, and one of reasons I like knitting is to keep my hands moving and doing. Psalms 90:17 asks for the work of our hands to prosper. The phrase “Ma’aseh Yadeinu,” the works of our hands, appears in some blessings. That phrase always sticks in my head - how important it is for us to do and make, to give of our time and talent.

I am especially thinking of all of the “Ma’aseh Yadeinu” of all the volunteers who help keep TBS running - the hands that grate potatoes for the latke lunch, that wash dishes after oneg, that sign people in for events, and serve food at Pete’s Place. Volunteering, giving the gift of the labor of your hands, is such a deep act of love, and we want to make sure to thank everyone who shows their love for TBS and the community in so many different ways!

-- Cantor Lianna Mendelson

The author’s father and sister, wearing a hand-knit hat and scarf.
As I take on the role of President of our congregation, I am grateful for the twenty plus years of experience I had as the Cantorial Soloist, teacher and B’nei Mitzvah coordinator. Having been a staff member, this transition feels seamless and fun, kind of like rejoining a family. Even though I thought I was ‘retiring” four and a half years ago, it became apparent that I still wanted to contribute to my TBS family in a significant way. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I especially want to acknowledge Lisa Adelman, our immediate past President, for her encouragement and on-going guidance and expert advice.

Thirty plus years ago I was on the Board during a difficult, controversial time. We were a Board divided with many late night, heated debates. But what struck me then and has stayed with me ever since, is the devotion of the TBS leadership. The dedication to fairness, Jewish values and their love of this congregation prevailed then, as it continues to do so to this day. I pray that I will be able to follow their examples with respect and love. To my delight, several of my previous students are on our current Temple Board along with seasoned congregants; a wonderful combination of viewpoints.

We are evolving as a congregation. We are in the midst of hiring a pre-school director (this task should be completed by the time you read this.) Our (not-so-new) Cantor continues to impress; she is abundantly capable in and out of the Sanctuary, stepping in to handle pre-school needs with insight and humor. With our continued growth, we are incorporating new employees onto our team to better respond to programming challenges and expanding office needs. We are closely scrutinizing our accounting system under the superb leadership of Gary Goldstein, (our fearless Treasurer) and Mellanie, our dedicated bookkeeper.

I have profound respect and admiration for Rabbi Neil in dealing with the very emotional situation in Israel. He has been able to hear a full array of differing opinions and criticisms and has responded to those congregants with respect, kindness and honesty.

Best wishes for the new (secular) year. May your 2024 be filled with health and happiness.

B’shalom,
Meredith Brown
FRIDAY, JANUARY 5
5:30 PM Family Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 6
9:00 AM Torah Study (Shemot)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, JANUARY 13
9:00 AM Torah Study (Vaera)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
Bar Mitzvah of Ari Harris

FRIDAY, JANUARY 19
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
New Board Installation

SATURDAY, JANUARY 20
9:00 AM Torah Study (Bo)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, JANUARY 26
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
With Friday Night Live Band

SATURDAY, JANUARY 27
9:00 AM Torah Study (Beshalach)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3
9:00 AM Torah Study (Yitro)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9
5:30 PM Family Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10
9:00 AM Torah Study (Mishpatim)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17
9:00 AM Torah Study (Teruma)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23
6:30 PM Erev Shabbat Service
With Friday Night Live Band

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 24
9:00 AM Torah Study (Tetzaveh)
10:30 AM Shabbat Morning Service
CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

Friday, January 5 - 4:46 pm  
Friday, January 12 - 4:52 pm  
Friday, January 19 - 4:59 pm  
Friday, January 26 - 5:06 pm  
Friday, February 2 - 5:13 pm  
Friday, February 9 - 5:21 pm  
Friday, February 16 - 5:28 pm  
Friday, February 23 - 5:35 pm

HOCHBERG ACADEMY NEWS

The Hochberg Academy spent a few nights creating their own modern Talmud on two interesting conundrums posited by Rabbi Neil. They engaged with each other and the texts provided, then Rabbi compiled their conversations into pages of Talmud. If you are interested in seeing their efforts contact Ellen Zieselman (see contact below) and she will share the link with you.

Cantor Lianna and Rabbi Neil held a Values Auction which was interesting and fun.

We had our Chanukah celebration on Wed. Dec 13 with latkes, dreidel games, and a gift exchange.

In January we are participating in NFTY's West Coast Party at URJ Camp Newman in San Mateo, California.

In February, our 10th graders are going to Washington, DC to learn about Political Action from the Religious Action Center of Reform Judaism and our 8th graders are going to URJ Greene Family Camp in Texas for a NFTY event there.

The Hochberg Academy is open to all Jewish 8-12 graders in Northern New Mexico. We meet in the Social Hall on Wednesday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm. 
"We always have a snack"™

Know a teen who should be a part of the Hochberg Academy? Contact Ellen Zieselman (Youth Director) -- 505-577-2804

We are generously supported by Jane and Stephen Hochberg.
RELIGIOUS SCHOOL

BUILDING CHARACTER & LIFE-LONG FRIENDSHIPS

With exceptional teachers and intimate class sizes, Temple Beth Shalom’s vibrant religious school provides a spiritual foundation that builds character and forges connections. From elementary to high school, we give children a nurturing place to express themselves honestly and authentically.

For questions about our religious school and youth programming, please contact Cantor Lianna at cantorlianna@gmail.com

Check out the school calendar and upcoming events by clicking here!

PRESCHOOL

NEWS & WELCOME TO THE NEW DIRECTOR

TBS Preschool provides a wonderful resource for families in our community. We serve children ages 18 months - 5 years old with our 4 classrooms. Our incredible teachers are trained in early childhood education and create a warm and welcoming community for families. We will be resuming enrollment in 2024!

We’re very pleased to announce that we recently hired a new Director! Barbara “Amelia” ByrneGonzales comes to TBS Preschool with a great deal of experience in early childhood education and had absolutely glowing references from everyone she’s worked with, including some of our parents at TBS. We’re thrilled she accepted the position!

Parents recently treated teachers and admin staff to a staff appreciation lunch and showered the teachers with gratitude for the year so far! Everyone has expressed their feelings of community and the joy of their work’s recognition. A big thank you to all parents who organized Teacher Appreciation!

TBS Preschool is looking ahead to 2024 and the changes to come under our new direction. In the change, we are creating more cozy spaces around the school. We are accepting donations for these items: tea & coffee set up, electric kettle, colorful rugs, wall painting supplies, string/twinkle lights, long bolts of brightly colored fabric (to drape a large window), drinks/snacks for staff lounge.
Ari Harris has been a vibrant, thoughtful, and gregarious individual since he was a preschooler at TBS. He is now in 7th grade at the Eldorado Community School, where he is involved with WAVE, a club that promotes social justice and helps make the school community a welcoming place for everyone.

Ari loves team sports and plays lacrosse, basketball, and baseball. Baseball is his favorite, and he has been known to pitch a few no-hitter games! In addition to playing sports, Ari is an avid musician. He learned to play the ukelele and guitar during the pandemic and has become a serious guitarist over the last few years. He also plays bassoon in school band and honors band. History is Ari's favorite subject - he loves American history, world history, sports history, and music history. But he also has a strong interest in his family history and his heritage.

He has been working hard to become a bar mitzvah and taking great interest in working with the Rabbi and Cantor as he grapples with the meaning and relevance of his Torah portion, Va'era. His parashat inspires him to donate money to an organization that supports refugees as part of his Tzedaka project.
Rebbe Soul in concert Sunday March 17th.
In conjunction with Congregation Bet Tikvah. Stay tuned in the e-digest for all of the details.

In response to the horrific events of October 7th, the war in Gaza and the rise of a virulent antisemitism in the U.S. and New Mexico, the Jewish Community Relations Coalition of Northern New Mexico has been formed. For information go to: https://www.jcrcnm.org/

NEWS SOURCES FOR ISRAEL/GAZA

American news sources for updated information on Israel/Gaza are:

The Israeli news sources are:
Jerusalem Post: https://www.jpost.com/tags/israeli-palestinian-conflict
Times of Israel: https://www.timesofisrael.com/
Haaretz: https://www.haaretz.com/

The Arab news sources are:
Aljazeera: https://www.aljazeera.com/where/israel/

The Jewish news American Sources are:
The Forward: https://forward.com/tag/israel/
Jewish News Syndicate: https://www.jns.org/
WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE

1. Support the IDF (via the Israel Democracy activist group)
   Provides food and supplies such as thermal shirts, helmet lights, socks, etc.
   https://beactive.co.il/project/73912

2. Support Kibbutz Nir Oz
   The people who are left of Kibbutz Nir Oz have been evacuated with nothing but the clothes on their backs. They lost about 50% of their population to either murder or kidnapping. All of their homes burned. This is where my dear friend Iair Horn, and his brother Eitan, were kidnapped from. The people of Nir Oz will need immediate financial support for the coming days, and even more so as they take on the difficult task of rebuilding their destroyed community. All funds go directly to the bank account of the kibbutz.
   https://my.israelgives.org/en/fundme/kibbutzniroz#tab3_sec2

3. Support the South
   Establishing an aid fund to support the immediate needs of affected families from the south of Israel for housing, mental health & equipment
   https://giveback.co.il/project/74634

4. The Michael Levine Base
   An organization supporting lone members of the IDF (folks without families in Israel). Michael Levin was a brave and dedicated young man who immigrated from Philadelphia in 2002 to Israel and voluntarily chose to draft into the IDF Paratroopers Unit and died in battle.
   https://themichaellevinbase.org/

5. Eran Emotional First Aid
   They provide online and telephone based emotional first aid
   https://en.eron.org.il/donate-online/

6. Israel Rescue
   We are a community-based volunteer emergency medical services (EMS) organization.
   https://israelrescue.org/

7. Magen David Adom
   Israel’s national emergency medical service.
   https://www.mdais.org/en/donation
WHERE TO CONTRIBUTE CONTINUED...

8. Zaka
ZAKA (Hebrew: זאג, abbreviation for Zihuy Korbanot Ason, literally “Disaster Victim Identification” is a series of voluntary community emergency response teams in Israel, each operating in a police district.
https://zaka.org.il/

9. Trauma for good
The Association for the Victims of Post-Trauma among members of the security forces and rescue teams in Israel
https://www.trauma4good.org/en/home2/

10. Ceramic vests and helmets

11. One family together
Bringing together Israel’s victims of terror into one, national, self-supportive family. Our unique community of professionals, volunteers, supporters, and victims stand together to rekindle love and restore.
https://onefamilytogether.org/

12. FIDF Friends of the IDF
https://www.fidf.org/about-fidf/

13. Tomorrow’s Women
Tomorrow’s Women envisions a world where young women lead their communities toward peace, where occupation ends, and justice and human rights prevail. Tomorrow’s Women trains young women from Palestine, Israel, and the United States to be strong, compassionate leaders who partner to resolve conflicts and inspire action that promotes equality, peace, and justice for all
https://connect.clickandpledge.com/w/Form/eec1b004-60d4-4979-8b9d-1a4abf77cebf
OUR CONDOLENCES

To the family of Jane Beam, aunt of Paul Schwalje, who passed away on September 25, 2023

To the family and friends of John Yacobian, a dear friend of Scott & Kathleen Nadler, who passed away on September 26, 2023

To the family of Johanna Ivero, friend of Pamela Michaels, who passed away on October 25, 2023.

To the family of Carol Greenberg, Mother of Andree Rosen, who passed away on December 11, 2023

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Keith & Shakun Leslie
Leticia Lopez
Ari Rothschild
Eve LaFountain, Jon Almaraz & Zev Ziigwan Almaraz

We are so pleased to have each of you as a TBS community member!

Introducing new Temple members Eve LaFountain, Jon Almaraz, and their son Zev Ziigwan Almaraz! Eve is from Santa Fe and Jon is from Los Angeles. Eve and Jon returned to Santa Fe from Los Angeles in 2020, experiencing the challenges of moving and establishing their home in Santa Fe during the Covid pandemic. In the Spring of 2023, Eve and Jon welcomed their baby Zev Ziigwan.

Eve and Jon are artists. Jon is a musician, specializing in the art of audio electronics, and his audio electronics company Fieldwork Devices handcreates pedals and synthesizers. Eve is a Turtle Mountain Chippewa and Jewish multimedia artist and educator. Her work has been widely exhibited and she is well-established in both California and Santa Fe.

Eve’s parents MarLyn LaFountain and Bruce LaFountain were long-time community members, and Eve has fond memories of growing up at Temple Beth Shalom. Eve and Jon are excited to rejoin the Temple and Jewish community!
ANNIVERSARIES

JANUARY

Douglas and Dina Jansen 1/2/1997
Cynthia and Murray Brott 1/3/1974
Richard and Annadru Lampert 1/20/1994
Michael and Laurel Vander Velde 1/28/1968

FEBRUARY

Brenda and Brett Linker 2/6/2004
Harry Shapiro and Peyton Young 2/14/1995
Rosemary Zibart and Jake Barrow 2/18/1974
Bruce and Ellen Herr 2/22/1968
Charles and Alice Zlatkoff 2/23/1984
Ned Laventall and Laura Jeanne Hobbs 2/14/1992
William and Jane Buchsbaum 2/14/1960

BIRTHDAYS

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Neil Weber
Kari Kaplan Rives
Patricia Shulman

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Judith Benkendorf

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Julian Wolfskehl

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Paul Golding

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Raven Harvitz

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Lisa G. Adelman  Cantor Lianna Mendelson
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1/19/2024
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Carolyn Wilhite, Mother of Susan Wilhite
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Lewis Leeson, Father of Alexander Leeson

Walter Levy, Father of Renny Levy
William McKelvey, Brother of Lynn McKelvey
Eleri-Clare Michaels-Northfield, Daughter of Karan Northfield & Pamela Michaels
Toby Rubin, Mother of Glenn Dickter
Sarah Silver, Mother of Melinda Silver
Elizabeth Smith, Mother of Susan Bernstein
Robert Tyroler, Father of Carol Tyroler
Joe Villareal, Grandfather of Carlos Villareal
Herbert Walfish, Father of Joseph Walfish
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2/9/2024
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Norbert Friedman, Father of Gary Friedman
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Sylvia Gollob, Grandmother of Ya’el Chaikind
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Irene Harvitz, Grandmother of Adrienne Harvitz
Jack Kaplan, Father of Marlene Schwalje
Bernice LaPan, Mother of Richard LaPan
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In loving memory of Arian Lampert, remembered by Richard & Annadru Lampert
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