

Kol Sholom

The Voice of Peace



July 2019 Sivan – Tammuz 5779

From the Temple President's Desk

Dear Congregants,

This year, the annual meeting was, in my view, a positive and optimistic experience. As president of the TRS Board of Directors, it was very pleasing to see the potential for a future, for Reform Judaism in Waco, Texas. There is much more that we must do, but it has been a good year, with many accomplishments. I strongly believe that the emphasis (if not the priority) on building membership has been, and will be, the key to our success. Many factors have aligned at the same time to give us a unique opportunity.

The importance of the “Jewish connection” is likely to be even greater than we realize. The attachment is strong and contributes to our pride, regardless of the secular nature of some aspects of our lives. It is my hope that each of you will think more about becoming active in the Temple. The Board and I are determined to do as much as possible in this same regard, and we look forward to a rich congregational life. I ask each of you, affiliated, quasi-affiliated, unaffiliated, active, or marginal, to assist us in building membership, and in committing to the future of Reform Judaism.

Maybe we need to think about the future in the long term. The following short story provides a much better explanation than I can at this time.

To an Audience yet Unborn

Much have I learned from my teachers, more from my colleagues, but most from my students.
Talmud

There is a delightful story about a Rosh Yeshiva, the head of a rabbinical seminary. His name was Rabbi Shlomo Heiman, the first dean of Yeshiva Torah Voda'ath, who had a most amazing way of teaching his students. Unlike the dry lectures given by many brilliant scholars, he would shout with almost breathless rapture as he explained the Talmud and its commentaries. His eyes would sparkle, and his arms would wave as he expounded Talmudic theory. After the class, he would almost collapse from the exertion.

On one particular snowy day back in the early 1940's, only four boys came to class. Nevertheless, Rabbi Heiman delivered his lecture as if the room was packed with hundreds of students. Beads of sweat rolled down his face as he passionately argued points of law to the incredulous four boys. As he paused to catch his breath, one of the boys mustered his courage and beseeched the Torah Giant. “Rebbe, please—there are only four of us.”

The rabbi's eyes widened. “You think I'm giving this class for four boys? I am giving this class to hundreds of boys. I'm giving this class to you, your students, their students, and their students!”

Rabbi Mordecai Kamenetzky
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Have a good month,

Jim Shinder
President

Cantor's Corner

In one of the parshah for the coming month, we read about Korach. He was desperately jealous of Moses' authority and attempted to gain his own prominence by stating the job was too much for Moses and acting as his friend, looking out for his best interest. Sometimes we take the same position as Korach: we hide our real reasons for something and state it is really for another reason. We do this even when it is not malicious. Are we dishonest because of insecurity? Instead of tooting our own horn, so to speak, it is easier to put down the accomplishments of others. The next time you want to make any sort of change, take full ownership of what you want to do and the real reason why you want it. You might not succeed in your request, but one thing is, that is when you have an authentic and honest approach change is guaranteed to take place – because as a person, you will grow by leaps and bounds.

Please consider making a donation to the Temple

It is a wonderful way to:

- Mark a *simchah* (happy occasion)
- Honor someone's memory
- Wish someone a speedy recovery
- Express Gratitude

Donations

A donation was received to the Security Fund in honor of recent graduates Jack Haber, Gretchen Englander, Asa Sternberg and Mara Sternberg.



THE BAT MITZVAH
OF
Ella Grace

SAT, JULY 20, 2019 | 10:00 AM

TEMPLE RODEF SHOLOM, 1717 N. NEW ROAD, WACO, TX

LUNCH TO FOLLOW SERVICE

PLEASE RSVP BY JULY 10TH, 2019 TO:

ellaghansonbatmitzvah@gmail.com

Join us Saturday, July 20 at 10:00 AM, as Ella Grace Hanson becomes a Bat Mitzvah. Please RSVP by July 10 to ellaghansonbatmitzvah@gmail.com



July

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4 Independence Day (Office Closed)	5 6:30 PM Pre-Oneg hosted by Abby Garrett 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	6
7	8	9	10	11	12 6:30 PM Pre-Oneg hosted by Elysse Englander 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky	13
14	15	16	17	18	19 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Cantor O'Desky, followed by Oneg hosted by Mendy Hanson	20 10:00 AM Ella Hanson Bat Mitzvah (Lunch to follow)
21	22	23	24	25	26 6:30 PM Pre-Oneg hosted by Lydia Hays 7:00 PM Shabbat Service led by Matt Andersson	27
28	29	30	31			

Yahrzeits

July 6 – July 12, to be read on July 5

Mary Englander	Edwin McGee	Ida Knobler	Esther Shinder
Helen Levy	Adela Alva	Ida Levy	Rose Snaman
Isadora Naman			

July 13 – July 19, to be read on July 12

Sara Livinski	Clara Scharff	Luci Unell	Benjamin Ettelson
Dora Kleiman	Ruth Jacobs	Rosa Bruck	Mildred Lawrence
Joe Snaman			

July 20 – July 26, to be read on July 19

Heinz Marcks	Edward Silvers	Esther Lewis	Phillip Fogelman
Dr. Milton Spark			

July 27 – August 2, to be read on July 26

Joe Ellis	Sam Segal	Sue Mellin	Rudolph Genecov
Kate Kahan	Jacob Gandler	Virginia Bounds	

Simchas

Birthday

July 16

Emory Bauer

July 11

Joe Schwartz

July 17

Dexter Sternberg

July 25

Daniel Bounds Kam Bauer

July 26

Ella Hanson

July 29

Ellan Burke

July 30

Mickey Kleiman

Anniversary

July 21

Alla Aksel & Stephen Silverstein

THE 2019-2020 ONEG LIST

Kabbalat Shabbat is a space in time for holiness, rest, and joy. The women who create our Onegs help create that space for us. Our Oneg list for 2019-20 is our first step to that joy. There are more than 50 Shabbats on the list, so some people will be asked more than once. If you have a question, ask in the office for the article *"Is Sponsoring an Oneg Shabbat (or a Pre-Neg) at Temple Rodef Sholom New to You?"* If you have a pre-neg this summer, you will find directions in that office article. If you are on a date that will not work for you, please call another woman on the list, and trade with her! If you do not cook, something from the local grocer is a great solution! If you still have a question, or if you are not on the list and you are willing to help, please call Suzan at 881-2131. Remember, it is not about eating, it is about JOY! You are not alone. If someone calls you to trade, please say "yes!" Make it work! We all have to say "yes" for this to work! Say "yes" to joy!

8-2-19 Nora Householder 8-23-19 Patty Knighten	8-9-19 Cindy Wood 8-30-19 Eleanor Levy	8-16-19 Barbara Kirstein
9-6-19 Betty Bauer 9-27-19 Alice Todd	9-13-19 Shana Bauer	9-20-19 Jane Bounds
10-4-19 Elysse Englander 10-25-19 Cheri Gardner	10-11-19 Sara Englander	10-18-19 Ricki Florsheim
11-1-19 Abby Sobel 11-22-19 Nan Haber	11-8-19 Ellan Burke 11-29-19 Alice Todd	11-15-19 Sue Hanson
12-6-19 Tracie Hermann 12-27-19 Suzan Shinder	12-13-19 Yvonne Miller	12-20-19 Nora Householder
1-3-20 Dr. Karen Humphrey 1-24-20 Patty Knighten	1-10-20 Dr. Maura Jortner 1-31-20 Charlotte Labens	1-17-20 Martha Bauer
2-7-20 Suzan Shinder 2-28-20 Ashley McKeown	2-14-20 Gretchen Wiekowski	2-21-20 Gayle Marcuis
3-6-20 Eleanor Levy 3-27-20 Pat Segal	3-13-20 Rachel Martinez	3-20-20 Yvonne Miller
4-3-20 Meg Looney 4-24-20 Jane Bounds	4-10-20 Sue Shipp	4-17-20 Dr. Alla Aksel
5-1-20 Barbara Kirstein 5-22-20 Cindy Wood	5-8-20 Ellan Burke 5-29-20 Lydia Hayes	5-15-20 Lauren Wessinger



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