

Events:

B'nai Zion In Collaboration with Congregation Adat Jeshurun Presents:

“Swell-Behaved” with Comedian, Ariel Elias!

Ariel Elias is a nationally touring stand-up comedian with the Girls With Mace Comedy Tour. Ariel co-hosts a podcast called “Well Behaved,” combining her love of history with comedy, and she produces the monthly standup show “Members Only,” listed as one of New York’s best new comedy shows according to Time Out Magazine.

To join the Zoom audience, visit: zoom.us/j/86278907522
When: Sunday, July 12th
Time: 5:00 PM

AJ Music Festival 2.0 “Inspirations from the Cantorate!”

As we still find ourselves physically distant from one another for our safety, the officers of the Cantor’s Assembly have agreed to create a hybrid live/recorded concert of eclectic music of Jewish and Jewish-Adjacent selections for the AJ Music Festival 2.0! Don’t miss this once-in-a-lifetime combination of talent!

To join the Zoom audience, visit: zoom.us/j/86278907522
When: Sunday, July 19th
Time: 5:00 PM

Please note:

When you log in to the Zoom links, you will be placed in a waiting room. For security purposes, please be sure your Zoom username includes your first name. If your username does not have your first name or is made up of numbers, you will not be able to join the virtual audience.



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Important Times

- Light Shabbat Candles Friday July 17 **7:54 pm**
- Shabbat Ends Saturday July 18 **8:53 pm**

Round of Applause

Many thanks to Ruth Erlich for sponsoring this issue of the Mini Messenger!



You Can Help

We recognize how difficult it is to maintain social distancing and comply with our community’s restrictions even when we know it’s for our own good and the good of others. To help ease the stress, we have moved to this new, more frequently sent Mini Messenger. We hope you’re enjoying it. Of course, a weekly mailing was not in our budget. If you’d like to sponsor an issue, please contact us. One mailing costs about \$180; any amount you’d like to contribute would be most appreciated and go such a long way in keeping us connected while we’re keeping our distance.

SIP - Shelter In Place Shelter In Prayer

This week, we observed the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz, the day on which the walls of ancient Jerusalem were breached before the destruction of the Second Temple. On all fast days the prayer Aneynu, Answer Us, is added to the Amidah by those who are fasting.

“Answer us, Adonai, answer us on our fast day, for we are in great distress. Overlook our faults; turn not away from us. Be mindful of our plea and receptive of our supplication. Your love is our comfort; answer us before we call. This is the promise uttered by Your prophet: “I shall answer before they call, I shall respond while they yet deliberate” (Isaiah 65:24) You, Adonai, respond in time of trouble. You rescue and redeem us in a time of dire distress.”

This week, as we observed the Fast of the 17th of Tammuz, I find contemporary meaning in the words of this ancient prayer. I hope that God will answer our prayers and save us from the current distress we feel during this period of Covid19.

Rabbi Scott Rosenberg

Welcome New Members!

Ellen Waters

Ray & Hyesun Ford

SHABBAT MEALS TO GO

Miss those delicious Shabbat meals at B'nai Zion? You can now enjoy them at home! Place your order for curbside pick up by calling (915) 833-2222 or emailing info@congregationbnaizion.org.

Serves 4 only \$36.00

Order By: Tuesday, July 14 at 7:00 pm

Pick Up: Friday, July 17 from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm

Shabbat Meal Menu #1

2 Mini Challot
Falafel
Hummus
Tahini
Pita Bread
Tabouli
Israeli Salad
Dessert



Shabbat Meal #2

2 Mini Challot
Eggplant Parmesan
Minestrone Soup
Tossed Salad
Dessert



Zoom with Rabbi (On-line Programs)

You can download the Zoom application in the Apple App Store or the Google Play Store. It can be used on any smart phone or tablet. Once you have the app, you can open it, select join and put in the 9-digit code above. For laptop or desktop, you can go to the web addresses.

Thursday June 16

9:00 AM MST – Join Rabbi for Tefilla, prayer. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/509426785> or **509426785** in the **zoom app** for this program.

Friday June 17

6:00 PM Sha'at Simcha – better known as Happy Hour. After a long week, join Rabbi Rosenberg for song, prayer, a word of Torah and a L'chaim. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/360718997> or **360718997** in the **zoom app** to participate.

Sunday June 19

9:00 AM MST – Join Rabbi for Tefilla, prayer. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/509426785> or **509426785** in the **zoom app** for this program.

9:45 AM This Week in Torah – Rabbi Rosenberg will lead an inspirational discussion of the this week's Torah reading. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/144552369> or **144552369** in the **zoom app** to join us.

Monday June 20

9:00 AM MST – Join Rabbi for Tefilla, prayer. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/509426785> or **509426785** in the **zoom app** for this program.

10:00 AM Coffee, Conversation and Kavanah – Sit around your living room, dining room table or on your veranda and join Rabbi Rosenberg and other members of the El Paso Jewish community for a cup of coffee or your favorite beverage (you provide the beverage), schmooze and a Rabbinic thought. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/465040997> or **465040997** in the **zoom app** to participate.

College Connection Announcement:

I am collecting addresses for our college students for this year's College Connection care packages from B'nai Zion Sisterhood. Please let me know your students' mailing information so I can get them on the list. Our goal is to have these addresses secured by July 21. I know some people are not sure of their situation for the Fall semester yet. Please keep me updated so I can make arrangements. Our first box is scheduled for Rosh Hashana this year.

This program is open to students who are studying outside of El Paso and living away from home. Their families must be current members of Congregation B'nai Zion, in good standing.

Additionally, please update me if your student has graduated. If so, congratulations!

Thanks
Robin Krasne

Please Note:

While the office is closed until further notice, the B'nai Zion staff is working from home. We're checking messages frequently and responding to calls, usually the same day.

Contact us by phone at (915) 833-2222 or email info@congregationbnaizion.org

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Thank you to all our Patrons, Sponsors, and Supporters and to our volunteers for making this July 4 Shabbat a special "Socially Distant, but Not Far" holiday!

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