

## Good News

Mazel tov to Felicia Rubin on the birth of her great grandson, born on April 22, in Israel. Mazel tov, also, to his proud parents and entire extended family.



Congratulations to Kate Warach and Alyson Minkus who recently welcomed into their lives twins Oliver and Sophie Minkus-Warach. Proud grandparents are Jane and Bob Warach and Terri and Marc Minkus.

## Many Thanks

A special thanks to Mario Escobar for providing his IT services to B'nai Zion. His help enables us to bring you this newsletter, the weekly e-blast and provide you all the services you've come to expect from our office while allowing us to comply with the City's Shelter-in-Place directive.

## 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](mailto:info@congregationbnaizion.org)



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## Important Times

- Light Shabbat Candles Friday May 1 **7:29 pm**
- Shabbat Ends Saturday May 2 **8:26 pm**

## Round of Applause

Many thanks to Leslie and Robert Beckoff who sponsored 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 Shelter-in-Place 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**

Today, Jews throughout the world join with the State of Israel to celebrate her 72nd Birthday. This year's celebration will be quite different because of Covid19, but for me thinking about Israel and her reaction to this pandemic offers hope and optimism about how we best respond to global threats such as Covid19. For those of us who follow Israel in the news, we know that last week Senator Ted Cruz and Senator Chris Coons partnered to promote a bipartisan bill in the United States Senate supporting joint US/Israeli scientific research in response to Covid19. I hope this partnership moves forward.

Israel's leadership in medical and scientific research is inspirational. For all of us, Israel should be a beacon of hope. This week, as we Shelter in Prayer, I ask us all to pray for Israel and her wellbeing and join with her in celebrating her 72nd Birthday.

Avinu She-bashamayim, Rock and Redeemer of the people Israel: Bless the State of Israel, with its promise of redemption. Shield it with your love; spread over it the shelter of Your peace. Guide its leaders and advisors with Your light and Your truth. Help them with your good counsel. Strengthen the hands of those who defend our Holy Land. Deliver them; crown their efforts with triumph. Bless the Land with peace, and its inhabitants with lasting joy.

And let us say: Amen.

**Rabbi Scott Rosenberg**

### **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.**

#### **Friday**

**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](https://zoom.us/j/360718997) in the zoom app to participate.

#### **Sunday**

**9:00 AM MST** – Join Rabbi for Tefilla, prayer. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/509426785> or [509426785](https://zoom.us/j/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](https://zoom.us/j/144552369) in the zoom app to join us.

**10:30 AM** Faith in G-D Workshop with Josh Meyers. Join Josh as we continue to discuss Rabbi Shalom Arush's book The Garden of Emunah: A practical guide to life. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/659061598> or [659061598](https://zoom.us/j/659061598) in the zoom app to join the class.

#### **Monday, April 20**

**9:00 AM MST** – Join Rabbi for Tefilla, prayer. Go to <https://zoom.us/j/509426785> or [509426785](https://zoom.us/j/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](https://zoom.us/j/465040997) in the zoom app to participate.

#### **Thursday, April 23**

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

### **Events**

B'nai Zion In Collaboration with Congregation Adat Jeshurun Presents: Musician, Brigid Kaelin

**Sunday, May 3, at 5:00 PM**

Kentuckian, Brigid Kaelin is a storyteller, musician, and writer, and has been named "Louisville's Best Singer/Songwriter" for multiple years. She has performed as a musical guest on NPR's A Prairie Home Companion and looks forward to spreading some joy during this time of social distancing! Due to security reasons, please visit our website: [www.congregationbnaizion.org](http://www.congregationbnaizion.org) under Special Events for Zoom information on the day of the event.

### **Kovid19 Kids Cookbook**

#### **ATTENTION KIDS!**

B'nai Zion is looking for your favorite Jewish Recipes for the Kovid19 Kids Cookbook

What is a Jewish recipe? You decide! For example: Cucumber Kimchi is a traditional side dish at our annual Family Chanukah Dinner

Who is a kid? You decide! No one is too old or too young to contribute.

We'll assemble the recipes and send all the contributors a printed Kovid19 Kids Cookbook.

Send your recipe and why you consider it a Jewish recipe, along with an optional picture or illustration via e-mail to [info@congregatiobnaizion.org](mailto:info@congregatiobnaizion.org) or mail it to us at

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Handwritten recipes are acceptable. Be sure to include your name age.  
Submission Deadline is **Thursday, May 14th.**