

Good News

Mazel Tov to Drs. Noah and Delilah Neiman of Austin, TX on the birth of their twins, Adeline Rose and Arthur Dillon on April 6. Proud grandparents are B'nai Zion members Dr. Parviz and Leticia Neiman of Frisco, TX. Also welcoming Adeline Rose and Arthur Dillon are uncle and aunt Drs. Brian and Micole Schwartz and cousins, Addyson and Graham of Frisco, TX.

A hearty Mazel Tov to Kameron Scheiner who celebrated his Bar Mitzvah at a virtual Shabbat service on Saturday, May 2nd. Mazel tov, also, to proud dad, Douglas Scheiner and grandparents, Claire and Warren Pulner.

Many Thanks

A special thank you to Charlie Intebi and Nova Safety Equipment for underwriting the surgical masks we sent out to our members last week.

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.

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Important Times

- Light Shabbat Candles Friday May 8 **7:34 pm**
- Shabbat Ends Saturday May 9 **8:32 pm**

Round of Applause

Many thanks to Stanlee and Jerry Rubin 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 Psalms

Psalm 30

A psalm of David. A song for the dedication of the House.

I extol You, O LORD, for You have lifted me up, and not let my enemies rejoice over me.

O LORD, my God, I cried out to You, and You healed me. O LORD,

You brought me up from Sheol, preserved me from going down into the Pit.

O you faithful of the LORD, sing to Him, and praise His holy name.

For He is angry but a moment, and when He is pleased there is life. One may lie down weeping at nightfall; but at dawn there are shouts of joy.

When I was untroubled, I thought, "I shall never be shaken,"

for You, O Lord, when You were pleased, made [me] firm as a mighty mountain. When You hid Your face, I was terrified.

I called to You, O LORD; to my Lord I made appeal,

"What is to be gained from my death, from my descent into the Pit? Can dust praise You? Can it declare Your faithfulness?"

Hear, O LORD, and have mercy on me; O LORD, be my help!"

You turned my lament into dancing, you undid my sackcloth and girded me with joy,

that [my] whole being might sing hymns to You endlessly; O LORD my God, I will praise You forever.

Every morning, as part of our morning prayers, we recite Psalm 30. During this period, when we are looking for comfort and support in response to Covid 19, I find this Psalm particularly meaningful. It guides us through the arc of recovery, from fear and suffering to eventual healing. It demonstrates the importance of faith and gratitude as we meet the challenges of our world. The Psalmist reminds us that suffering is transitory and joy will be restored in time. Our true spiritual nature is timeless and boundless and, for me, this offers hope and encouragement in times of stress such as these.

Rabbi Scott Rosenberg

Events

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

Coffee Break with Prison Volunteer, Randy Baron "Dead Men Walking: My Friends on Death Row."

Join Randy Baron as he shares his journey of loving kindness. More than 15 years ago, AJ member Randy Baron attended a lecture at Bellarmine by anti-death penalty activist, Sister Helen Prejean. He was so inspired by what he heard that he became a volunteer visitor to two death row inmates at Eddyville Prison. For over 15 years, Randy has been visiting, talking by phone, and writing to these men who were condemned to live their last years on death row. Tune in to hear this meaningful and compelling narrative of what Randy has learned through this unique experience.

To join the session, visit: Zoom Link: <https://zoom.us/j/775958438>

When: Wednesday, May 6th

Time: 11:00 AM MST

"Sunday Night Live" Featuring Stand-Up Comedian, Dan Perlman: "Jokes & Misdemeanors"

Dan Pearlman is a stand-up comedian and writer from New York City. Dan was named one of the 2018 New Faces in stand-up at Montreal Just for Laughs, and headlined Caroline's on Broadway. Be prepared for a fun evening as he presents his comedy show, "Jokes & Misdemeanors!"

For security reasons, the Zoom information for this event will not be available until the day of the event. Visit our website www.congregationbnaizion.org under Special Events for the Zoom link.

When: Sunday, May 10th

Time: 5:00 PM MST

Please note: When you log in to the Zoom links, you will be placed in a waiting room. For security purposes, your username must include 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.

Synagogue Update

First and foremost, I hope this letter finds you and all your friends and family well and safe. As you might know, the Governor's office has set in place the first phase to begin reopening the state. This includes religious organizations such as our beloved Congregation B'nai Zion. Upon reviewing the Governor's Report to Open Texas, the CDC's recommendations for phase 1, and the Rabbinical Assembly's recommendations, and having conversations with our Rabbi and Temple Mt. Sinai, it is apparent that this is not the correct time to open the Synagogue.

As we have stated before, your well-being and safety is always our top priority. We all want to get back into our synagogue and be together, more now than ever, but we must be cautious to not do it too soon. We are reviewing all the information as it becomes available and will monitor any and all changes. Once we feel confident that we can properly keep everybody safe and healthy, we will reopen.

We are fortunate that our Rabbi and office have been committed to not only your safety and well-being, but to making online services and learning available. To honor the mitzvah pikauch nefesh, we will continue to provide our online services, programming, and learning. We will engage in the planning for the day that we can celebrate once again in person together as one stronger and healthier community. I appreciate any comment or input, and hope to see each and every one of you in person in the near future.

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Yahrzeits

5/1 (Iyyar 7)
Morris Freed
Yishiyah Binetsky
5/2 (Iyyar 8)
Eugene Roth
Leon Siegelman
5/3 (Iyyar 9)
Abraham Glazer
Bobbi Cohen
5/4 (Iyyar 10)
Joel Kaplowitz
Maria Corral
5/5 (Iyyar 11)
Fred Licht
Ida Spivack
Irwin Behrman
Juergen Strauss
Shirley Langer
5/6 (Iyyar 12)
Isadore Naparstek
Jose Cohen
5/7 (Iyyar 13)
Edythe Schwartz
5/8 (Iyyar 14)
Leon Feldt
5/9 (Iyyar 15)
Guenther Zehden
5/11 (Iyyar 17)
Abraham Heller
Betty Camhi
Irving Kallman
Michael Salzman
Raya Heller
Sally Rosen
Stanley Stein
5/12 (Iyyar 18)
Issi Wiener

Ruth Marcus
5/13 (Iyyar 19)
Dora Acuna
Grete Eichenwald
Louis Rosenbaum
Susan Lane
5/14 (Iyyar 20)
Fanny Levenson
5/15 (Iyyar 21)
Dorothy Goodman Marshall
Gilbert Lieberman
Leib Deener
Oliver Meyer Scharf
5/16 (Iyyar 22)
Solomon Klein
Sylvia Gross
5/17 (Iyyar 23)
Esther Fox
Frida Smilovitz
5/18 (Iyyar 24)
Abraham Freifeld
Harold Drucker
Libbey Freed
Mollie Reiss
5/19 (Iyyar 25)
Fanny Goldstein
Frances Mehlman
Frances Ruth Mehlman
Leah Binetsky
5/20 (Iyyar 26)
Lillian Klausner
Sadie Postinick
5/21 (Iyyar 27)
Zev Kimmelman
5/22 (Iyyar 28)
Carola Eichenwald
5/23 (Iyyar 29)

Jennie Ehrlich
5/24 (Sivan 1)
Sophie Hirsch
5/26 (Sivan 3)
Adrian Kasner
David Erlich
Eva Weiser
Harold Stein
Sara Scoggin
5/27 (Sivan 4)
Ellen Joyce Lieberman
Valerie Lehr
5/28 (Sivan 5)
Abraham Ettinger
Anna Pecker
Charles Freedenthal
Doris Eisenberg
Irwin Breeman
Rachel Ziinder
5/29 (Sivan 6)
Allen Pergricht
Arpad Javor
Esther Javor Weinstein
Florence Schoichet
Louis Rosen
Marton Javor Weinstein
Natalie Liftin
5/30 (Sivan 7)
Emanuel Gluck
Joseph Kupetz
5/31 (Sivan 8)
Bertha Weiser
Chanale Unger
Gelman Lipchuts

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** 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** 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.

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** 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** 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.

Thursday, April 23

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.

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 or mail it to us at

805 Cherry Hill Lane
El Paso, TX 79912

Handwritten recipes are acceptable. Be sure to include your name age.

Submission Deadline is **Thursday, May 14th.**

Anniversaries

5/13

Farrol & Daniel Eiland

5/16

Nancy & Stuart Shiloff

5/24

Leslie & Robert Beckoff

5/29

Dori & Mark Fenenbock

5/30

Lynn & Scott Kobren

5/31

Sandra & Lee J. Nadler

Birthdays

5/1

Binah Maayan

Gurany-Ochoa

5/2

Davna Rosenfield

5/4

Andrew Feinberg

5/4

Adam Rosenfield

Victor Butcher

5/6

Harrison Teplitz

Michael Hirsh

5/10

Linda Ettinger

5/12

Natalya Stemerman

5/13

Annalysia Montoya

5/14

Art Corral

5/16

Tanny Berg

Lester Rothschild

Robin Kobren

Steve Kaplowitz

5/18

Lety Briones

5/21

Drew Frank

Meyer Marcus

5/22

David Zehden

5/23

Bruce Gronich

Jan Duke

5/24

Emanuel Velez

Ahavah Shay Herman

5/25

Autumn Mitchell

Dr. Harvey Greenberg

Stephen Geller

Neorah Garcia

5/27

Carl Lieb

Eduardo Madero

5/28

Mauricio Lewkowicz

Jerry Rosenbaum

Matthew Schonberg

5/29

Jeffrey Siegel

5/30

Gail Slater

5/31

Peter Svarzbein