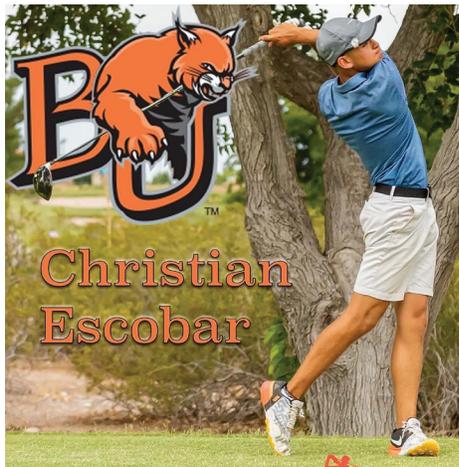


Good News:

Congratulations to Christian David Escobar-Tolentino on his 2020 Franklin High School Graduation and acceptance to Baker University in Kansas on academic and athletic scholarships. Christian will be studying nursing and playing on the golf team. Mazel tov to proud parents Laura and Juan Carlos Escobar, grandmother Laura Tolentino, aunt Denise Tolentino and uncle Mario and aunt Maria Luisa Escobar.



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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Holiday Times

- Light Holiday Candles
Thursday May 28 **7:47 pm**
- Light Shabbat/Holiday Candles
Friday May 29 **7:48 pm**
- Shabbat / Holiday Ends
Saturday May 30 **8:48 pm**

Round of Applause

Many thanks to Irene and Ira Batt 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 Personality

This week, in honor of Shavuot which begins tomorrow night, I am adding a new source of shelter for us to consider. Over the past months we have been sheltering in prayer and in psalms, but this week I hope we can shelter in personality.

As we are living through the realities of COVID19, we know how important personalities are in our quest for healing. Our first responders, our health care professionals and essential workers are critical to maintaining life, health and our general well-being. It takes a certain dedication, a certain commitment, a certain personality to do this critical work. We are grateful to all of these individuals for their efforts and their inspiration. They inspire hope. They inspire care. They inspire life.

When I think about the many people who are making a real difference in our battle against COVID19, I think about the biblical character Ruth, whose story we read this week as we observe Shavuot. I think about her dedication to family, to community, to caring and to rising from loss and despair to build a promising redemptive future for herself, her family and for her people.

As we observe Shavuot this week, I urge you to read the Book of Ruth. The following link will bring you to the English text: <https://www.sefaria.org/sheets/236372?lang=en>

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

Please Note: There will not be a Sha'at Simcha Friday, May 29th, as we will be observing Shavuot.

Friday evening Sha'at Simcha will resume Friday, June 5, at 6:00 PM

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

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

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.

Shavuot Yizkor

As was the case at the end of Passover, our community joined together on Zoom for the recitation of the Yizkor memorial prayer. We will be doing this once again for Shavuot. Please join us for Yizkor via Zoom:

[Zoom Information](#)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87160562539>

Meeting ID: 871 6056 2539

When: Thursday, May 28th

Time: 6:30 PM (MST)

Following Yizkor, Congregation B'nai Zion will be joining with Conservative Jews all over North America for a night of diverse Torah study sponsored by the Rabbinical Assembly.

The Rabbinical Assembly Presents: Leil Shavuot: Torah from Coast to Coast

Tikkun Leil Shavuot: Torah from Coast to Coast, Thursday, May 28, 7 PM MDT - Friday, May 29, 7 AM MDT, featuring some of the most insightful and inspiring teachers from around the Western Hemisphere. The stream will be available on the Rabbinical Assembly YouTube Live page, <https://www.youtube.com/user/RabbiAssembly>. Below is the Schedule for the Tikkun Leil Shavuot.

Time (MDT)	Teacher	Subject
7-7:10 PM	Rabbi Jacob Blumenthal	Welcome: It's the Night Before the Wedding
7:10-7:40 PM	Rabbi David Wolpe	The Secret Meaning of the Adam and Eve Story
7:40-8:10 PM	Rabbi Rachel Ain	Top 5 Hits of the Torah: How does Each Book of the Torah Teach us to be Jewish
8:10-8:40 PM	Rabbi Josh Heller	If I'm Watching Shul on the Computer, Do I Still Have to Turn off my Phone? The Torah of Streaming
8:40-9:05 PM	Rabbi Jeremy Kalmanofsky	Poems You Cannot Remember and Cannot Forget: a Modern Hebrew Shavuot with Shai Agnon
9:05-9:30 PM	Neshama Carlebach and Rabbi Menachem Creditor	Hope. Healing. Holiness.
9:30-10:15 PM	Rabbi Danya Ruttenberg and Dr. Michael Slater	False Gods Rise from the Fire: An ER Doctor and a Rabbi Discuss Fear and Uncertainty During the Pandemic
10:15-11:00 PM	Rabbi Bradley Shavit Artson	Acquiring Torah: The Story of Rabbi Akiva
11:00-11:20 PM	Rabbi Ellen Wolintz-Fields	Pesikta D'Rav Kahana: The Taste of Manna and Jewish Education
11:20-11:40 PM	Rabbi Cecelia Beyer	Revelatory Revels: Celebrating Sinai in Song
11:40-12:00 AM	Rabbi Chai Levy	Our Hands and the Hands of God
12:00-12:20 AM	Rabbi Neil Blumofe	Nocturnal Delight and a Taste of the World to Come
12:20-12:50 AM	Rabbi David Ackerman	Kisses of Your Mouth: Receiving the Gift of Torah with No Physical Contact
12:50-1:30 AM	Rabbi Adam Greenwald	Why They Burned Maimonides' Masterpiece & Why You Should Read It
1:30-2:00 AM	Rabbi Dahlia Bernstein	Mastering Time and Space: Shabbat and COVID-19
2:00-2:40 AM	Rabbi Cantor Hillary Chorny & Rabbi Rebecca Schatz	Coming Out of Isolation: Lessons from the Solitude of Revelation
2:40-3:00 AM	Rabbi Charles Arian	Is Halachic Compromise Possible? The Case of the Late Friday Lunch
3:00-3:40 AM	Rabbi Lauren Henderson & Rabbi Rami Schwartzer	Be More: Do Less
3:40-4:10 AM	Rabbi David-Seth Kirshner	Religious Fanaticism
4:10-4:40 AM	Rabbi Michael Beals	The Mamas and the Papas: Why the Imahot Should Be A Required Part of The Amidah
4:40-5:10 AM	Rabbi Ravid Tilles	Rise Above It All: How the Torah Can Help Us Elevate Above Worldly Circumstances
5:10-5:40 AM	Rabbi Marc Israel	Torah & Technology: Issues to Consider When Applying the Recent Teshuvot on Streaming Shabbat and Chag Services
5:40-6:00 AM	Rabbi Marcelo Bater	Understanding the Golden Calf
6:00-6:30 AM	Rabbi Randy Konigsburg	Joseph, and the Final Answer to God's Question
6:30-7:00 AM	Rabbi Josh Warshawsky	V'ein oz ela Torah: Strength Refers to None Other than Torah

Events

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

“The Pandemic as seen by an Emergency Room Physician”

Dr. Corey Cohen is a staff physician at a Jewish Hospital and is a partner at Physicians in Emergency Medicine. He has been practicing medicine for 30 years and has been a clinical instructor at University of Louisville since 2000. He is Board Certified with the American Board of Emergency Medicine and is a member of Adath Jeshurun.

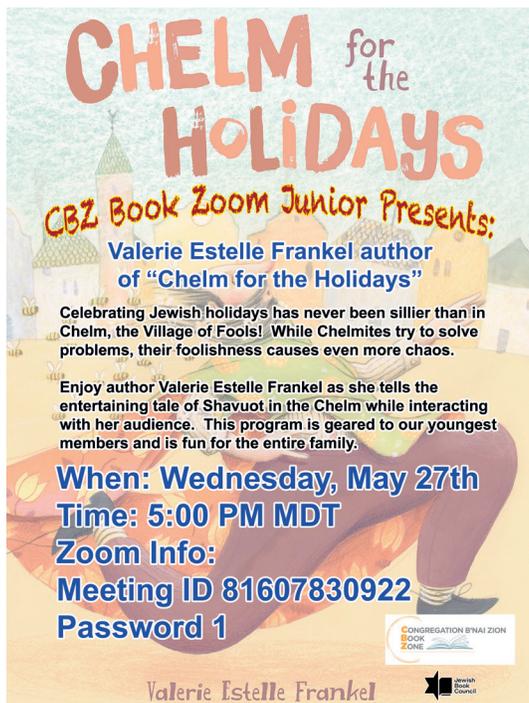
Zoom: zoom.us/j/775958438

When: Wednesday, May 27th

Time: 11:00 am

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.

CBZ Book Zoom Junior Presents:



The Hired Girl Book Review

Join Hadassah and the Greater El Paso Sisterhoods for a Zoom book review. Order your copy of The Hired Girl by Laura Amy Schlitz and start reading now. Register to join us for the book review June 1. (Use our Amazon Smile link (<https://conta.cc/2yJQk8s>) and Amazon will make a donation to CBZ.

Monday, June 1 | 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81260319386>

Meeting ID: 812 6031 9386

Password: 567077

My Funny Quarantine:

Sunday, June 7

7:45pm Cocktails

8:15pm Comedy begins

Donations to our 2020 Community Campaign requested so that we may continue to do our vitally important work in our community during these unprecedented times

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89633612482>

Telephone: +1-346-248-7799

Meeting ID: 896 3361 2482



SHABBAT Meals To Go

Shabbat Meal Menu #1

Serves 4/\$36.00

Order By: Tuesday, June 2/ 7:00 pm

Pick Up: June 5, Time: 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

2 Mini Challot

Red Cheese Enchiladas

Rice

Beans

Salad

Dessert



Shabbat Meal #2

Serves 4/\$36.00

Order By: Tuesday, June 2 / 7:00 pm

Pick Up: June 5, 11:30 am – 1:00 pm

2 Mini Challot

Pasta Primavera

Minestrone Soup

Tossed Salad

Dessert

