Mother’s Day Brunch at Congregation B’nai Zion

Sunday, May 14, 2017
Service at 8:30 a.m.
Brunch 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.
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Monday - Thursday 6:30 pm  
Friday evening 6:15 pm  

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Torah Study 9:00 am  
Shabbat 9:30 am  
Saturday Mincha 6:45 pm  
followed by Seudah Shloshesheet,  
Kabbalah Class & Ma’ariv  

Sunday 8:30 am & 5:00 pm

Please Join us  
For Services

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Please Join us for  
our Upcoming Events
From Persecution to Freedom: The Jewish People and the Individual Jew

We are free!!! We have left Egypt and are now traveling in the wilderness, but are we truly free? Have we actualized ourselves as individuals and as a people? Jewish tradition teaches that we do not fully attain our freedom until the revelation at Mount Sinai, seven weeks after leaving Egypt.

Our quest to reach higher levels of holiness as individuals, and our striving for the religio-national actualization of the Jewish people, are intertwined. We are currently in the Omer, the spiritually intense seven weeks between Passover and Shavuot, between leaving Egyptian bondage and arriving at Mount Sinai. With every step in the wilderness, walking toward the mountain of revelation, we are awestruck by its increasingly powerful pull and power.

On Shavuot, we will re-enact God's revelation to the Jewish people. Upon Mount Sinai, with lightning, thunder, earthquakes, and shofar blasts, the Jewish people received the Ten Commandments, the Torah, and the Oral Tradition. They also encountered God. As we re-live this monumental event, we will once again be elected as God's special people and we will promise allegiance to God. At our reenactment of the Mount Sinai revelation, on Shavuot, we will once again become a holy nation.


By trying to imitate these Sefirot and the balance between them in the Divine equation, we engage in the act of self-perfection, the actualization of the human being in the Divine image.

This month, we also encounter our modern history in which we came from persecution to freedom. On April 23, we commemorated Yom Hashoah, Holocaust Memorial Day, at a community-wide tribute at Temple Mount Sinai. This month we venerate Yom Hazikaron, Israel's Memorial Day, honoring those who have fallen in defense of the Jewish homeland. Finally, we celebrate our redemption in the modern world with Yom Ha'atzmaut, Israel Independence Day, with a community-wide celebration at B'nai Zion on May 7.

All of this leads us to inspect not only our religio-national actualization, but also our personal self-actualization. We must ask the question: “Am I the best person and the best Jew that I am capable of being?”

Rabbi Royi Shaffin
My fellow congregants, it is with very mixed feelings that I write this, my farewell message to the congregation. It has been two years and my term is set to expire this month. I thank you all for the opportunity you have given me, to serve our congregation. Much has transpired over the last two years and I hope and pray that these events have been and will continue to be for the greater good of our community.

I wish to thank my fellow board members for their counsel, cooperation and efforts in managing our shul and making it a spiritual and social hub of our community. While we may not have always agreed on a particular course of action, the dialogue and debate we had assisted in refining our ideas and, in the end, made for better outcomes.

While I will be stepping out of the limelight, another will be stepping up and into it. I have been approached many times by congregants with questions and concerns about our leadership and actions. To these people, I say please, step forward and join the board or a committee. Your help, energy and ideas are essential to the continuation and growth of our community. Many hands make lighter work for all.

It is no secret that B’nai Zion needs funds. That is why we are conducting our Capital Campaign 2016-2017. I am happy to report that, as of this writing, we have had an increase of over twenty percent of members participating in this campaign. We still have much room for improvement. Sixty-eight member units (families or singles) have participated. We have over two hundred and fifty membership units, so please give what you can, give as much as you can, and give as often as you can! All donations may be tax deductible and all will be matched dollar for dollar by an outside foundation, so your gift will do double duty! Unlike other charities, all your money goes to support the work we do. Tikkun Olam!

In parting, I ask that you give of yourself, your time, and/or your funds to help move our Jewish community forward.

Sincerely,

Alan J. Cohen
President
Congregation B’nai Zion
2015-2017
Some years ago, as a new supervisor, I was approached by one of my employees who came into my office to complain about Roger. It seemed Roger would just get up and walk out of the processing room whenever he wanted, leaving the rest of the team to do his share of the work. Roger, Harriett explained, was simply not interested in carrying his weight, particularly on high volume days and, since completing the work by the daily deadline was critical, Roger’s antics were a big issue. Diligently, as any new supervisor would do, I called Roger into my office to discuss the matter with him. When I told him about the reports that he was walking off the job and that his coworkers interpreted it as dumping his work on them, he responded, “Don’t we get bathroom breaks around here?!”

Oy! Imagine how differently Roger’s teammates would have viewed his behavior if he had just taken a moment to say, “I’m going to take a quick break. I’ll be back to finish my work in 10 minutes.”

Communication. How much more effective could we all be if we communicating our intentions rather assuming others know what we’re thinking or what we’re doing? How much better would our relationships be if we verified facts instead of drawing our own conclusions and treating them as facts?

Communication is a three-part process. First, the Sender sends a message (encodes, if you will). The message need not be in words, sometimes it’s just a look or a reaction. The Receiver receives and decodes the message. But this does not complete the communication. It is not communication until the Sender knows that the Receiver got and understands the message. This requires some form of feedback.

In the example above, Roger left the room (encoded message sent). His co-workers noticed he was gone (decoded message received). But it wasn’t communication because the message that was sent (I am taking a bathroom break) was not the message that was received (Roger is dumping his work on us… again!). Communication starts with sending the message, but isn’t complete until the sender knows the message was received and understood. And it is always the responsibility of the sender to ensure the cycle is complete.

So why the lesson in communication? Because the very first impression I got while becoming familiar with the day-to-day operations at B’nai Zion, even before I had officially started working in the office, is that there is a tremendous amount of concurrent activity going on all the time and without excellent communication, there are bound to be bumps in the road; because among humans there is always room for improved communication and, finally, because during my first week in the office I had already experienced a couple of those bumps in the road.

Needless to say, one of my goals as B’nai Zion Executive Director is improved communication. I am focusing on timely, accurate communication using every channel available to me and I’m asking for your help. If there is something I need to know, please take a moment to tell me. Don’t assume I already know or that someone else will tell me. Of course I’m always open to good news, but I’m happy to hear your bad news, your complaints and your criticisms, too. I can’t respond to anything I don’t know about. And, while I can’t make a blanket promise that I’ll always provide the response you want, I do promise that I’ll always respond, always treat you with respect and that I’ll always tell you the truth.

I’m looking forward to hearing from you by mail at 805 Cherry Hill Lane, El Paso, TX 79912, by e-mail at ed@cbzed.org or by telephone at (915) 833-2222. Thank you for your help!

-Debra Pazos
This is my final President's Message. It has been an exciting two years as the CBZ Sisterhood President. CBZ Sisterhood has been more active in the Women's League for Conservative Judaism - Southwest Pacific Region. We have met our goals for the Torah Fund for two years. Additionally, I attended two regional conferences in California. Sisterhood has sponsored many events, some maintaining traditions such as the Evening with the Rabbi in the Sukkah. Other events brought new traditions, such as sponsoring the showings of Jewish films like Making Trouble and Mamadrama.

I want to thank many people for their work for Sisterhood. Blanca Carrasco, Rachel Leon, and Monica Kupetz have steadfastly contributed their time and energies to Sisterhood. Additionally, Eileen Armour, Leslie Beckoff, Kristin Kimmelman, Debbie Cohen, Jackie Zehden, Sarah Williams, Joan Korn, Judy Grodin, Sandy Peitzer, Robin Krasne, and many others have worked on special projects for Sisterhood and helped make the programs successful the past two years. I also want to thank the members who became Mitzvah and Torah sponsors this year. Your additional contributions made it possible for us to purchase a new ice machine for the kitchen last month and to offer programs at low cost or no cost to members.

My best wishes to our new officers and board members. I am sure that our new president, Debbie Cohen, will work tirelessly to continue the work the Sisterhood provides for the synagogue.

In Sisterhood,
Patty Hutman
Sisterhood President
pahutman@gmail.com
“Honor Thy Mother” Sponsorships
Mother's Day Brunch at Congregation B'nai Zion
Mother's Day, May 14, 2017 • Service 8:30 a.m. • Brunch 9:30-11:30 a.m.

Sponsor the Mother’s Day Brunch in honor of a mother at the following levels:

$ 118  **Matriarchs**: Sponsor receives a beautiful Mother’s Day gift basket, 2 brunch tickets, 2 specialty drinks, 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a leaf on the Tree of Life (valued at $200.00)

$ 54  **3x L'Chaim- Toast to Mothers, Grandmothers, & Sisters**: Sponsor receives 2 brunch tickets, 1 specialty drink, 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a leaf on the Tree of Life (valued at $200.00)

$ 36  **Lamed Vovnik-36 Righteous Women**: Sponsor receives 1 brunch ticket and 1 raffle ticket for a chance to win a leaf on the Tree of Life (valued at $200.00)

$ 18  **L'Chaim- Toast to Mothers**: Sponsor receives 1 raffle ticket

Sponsorships help underwrite the Mother’s Day Brunch, and any additional proceeds will benefit Congregation B’nai Zion’s General Fund.

All sponsors and honored mothers will be recognized in the “Honor Thy Mother” printed program.

**Deadline for sponsors to be recognized in the program is Wednesday, May 10**th.

Questions? Contact the office at 915-833-2222

Recognize another mother in your life for an additional $18.

Return this portion to B'nai Zion

**Sponsor Name:**

**Honoree(s):**

**Message (20 words Maximum):**

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**Sponsor Contact Information:**

**Sponsor Level ($118, $54, $36 or $18)**

Additional Brunch Tickets: $15 x ______ (# of additional tickets) = ______

Additional Raffle Tickets: $18 x ______ (# of additional tickets) = ______

Honor Thy Mother Plaque: $36 x ______ (# of plaques) = ______

TOTAL “Honor Thy Mother” Payment = ______

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☐ Enclosed check payable to “Congregation B’nai Zion” ☐ Credit card via Shulcloud

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CBZ Annual Meeting  
Tuesday, May 9, 2017 - 6:30 p.m.  
Friedman Social Hall  
Congregation B’nai Zion

The meeting will begin with Mincha service.

The agenda includes congregational updates and election of officers and board members.

Members will receive official notice of the annual meeting by separate email and letter.

We look forward to seeing you on May 9.
CALLING ALL 8TH-12TH GRADERS!!!!

Please join us for 2017-2018 BZUSY Elections on Sunday, May 21st at Ardovino’s Pizza 865 N. Resler. Please check your email for more information!
If you’re in 8th-12th grades, and you’re interested in being on the 2017-2018 board, please fill out the forms from your email and send them to your advisor by May 12th before Shabbat.
If you have any questions, contact your BZUSY Youth Advisor, Rachel Leon 915-999-3978 or rachel82972@gmail.com.

B’nai Zion Talmud Torah and EPJA Junior Congregation services will be held on
May 20th, 2017 11:00 am -12:00 pm for grades K-8
Parents and grandparents are encouraged to attend!
Shavout 2017

Erev Shavuot
May 30, 7:30 pm
Followed by nighttime Torah study with
Rabbi Shaffin,
Rabbi Zeidman and
Dr. Larry Lesser.
Desserts will be served.

Shavuot Services May 31st
Morning Service at 9:30 am
Evening Service at 7:30 pm

Second day of Shavuot, June 1st
Services:
Shaharit 9:30 am
Yizkor 11:15 am
Mincha/Maariv/Havdallah: 7:30 pm

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Yom Yerushalayim
Join us Sunday,
May 21
at 8:30 a.m.

Jerusalem themed Brunch
followed by a film and discussion.
Rabbi Stephen Leon, of Congregation B'hai Zion, is leading a wonderful trip to Israel this summer. The planned day of departure is Wednesday, August 2nd and it will last 10 days, with an optional extra 3 days for those who want to stay longer. All breakfasts, and most dinners, will be included, along with deluxe hotel accommodations, sightseeing with a terrific Israeli guide, and roundtrip airfare to Israel. Rabbi Leon has led 17 trips to Israel in his career, and each one is more interesting, informative, and exciting than the previous one. Although not every detail has been finalized, the approximate cost will be $4800. If you, or anyone you know are interested, please contact Rabbi Leon as soon as possible at rabbisal@aol.com or 915-526-3693.
In Honor Of

**Louis Rosenbaum - Happy Birthday**
Warren & Claire Pulner
Tibor & Ann Schaechner

**Herb Ehrlich - Happy Birthday**
Robert Rosen

**Mike Batkin - Happy Birthday**
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum

**Claire Pulner - Happy Birthday**
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum

**Elena Goldman - Happy Birthday**
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum

**Dr. Jerry Schwartz - Happy Birthday**
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum

**Isaac Weislow - Mazel Tov on earning the Eagle Scout rank**
Jerry & Marcia Schwartz
Art & Linda Corral

**Jack and Sandy Peitzer - Mazel Tov on the birth of your grandson**
Art & Linda Corral

**David and Kristin Kimmelman – Mazel Tov on the birth of your son Samuel**
Marvin Rubin
Warren & Claire Pulner

**Daniel Dworsky – Speedy Recovery**
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum

**Albert Askenazi - Speedy Recovery**
Joyce Davidoff

**Allen Roth – Speedy Recovery**
Barry & Tammy Karch

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A special thank you to the following members for sponsoring:

**Friday Night Oneg**

Jack Eisenberg and family – In loving memory of Doris Eisenberg

**Sunday Morning Bagel Breakfast**

Charlotte Roth – In loving memory of parents Maurice and Dora Veta
In Memory Of

Thomas Dula
Lester & Wendy Rothschild
Gerald & Stanlee Rubin
Mark & Dori Fenenbock
Louis & Miriam Rosenbaum
Barry & Tammy Karch
Paul & Susan Krupp
Art & Linda Corral
Scott Oberlander
Stephen Feinberg
Charles Gaddy
Lindsey Fox

Alfred Gladstein
Jay & Mimi Gladstein

Rosalie Silberg
Sam & Gayle Belford

Dorothy Grosser
Janet Grosser

Sam Zaben
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Jerry & Marcia Schwartz

Michael Neumark
Jerry & Marcia Schwartz

Yisrael Schutz
Rose Holland

Eli Warach
Robert & Jane Warach

Irwin Cinofsky
Dorene Naparstek

Alicia Nadler
Gary & Lisa Nadler

Hyman Felsen
Sharon Stein

Siggie Schlusselberg
Jack Schlusselberg
Congratulations to my beloved daughter, Shayna Breanne Kurland, on the occasion of her graduation from the University of Central Florida on May 6th, also her 23rd Birthday!

I'm proud to see you awarded a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and a Certificate in Behavioral Forensics.

Mazel Tov, Mahmelah!

Love, Mom
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