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Rabbi's Article

In modern life we must all keep up with new developments. We can never rest on our past accomplishments. Doctors need re-certification credits to keep their licenses current, and the same applies to most every profession.

Continuing (or permanent) education is a necessity and a reality in every walk of life. Everyone understands this, except in what relates to Judaism. It seems that many of us assume that all they need to learn for a healthy and inspiring spiritual life can be learned by age 13. For others who never went to Hebrew School, even that doesn't seem necessary. Then organized Jewry beats its collective chest and wonders why we face such a high rate of assimilation and why are so many Jewish adults indifferent to Judaism.

Somehow, at some point, the People of the Book seem to have lost its love for the book (that is the Jewish book). In a way we fulfilled again the tragic prophesy of Jeremiah (2:13) *“For My people have committed two evils: They have abandoned Me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed ... broken cisterns that can hold no water ...”*

But we should not despair. In our congregation we have many opportunities to keep growing spiritually and to learn about our history and traditions. Our Adult Education program is expanding its offerings both in scheduling options and subjects. Please join us on Wednesday, October 9th at 7:30pm for this season's kick-off (please see the flyer in this issue of the Scribe for more information) or on Sunday mornings for Minyan, breakfast and a lively Torah discussion. Our people thrived through history because we drew spiritual strength from the fountain of living waters, the Torah. We must continue to do it, together, in our time perhaps even more than ever before.

If there is a topic that you would like included in our programs please call the office or write to me at Rabbi@TempleBethElMB.org

Looking forward to seeing you in our classes. Shalom,

Rabbi Claudio J. Kupchik

Dear Friends,

I have just registered for my 8th Wheels of Love bike ride to raise funds for the children of ALYN Hospital in Jerusalem. Since last year's ride, I've had surgery to repair a torn meniscus in my right knee. Remarkably, I found the experience enlightening. Actually going through the pain, the recovery and the rehabilitation, I got a small glimpse into the daily struggles of the ALYN kids. How much pain can you tolerate? How can you adapt? When will life become 'normal' again? For me, the process took a few weeks. For the kids at ALYN, it is ongoing.

None of the 500 riders who spend five days covering 300 miles of wind, rain, mountains, and desert complain. Yes, we are sore and exhausted, but when you visit with the kids of ALYN before and at the end of the ride, when you see their pictures at rest stops, when you glance at their picture tags affixed to your handlebars, you put things into perspective...and you don't complain.

It's never easy to ask people to donate year after year. But for the kids of ALYN, I find it easier and easier because each year I see the results of your giving. I truly wish each and every one of you could meet these remarkable children and what they have already accomplished in their young lives. That's why I continue to push myself up hills and across deserts. That's why I continue to push you to continue being as generous as you can. Let's make this year a really successful one—and I look forward to telling you about the miracles you've helped achieve when I return.



You can donate now by going online to www.wolusa.org/howardweber. Or you can mail a check to "American Friends of Alyn Hospital" and mail it to 122 East 42nd St., Suite 1519, New York, NY 10168. Be sure to indicate "for Howard Weber" on the memo portion of the check. By the way, my training goes a lot easier when donations start to come in...Thanks, as always, for your thoughtfulness, generosity and support.

*With love,
Howard Weber*

Anniversary October

Kathy Silverman and Hy Davis
Sheila Pass and Martin Edelman
Rhea and Paul Fried

Toda Raba - Friends at Temple Beth El were very generous with their cards of good wishes in behalf of my recovery from minor surgery. Thank you. May we all enjoy good health and peace in the coming years.

L'Shanna Tova Harold Rosenthal

The symbolic Torah covers for the High Holidays were a replacement for those damaged during the hurricane. Maureen and Harvey Lerner are the donors of both sets of covers. May these covers continue to add more beauty to the services for many years to come at Temple Beth El of Manhattan Beach

We are very grateful to the many volunteers who offered their services in the preparations for the High Holidays.

Donna Ahsanov, Alan Ditchek, Muriel Ellenberg, Terry and Jerry Farquash, Betty Glickman, Myron Griffel, Gary Jacobs, Howard Kaye, Elayne Kramer, Rabbi and son Jacob, Maureen and Harvey Lerner, Rita Levenson, Harvey Lubowitz, , two Mirochnik sons, Karen Morshenson, Alfonso Munoz, Felipe Ortiz, Jake Rubinsky, Janis Rubinsky, and Steve Schaeffer.

Special Thank You to Rabbi Kupchik and Howard Weber for their appeals to the congregation on Kol Nidre and Yizkor respectively. Of course, our services have always been complemented by the chanting of our Hazan, Avi Gopin - as soloist and duet singer with Rabbi Kupchik - who also sang a song with his brother Gabriel.

Wedding bells from our Temple family have not been heard for some time. But for the day after Yom Kippur, our beautiful computer whiz, Donna married her fiancé, Russel in our sanctuary. We wish them a beautiful and healthy life together. Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Naymon!

Birthdays October

Bert Eckert
Rhea Fried
Ellie Fries
Stuart Fries
Kathe Silverman
Ruth Sommer
Rima Dubowski
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Robert Gandler
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Get well - Jack Likwornik-
following surgery

Building Sukkah

Jerry Fox, Perry
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Some thoughts

The holidays came with such a rush; they pushed Labor Day and the summer out. But then the whole past year was tumultuous, what with Sandy and our nervous responses. Then there is the Middle East dilemma looming over the world. We needed an escape, a respite, and we got one in the services held at Temple Beth El on Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Our Rabbi and the Cantor did everything to make the Days of Awe awesome, peaceful and memorable. They harmonized so beautifully and filled the sanctuary with the ancient melodies; there was a palpable sense of calm among us as if a common sigh had been released. That is what the holidays are about: a time to reflect and plan, to atone and decide the answer to the biblical question, "Where are you?"

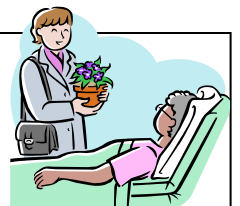
It is always so satisfying to reconnect with the values of Judaism; they are simple in explanation and so difficult to achieve on a world level. It was good to pray, good to reconnect with like-minded friends, good to be taken both backward to our brilliant heritage and forward to hope for a better future for all.

Thank to all the planners and participants who made the holidays so special this year and a wish for a deserved rest for our wise and knowledgeable Rabbi and joyful and talented Cantor.

Harriette Katz

Do you know someone who is ill or had a loss?

We need to know too...



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