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SHMOOZELETTER

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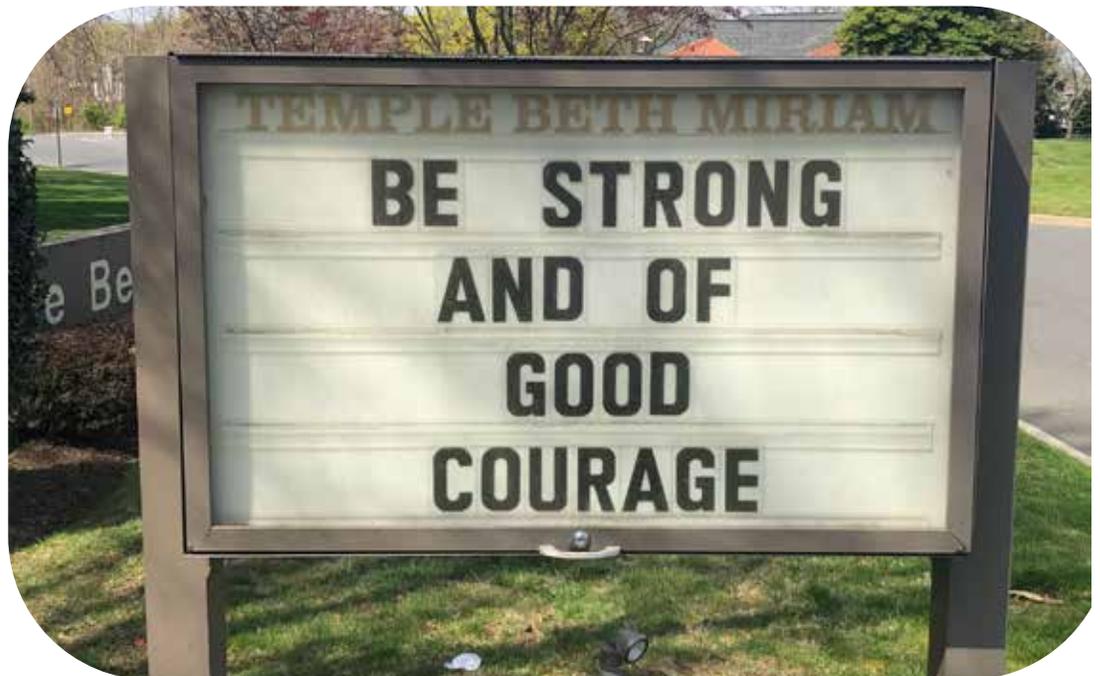


All Classes and Events will be ONLINE at the following ZOOM Room Number:
589-198-4173
P/W 181818

Theology Class: Wednesdays:
10 am
Torah Study: Saturday 10 am
Talmud Study: Sunday 8 am
Kabbalat Shabbat: Friday
7:30 pm
Havdallah Saturday Nights:
7:30 pm

May 30
Part 1 Unorthodox
Zoom Room

Everyone is welcome to every online event and class.
Feel free to join us.



FROM THE RABBI RABBI CY STANWAY

You are all probably familiar with the Chinese expression "May you live in interesting times." We live in what are probably the most interesting times that any of us ever have, especially those born after WW II. We have all heard the words: 'unprece-



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dented, unreal, surreal, and so forth. As Americans, we are simply not equipped to go into exile like this - especially an exile into our own homes (which is a paradoxical kind of exile, isn't it?). As Americans we haven't seen anything like this. But as Jews we have.

Exile plays a big part in Jewish history. Name a country, we have probably been exiled from it. And the exiles started long before



then. First the Assyrians, then the Babylonians, then the Romans and leading up through the Dark Ages and the Middle Ages. Jews and exile were as common as poverty and disease in those Middle and Dark Ages.

So ingrained is the notion of exile is that, in the thousands of homes I have visited over the decades, I have seen the picture of the old man running away from a burning village with a Torah in a tallit in his arms and escaping with his community. (Thanks to Rabbi Google, I have found that an artist named Stanislaus Bender painted it). My grandparents, of blessed memory, hung that very picture on their wall of their front foyer. It seems to me now a reminder that upon going out and coming in there is a warning: exile can happen at any time and in a great many ways.

I don't know how the present exile into our homes is going to be portrayed in the future. But I do know the images we are seeing now and the created words are all now part of our identity.

None of us will forget our Seder this year. Many of us were either alone or with one or two others while many of us were leading or participating in Zoom S'darim throughout the world.

We will also never forget our Shabbatot, either. We are coming together as a community and as a temple in numbers that far exceed our regular worship numbers. Why?

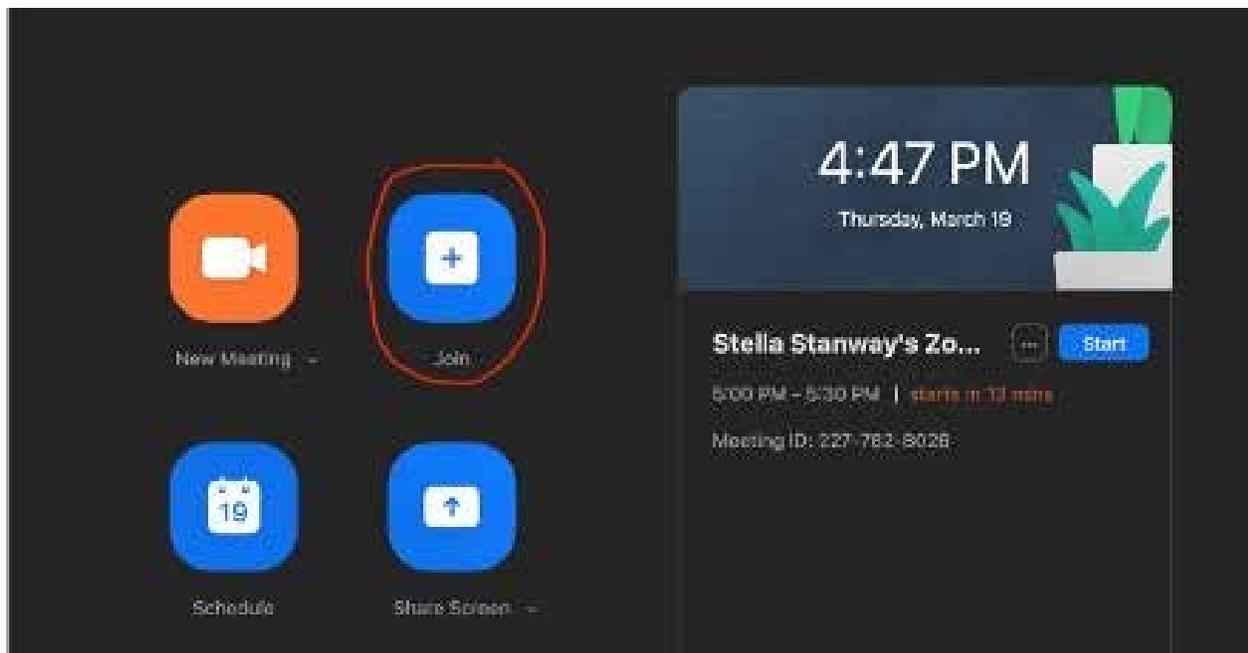
For sure, at least one reason is that it is so convenient. Turning on a computer and tuning into the Zoom Room or Facebook Live is simple and there is no driving involved. But there is something else, too. People need the anchor of the temple. People are looking for reassurance that there is hope and a place of comfort. People are looking for the familiar and the friendship, a place to share a prayer and a laugh. And they are finding it at our temple. Even people who have not been involved for years are finding a way back to the safety of our holy place.

We will never forget our classes. I am still teaching Saturday Torah, Sunday Talmud, Wednesday Theology, Sunday morning Shmooze sessions with the temple teens. The teaching never ends and the anchor of Beth Miriam has not wavered. The temple leadership and board pivoted as we had to and the continuity has been amazing. With the flexibility of the office staff, Rosy and Cantor Camhi, we have adapted as we needed to.

This is totally Jewish. There is not a single tradition that was not borne out of an exile experience, either ancient or modern. Everything has its roots in the past and the past is colored and shaded with exile. Today, too, we color our experiences with exile and I suspect will continue to do so. But in the midst of this latest exile, we Jews do what we have always done: we band together as a family, we adapt worship, we continue studying any way we can, and we support and take care of each other. That is the Jewish way and it is the Beth Miriam way.

ZOOM on One Foot

Because all temple events are online, we have created a way to stay connected to the community and the congregation. To join any class or service, joining Zoom is simple. Go to Zoom.us and download the app. Click the button on the top right and, when prompted, join the room number. The rabbi's room number (think of it as an address) is 589-198-4173 with the password 181818 (the most Jewish number I could think of!). If you have any questions, call the rabbi at 732-768-7773 for instant technical support.



Join a Meeting

Join

Join a meeting from an H.323/SIP room system

FROM THE CANTOR

MARNIE CAMHI



We are living through quite a moment in history. Due to Covid-19, our world and usual routines are at a standstill and we have had to make the best of our current situation. We have all had to make adjustments and find new ways to live our lives and educate our children. Governor Murphy has extended his order to keep the schools closed through May 15 and will then re-evaluate when we can start to go back to some semblance of normal, whatever that may look like...

We need to make the best out of this situation, turning lemons into lemonade. In my house, we have been able to eat meals as a family every day, something that was not possible with my husband's long commute. The amount of dishes needed to be washed every day has increased exponentially with three people eating 3 meals a day plus snacks, but I won't complain about that (well, I do, but that's OK!).

At TBM, we have been able to still connect as a community with services and classes online using Zoom. I am very grateful for today's technology which allows us to meet, pray and learn together. I am very glad that we are able to have our Temple community and support one another though this time as we always do.

Shalom,

Cantor Marnie Camhi
cantor@bethmiriam.org

Ongoing Zoom Classes and Services

Zoom Room 589-198-4173

Password 181818

Friday - 7:30 PM - Kabbalat Shabbat
Saturday - 10 AM - Shabbat Torah Study
Sunday - 8 AM - Ongoing Talmud Study
Wednesday - 10 AM - Jewish Theology

FROM THE PRINCIPAL



STELLA JERUZALMI STANWAY

It so hard to believe that it's time for me to write this article again...and that I and all of you have been at home for all this time. Our regularly scheduled programming is, it seems, permanently suspended for the rest of the school year or at least till further notice. We have no choice but to adjust, and so we have.

For the past 2 Sundays, with one Sunday off for Passover, the students have gotten pretty proficient at popping in and out of their Zoom classes according to the schedule that I've been sending out on Thursdays. We have had to make some alterations to the way we are teaching, because we cannot deliver our curriculum in such a short period of time and certainly not virtually. To compensate, we've added, with Cantor Marnie's help, an additional period of specific prayer instruction, one for the 6/7 grade class and one for the 3/4/5 grade classes.

Along with Karen Pigitore and Anna Vernick, we have also recruited Andrew Dressner and Eliza Howard, Madrichim alum who are now college students, and Lia Bram and Steven DelCuore, who are Madrichim, to work with Sharon Silverman and provide one on three tutoring for 20 minutes a week to supplement Hebrew reading instruction (we are calling it Tute Time) and that has been going very well and we are so grateful to the 4 volunteers.

Other special considerations are that the 6/7 grade class meets a bit later in the morning but for 2 periods with a break in between. Anna and Olivia's young class meet all together and then only the 1st and 2nd graders meet again after a break for more specific instruction in Hebrew reading.

Knowing that our Religious School Students are already spending so much of their time on the computer for their secular studies, our teachers have been aware how important it is that the students are getting to see each other this way and stay connected...they allow some flexibility to let the kids interact a little and chat before diving into content. Distilling these lessons into 30 minutes is near impossible and managing classes virtually is not an easy thing, with technical difficulties adding to the frustration.

Our work is certainly cut out for us when we get back to the building and figuring out how to move on in our teaching. And yet, we have our blessings as well: that our attendance has actually been better, that the kids now know how to get from one class to the next, that it seems the time spent in Zoom classes are worthwhile, and that overall, we are making it work.



Congratulations to our BINGO Champs!

The Coronavirus lockdown has made us more creative and looking for a laugh or two. So, we had BINGO online and it was a lot of fun for the hour or so for the couple of dozen people. Congratulations to our winners!

Jackson Wolff
 Barry and Paige Edison
 Cantor Marnie and Melia Camhi
 Naomi Brodbar
 Marilyn Rosen
 Barbara Bascom

Read a Story on Facebook!



Dear Congregants,

Since we cannot start our Children's Program as planned due to COVID-19, we would still love to have some fun activities happening virtually for our little ones! How about reading your favorite book?

We would love for you to send us a video of you or your children reading their favorite children's book, so that we can put it up on the Temple Beth Miriam Facebook page for everyone to watch.

If you would rather read it on Facebook live, we can make that happen, too.

Please feel free to message the video via Facebook messenger to Temple Beth Miriam's Facebook or send it via E-Mail to Weiner.Katha@gmail.com or Rabbi@beth-miriam.org

Thank you for participating and all the best to you and your families.

Katharina Weiner

Yahrtzeits

May our loved ones' memories be an eternal blessing

May 8

Bessie May
Catherine Peckman
Frances Stein
Rebecca Freibaum
Harold Schwartz
Gertrude Algaze
Elizabeth Amplo
Howard Margolin
Philip Rubin
Arlene Scherer
Jack Seidman
Mollie Glassman
Ellen Lehn
Helen Vogel
Agnes Erhard
Anne Kreizman
Arlene Querido
David Resnikoff
Elizabeth White
Charles Brauer
Bella Doctorow
Judith Elkin
Daniel Lorber
Rose Schoenberg
Jack Spergel
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Morris Bricken
Dora Brower
David Freedman
Jerome Kaplan
Bella Leibowitt
Thomas Mannion
Millard Rosenfeld
Donald Rotwein
Edward Turkel
Abraham Vogel
Louis Weber

May 15

Toby Diskin
Charles Frankel
Malcolm Gillet
Belle Hocky
Robert Jacobson
Samson Katz
Ken Negin
Betty Resnikoff
Charles Stamler
Mildred Tepper
Anna Goldstein
Faith Lessig
Sidney Sirota
Eve Berg
Marilyn Bronstein
Lee Klugman
Harry Weissberg
Luba Aaron
Mary Panaccione
Esfir Sagalovsky
Emanuel Feldman
Arthur Landberg
Kate Schaefer
Ruben Segall
Leonard Casner
Beverly Freedman
Lillian Kava
Rosalyn Nagel
Millie Black
Jessica Gordon
Isadore Mirsky



May 22

Josephine Cramer
Charles Erlanger
Molli Hersch
Heimlich Aaron Bar-
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Mary Gottstein
Barbara Heimlich-Aar-
on
Harry Negin
Salowe Ruth
Mae Warner
Muriel Brown
Evelyn Rosenkranz
Philip Schulman
Mollie Wichtel
Albert Berg
Anna Eisner
Robert Krueger
Bernard Spector
Robert Bennett
Janice B. Caine
Rose Kleiner
Harry Koehler
Hattie Mendelson
Dora Rubin
Regina Ballin
Arnold Denby
William Hasburg
Lillian Herer
Louis Klugman
Abraham Ledwitz
Helen Oliner
Thelma Segall
Herman York
Anna Calafates
Sadie Cutler
Samuel Ehrenhalt
Bertha Fastov
Hazel Harmon
Harry Kass
Samuel Nathanson

May 29

Harry Becker
Marvin Broder
Dina Kastner
Harold Seldin
Abraham Ash
Edward Morris
Mollie Olsan
Joseph Rosenbaum
William Seligman
Bessie Bluth
Betty Miller
Phyllis Phox
Abraham Weinstein
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Ruth Brandt
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Samuel Fromkin
Donald Klopfer
Philip Lane
Nettie Rothschild

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Max Schwartz
Rosemarie Vaccaro
Barney Barrett
Georgia Holof
Benjamin Hyman
Robert Moray
William Rippner
Joshua Amron
Sara Greenman
Samuel Altman
Hannah Turkel
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Vivian Goldstein
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Jennie Cohen
Thomas Knotts
Florence Levitz
Esther Lewis
Thomas Abrams
William Erhard
James Griffiths
Allen Kamm
Annette Kaplan
George Lerner
George Oser
Joan Pearl
Sophia Podell
Norman Tanzman
Joseph Weber

June 5

Thank you!

Thank you for your tzedakah!

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Heimlich-Aaron Library Fund
In memory of Trever Bavar, DDS and in memory of David Zendell

Bob and Myrna Raskin
Rabbis Discretionary Fund
In honor of the temple's work in supporting its members during this difficult time

Yahrtzeit Plaque Space

In a congregation with as much history as Beth Miriam, it is inevitable that we begin to run out of space on the Yahrtzeit boards. Over the years many families have placed 'Reserved' plaques for themselves. The problem is that no one knows who they are reserved for or even who reserved them. Therefore, we are asking that, if you have a reserved plaque, you let the temple know at 732-222-3754 (if you know where the plaque is) or come in to show us. This way, we can make a record so that, when the time comes, we know exactly where the plaque with a family name should be placed. If we don't hear from the family, we will have to open that space up so that there is space on the board. Please get in touch with the temple before June 1st, 2020. Thank you for your help.

Ira Warner, of blessed memory



The temple family extends its deepest condolences to the family of Ira Warner, z"l who passed away early last month. Ira is the beloved husband of Corynn and the father of Amy and Lori. Ira was a life-long member of the temple and one of its strongest supporters and proponents. His grace, charm, generosity and class will

be missed by his family, friends and clients.

May his soul be bound up on the bonds of life and may his memory be a blessing.



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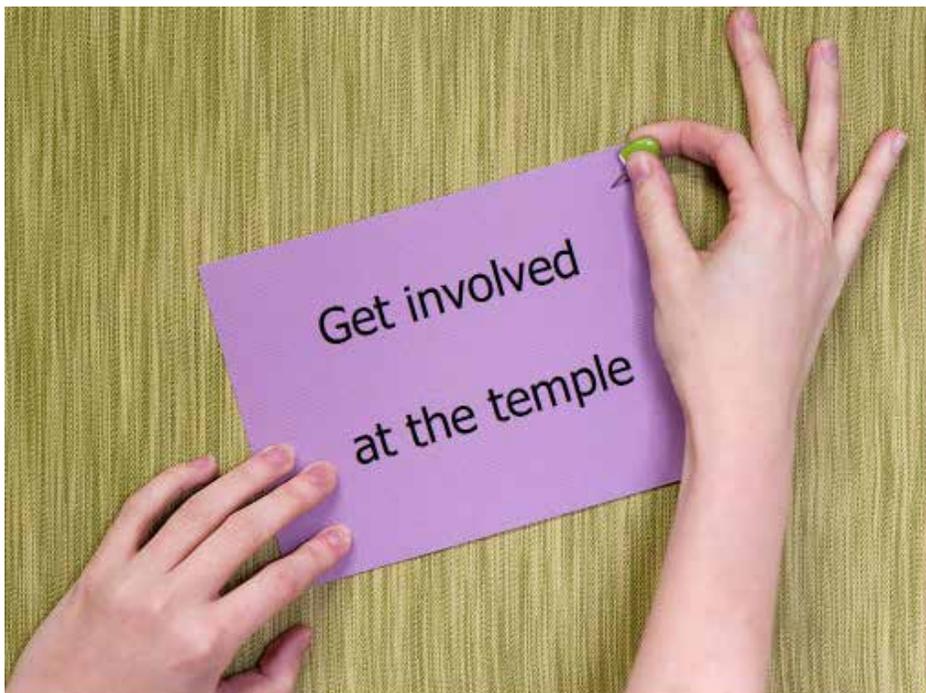


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The Norty Kern Youth Scholarship Fund – Proceeds of this fund will be used to support Religious School students on class trips.

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