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Message ftom President Craig Cooper

"When Life Gives You Lemons, Make Lemonade!"

I'm sure for most of us, it's always been a natural gesture to finish an email or a phone call with words like, "Take care" or "Be well." Over the past several months, I've often found myself using the words "Stay safe" instead. Before the COVID-19 pandemic, encouraging someone to stay safe would have been an odd expression. Safe from whom? Safe from what? The sad truth is, now we know.

None of us could have imagined a time when we would be forced to close our temple's physical building in order to protect our members, our children, staff

and guests from a frightening disease. And in the months that have passed, jobs have been lost, businesses have suffered, nest eggs have vanished and our society has ricocheted from one crisis to another. In the midst of the pandemic, our temple family has endured the loss of parents, family members, friends and coworkers, often without a chance to say goodbye or observe *shiva*. We have been relieved to hear from members who contracted the illness, and are in different stages of recovery.

And perhaps "different stages of recovery" is a fitting metaphor to describe Temple Beth David today. At first glance, those words feel depressing – as if we are all recovering from the same illness or a terrible storm. But I'd like to think the remarkable work that has taken place since our March closing demonstrates the creativity, flexibility and strength of our congregational family. In true summertime spirit, our temple members, our Religious School, our wonderful clergy and our dedicated staff have become the epitome of a familiar phrase:

"When life gives you lemons, make lemonade!"

Six months ago, who could have imagined more than 100 people "Zooming" in to our weekly online Shabbat services? Week after week, month in, month out, your attendance and reaction have been incredible. In past communications, we've told you about the fun we've had and the engaging virtual learning programs we've offered to our Religious School children, and even to our adults. We've told you how our office staff has been working remotely, only stopping in to pick up mail or drop off important documents. Our Building Manager has cleaned and sanitized virtually every surface imaginable, and continues to tackle projects that are easier to complete with an empty building. We are in the process of installing video cameras, streaming and internet equipment in the sanctuary which will enable us to utilize technology for worship during this time and into the future.

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And when we reopen our doors, there will be a few surprises we think you'll love! Which raises the question on everyone's mind – when will we reopen our doors?

More than any other topic, the clergy and your leaders have continued to monitor guidance from the government, and have also consulted with our counterparts in other temples and houses of worship. It goes without saying that we all wish we could predict a date when things are back to some semblance of normal. The short answer? Stay tuned.

What I can tell you with complete certainty is that our board and clergy are dedicated to making decisions about our building, activities and worship services with diligence, with concern for every member of TBD and with a commitment to the values we cherish as a Jewish community. We will continue to share information and updates with our temple family throughout the summer.

For many decades, Motel 6 has used the advertising slogan "We'll leave the light on for you." Right now, that expression may be the most simple, yet honest message we can share with every member of the Temple Beth David family. There is a light above every temple's ark known as *Ner Tamid*, "The Eternal Light." For more than three months now, TBD's light has burned without a prayer being spoken or a song being sung in our sanctuary. That light burns for those who have suffered during this crisis, and for those who want nothing more than to worship again as we always have – together.

Until then, pour yourself some lemonade, stay safe and rest assured "We'll leave the light on for you." On behalf of the Temple Beth David leadership, I wish you good health and comfort in these troubling days. Please know you can reach out to any of us, for any reason.



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Yahrzeit Memorial located in sanctuary vestibule \$ 500.00 Tree of Life located in sanctuary across from Yahrzeit plaques Gold or Platinum Leaf \$ 180.00 \$ 36.00 Children's butterfly \$ 450.00 Foundation Stone Sanctuary One seat \$ 800.00 Two seats \$1500.00



Yahrzeits July 2020



7/1	Grace Gluck	7/11	Jack Rogers	7/23	Sylvia Wicker
	Cecile Sussman Charlotte Sacks	7/12	Ruth Soroca Miriam Wengroff	7/24	Pearl Rosenzweig Ruth Kramer
	Blanche Wigler	1/12	Joseph Krieg		Robert Elfring
7/2	Howard Friedman		Dorothy Banks		Barry A. Peretz
1 / 2	Estelle Heimlich		Rosalind Leibner		Bill Zeitlin
7/3	Robert Gross		Rosalind K. Zwalsky	7/25	Audrey Backer
, , 0	Harry Adler		Saul Isaacs	, , _ e	Israel Forbstein
	Lillian Schorr		Harold Orzick		Morton Rosen
7/4	Jerry Lerner		Arlene Vogel		Ernest Leonard
,	Mary Swarcer	7/13	Jules Mogul	7/26	Lester Kass
7/5	Bernard Goldstein	,	Gussie Wilk	7/27	Benjamin Freier
,	Sam Sussman	7/14	Yola Blumenkranz	,	Shirley Felsen
	Gertrude Wolfson	,	Elias Schwalbe		Ida Hahn
7/6	Gus Cohen		Margie Finkelstein		Elsie Glick
	Lawrence Rand		Francine Wurman		Theodore Wachs
	Mike Roche	7/15	David Marsh		Ann Jean Strum
7/7	Paula Kadish		Sara Konigsberg	7/28	Arleen Adelman
	Harold Wiles		Marcele Loman		Harriet Hersh
	Isidore J. Edelstein		Mitchell Rice		Ruth Kay
	Lee Holler		Helen Novick		Gladys Bernstein
	Louis Gershowitz	7/16	Milton Ehrenreich		Phyllis Berkowitz
	Ernest Kingsley		Hannah Pasetsky		Arleen Adelman
	Kenneth Rosenblum		Yetta Ratner		Bessie Morley
	Lee Morganstern		Jay Plusch		Rose Krinsky
	Marilyn Ratzker	7/17	Mania Alter	7/29	Selma Devack
	Eli Isaacson		Doris Elish		Bernard Lesch
- /-	Harvey Weinsaft	_ /	Miriam Margulis		Anita Flamm
7/8	Helene Rogove	7/18	Julius Glanzberg		Leon Levitt
	Sy Lefkowitz		Eve Eskin-Brown		Muriel Rispler
	Bruce Kay		Edward Leonard	T /20	Irving Kramer
	Ruth Lory		Esther Cohen	7/29	Leon Levitt
7./0	Alan Weintraub	7/10	Rose Musnikow Gaft	7/30	Jack Krasner
7/9	Marvin Thal	7/19	Katie Weiner Slavkin		Sophie Kaplan
	Rita Lester	7/20	Harvey Klein		Gloria McDermott
	Rosemarie Cruz Anna Seltzer	7/20	Terry Ann Zamore		Arthur M. Schorr
	Daniel Stone	7/21	Jack Walsh	7/21	Marvin Dorskind
	Charles Alter		Edward Kay Robert Soodak	7/31	Ben Canin Ann Cutler
7/10	Martin Henick		Mary G. Riefberg		Arnold Holstein
7/10	Martin Burstein		Fannie Isaacs		Doris Wurman
	Zoe Damon	7/22	Martin Sokol		Enrique Romero
7/11	Rebecca Paladino	1 / 44	Pauline Smithline		Linque Romero
/ / 11	Ida Hollander	7/23	Saul Smith		
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8/2	Ben Schwartz	8/13	Dorothy Sarasohn	8/22	Philip Blumenkranz
	Hyman Edelstein		Louise Wiener	8/23	Sadie Karpf
	Paul Kramer	8/14	Barnard Lewis Remmer		May Blansky
	Sol Davis		Arthur Epstein		David Senzer
	Ruth Waller		Edith Miller		Lester Cooper
8/3	David Eisner		Jay Larry		Marna Roth
	Elsie Fischer		Allan Simon	8/24	Dorothy Wolk
	William Lava		David Michaels	8/26	Irving Nacht
	Paul Sherman		Elise Hanf		Victor Barnowitz
8/5	Arnold Bart		Herman Dorskind		Jack Simonoff
	Marvin Leff	8/15	Merril Eisenbud		Alice Israel
	Mark Warsaw		Rose Epstein	8/27	Sandy Epstein
8/6	Arthur Monford		Judith Berger		Benjamin Goldhagen
	Arthur Monford		Richard Silberlust		Benjamin Herman
8/8	Grace Silverman	8/16	Stewart Futerman		Zigmond Lazar
	David Sobel		Leon Rosen	8/28	Mina Bender
	Harry Rispler	8/17	Harry B. Fischer		Carroll Krostich
	Joseph Rostoker		Lloyd Kaplan		Harry Levine
8/9	Alton Hastings		Paul Schwartz		Bertha Manspeizer
	Joseph Paigin	8/18	Laurence Pinkham		Philip Wigler
	Abraham Laks	8/19	Ida Schwalbe	8/29	Raie Marsh
	William Cohen		Lenore Gray		Marian Pasetsky
8/10	Alvin Abrams		Fani Tilkin		Virginia Rector
	Fay Goldberg		Sadye Pellman		Joseph Maultasch
	Karen Nash	8/20	Francis Satran		Howard Lelchuk
	Lola Mason		Laura Sandler	8/30	Leny Arav
8/11	Eve Marks		Allan Schneider		Joseph Kaplan
	Heyman Rosenzweig	8/21	Bernard Aronberg		Rose Fenster Kagan
	Essie Rogers		Beverly Schneider		Rose Bender Siegel
8/13	Maks Kooper		Jerome Reiff	8/31	William Charton
	Isabelle Klatzman		Simon Seewald		Anna Berliner
	David Kessler		Steven Schissler		Charlotte Kodack

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