

## Temple Beth Israel Mini-Newsletter July-Sept 2023

### Calendar:

Aug 10, Thursday, 6:30pm - Fundraiser, The Rainmaker, at the Riverfront Playhouse

Aug 11, Friday, 7:00pm - First Shabbat Service with Rabbi Myra

Aug 12, Saturday, 10:00 - Shabbat morning service, followed by Torah study: Introduction to sacred texts

Sept: High Holy Days

15, Friday, 7:00pm - Erev Rosh Hashanah service

16, Saturday, 10:00am - Rosh Hashanah Service, followed by BYO lunch and Tashlich at Lake Redding Park (approximately 1:30 pm)

22, Friday, 7:00pm Shabbat Shuva service

24, Sunday, 7:30pm - Erev Yom Kippur/Kol Nidre service (note later start time)

25, Monday, 10am - Yom Kippur service, (Break from 1:00-5:00) 5-Torah Study, 6-Voices of the Community, 6:30 YikSOR, 7 N'eila, 7:30 Break the Fast

### New Rabbis!

As many of you know by now, for various reasons we were unable to be matched with a student rabbi from the Hebrew Union College (HUC) this year.

The good news is that the CCAR, who facilitates (nearly) all Reform rabbi placements in the US, opened their rabbi portal to us. A search committee combed through the viable options and found us not just one, but two rabbis who will serve us this year. Both are semi-retired, but not ready to get out of the rabbi game yet, with many years of experience.

Rabbi Myra Soifer will be leading us from August through November, including the High Holy Days. Rabbi Yoel Kahn will be leading us from December through June.

I will give you the briefest of overviews of their backgrounds, and I'm letting you know in advance I'm not doing either of them justice. To learn more about each of them, you will have to meet them!

Rabbi Myra was one of the first ten women to be ordained as a rabbi in the US. It was not easy being one of those breaking the glass ceiling of nearly 2,000 years of tradition, but she persevered. She went on to serve congregations in New Orleans, Reno, and Grass Valley. After 'retiring' at age 59, she decided to become a Peace Corps volunteer in Panama. This is just a teaser of who she is and all she's accomplished.

Rabbi Yoel Kahn has served congregations from Hawai'i to Massachusetts, before settling in Berkeley. He will be leading a congregation in Italy from September through November before joining us. He believes his role as a rabbi is to serve as a teacher and a guide to help people find their own path to God and Torah. His list of scholarly papers is jaw dropping.

Both rabbis are strong advocates for diversity and inclusion.

Your first chance to meet Rabbi Myra will be Friday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, 7pm. (There is even a chance you'll be able to meet her the day before at our Riverfront fundraiser.)

### Fundraiser at Riverfront: The Rainmaker

Join us for an evening of fun, prizes, and of course, noshes, all while helping to raise money for TBI!

The Rainmaker: A romantic comedy, is a tale of love and a tale of hope, set in "a western state on a summer day in a time of drought." Just as the Curry family is beginning to despair, Starbuck – a self-proclaimed "Rainmaker" – comes on the scene. He is full of dreams, passion, and self-confidence. This heartfelt domestic drama is about the importance of self-belief.

When: Thursday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

Time: Doors open at 6:30 for noshing, kibitzing, and of course, bidding on our raffle items

Play starts: 7:30

Tickets: \$20, such a deal!

Raffle tickets: \$1, or 15 for \$10!

To purchase tickets, contact Lis Peery: phone - (323) 362-0026, or email - [lispeery@gmail.com](mailto:lispeery@gmail.com)

Or, follow this link if you'd like to pay w/a credit card: [Pay online](#)

### Mah Jongg

Whether you're a veteran of the tiles, or new to the game, join Patricia Penn and Joanne Lobeski-Snyder Mondays at 1pm at Oakmont Assisted Living. I hear that Joanne is an excellent teacher! Contact Joanne for more information. 530-355-1793

### TBI Bookclub

A new to Redding member, Marta Hopkins, is interested in restarting a TBI bookclub. If you are interested in learning more, you can contact her via email: [martahopkins@hotmail.com](mailto:martahopkins@hotmail.com)