



As a mother of three amazing children, I am often fascinated by how they choose to engage in the world, each with their own approach. Yet I am equally fascinated by how we as a society expect them to approach the world around them. As a stereotypical Jewish mom, I think that one of the worst things to hear a teacher say about my children is that they are “average.”

Yet not every child can be “above average.” Average is defined as “constituting the result obtained by adding together several quantities and then dividing this total by the number of quantities” Meaning it is like a bell curve - some children will be above and some will be below. The challenge is that we all have ideas of what a “good child” is, and therefore a good mother or parent. As we approach Mother’s Day, I am reminded of a Chasidic story. In this story, a woman approached the rabbi distressed that her son did not believe in God. The rabbi responded by asking her if she loved her son. She responded affirmatively, the rabbi directed her to go and love her son even more. For this mother, she needed reminding that her son was “good,” even though the mom and the son had different ideas of what “good” was.

Every year at Passover, we read the narrative of the Four Children: the Wise, the Wicked, the Simple, and the one who does not know how to ask. The rabbis teach us that these are representatives of our children and how we are to approach them — as individuals, and that there are people who don’t know how to ask or even be engaged. As parents, many of us have high hopes and dreams for our children. Yet it behooves us to remember that parenthood is full of highs and lows, periodic challenges and infrequent crises. At the end of the day, the objective is not to raise above-average children, the objective is to raise self-sufficient and kind children.



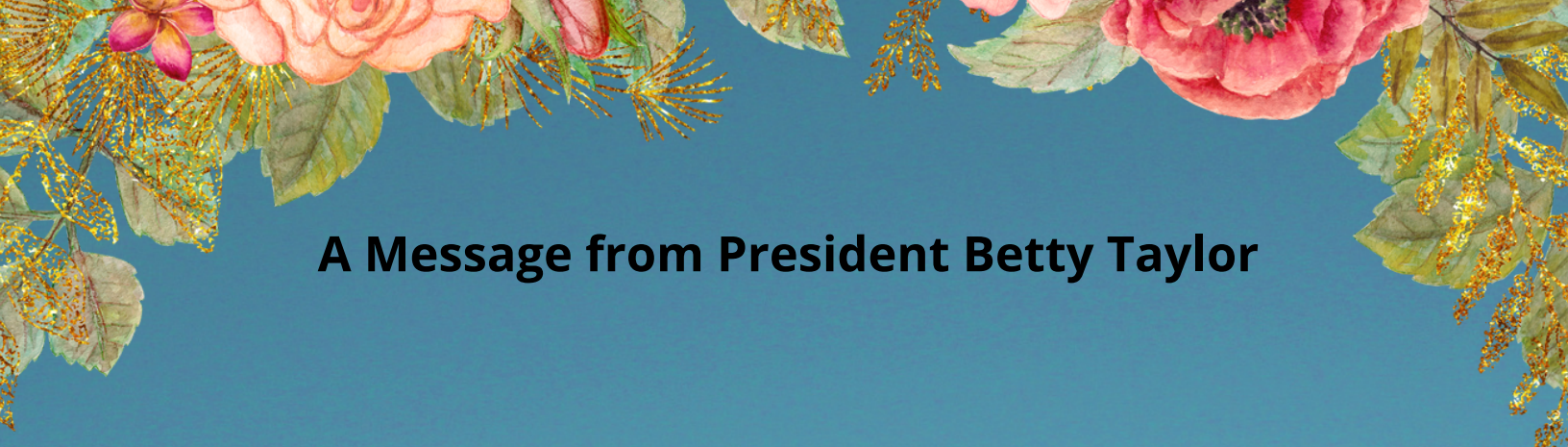
Conversely, when children reflect back to their parents, they are also challenged to find and see happiness at all times. Parents failed to meet the expectations their children had of them. Maybe they weren't fun, were strict, or overbearing. Mother's Day brings up for many of us, reminders of our own relationships with our parents: the good, the bad, and the ugly. It reminds us of how we were as parents and as a child. So I offer this advice to you as much as to myself.

Judaism models a type of relationship between parents and children. It reminds us to be partners with God. Partners in that relationship implies working toward perfecting the world. Partnership between parents and children implies therefore working together toward a more supportive and loving relationship and uplifting each other to your highest potential.

The commandment: to honor your parents has the Hebrew word of *Kavod* (respect) which shares the root with the word *Kaved* (heaviness). Working in partnership can be one more aspect of how to be in a positive relationship with one another.

Happy Mother's Day





A Message from President Betty Taylor

April 15, 2022...How was that night different than any other? For the first time in two years, we gathered again for our seder. After two years of having no seder at the Temple, this year's was very special. Old friends, new friends, lots of laughter and good food... being together lent the night it's magic.

I leave just a short message this month, as I prefer you continue to reflect of the togetherness we experienced. Sadly, so few people attend services now in-person that togetherness is a feeling we seldom have.

I urge each of you to attend our annual Congregational Meeting. We will be setting a date for it soon. Keep your eyes open for that information. We have accomplished so much this year, and we have so much yet to do. It is critical that each member takes part in our decision-making process.

B'Shalom,

Betty Taylor





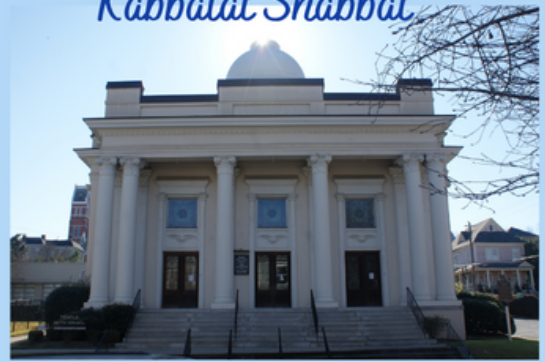
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Three Sisters

Sunday | 1 PM

May 29th

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Passover Seder





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MAY BIRTHDAYS

WE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING
FOR THEIR BIRTHDAYS THIS MONTH

Barbara Kaplan Gertner - May 1st

Ezra Ware - May 4th

Rabbi Elizabeth Bahar - May 6th

Joyce Harris - May 7th

Rick Bialac - May 10th

Guy Fried - May 14th

Martha Lleras - May 17th

Lise Dayan - May 20th

Lauri Mizell - May 23rd

Susan Bialac - May 24th

Robert Donner - May 28th

Madison Sierra Butler - May 30th

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



Happy Anniversary

Rick & Susan Bialac – May 30th



We Remember the Following on Shabbat

May 6 (April 30 - May 6)

Laura Marie Newman - 4/30/1997

Gustave Bernd - 5/1/1919

Rabbi Elkan Cohen Voorsanger - 5/1/1963

Kathryn Cave - 5/1/2001

Lala Oberdorfer - 5/2/1995

Armin Porges - 5/2/2002

Harris Lubel - 5/3/1961

Morris Aaron Mink - 5/3/1992

Anny Ashbach Stofman - 5/6/1998

Betty Glantz - 5/6/2006

We Remember the Following on Shabbat

May 13 (May 7-13)

Teresa Kaplan Schlosburg - 5/7/1989

Juliette Gans Barker - 5/7/2002

Marcia Fried - 5/7/2014

Samuel Lavine - 5/8/1964

Jerry Lippman - 5/8/2010

Anita Greenwald - 5/8/2019

Solomon Waxelbaum - 5/9/1896

Marian Waxelbaum Silverman - 5/9/1984

Harry Theodore Torch - 5/9/1993

Rosalind Harris Fried - 5/10/1980

Malvin Morris - 5/12/1901

Carolyn Waxelbaum Shoenig - 5/12/1987

Rebecca Witman - 5/13/1924

Dr. Reuben M. Reifler - 5/13/1983

We Remember the Following on Shabbat

May 20 (May 14-20)

Bertha C Dillard - 5/17/2001

Philip Lipman - 5/18/1909

Max Roobin - 5/18/1977

Adele Hannah Gans - 5/19/1957

We Remember the Following on Shabbat

May 27 (May 21-27)

Dr. Benjamin Bashinski, Sr. - 5/20/1950

Leonora Hart - 5/22/2020

Inell (Shine) Butler - 5/23/1982

Patsy Fried - 5/23/2012

Julia C. Kaplan - 5/24/1965

Israel Meyer Roobin - 5/25/1937

We Remember the Following on Shabbat

June 3 (May 28-June 3)

Emanuel M. Kahn - 5/29/1907

Joe B. Jacobs - 5/29/1965

Henrietta Bernd - 5/30/1938

Carl Bloch - 6/1/1959

Ira Kaplan - 6/1/1980

Norma Oliner - 6/1/1997

Henry Koplín - 6/3/1953



MAY 2022

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SISTERHOOD
 Sunday | 1 PM
 May 29th
 Temple Beth Israel
 Join us in person or on Zoom!
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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
1:00 PM: BOARD MEETING			10:00-12 NOON: RABBI AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS	LAG BAOMER	5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	ARMED FORCES DAY YOUNG FAMILY EVENT
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
			10:00-12 NOON: RABBI AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS		5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	YOM YERUSHALAYIM
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
1:00 PM: SISTERHOOD BOOK CLUB THREE SISTERS			10:00-12 NOON: RABBI AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS	10:00-12 NOON: RABBI AVAILABLE FOR APPOINTMENTS	5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT	5:15 PM KIDDUSH CLUB 6:30 PM KABBALAT SHABBAT



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