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## God Doesn't Live In The Sky A Story for Our Season *by Rabbi Leana Moritt*



Norah was the youngest of four overachieving overactive children in her family. Something always needed to be done; someone always needed to be driven somewhere but still, no one ever seemed to get lost. Sure, they had their momentary gripes with each other and sharing the bathroom often ended in meltdowns, but they were very protective of one another and there was a lot of love. Mom and Dad always seemed to have time at just the right time for special time.

They decided on camping. Nora wasn't yet 12, so she was the only one who wasn't yet vaccinated. It wasn't everyone's first choice of vacation by a long shot.

Under a blanket of stars you only read about living in Jersey City, Nora lay next to her father, mostly saying nothing. "I know we are Jewish and everything and my bat mitzvah is coming up. I gotta tell you, I'm not sure about God at all," said Nora. "Me too," said her Dad. "That's a good sign, I think. Better to have a lot of questions than a lot of answers. That's more like us."

Nora didn't expect this. She figured this was a radical thought—not believing in God—something that would disqualify her for sure in the Jewish department. Her father's response and the stars made her feel safe enough to go on.

Nora continued, "I'll tell you one thing, if I've got to believe in a God who lives in the sky, it's a deal breaker. It seems really absurd. Where does that idea come from anyway?" Her Dad paused for what seemed a long time. "It is a strange idea. You're right. What, a different planet? On a cloud? The stratosphere? But looking at all these stars, it makes me wonder what it is about the sky that makes people think about God?"

Nora didn't say anything. She felt good about asserting herself and her attention quickly turned to how really loud the crickets were and how itchy the bug bite on her forearm was.

And then her Dad said, "I don't know... when I look at all these stars, I think of how unfathomably big and complex the universe is. And I think about how life and the world is filled with endless possibilities—in my own life—and especially yours. And I think about how it came to be that humans got here, built communities, made laws, figured out how to build rocket ships and campers. I think about why on earth the Jewish people are still around after thousands of years after all we've been through. The stars make me think about infinity in time and in space. I also think of how unfathomably beautiful it all is too."

"And I can't help it," he continued, "But when I think about all these things, I can't help but think about God." He paused and seemed to look even further into the sky. "Ok, I'll say it: looking out into the sky makes me *feel* God. Yeah, it sounds strange, but that's the closest word I can think of. It's not a belief. It's more of a feeling of being part of and connected to a universe of intricately planned layers of infinity. No, it's not that God lives in the sky, but it's that the sky gets me thinking about God. Maybe that's where the strange idea comes from."

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### Service Information

We are back LIVE for *selected services*. Please read locations and links and details carefully. Details are also on our website.

First Friday Family Services for the next several months will be live on our lawn (weather permitting) and will not be viewable from home. In case of rain, join us over Zoom. Pot luck dinners are still suspended until further notice.

This month we begin **live** services monthly from our sanctuary. We will open to the first **25 fully vaccinated, masked and socially distanced people who sign up [here](#)**. Zoom services are found [here](#). YouTube LiveStream services are found [here](#). To follow the service with a digital flip book siddur, go [here](#)

**Friday, June 4**  
 Wine & Cheese “pre-neg” on the lawn 6—6:30 pm  
 and/or BYO picnic dinner  
 First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services 6:30 pm  
**LIVE! On the Temple lawn!**  
 Graduation Shabbat: Let us know and kvell [here](#)  
*This service will **not** be viewable over Zoom.*

**Friday, June 11** Zoom  
 First Friday Kabbalat Shabbat Services 8:00 pm  
**Friday, June 18** Livestream over YouTube [here](#) 8:00 pm  
 Finally! Kabbalat Shabbat services **LIVE** from our sanctuary!  
*For our first cautious service indoors together, we are permitting only for the first 25 fully vaccinated, masked and socially distanced people who sign up [here](#).*  
*Oneg Shabbat gatherings still suspended until further notice.*

**Friday, June 25** Zoom 8:00 pm  
 Kabbalat Shabbat Services

**Friday, July 2**  
 “Pre-neg” on the lawn 6:00—6:30 pm  
 and/or BYO picnic dinner  
 First Friday Family Kabbalat Shabbat services 6:30 pm  
**LIVE! On the Temple lawn!**  
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**Rabbi Moritt is available for virtual pastoral counseling and her other usual duties during this challenging time. To keep our employees healthy, most are working from home with adjusted hours and limited access to files. Our phones and emails are up and running.**

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### Shabbat Candle Lighting

Friday, June 4	8:06 pm
Friday, June 11	8:10 pm
Friday, June 18	8:12 pm
Friday, June 25	8:13 pm
Friday, July 2	8:13 pm



Our Twitter feed has over **800** followers! Check it out [here](#) or search for Temple Beth-El Jersey City on Twitter.

**Rabbi's Message** *(continued from page 1)*

Nora hadn't really thought about God this way. It didn't bother her like some things she'd heard about God, but it still felt a little out of reach. If she knew what the word "abstract" meant, that would be a good way to describe her reaction. At the same time, she was pleased to know her father agreed that God didn't live in the sky.

Nora shivered and snuggled closer to her Dad, who put his arms around her to keep her warm. He realized it had been a long time since he'd been able to hold her like that. Nora was getting bigger and he wondered how many more moments like this they would get to share before she would flee into the chaos of her teenage years.

"So, if God isn't in the sky, where then?" asked Nora. "Hmm," said her Dad in a contemplative kind of way, but also to buy some time

"I think right here." "Huh?" said Norah. "Yes, right here. Right now. When we feel awe and wonder. You know your name means 'awesome,' right?" Nora rolled her eyes. "Yes, Dad. You've told me a million times." He continued, "And here." He touched his heart. "That same infinity is here." It's in how we love and how we live."

"OK, now you're really confusing me," said Nora. Her father continued, "When your oldest sister was born, we couldn't imagine loving anyone or anything more. But when your brother arrived and then your sister, and then you, we found more and more love. It changes the way you think about what is possible."

"You know, a famous Rabbi\* once asked and answered: 'Where is God? Wherever you let him in'." "Her," Nora corrected him. "Sure, ok, her. Him. Her. They're equally right, or more accurately, equally wrong, equally confining and inadequate for a spirit that is so humongous. Yeah, I'll betcha people figured, where else would she fit, but the sky?"

He snuggled her in a little closer and Nora felt herself drifting.

"But," he continued. By now Nora was only hearing every other word. "If I'm going to be honest with you, the infinity of the microscopic makes me think of God as much as the infinity of the universe. Those tiny droplets of disease that have made the whole world sick; the even tinier RNA particles that bring the protection from the same disease. The particles even tinier than that that make up everything. And the way people have grown to understand so much through science."

He continued, "Maybe it's because we live in the city, but the little things make me wonder about God more than the big sky. Like a momentary flash of Intuition. Or a special feeling of connection that's really strong but you can't explain why. And even if you could, words wouldn't work anyway. Or when you suddenly come up with a new idea or figure a new solution to a problem. And you can't explain where it comes from. What I felt when I first held you on the day you were born. I think God is somewhere there inside there, too."

At this point he wasn't talking so much to Nora as he was wondering out loud to the stars and the crickets. It didn't matter, because by then, Nora was asleep. Still, he continued, "And while it still seems like the tip of the iceberg, it is still all part of this majestic whole."

Taking in this moment of gently holding his little girl breathing so deeply, sleeping so soundly in his arms, he looked up to the firmament of the sky glistening down in all her glory. He drew a deep breath and drew down these ancient words for his awesome Nora: May God bless you and watch over you. May God's face shine upon you and be gracious to you. May God's face lift up before you and grant you peace. Wholeness. Shalom.

**The End**

\*The Kotzker Rebbe

So, I ask you: What makes you wonder? What makes you feel part of something bigger than yourself?  
L'shalom and in friendship,

*Rabbi Leana Moritt*



**Saturday, June 12 @ 10:30 in Lincoln Park!**

**LIVE IN-PERSON Tot Shabbat!**

Lincoln Park in the picnic area near the tennis courts at the south end of the park. Click [here](#) for a map to the location.

Weather permitting. Decision will be made Friday afternoon, so watch your email.



Calling all children 0-5 and their grownups! Last month's Live in the Park was a smash success. Welcome back Bracha the Bear! Join us for singing, dancing, storytime, snack and an age-appropriate activity. *We will follow State mask and social distancing requirements.*

Thank you to Megan Dolbee Russek (Adelaide's mom) for bringing the snack and juice boxes this month. Please consider volunteering for next month.

Mark your calendars for Tot Shabbat mornings through the end of the calendar year. We will be meeting outside in various locations throughout the summer. Watch for location details.

July 10    August 14    September 25 — Sukkot on the Temple lawn  
October 30    November 20    December 18

If you are not on our Tot Shabbat list, please email [office@betheljc.org](mailto:office@betheljc.org) and ask to be added to our email list.

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## PAJAMA HAVDALAH

**Saturday, June 26**  
**6:45-7:15 pm**

Join Morah Marian and some of her favorite stuffed animals as the stars come out on Saturday night to say goodbye to Shabbat with a little story, a little song and a little mystery in the light of Havdalah.

Future Pajama Havdalahs:  
July 24 — Rabbi Moritt  
August 21 — Morah Marian

Zoom meeting id: **850 2112 6695** password **havdallah**

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## Graduation Shabbat

Do you have a graduate? Celebrate their accomplishment at our first live outdoor service, Friday, June 4 @ 6:30. Please fill out this form [here](#) so we can announce their graduation at services. We are celebrating all graduates—pre-school, elementary, middle or high school, college or graduate school or any program at all.

## Religious School and the High Holy Days

by Marian Kleinman, Director of Education

**Please register your child/children for September**

I've often struggled with the transition from school days to summer vacation days. I miss seeing everyone on Sundays at TBE Religious School! And yet, I'm as busy as ever, now with a dual mission: preparing for High Holy Days AND preparing for the re-start of Religious School in September.

I urge each of you to please assist me with school preparation. Kindly take a few minutes, if you haven't already, to enroll your child/children for the 5782 (2021—22) school year by clicking [here](#). Please complete your enrollment as soon as possible, as this assists us in preparing for next year's in-person classes at TBE. Our first day of school is Sunday, September 12<sup>th</sup>. You can find our Religious School calendar for next year [here](#).

As summer begins, few people are thinking about the High Holy Days—except for clergy. As odd as it seems, as soon as *Pesach* ends, I begin my High Holy Day preparation. This year, because a recent bat mitzvah student taught about the Torah portion *Nasso*, I find myself thinking about the theme of one of the many “practicum” presentations I prepared while in cantorial school. The *Rosh Hashanah musaf* service was the topic of this particular 20-minute prayer and music program. Preparing a *musaf* program was a stretch for me, and it wasn't because the material was all new for me.

Reform Judaism completely omits the *musaf* service which involves reciting some prayers repetitively, and even more important, it's based on the belief in sacrifices as a legitimate way to become closer to God, an idea which Reform Judaism has rejected. Since I grew up as a Reform Jew, I had never attended a *musaf* service. In traditional settings, this service follows the morning service on *Shabbat*, *Yom Tov*, the start of the new month, and the middle days of certain holidays.

Fortunately for me, the repetitiveness of *musaf* meant that I already knew some of the prayers as they are also found in the *Rosh Hashanah* morning service. The many prayers found in both services include *Unetaneh Tokef*, *B'Rosh Hashanah*, the *Amidah* (*Avot* and so on), and others. There are many melodies for the *B'Rosh Hashanah* prayer, which is only sung during *Yamim Noraim* (the High Holy Days). The refrain says: “On Rosh Hashanah it is written, and on the Fast of the Day of Atonement it is sealed: How many will pass on, and how many will be born....”

For my Practicum, I learned and included a *B'Rosh Hashanah* melody from the Muncasz Hasidic community in Hungary, many of whom perished in the *Shoah* (Holocaust). Ever since then, this is my preferred melody for the *B'Rosh Hashanah* prayer, because I feel that singing music that survived the *Shoah* is one of the best ways to honor the memories of those we lost. Thanks to a cantorial colleague, Judy Ribnick, who transcribed this melody, and thanks to her congregant Tova Klein, who taught it to Judy, we have preserved a part of the Muncaszic tradition.

I hope you'll visit my website, [www.mariankleinman.com](http://www.mariankleinman.com), and click on the “music” menu to listen to my recordings of the *Avinu Malkeinu* prayer. If it's a hot day like it is right now as I write, perhaps you'll grab a cool drink and enjoy a few cool minutes of listening. This way, you too can prepare for the High Holy Days with me.

I look forward to seeing you and to singing with you on Shabbat and throughout the year.

*L'shira* (with song)

Marian

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## World Refugee Day Festival 2021

Date: Sunday, June 20, rain or shine.

Time: 2:00 — 5:00 pm

Location: Temple Beth-El

Sponsored by  
 Welcome Home Jersey City & First Friends of NJ and NY  
 Hosted by  
 Temple Beth-El of Jersey City

The world is a very different place than it was one year ago! As we prepare to once again welcome refugees and asylum seekers into our community as neighbors and friends, and as we begin to enjoy in-person gatherings after a year of socially distanced events and remote meetings, Welcome Home and First Friends are thrilled to mark World Refugee Day with a festival celebrating our work — and each other!

### Activities:

- Speakers from Welcome Home and First Friends
- “Welcome Friends” art installation, inspired by the Humans of New York series, featuring portraits of and testimony by friends of Welcome Home and First Friends, and curated by Walk-By
- Games and activities for children of all ages
- Information tables with literature from our allies
- Sales of the new Welcome Home Jersey City World Refugee Day t-shirt, designed by Radici Studio
- Sales of “Big Blue Box” by Emily Kullman and Nancy-Jo Taiani, a children’s book about a girl whose family is broken up by the immigration detention system
- Food provided by the Prince Halal Food Truck
- Mobile Covid-19 Vaccination Unit on location

### Welcome Home Jersey City

**Welcome Home** is a community-based nonprofit that provides educational, employment and material support for refugees, asylees and asylum-seekers in the Jersey City area. Welcome Home operates from the philosophy that all people deserve the dignity of a decent home, and the resources they need to make a better life for themselves. Welcome Home believes our community needs to help our new neighbors adjust to their new environment. As such, our goal is to facilitate our clients’ successful integration into the community by augmenting and extending services provided by resettlement agencies.

### First Friends of NJ and NY

First Friends of NJ and NY upholds the inherent dignity and humanity of detained immigrants and asylum seekers. We provide compassion and hope through volunteer visitation, resettlement assistance and advocacy.

For more information contact [hello@welcomehomerefugees.org](mailto:hello@welcomehomerefugees.org)



**Angels,  
Golems,  
and  
the Supernatural  
in Judaism**

**Thursday, June 24  
7:30 —9 pm  
Free Zoom Event**



**Rabbi Leana Moritt and Co-host Beth Achenbach talk strange and supernatural!**

Temple Beth-El of Jersey City invites you to our next Adult Learning talk, Angels, Golems, and Supernatural beings in Judaism. Join Rabbi Leana Moritt and Co-host, Beth Achenbach as they discuss some of the things that go bump in the night! Demons, golems, and dybbuks, Oh my!

This is a free Zoom event!

The link will be provided in your confirmation e-mail that you will receive after registering. Register [here](#)



How wonderful to get together in person in May for Tot Shabbat! Don't miss the next one, in Lincoln Park, on June 12. See page 4 for details

Photo by Megan Dolbee Russek

## “Welcome Back to Temple Beth-El” Picnic a grand success

The sun was out and so were congregants, picnic blankets and chairs for a welcome back picnic on the Temple lawn. The picnic was also a celebration of Shavuot, and Temple members Mark and Debi Kahn, owners of Jersey City’s Downtown Yogurt, donated frozen yogurt for the event, complete with ten toppings to represent the Ten Commandments.

Photos by The Jersey Journal and Jeff Kaplowitz.

See the Jersey Journal article, titled “Temple celebrates return to in-person activities”, [here](#)



## Tributes

- To celebrate a happy occasion
- To say I'm sorry for your loss
- To remember your loved ones
- To thank someone for a kindness

Acknowledgement of your contribution will be sent to the recipient and the message will be listed in the newsletter. To make a donation and offer a tribute for any reason, click [here](#) or contact the [office](#)

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In memory of father, Ronald Gale  
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In memory of beloved friend, Arthur  
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In memory of mother, Ruth Golin,  
 on her Yarzeit  
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### Spring 2021 Board Challenge

A very special thank you to those who contributed to our Spring Challenge, helping us remain fiscally strong during this difficult year.

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### Neighbors helping Neighbors



If you are having difficulties getting essential food or medication into your home, if you are living alone, out of work or feeling isolated, please contact Nancy Sambul at [nancy@betheljc.org](mailto:nancy@betheljc.org). Our members want to help as best as we can. If you are able to help deliver groceries or medication on one of your trips, or if you are able to make calls to check in on our elderly or isolated, please let Nancy know.

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July 29th @ 8 pm

*The Odessa Stories*  
 by Isaac Babel

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Donations to the Food Pantry are tax-deductible. If you donate cash, you'll receive an acknowledgement as usual. If you donate items, email the receipt to [kpd@betheljc.org](mailto:kpd@betheljc.org) or click [here](#) for a downloadable copy of the Temple's In-Kind Donation Form. Click on the second form to donate, complete it, and send it to [kpd@betheljc.org](mailto:kpd@betheljc.org). Keep a copy of the blank for future use.

Thank you so much for your support in keeping our food pantry running during these difficult times. And please stay safe and well.



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exclusively for our Temple Beth-El member community to continue being together while promoting health and wellness. For security purposes we are limiting this group to members only. If you are not yet a member, please consider joining.

There is also a separate page for Beth-El families!



**Prayers for Healing**

If you or a loved one are ill and would like to be added to our *mischeberach l'cholim* list (prayer for healing), please let Rabbi Moritt know at [rabbimoritt@betheljc.org](mailto:rabbimoritt@betheljc.org)

We are happy to pray for the healing of body, spirit, psyche and relationship of anyone of any religion. Please include the Hebrew name of the person/people in your prayers (if known) and your phone number so we can be in touch.



**Family Promise of Hudson County**

*Building community, strengthening lives.*

**Family Promise during Covid-19**

Over five years ago, Temple Beth-El began working with congregations throughout the area to launch Family Promise of Hudson County. Family Promise has provided hosting opportunities and social services for working families, so they can stay together while struggling to get back on their feet and move to a new home. Especially in this current crisis, there are so many people in great need of our help. Email Lari at [lari@bethjc.org](mailto:lari@bethjc.org) **subject line: Family Promise**, and tell us what you would like to do to help out. Let us know how you plan to make this year one of giving to those less fortunate than yourself.



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Mount Moriah is a beautiful and well-maintained cemetery that has been serving the Jewish Community for over 100 years. The cemetery is located on the slopes of the Palisades just a few minutes from Hudson County, between Kennedy Blvd and Routes 1&9. The Temple's graves are located on the main road of the cemetery and are adjacent to our original plot where, among many of our founding members, our founding rabbi, the late Maurice Thorner is buried. These graves are available for purchase, either as a family plot or individual graves. For further information, please contact Larry Gutterman at [admin@betheljc.org](mailto:admin@betheljc.org)

**Yahrzeits/Memorial Plaques/  
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*Remember and Honor*



The yahrzeit, or anniversary of a loved one's passing, is a time to remember the person, in the synagogue by reciting the Kaddish prayer, through the giving of extra charity and through learning. Each week at services we speak aloud the names of those people whose yahrzeit has occurred that week.

- To update your family's yahrzeit listings go to the [TBE yahrzeit list](#) or call or write the office.
- To purchase a Memorial Plaque to honor the memory of your loved ones click [here](#)
- To purchase a Simcha Tree Leaf to honor or congratulate friends or family members for special events or accomplishments please click [here](#)

*Yahrzeits*



**Week Ending June 5**

Joanne Caminer  
Arnold Eidus  
Frieda Hirshberg  
Miriam Kushner  
Elaine Sandlaufer  
Estelle Siegel  
Sondra Silver  
Nathan Trachman

Ellen Jean Smith  
Benjamin Wohl

**Week ending June 26**

Lewis Dars  
Murray Goldberg  
Morris K. Schonberg  
Sarah Wellen

**Week ending July 3**

Joseph Leonard Hornstein  
Rochelle Kirschner  
Rhoda Magilavy  
Bea Schimel

**Week ending June 12**

Charles K. Krieger  
Minnie Levine

**Week ending June 19**

Sol Frank  
Hortense Gutmann  
Bryan Hines  
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Harry Schwartzbard  
Alice Weinrobe  
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**Online Cooking  
or Bridge**

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**(833) 223 - 0011**  
 Monday - Friday  
 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

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 University Behavioral Health Care  
 in collaboration with New Jersey DMHAS

# Mental Health & Addiction COVID Connect



**Triage**

**Call (833) 223 - 0011**  
**"Covid Connect, can I help you?"**



- Are you an adult impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic?
- Are you experiencing mental health or substance abuse symptoms related to COVID-19?
- Are you looking for mental health or substance abuse service linkage?

**Intervene**



- Our staff will offer immediate telephonic support.
- We will assist with finding the best treatment option.
- Our staff will connect you to a provider.



**Connect**



- Referrals will be made utilizing your insurance network.
- Referrals will be made even if you are not covered by insurance.
- Licensed treatment providers will offer Telehealth services.
- Our staff will follow up with you to ensure successful service linkage.



The Covid Connect program will provide and expand behavioral health treatments and supports to individuals who are experiencing mental health and substance abuse issues related to the spread of the Covid-19 virus. A series of screening tools will be used to assess the caller's mental health/addiction needs. University Behavioral Health Care will provide a warm handoff to licensed treatment providers throughout the state that offer Telehealth services. To ensure successful service linkage, our staff will follow up with you. Call us today at (833) 223 - 0011.

