

## SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

This program was sponsored by the following:



Mona Smith PLLC  
David Kaplan  
Roy Hamrick



Temple Beth Am  
2632 NE 80th Street  
Seattle, WA 98115

Phone: 206-525-0915  
Fax: 206-526-7964

E-mail: [temple@templebetham.org](mailto:temple@templebetham.org)  
[www.templebetham.org](http://www.templebetham.org)



## ADDITIONAL READINGS

# PRIDE SHABBAT 5774

Judaism teaches us that everyone is created *b'tzelem elohim* – in the image of God. In Seattle we welcome people of all sexual orientations and gender identities to become involved in the religious, social, and educational life of our congregations. We also actively work for LGBTQ (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer) rights, help sponsor city-wide Jewish/LGBTQ events, and joyously participate in the annual Seattle Pride Parade and Festival every June.

TEMPLE BETH AM  
SEATTLE, WASHINGTON  
JUNE 27, 2014 \* 27 SIVAN 5774  
6:15 PM

## WELCOME

It is our pleasure to welcome everyone to Temple Beth Am for this very special Shabbat Service. We are honored to be hosting this year's Pride Shabbat. Temple Beth Am is proud to be part of the Welcoming Synagogues Project, valuing all who enter our doors and fostering an atmosphere of ruach, energy, music, and joy. It is a privilege to be able to join as one Seattle Jewish community in the spirit of openness and love as we celebrate this Shabbat together. We hope you take this opportunity to make new friends, engage in joyous prayer, and celebrate each other together.

**B'ruchim Habaim and Shabbat Shalom!**

Rabbi Ruth Zlotnick, Incoming Senior Rabbi

Rabbi Jason Levine, Assistant Rabbi

## READING # 1

"The only thing they have to look forward to is hope. And you have to give them hope. Hope for a better world, hope for a better tomorrow, hope for a better place to come to if the pressures at home are too great. Hope that all will be all right. Without hope, not only gays, but the blacks, the seniors, the handicapped, the "us'es," the us'es will give up. And if you help elect to the central committee and other offices, more gay people, that gives a green light to all who feel disenfranchised, a green light to move forward. It means hope to a nation that has given up, because if a gay person makes it, the doors are open to everyone."

— HARVEY MILK



## READING # 7

"I cannot prevent some people from feeling angry and frustrated and mad, but I hope they will take that frustration and that madness and instead of demonstrating or anything of that type, I would hope they would take the power and I would hope that five, ten, one hundred, a thousand would rise. I would like to see every gay doctor come out, every gay lawyer, every gay architect come out, stand up and let the world know. That would do more to end prejudice overnight than anybody would imagine. I urge them to do that, urge them to come out. Only that way will we start to achieve our rights."

— HARVEY MILK

### ***SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MEMBERS OF THE TEMPLE BETH AM WELCOMING SYNAGOGUES PROJECT COMMITTEE***

Gail Broder  
Shelly F. Cohen  
Nickie Faghin  
Lori Gradinger  
Roy Hamrick

Leigh Hofheimer  
Jon Nachman  
Carol Sanders  
Byron Schenkman  
Rachel Zeno



And then all that has divided us will merge  
 And then compassion will be wedded to power  
 And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and  
 unkind  
 And then both men and women will be gentle  
 And then both women and men will be strong  
 And then no person will be subject to another's will  
 And then all will be rich and free and varied

*And then the greed of some will give way to the  
 needs of many*

*And then all will share equally in Eden's abundance*

*And then all will care for the sick and the weak and  
 the old*

*And then all will nourish the young*

*And then all will cherish life's creatures*

*And then all will live in harmony with each other and  
 the Earth*

And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.

*- JUDY CHICAGO*

## PRAYER FLIGHTS

Once someone accepted me-  
 me, with my somewhat long nose  
 and skinny features.  
 Someone accepted  
 the way I speak,  
 the way I act in public, and  
 the way I really am.

Because I was accepted,  
 I can see more clearly who I am  
 and accept myself without reservation.  
 I no longer want to be another.

I am myself—simply and surely.  
 Love has finally been defined for me.  
 The man I really am, and always was.  
 And I am not troubled or ashamed  
 by this definition.

Please God, never let me despair  
 because I am who I am.

*- MARK J. LINK, S.J.  
 (IN THE STILLNESS IS THE DANCING)*

My God, I thank You for my life and my soul and my body; for my name, for my sexual and affectionate nature, for my way of thinking and talking. Help me realize that in my qualities, I am unique in the world, and that no one like me has ever lived; for if there had ever been someone like me, I would not have needed to exist. Help me make perfect my own ways of love and caring, that by becoming perfect in my own way, I can honor Your name and help bring about the coming of the Messianic age.

— FROM THE SIDDUR OF CONGREGATION  
SHA'AR ZAHAV, SAN FRANCISCO

### **A PRAYER FOR LESBIAN , GAY AND TRANSGENDER PEOPLE AND THOSE WHO LOVE THEM**

Oh God of truth and justice, the evasions and deceit upon others and upon ourselves are many.

We long only to speak and hear the truth, yet time and time again, from fear of loss or hope of gain, from dull habit or from cruel deliberation, we speak half-truths, we twist facts, we are silent when others lie, and we lie to ourselves.

As lesbians and gay men, transgender people, family members and friends, we sometimes feel forced to pretend to be

that which we are not, to present ourselves in ways which are not truthful, and sometimes with outright lies.

But as we stand before You, our words and thoughts speed to the One who knows them before we utter them. We do not have to tell untruths to You as we are often forced to do in the world. We know we cannot lie in Your presence.

May our worship help us to practice truth in speech and in thought before You, to ourselves, and before one another; and may we finally complete our liberation so that we no longer feel the need to practice evasions and deceit.

Eternal God, purify our hearts to serve You in truth.

---

May the One who blessed our ancestors, Sarah and Abraham, Rebecca and Isaac, Leah, Rachel and Jacob, bless us along with all the ill among us, and all who have been touched by AIDS and related illnesses. Grant insight to those who bring healing, courage and faith to those who are sick, love and strength to all who love them and to us. God, let Your spirit rest upon all who are ill and comfort them. May they and we soon know a time of complete healing of the body and a healing of the spirit, and let us say: *Amen*.