



We Must Reshape Our World (for Transgender Day of Visibility)

Rabbi Ariel Tovlev

Transgender Day of Visibility is not just a day of awareness. We have long been written out of history, as if we do not exist, as if we have never existed. And yet, despite this invisibility, we have come to understand ourselves anyway. Transgender Day of Visibility is our collective call: we exist, we have always existed, and we will continue to exist.

But we cannot call out alone. We must come together in community to amplify our message, to declare to the world, “We are human beings! Our experiences are valid! Consider us not only in death and tragedy, but in life and joy! Celebrate with us in our life-affirming joy of gender euphoria!”

It is terrifying to be told you do not exist and to respond defiantly that you do. But in the midst of this vulnerability, there is strength and community.

To every trans person who has felt invisible: you are valid, we see you, and you are not alone. To everyone, of every gender: we must reshape our world for it to include all of us. May we build a world that rejoices in everyone as they are, and may there be no need for closets anymore.

Blessing in Celebration of Living as Nonbinary (for Trans Day of Visibility)

Devon A. Spier

You have permission
to laugh until you cannot speak.
And to speak until you cannot catch your breath.
You have permission to fall in love with yourself.
Or to not know which self you really are today.
You have permission to be curious, confused, clueless, and aimless.
Yes, you have permission.
The rainbow spirit inside of you has been lighting up the world
ever since the day you were born.
And you, in all your radiance,
are worth being seen, however you want to be.
Blessed are you, Adonai our God, Sovereign of the universe,
who created me in the image of God.



Twilight People

Rabbi Reuben Zellman

As the sun sinks and the colors of the day turn, we offer a blessing for the twilight,
for twilight is neither day nor night, but in-between.

All of us are twilight people. We can never be fully labeled or defined.

All of us have many identities and loves, many genders and none.

We are in between roles, and at the intersection of histories.

All of us are crisscrossed paths of memory and destination, streaks of light swirled together.

We are neither day nor night.

We are both, neither, and all.

May the sacred in-between of this evening suspend our certainties,
soften our judgments, and widen our vision.

May this in-between light illuminate our way to the God who transcends all categories and definitions.

May the in-between people who have come to pray be lifted up into this twilight.

We cannot always define; we can always say a blessing.

בְּרוּכָה אַתָּה יְהוָה הַמַּעֲרִיבָה עֶרְבִים*

*B'rucheh ateh Adonai hama'avireh aravim**

Blessed are You Adonai Our God who brings on evening

*this blessing was adapted by Cantor Tovlev from the traditional masculine to use nonbinary language for God



Announcements

Shabbat Morning Worship & Torah Study

Saturday, March 30 at 10:00 am (In person/Zoom)

5th-7th graders: Service will count toward your service credit

Temple Shalom is closed.

Monday, April 1

Morning Minyan

Wednesday, April 3 at 8:00 am (In Person/Zoom)

First Friday

Friday, April 5

5:00 pm Happy Half Hour

For households with tot age children to schmooze with other adults and enjoy light refreshments

5:30 pm Tot Shabbat

For households with tot age children to engage in wonderful singing, playing, praying, learning, storytelling, and noshing (eating).

6:15 pm Pizza and Potluck Dinner (Check the Temple website or weekly email to sign up.)

7:30 pm Erev Shabbat Services

Led by the 2nd and 3rd Grade Classes

Temple Shalom Blood Drive

Sunday, April 7 at 9:00 am to 2:00 pm

Check the Flyer in the Lobby to Sign Up



Mi Shebeirach

Susan Ackerman
 Judith Shapiro Adamson
 Dennis Aikman
 Larry Akman
 Nonnie Akman
 Pearl Axelrad
 Chris Baer
 Devorah Bat Baruch
 Darlene Bassin
 Joel Breman
 David Campbell
 Rachel Cintron
 Phillip Ceresa
 Susan Cohen
 Kimberly Custin
 Jesse Escobedo
 Al Ferraro
 David Frager
 Jennifer Francis
 Bert Grapin
 Norman Gurevich
 Ayal Hadad
 David Hayford
 Marc Hershkowitz
 Ron Hershkowitz
 Bruce Hutton
 Keren Joshi
 Toby Kahn
 Jaimin Kammerman-Fletcher
 Ken Kramer
 Dov Lebovich
 Miriam Lebovich
 Joseph LoTenero
 Walter Miller
 Judith Ovadia
 John Pedmonti
 James Peters
 Ricky Reeves
 Rick Renault
 Arnie Reznik
 Larry Riseman
 Nancy Rose
 Joe Rose
 Carol Rosenberg
 Mike Rubin
 Lisa Rudacil
 Elliott Schulder
 Susan Schwartz
 Dovid Boruch ben Shayna Sura Tema v' Moshe Avrum
 Kelley Sheldon
 Chava Sarah bat Shimon v' Michaela
 Lois Simpson
 Liviana Sulzer
 Martin Sussman
 Diane Tencer
 Stanley Zalen
 an anonymous friend of a congregant

Recent Deaths***Sheloshim******Yahrzeit*****Honored with a perpetual plaque*

Allye Kranish
 Arlene Chernoff
 Belle Molofsky
 Ben Fischer
 Claire Mayer*
 David Gardner
 Florence "Peggy" Slade
 Fred Jacobowitz
 Gabriel Swart
 Gail Rider
 Irving Winston
 Isadore Blumenthal
 Leonard Paymer
 Lilyan Stoliar Feinberg*
 Madeline L. Pims*
 Mildred Kaplowitz
 Mildred Kahn
 Morris Olin*
 Naomi Adamson
 Richard S. Young
 Rita Soule
 Ruth Granat
 Selma Singer

During this difficult time in Israel and Gaza

We pray for the safe release of hostages as well as the safety of all those living in Israel and Gaza.

We mourn the loss of those murdered on October 7, fallen members of the IDF, and Israeli and Gazan civilians who have lost their lives.

We pray for a minimal loss of civilian life as we yearn for and work toward a time when we will study war no more.