

# THE SCROLL

SHALOM! WELCOME TO THE MOSAIC LAW WEEKLY SCROLL

There will be no on-site services this week. However we are offering many virtual programs, see page 3!  
We hope you are all safe & well, please reach out to us and let us know how we can help during this time.



## Board Member of the Week: Rabbi Bill Blank



Thirty five years ago, along with Wendy and our two small daughters, I moved to Sacramento. The move was for me a career transition from rabbi of a small Reform congregation in Rochester, NY, to become a Jewish community professional for what was then Jewish Federation of Sacramento. Two weeks after we moved here, my father passed on. Needless to say, I felt a strong desire to say Kaddish, if not daily, at least as often as I could. At the time, Mosaic Law was the only option. Generally speaking, Reform rabbis not employed as rabbis are most comfortable in Conservative congregations.

So for these last thirty five years, those two daughters and soon a third, moved up through the ranks of Shalom School, along with bat mitzvahs and USY leadership at Mosaic Law. Two of them now live in San Diego and one in Seattle where they parent our four grandchildren, ranging from 10 years to 3 months, among them. One is a Jewish educator, one is a nurse manager, one is currently a full time mom. Sons in law are parts of Viasat, Inc., Amazon, and the US Navy.

After two years in the Jewish Federation, I've written a few books and had careers as hypnotherapist and technical writer consultant, while Wendy worked her way up as a social worker at Visions Unlimited to become Clinical Director. We're now both happily retired.

I've been on the Mosaic Board for three years. I also study Spanish at Casa de Espanol. I make homemade jam. I'm past president and board member of Home of Peace Cemetery.

On July 4th we celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. To celebrate we re-posed our wedding picture. Wendy wore the same dress.

- Bill Blank



### This Week's Parasha:

#### Pinchas

Torah: Numbers 25:10 - 26:51  
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Maftir: Numbers 26:48-51  
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Haftarah: Jeremiah 1:1 - 2:3  
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MINYAN ASSISTANCE FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 12:  
PLEASE JOIN US ON ZOOM FOR MINYAN! SEE PAGE 3 FOR DETAILS.