

Shofar

Av 5777 - Tishrei 5778 • September/October 2017



Rabbi's Message

“My House Shall Be Called a House of Prayer for All Peoples” (Isaiah 56:7)

What do these religious groups have in common?
Sathya Sai Baba Organization (followers of the guru
Sai Baba)
Muslim Center of Somerset County
Family Worship Center (a Christian Spanish-language
fellowship)
Refuge International (a Christian prayer group)
Shree Swaminarayan Loyadam Mandhir (a Hindu
community)

In addition to the fact that they undoubtedly share certain spiritual values,

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First Day of Religious School

September 10

**Back-to-Shul BBQ and
Shabbat Service**
September 15, 6:00 p.m.

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Rosh Hashanah September 21-22

Yom Kippur September 29-30

Consult your tickets for service times

Dinner in the Sukkah, October 4, 6:00 p.m.

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Simchat Torah, October 12, 7:00 p.m.



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Worship Schedule

SEPTEMBER

Friday, September 1

Parashat Ki Teitzer, Deuteronomy 21:10–25:19
8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Friday, September 8

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 9

Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with b'nai mitzvah of Yael Tuckman and Ella Wolkofsky

Friday, September 15

6:00 p.m. Back-to-Shul BBQ Dinner (see page 14)
7:00 p.m. Back-to-Shul Shabbat Service

Saturday, September 16

Parashat Nitzavim – Vayelech, Deuteronomy 29:9–30:20, 31:1–30
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with bat mitzvah of Lauren Angeline

Selichot

Community Observance of Selichot:
8:15 p.m. Havdalah and Program
9:30 p.m. Refreshments
10:00 p.m. Service

Wednesday, September 20

Erev Rosh Hashanah
8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 21

Rosh Hashanah
9:30 a.m. Morning Service
1:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Experience for Young Families
2:00 p.m. Children's Service
3:30 p.m. Tashlich (at Duke Island Park)

Friday, September 22

Rosh Hashanah Day 2
9:30 a.m. Morning Service

Shabbat Shuvah

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 23

Parashat Ha'azinu, Deuteronomy 32:1–52
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, September 29

Erev Yom Kippur
8:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, September 30

Yom Kippur
9:30 a.m. Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Reflection Service
1:30 p.m. Study, Reflection, and a Healing of the Heart
1:30 p.m. Children's Service
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Service
5:30 p.m. Yizkor *
6:00 p.m. Neilah *
Break the Fast to follow*
*Times approximate

OCTOBER

Wednesday, October 4

Erev Sukkot
6:00 p.m. Erev Sukkot Service and Dinner (see page 5)

Friday, October 6

6:00 p.m. Young Family Sukkot Experience
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 7

Chol HaMo-eid Sukkot, Exodus 33:12–34:26
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Wednesday, October 11

Erev Simchat Torah
7:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Service with Torah Parades and Kabbalat Torah

Thursday October 12

Sh'mini Atzeret
9:00 a.m. Sh'mini Atzeret and Yizkor Service followed by pot luck brunch

Friday, October 13

8:00 Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 14

Parashat B'reishit, Genesis 1:1–6:8
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with bar mitzvah of Alex Russo

Friday, October 20

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Choir

Saturday, October 21

Parashat Noach, Genesis 6:9–11:32
10:00 p.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with b'nai mitzvah of Nate Cohen and Kyle Cartmell

Friday, October 27

7:00 p.m. Blue Jean Shabbat
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 28

Parashat Lech L'cha, Genesis 12:1–17:27
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with b'nai mitzvah of Arielle Heimberg and Katrina Papierman

Temple Calendar Webpage

<http://www.ourbethel.org/luach-beth-el>

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be November–December 2017. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for submissions is October 15. Submit articles via email to:

ShofarEditor@templebethelnj.org.

In the subject line, please use the following naming convention: Shofar Month/Shofar/ Committee Name or Professional Staff Name.

Torah Portions

You can read a Weekly Torah Commentary by visiting the Union of Reform Judaism's web page: www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study

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they all gather for worship, study, and fellowship at Temple Beth-El.

For the leadership and staff of TBE, and we hope for you as members of our community, it is a source of pride that so many religious groups share our spiritual home. Welcoming others to experience the warmth of fellowship that we enjoy when we come to TBE is a tangible expression of the value of hospitality. And it is important to us as Jews and Americans to support diverse expressions of religious faith.

Welcoming other faith groups to share our home is also an important ideological statement. We Reform Jews are pluralists. We do not believe that any one group or person has a monopoly on truth. We treasure our Jewish faith narratives and our identity as part of Am Yisrael, the Jewish people, because they are our truths, not because we believe that they are the only truths.

The prophet Isaiah had a marvelous vision of unity that would come to pass at the end of days, when all the families of the earth join as one and make pilgrimage to Jerusalem. On that day, the house of God that had served as the religious center of the people Israel would become a house of prayer for all. "I will bring them to My sacred mount and let them rejoice in My house of prayer...for My House shall be called a house of prayer for all peoples."

Isaiah's vision doesn't involve all the peoples becoming Jewish. As the prophet Micah said, "All the peoples shall walk, each in the name of their God..." (Micah 4:5). Rather, says Isaiah, we will all come together in Jerusalem as one human family to acknowledge the universal truth of God, who transcends all our differences and makes us one.

As Jews, we see it as our mission to bear witness to this universal truth by the way we worship, through the sacred texts we study, by the language and concepts we employ, and through acts of kindness and justice. And when our Muslim, Christian, Hindu, Buddhist, Jain, Bahai, and other sisters and brothers of faith do the same essential things in accordance with their traditions, we Reform Jews believe they are fulfilling the mission to which they hear themselves called by God.

In late April, a broad coalition of faith communities came together at TBE under the banner of "Standing Against Hate" and declared that "Hate Has No Home Here" in our community. We also made a pledge to "Stand Up for the Other" when others are targets of words and acts of hate. We offered prayers for unity and peace in the languages of seven different faith traditions, and, in so doing, in our own day, in our own small way, we made real Isaiah's vision that God's house shall be a house of prayer for all peoples.

Hosting other faith communities in our sacred space has fostered connections that otherwise might not have been made. For example, in May, we welcomed the members of the Muslim Center of Somerset County to share an evening of dialogue and fellowship. We were graced with the presence of Imam Hamad Chebli of the Islamic Society of Central Jersey, who warmly shared with us his insights into the life and faith of the Muslim community. We broke bread together, sharing both halal and kosher treats, and had a wonderful, joyful encounter that felt like a family reunion.

On April 23, the Sai Baba community invited me to speak on the meaning of life according to the teachings of Judaism. This led to an extremely warm and fruitful exchange that we hope to build upon.

In this new year, we look forward to deepening and expanding these relationships. On October 29 at 2:00 p.m., at the North Branch Reformed Church in Bridgewater, we will, God willing, assemble an even greater spectrum of faith communities and civic leaders under the banner of "Many Faiths, One Earth." We will declare our shared commitment to be faithful stewards of the one home that God has given to us all. We will join in song and prayer, learn each other's teachings on environmental responsibility, and commit to and engage in actions to care for God's creation.

At a time when some seek to fracture the human family through verbal and physical acts of violence, it is vitally important that we draw more closely together and denounce every effort to divide us by race, religion, gender, sexual orientation, or nationality. The variety of faith groups that meet at TBE and our gatherings as a diverse but united faith community teach us that Isaiah's and Micah's visions are not a fantasy, and that we need not — indeed, must not — wait until the end of days to heal the brokenness in our world.

May the New Year 5778 be one of renewed hope and promise for the fulfillment of our dreams, and may it be one in which we advance the visions of our prophets by words and deeds of loving kindness.

L'shanah tovah tikateiv v'teichateimu, May you be written and sealed for a year of blessing!

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck



Rabbi Gluck and Imam Chebli at an interfaith program, May 11.

A Note From Our Cantor

From This Moment On

Here is a situation that many of us can recognize: we have wronged someone in a small way or a large one. We recognize our failing, but because we feel guilty, we stay away, continuing to distance ourselves from this person and compounding our guilt. We have many excuses to give ourselves: that we can't undo what has been done, that we may make our friend feel worse, or that it wasn't such a big deal anyway. Sadly, the guilt that we feel about the situation stops us from trying to resolve it.

A Chasidic interpretation of the Joseph story by R. Shlomo Hakohen Rabinowitz of Radomsk, speaks to this. As we remember, the story resolves with Joseph finally revealing himself to his brothers after a few turns and twists. In that moment, the brothers are forced to confront both the victim and the awful crime that they perpetrated against him long ago. Acknowledging their consternation, Joseph says, "Now do not be sad" (Gen 45:5). In Chasidic interpretation, *v'atah* ("now" or "and now") is a codeword for *teshuva* (repentance). Rabinowitz takes this and another core concept of Chasidic Judaism, which is that it is a mitzvah always to be as joyful as possible and reads it as: "Repentance should not be sad." Obviously, the brothers

will need to repent; it is not assumed that their sin is forgotten, but one of the manifestations of their repentance will simply be to turn towards Joseph, and not away. The joy takes its root in this. Even more powerfully, it is rooted in the realization that regardless of what has happened in the past, from this moment forward they can change: "Since those who seek to turn their life around in self-transformation must say, 'from now I am turning myself around. I am returning in *teshuva*, and I will not return to foolishness again. Only from now....'"

As we approach these Holy Days, may we be granted the strength to turn towards others and ourselves with compassion and honesty, so that we can move forward **from now** in joy.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu,
Emily Wigod Pincus



Save the Date: Sixth Candle Cantorial Concert, Sunday December 17 at 4:00 PM

Join Cantor Pincus, Cantor Galit Dadoun, DFSSM Artist-in-Residence Joyce Rosenzweig, the TBE Adult Choir, Kids' Choir and Tefila Band in a Grand Gala Concert to celebrate the Sixth Night of Chanukah!

Student Rabbi Shira Gluck to Join Us for the Holy Days



This year, our Holy Day worship experience will be enhanced by the participation of TBE's own Student Rabbi Shira Gluck. Throughout the Days of Awe, Shira will join Rabbi Arnie Gluck and Cantor Emily Pincus in leading the liturgy, teaching and preaching.

Shira, who is a fourth-year rabbinical student at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in NYC, has served as rabbinic intern at Temple Emanu-El of NYC, at the Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick, as a tutor at Central Synagogue in NYC, led High Holy Day services at Brown University Hillel, and tutored b'nai mitzvah at TBE. For the last two years, Shira joined us at TBE on the second day of Rosh Hashanah and delivered beautiful and moving sermons on both occasions. We look forward to Shira blessing us with her spirit and her wisdom during the upcoming holy days.

The High Holy Days Season begins
Saturday evening, September 16

SELICHOT EVENING PROGRAM & SERVICE

**at Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough
Saturday, September 16**

8:15 p.m. — Havdalah and Program
9:30 p.m. — Refreshments
10:00 p.m. — Selichot Service

Torah for Troubled Times: The Days of Awe and Moral Commitment

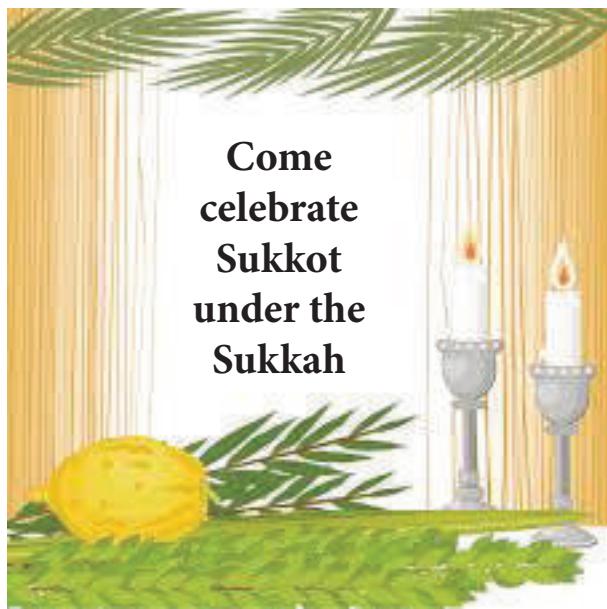
From neo-Nazis marching in Charlottesville, Virginia to acts of terror in Spain, anti-Semitism, racism, hatred and intolerance are resurgent in our world today. As we prepare to observe the Days of Awe, our rabbis will lead us in a discussion of the moral implications of the Holy Days and their relation to the disturbing events and trends of recent days.

Join Rabbi Gluck, Rabbi Dan Selsberg and other area rabbis for study and reflection, followed by light refreshments and the traditional Selichot Service, led by the rabbis and cantors Emily Pincus and Vadim Yucht.

Selichot Service

This brief service includes readings and meditations touching on the themes of renewal and repentance of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. It offers an opportunity to prepare to observe the Holy Days with deeper meaning and feeling. The service will conclude with the sounding of the shofar.

This year we will be using a new Selichot liturgy from the CCAR Press.



**Come
celebrate
Sukkot
under the
Sukkah**

**Please join us for dinner in the temple sukkah
on Sunday, October 4, at 6:00 p.m.**

**The entire evening will be held outdoors,
weather permitting, under our expanded
sukkah! There will be a catered dinner,
followed by song, study, blessings, lively
conversation, and fellowship.**

**This event is being offered at no cost, thanks to a
generous benefactor.**

**Please reserve your space as soon as possible.
Deadline is September 21. Register online at
<http://tinyurl.com/TBESukkahDinner2017> or
contact Susan Walters at 908-722-0674 ext.312.
We hope to see you there!**

From Our President

What's New? Plenty!

Shalom Chaverim! I hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer, including some time to relax and escape from the hustle and bustle that dominates the bulk of the year. While we welcome the slower pace of June through August, life at Temple Beth-El is always a beehive of activity. I'd like to take this opportunity to share with you some of the new things you'll encounter at temple beginning this fall.

To begin with, there is a new president of TBE, and it is with great pride and humility that I assume this role. It is a privilege to serve our community, and I look forward to working with everyone toward continued growth and success. I would like to again thank Robin Osman for her outstanding work as president, and to all of the past temple presidents for being outstanding mentors and role models. We are truly blessed to have had leaders whose unflagging dedication to our community has provided the finest example of how to discharge the duties of the office of president. I will do my best to continue that tradition.

This year we not only have new people in leadership positions, but a new form of governance by which to lead. The new constitution, the product of dedicated volunteers devoting countless hours drafting, revising and explaining in "town hall" meetings and elsewhere, took effect in June. Among the significant changes is the replacement of the former Executive Committee with an Oversight Committee, which is responsible for the day-to-day operations at the temple. In addition to the officers, the Oversight Committee includes five new counselors who will interface with committees to help facilitate the critically important work they do. In conjunction with the managerial work of the Oversight Committee, the Board of Trustees is responsible for temple governance under the new constitution. The board, which will now meet quarterly instead of monthly, will focus on "big picture" issues, including developing vision and strategy, preserving the temple's mission, creating policy and financial stewardship. This new rubric will take some getting used to, and I beg your patience and indulgence as we get our arms and heads

around it. We have a truly outstanding group of smart, talented and motivated officers, counselors and trustees, and I have every confidence that our goal of more effective and efficient leadership will be realized.

So enough about the changing of the guard; what about worship? Yes, there is something new in our worship as well. The month of *Elul*, which this year coincided with August 23 on the secular calendar, ushers in the High Holy Days. On the first *erev Shabbat* of *Elul*, we began using *Mishkan Halev: Prayers for S'lichot And The Month Of Elul*, a marvelous text published by the Central Conference of American Rabbis. This *siddur* contains beautiful poetry and thought-provoking readings that help put us in the proper frame of mind for the Days of Awe. Following the first service using this *siddur*, the comments were uniformly positive. A big thank you to Rabbi Gluck and Cantor Pincus for introducing *Mishkan Halev* into our religious observance.

And of course, the new year is nearly upon us! *Rosh Hashanah* will again arrive "right on time" (to quote my friend Ed Malberg) on the first of *Tishrei*. During services on *Rosh Hashanah*, the phrase *hayom harat olam* – this is the day of the world's birth – is read or sung many times. The Talmud tells us that this is the day creation began, and scholars have opined that the "birthday of the world" refers to the anniversary of the entire universe and our acceptance of God's dominion and judgment.

There is a great deal of "new" at Temple Beth-El to be excited about, and I hope that you share my enthusiasm and optimism for a wonderful future. May this New Year be truly sweet, and filled with peace, love, health and happiness.

L'shanah tovah tikateivu,

Jay Lavroff



Summer Service Leaders

We are so grateful for our wonderful tefilah leaders, who give us the gift of their time, talent and ruach (spirit) to make summer services friendly, warm and deeply spiritual. There will be many opportunities for musical participation during the year, especially during our Shabbat morning minyan services, which are frequently accompanied by guitar, and our monthly Shir Shabbat, which is accompanied by the Tefila Band. Please contact Cantor Emily if you are interested!

Sh'lachei Tzibbur

Dave Cohen
Liz Cohen
Jim Lavranchuk
Jay Lavroff
Steve Lieberman
Harold Levin
Ed Malberg
Henry Nerenberg
Ronnie Weyl
Ed Tolman

Spirituality Group

Sarah Gluck
Mike Herzog

Guitara B'ivrit
Beth Borrus
Rick Miller
Dave Cohen
Henry Nerenberg
Shelley Drozd

Tefila Band

Lou Binder
Jay Lavroff
Larry Osman
Henry Nerenberg
Barry Rosenberg

This Year in Israel?

Could this be the year to join your fellow TBE members and Rabbi Gluck in experiencing the depth and breadth of our Jewish homeland?



A TBE Israel adventure is a fabulous opportunity to see Israel as you never could on your own. Together we will have unique encounters with fascinating personalities, along with the classic sites that define a pilgrimage to Israel. We will laugh and cry from thrilling and moving experiences, eat great food, take in the beauty of the land from north to south, have exciting adventures, and connect with our roots. Great for both first timers and veteran travelers to Israel. Tentative itinerary available upon request.

Tentative Dates: June 20 – July 1

The final planning of the itinerary will be based upon the needs of the participants. Contact Rabbi Gluck (rabbigluck@templebethelnj.org) to express your interest and to share the dates that work best for you.

Approximate Cost: \$4,500 per person, double occupancy

Includes most meals, lodging at four-star accommodations, a private, air-conditioned coach bus, entry fees for all sites, a private expert tour guide, and more. Land-only option available for those using air miles.



URJ Biennial Registration Now OPEN!

With the theme of “Reimagining Jewish Life,” our congregation will join with hundreds of others from across North America at the **URJ Biennial 2017 from December 6 to 10** in Boston, Mass. And you can be a part of it!

What is the Biennial?

The URJ Biennial is the largest Jewish gathering in North America. The Biennial will bring together 5,000 Reform leaders, including lay leaders, professionals, clergy, and youth leaders representing 1.5 million North American Reform Jews. Together, we'll learn, pray, share ideas, network, celebrate, and make decisions about the future of Reform Jewish life. We'll return to Temple Beth-El armed with new resources and ideas, as well as the enthusiasm and know-how to put them to use to strengthen and enrich our spiritual home.

Who should attend?

Any board member, lay leader, volunteer, youth group leader, and anyone else interested in learning, praying, and hearing inspiring speakers. Most of our senior staff goes as well.

What happens at Biennial?

- Networking, learning, and sharing with other congregational leaders
- Plenaries and breakout sessions featuring renowned speakers
- Important discussions and debates about today's critical issues and the direction of Reform Judaism
- World-class Jewish music and entertainment
- Inspiring worship
- ...and so much more!

What's in it for our congregation?

- **Programming tailored to us:** Sessions cover a wide range of topics, offering how-tos and hands-on learning for all facets of congregational life – from membership and outreach to leadership development, from social justice to social media, and everything in between.
- **Five intensive “tracks”:** These tracks will focus on the core congregational priorities of strengthening congregations, *tikkun olam* (social action), audacious hospitality, youth engagement, and transforming texts. We can customize our Biennial experience based on our specific needs.
- **Personal development:** Biennial is a great, cost-effective way to gain knowledge, skills, and leadership training, and to network with our peers from other congregations.
- **Strengthening our relationships:** The shared experience of Biennial offers a rare opportunity to strengthen our bonds with each other as members of one temple family.
- **A Jewish pick-me-up:** We'll return home spiritually refreshed, more deeply connected, and full of new and creative ideas to try in our congregation.

How do we sign up?

You can find lots of information and register right now at www.urj.org/biennial. If we register by October 10, we'll get the best pricing. The larger our delegation, the greater our benefits and discounts – so let's save the dates now and start making our plans.

Hope to see you in Boston!

TBE Fall Blood Drive

Sunday, November 5 — 7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Give the gift that keeps on living and donate blood!

Join us for breakfast and good company after you donate!

Make your appointment at

www.tinyurl.com/DonateBloodNJBS

Group Code: 06713;

OR

Contact Jodi Siegal jsdegonzalez@gmail.com (908) 541-1170

Visit www.nybloodcenter.org or call 1-800-933-2566 for tips and eligibility guidelines.



WALK-INS WELCOME!

Please bring photo identification.

Remember, eat a healthy meal and drink plenty of fluids before donating!

Bring your NY/NJ Blood Services Donor Card if you have one! Donors are welcome as young as 16 with a signed NJBS Parental Consent Form.

We honor our Legacy Circle:

Anonymous (5)
 Rande and Janet Aaronson
 Lou and Myrna Binder
 Gari and Charles Bloom
 Mike Bloomstein
 Liz and Dave Cohen
 Rabbi Arnold and Sarah Gluck
 Julie and Greg Hirsch
 Chrys Jochem
 Bob Krovetz
 Jay Lavroff

Leigh Miller
 Rick Miller
 Robin and Larry Osman
 Art and Betty Roswell
 Amy Rubin
 Lillian Swickle
 Goldie Taub
 Steve and Elayne Weitz
 Ann Weinstein
 Bruce and Marlane Wolf

Please remember Temple Beth-El with a gift in your will, trust, retirement account or life insurance policy.

A legacy gift ensures that the community will continue to serve future generations.

Contact Lil Swickle at LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org.

Temple Beth-El Receives Grant

Temple Beth-El's Legacy Circle efforts were recently awarded a \$5,000 grant from the Jewish Community Foundation, in partnership with the Harold Grinspoon Foundation's Life and Legacy Program. Here, Jay Lavroff (second from left) receives the grant from Jewish Community Foundation representatives, (l-r) Florence Kahn, board member; Julie Davidson Meyers, executive director; and Scott Schaeffer, board president.

The grant recognizes Temple Beth-El's efforts working with donors who have made commitments to support Temple Beth-El after their lifetime through bequests or other legacy gifts.



THE EXCITEMENT OF THE FIRST SHOFAR BLAST
 THE SWEET TASTE OF AN APPLE DIPPED IN HONEY
 THE BLESSINGS OF A NEW YEAR ...



**HOW WILL YOU ASSURE
JEWISH TOMORROWS?**



To create your Jewish legacy contact:
 Lil Swickle, LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org



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From the Education Directors

Learn It, Love It, Live It

Welcome back to all! We hope you had a good summer. We are so excited about the new program year and look forward to seeing you when Religious School opens on Sunday, September 10 and throughout the year.

Each year on opening day, we begin with a conversation. We ask you to imagine your child at 18, leaving home and stepping into adulthood. What do you want your Jewish young adult to know, to feel, to do? What do you dream about for your child? What is your vision of the Jewish life you hope your child will lead?

These are big, aspirational questions that are meant to get us all thinking about our hopes and dreams for the future. Then we get down to what we can do in practical terms right now to help make that vision a reality.

Throughout your child's years at Temple Beth-El, your child will experience formal and informal learning both inside and outside of the classroom, on field trips and retreats, in youth activities, at Jewish summer camp, and more. Your child will be with you each year for learning and conversation in family education workshops. Together, you will observe Shabbat and holy days at home and at temple with your community. You and your child will engage with critical issues of social justice and volunteer to help others. Opportunities for experiencing Jewish music, art, theater,



and other forms of culture will abound. All of these experiences throughout your child's years at Temple Beth-El will help develop a strong and integrated Jewish identity in that 18-year-old young adult we ask you to imagine.

Knowing, feeling, and doing means acquiring knowledge, connecting with it on an emotional level, and putting it into practice in life. Our annual and ongoing hope and dream is that all our students will take their learning seriously, experience the joy it can bring, and integrate it into their lives. In other words, learn it, love it, live it!

We look forward seeing you on Sunday, September 10, as we embark on another exciting journey together through the Jewish year.

Shanah tovah u-m'tukah. Wishing you a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year 5778!

Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman



Sunday, September 10
Grades PK-6 Jewish Studies, Alternative Hebrew

Monday & Wednesday, September 11 & 13
Grades 3-7 Hebrew

Wednesday, September 13
Grades 8-10 Confirmation Academy

Monday, September 11
Grades 11 & 12 Post-Confirmation

The 2017-2018/5778 RS calendar can be found at: www.tinyurl.com/TBESchoolCalendar5778

Pinat ha-Ivrit — פִּנְתַּח הָעֲבָרִית — Hebrew Corner

Talmud Torah

As we anticipate the beginning of a new school year, let's take a look at the root *lamed-mem-dalet* [לְמַד], which expresses the idea of "study" and "learning." Each of us, when we put our minds to it, can be a *lomeid/lomedet* [לֹמֶד/לֹמֶדֶת], a "learner." Interestingly, a word for "teacher," *m'lammeid/m'lammedet* [מַלְמֵיד/מַלְמֵדֶת], comes from an intensified form of the root. Those who learn may one day teach, but those who teach must always be learning. As it says in Pirkei Avot 4:1: *Eizehu chacham? Ha-lomeid mikol adam* [אַיִלּוֹן חָכָם? הַלּוֹמֵד מִכָּל אָדָם.], "Who is wise? The one who learns from all people."

Of course, we learn not just from others and the world around us, but also from serious and focused study of the work others have done before us. When we pursue erudition [לִמְדָנוֹת], *lamdanut*, we begin as *talmidim* [תַּלְמִידִים], pupils, and eventually grow as *lamdanim* [לִמְדָנִים], scholars. A Jewish course of study ("studies"), *tochnit limmudim* [תוֹחַנְתִּית לִימּוֹדִים], begins with the Torah and continues through the Talmud [תַּלְמוֹד] and beyond. This brings us back to the title of this page, *Talmud Torah* [תַּלְמוֹד תּוֹרָה], which means "the study of Torah" but refers to all learning.

And what is the purpose of study? A certain *talmid chacham* [תַּלְמִיד חָכָם], wise student of Torah (our rabbi), once wrote: "Torah refers to wisdom distilled from human experience...Torah study leads to the refinement of the human spirit and finds its ultimate expression in righteous living."

Consider what we say during the Shabbat morning service after reciting a list of *mitzvot: v'talmud Torah k'neged kulam* [וְתַלְמוֹד תּוֹרָה כִּנְגֵד כָּלָם], "The study of Torah is equal to them all because it leads to them all" (Babylonian Talmud, Tractate Shabbat 127a; contemporary rendering by Rabbi Chaim Stern z'l in *Gates of Prayer*). Or, as stated more succinctly elsewhere in the Talmud: *Limmud meivi lidei ma'aseh* [לִמּוֹד מַבְיא לִידֵי מַעֲשָׂה], "Study leads to action."

As we begin the new school year, *sh'nat ha-limmudim* [שָׁנָת הַלִּימּוֹדִים]], may each of us find meaning and fulfillment on our own and with our community as we engage in *Talmud Torah*. And may the opening words of this beautiful poem by Leah Goldberg (1911-1970), *lamdeini Elohai* [לִמְדָנִי אֱלֹהֵינוּ], inspire us to approach our learning with joy, wonder, and reverence for the source of the marvelous capacities with which we are endowed:

Teach me my God, a blessing, and a prayer
For the secret of a withered leaf
For ripened fruit so fair
For this freedom to see, to feel, to breathe,
To know, to hope, and to despair.

Teach my lips a blessing and a song of praise,
Each morning and night
As You renew Your days,
Lest my days be as the one before,
Lest routine define my ways.

L'shanah tovah, Wishing you a happy, healthy New Year!
Sarah Gluck

Jewish LIFE

CLASSES

Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class

Instructors: Rabbi Gluck, Sarah Gluck, Cantor Pincus
 You've been asking, and here it is. This class will have something for everyone: those wishing to become adult b'nei mitzvah through a year of study and anyone wanting to learn more about how to do Torah study, beginning Hebrew readers who want to grow their skills, anyone wishing to practice and review key blessings and prayers, and Torah chanters, current and future, who want to learn the system of trope (cantillation).

In other words, those interested in pursuing bar/bat mitzvah will gather for all sessions of this class, attend Rabbi Gluck's "Meaning and Purpose" class in the spring (see below), and work with Cantor Pincus privately to prepare to chant Torah.

Anyone else who is interested in any part of this class is welcome to drop in on any session. The more, the merrier.
Sundays: 9:00-9:30 a.m. for Hebrew with Sarah throughout the year; 9:30-10:30 a.m. for "Interpretive Lenses: The Many Ways of Reading and Understanding Torah" with Rabbi Gluck (fall) and trope with Cantor Pincus (winter-spring). For more information, contact Sarah. SarahGluck@TempleBethElNJ.org

October 8

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Rabbi Gluck, Interpretive Lenses 1: Introduction (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

October 15

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-10:00, Rm. 201)

October 29

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Rabbi Gluck, Interpretive Lenses 2: Critical Approaches (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

November 5

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Rabbi Gluck, Interpretive Lenses 3: Commentaries (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

November 19

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Rabbi Gluck, Interpretive Lenses 4: Midrash (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

December 3

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Rabbi Gluck, Interpretive Lenses 5: Mysticism (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

December 17

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Rabbi Gluck, Interpretive Lenses 6: Chasidut (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

January 8

Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:00-10:30, Beit Midrash)

January 28

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-10:00, Rm. 201)

February 4

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-10:00, Rm. 201)

February 11

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

February 25

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

March 4

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

March 11

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

March 18

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

March 25

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-9:30, Rm. 201)
 Cantor Pincus, Trope (9:30-10:30, Beit Midrash)

April 5

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-10:00, Rm. 201)

April 22

Sarah Gluck, Hebrew (9:00-10:00, Rm. 201)

Introduction to Biblical Hebrew

Instructor: Sarah Gluck

Imagine understanding what you hear when the Torah is read. This class will guide you toward reading, understanding, and translating passages from the Hebrew Bible through building grammar and vocabulary. All you need is the ability to read Hebrew comfortably. No prior knowledge of biblical Hebrew necessary.

Sundays: 10:00-11:20 a.m. in Room 201 (upstairs in the classroom wing)

October 8, 15, 29; November 5; December 3, 17; January 7, 28; February 4, 11, 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 15, 22, 29

Textbook: The First Hebrew Primer (EKS Publishing)

Fee: cost of materials

Mussar: Seeking Everyday Holiness

Facilitator: Rabbi Gluck

Ner ha-Shem nishmat adam, the soul of a human being is the candle of God. (Proverbs 20:27)

Mussar is both a body of knowledge and a perspective on life. It sees the deepest essence of every human being as inherently pure and holy, but understands that extremes of emotion, desire, and bad habits veil that inner light. Mussar is a discipline that can help us lift these "veils" to uncover the brilliant light of the soul. Through a range of teachings and practices — some contemplative, some focusing on how we relate to others in daily life, some concerning God — Mussar can help us refine and heal ourselves. Mussar is, essentially, a way of life that can lead to the realization of one's highest spiritual potential and an everyday experience of a life infused with happiness, trust, and love.

Please join Rabbi Gluck for 10 group meetings throughout the year, alternating with weeks of individual study, reflection, and practice on your own. There are no prerequisites.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Beit Midrash

October 10, 24; November 7, 28; December 12; January 2, 16, 30; February 13, 27

Fee: \$90

iEngage 3—Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

A video lecture and discussion series from the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem

Instructor: Rabbi Gluck

iEngage 3—Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict concludes with its last three sessions. Each session includes text study and discussion led by Rabbi Gluck and a video component with leading Hartman scholars.

Sundays, 4:00-6:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room

October 22, November 5, December 3

The Meaning and Purpose of Life According to Jewish Text and Teaching

Instructor: Rabbi Gluck

Last year, the Sai Baba community that meets at Temple Beth-El invited Rabbi Gluck to speak about Jewish scriptural views of the purpose of human life and how we are to lead it. The questions and subsequent discussion were so engaging that Rabbi Gluck was inspired to expand it into a mini-course for our congregation. Please join him for four Tuesday evenings of study and conversation.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. in the Beit Midrash

April 10, 17, 24; May 1

Jewish Film Series

Saturdays at 7:00 p.m.

September 9: Policeman

October 28: Year Zero

December 9: Keep Quiet

February 10: (TBA)

March 17: Apples from the Desert

April 21: Transit

May 12: Brothers

Israeli Dancing

Thursdays (except for holiday weeks) at 7:30 p.m.

September 7, 14, 19, 28; October 3, 10, 19, 26; November 2,

9, 16, 22, 30; December 7, 14, 21, 28; January 4, 11, 18, 25;

February 1, 8, 15, 22; March 1, 8, 15, 22, 27; April 4, 12, 19, 26;

May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 26; July 5, 12



Jewish LIFE

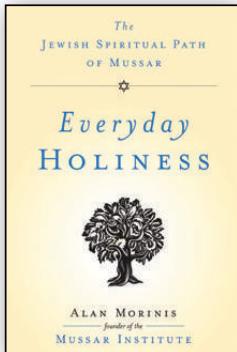
Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth-El



*The World of Mussar is open before you,
and you are invited to enter.*

SEEKING EVERDAY HOLINESS

A
COMMUNITY
MUSSAR
PROGRAM



The Union for Reform Judaism and The Mussar Institute are offering *Seeking Everyday Holiness*, A Community Mussar Program that provides a practical and accessible introduction to the transformative teachings and practices of Mussar, based on the book *Everyday Holiness* by Alan Morinis.

This program goes beyond self-help, and provides an authentic Jewish pathway toward fulfilling the potential of your higher nature, the soul. Through contemplative practices, small group discussions, chants and reading you will be shown a path to transform your inner world so you can find more balance and wholeness in all areas of life. Mussar is suitable for all, regardless of level of Jewish knowledge, and no Hebrew is required.

Here's what you will get in the program:

1. A copy of the book *Everyday Holiness*.
2. Every other week small group meetings with materials for individual practice and study as guidance for the week in between.
3. Course Curriculum:

Everyday Holiness — Local group (va'ad) meeting over 20 weeks, beginning with an orientation session and then every other week meeting focused on the traits of:

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| • Humility | • Equanimity | • Moderation |
| • Patience | • Honor | • Responsibility |
| • Order | • Truth | • Trust |

**Seeking Everyday Holiness
starts at Temple Beth-El on
Tuesday, October 10.**

See the course description on p. 12 for details.

"Alan Morinis of The Mussar Institute is an inspired teacher and practitioner of Mussar, a practice that is enriching the lives of so many within our Reform community. I look forward to our growing partnership as we cultivate a world with more kindness, generosity, compassion, humility and other life enhancing middot."

- Rabbi Rick Jacobs, President of the Union for Reform Judaism

To learn more about The Mussar Institute, go to www.mussarinstitute.org

Youth at TBE

Shalom!

I am thrilled and honored to be starting my second year at Temple Beth-El! This summer, we had more than 15 children attend a URJ summer program and seven teens and young adults serve on staff at URJ camps across the Northeast (see list on page 15).

Mitchell Friedman and Carly Radowitz both participated in the NFTY In Israel program along with their Camp Harlam friends. Carly's favorite part of the trip was hiking to the top of Masada and watching the sunset there before heading to the Dead Sea. "It was one of the best days of the whole summer!" she said. Mitchell's overall impression was that "visiting Israel for the first time was a life-changing experience. The country is truly beautiful and it was amazing to be immersed in a completely Jewish society."

I had the pleasure of spending my summer in Byfield, Massachusetts at the URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy. As a member of their leadership team, I worked with kids entering grades 5-10 and was able to help them explore

their scientific interests, find their place within a Jewish camp community, and discover the connections between science and Judaism that exist in our everyday lives! While I was initially nervous due to my lack of scientific knowledge, I had the best time learning and playing and growing the number of people in my own Jewish community.

As we begin this year, here is a snapshot of what teen and NFTY events are planned. Flyers and individual emails will be sent as each event nears.

I look forward to seeing you and your kids this year!

L'shalom

Rachel Frish

Director of Youth Engagement



Teen Events at TBE (Grades 9-12)

Blue Jean Shabbat*, October 27, 7:00 p.m.

Social Action Event, December 16 (time TBD)

Shul-In, January 20-21, 7:00 p.m.

Blue Jean Shabbat*, January 26, 7:00 p.m.

*8th Grade Welcome!

Blue Jean Havdalah*, March 10, 7:00 p.m.

Social Action Event, April 21 (time TBD)

End of the Year Event (date and time TBD)

NFTY

NFTY-GER Kickoff – September 10, 2017 (Temple Beth Sholom – New City, NY)

NFTY-GER Fall Kallah – October 20-22, 2017 (URJ Kutz Camp – Warwick, NY)

URJ Biennial – December 6-10, 2017 (Boston, MA)

NFTY-GER Winter Kallah – December 26-29, 2017 (URJ Camp Harlam – Kunkletown, PA)

NFTY-GER Elections – January 28, 2018 (Temple Shalom – Aberdeen, NJ)

NFTY-GER Maccabiah – March 17, 2018 (Temple Emanu-El – Westfield, NJ)

NFTY-GER Spring Kallah – April 27-29, 2018 (URJ Kutz Camp – Warwick, NY)

NFTY-GER Gala – June 2, 2018 (Temple Rodeph Torah – Marlboro, NJ)

Come Back-to-Shul!

Come celebrate the end of summer, the beginning of TBE's school and program year, and Shabbat with a fun Back-to-Shul BBQ dinner and service on Friday, September 15. Dinner at 6:00 with services at 7:00 p.m.

We'll provide the burgers, dogs, buns and condiments. We ask that you bring a nondairy side dish, beverage or dessert. After services, we'll gather around the firepit for a song session (weather permitting).

Visit www.tinyurl.com/TBEBacktoShul2017 to let us know you'll be here and what non-dairy item you can bring. There is no fee for this event.

If you have any questions, contact Susan in the temple office at 908-722-0674, extension 312



Welcome Back

To campers and staffers at the following Jewish summer programs:

URJ 6 Points Sports Academy

Alex Milgram

URJ 6 Points Sci-Tech Academy

Derek Boxer

Zachary Friedman (staff)

Rachel Frish (staff)

Noah Horowitz (staff)

Daniel Shapiro (staff)

URJ Camp Harlam

Lauren Angeline

Shayna Friedman

Sam Kelly (staff)

Catherine McGlashan

Erica Milgram

Sam Radowitz (staff)

Talia Rubin

Yael Tuckman

Jakob Weinstock

URJ Kutz Camp

Sarah Friedman

URJ Kutz Camp Gibush Program

Benjamin Dickholtz

NFTY in Israel

Mitchell Friedman

Carly Radowitz

If you or your child attended a Jewish summer experience that's not listed here,
please let us know. We want to hear all about it!

Upcoming Young Family Experiences

(Designed for families with children up to grade 2. Older siblings always welcomed!)

Rosh Hashanah Experience for Young Families

September 21
at 1:15 p.m.



Sukkot Experience for Young Families in the Sukkah

October 6 at 6:00 p.m.
To register, go to: tinyurl.com/TBESukkotforYoungFamilies2017



Feel free to email Andrea Dean with any questions – andreamdean@gmail.com

Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, & Spirit

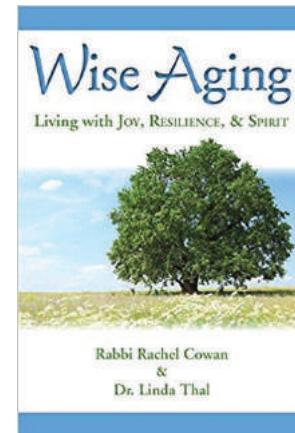
How do we create a new roadmap for the journey we are all on? TBE invites you to participate in a new Wise Aging pilot group for adults 55 and over to explore together what it means to grow older with intention and live life fully.

The foundational text for our Wise Aging pilot group is the groundbreaking *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal.

With the same warmth, humor, and wisdom that draw so many to their innovative workshops on aging, Rabbi Cowan and Dr. Thal deliver practical, real-world suggestions for building resilience and navigating the challenges of aging, while finding joy and meaning.

Through texts gathered from a variety of religious and spiritual sources, plus reflective questioning, journaling exercises, meditations, and activities that draw on research in neuroscience, psychology, and gerontology, readers dig deep for a better understanding of how to age well.

Wise Aging is offered under the auspices of the Institute for Jewish Spirituality and will be facilitated at TBE by Barbara Franzblau, Sarah Gluck, and Harriet Thaler. To learn more about Wise Aging and apply to participate in this pilot group, please contact Sarah Gluck at 908-722-0674 x113 or sarahgluck@templebethelnj.org.



Back by popular demand – Adult Board Game Night

Come join us for a fun night of games at ADULT BOARD GAME NIGHT at TBE. Feel free to bring something to share; it is BYOB (board and/or bottle).

September 23 and October 21 at 7:00 p.m.
RSVP to the temple office.



Community

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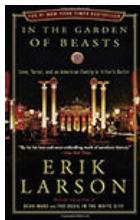
New Year 5778 = New Opportunities

Make joining a Temple Beth-El interest or affinity group part of your plan for the coming temple year!

Enjoy a favorite interest or explore something new while deepening your connections with fellow congregants. Contact the congregant listed below and learn more today:

TBE Reads

Join fellow congregants on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:15 pm at TBE to discuss *In the Garden of Beasts* by Eric Larson. Contact Debbie Herman at daherman@mac.com or 908-963-6003 to learn more.



Cycling Connection

TBE Cyclists gather periodically for Sunday morning rides throughout Somerset County. Contact Jerry Novak at GNovak1@its.jnj.com or 908-229-9328 to confirm dates and planned routes.

TBE Tennis

Contact Dave Cohen at david@decarchitect.com or 609-915-5944 if you are interested in getting together with other members of our TBE family for a round of tennis this fall.

Empty-Nesters and Baby Boomers

Join fellow congregants for fun, informal gatherings and outings this fall. Contact Susan Goldberg today at [sjrgold@aol.com](mailto:sbjrgold@aol.com) or 848-702-5411.

Jewish Spirituality

A group that aims to know God through direct experience, and live that knowledge in the world. Nourish body and soul through study, discussion, and meditation. Contact Michael Herzog at michael.herzog@allergan.com or 908-809-3903.

There are also groups that get together to play board games and mah jongg, and a group of young families. If you're interested in participating, contact the office.

Temple Cabaret Night Readyng to WOW Again – Saturday, November 18

Simona Rivkin has agreed to take the lead—once again—as director and producer of the next Cabaret Night! Our three previous cabarets were evenings full of fun, excitement and surprises.

Simona is again scouting for talent to come forward to participate in the Cabaret's Open Mic Session. The event is scheduled for Saturday evening, November 18. That gives everyone lots of time to put together their acts, songs, jokes, plays, juggling, musical numbers and other crowd pleasers.

**Whether you're a cabaret veteran or a newcomer,
we want your talent on stage. Come on out and
step up to the mic.**

Contact Simona at bakerec@comcast.net or 908-369-7884 to get in on the act.



Beautification

A New Look

Temple Beth-El will look a little different this fall, thanks to a major carpeting project that is under way and will be completed in time for the High Holy Days. New carpet is being installed in the sanctuary, on the bimah, throughout the lobby area and hallway, and in the offices and coat

room. Sisterhood committed \$15,000 in proceeds from the past two Purim goody bag fundraisers, plus anticipated revenue from the 2018 Purim fundraiser, toward the repainting project. Thank you, Sisterhood, for making this project a reality!



College Connection

Calling all College Students for College Connection

College Connection is a Temple Beth-El program through which the temple mails college students a small care package for Rosh Hashanah, Chanukah and Passover. A periodic email greeting is also sent to the students.

In order for your college student to be included, we need some information. By September 11, please send to Cindy Scott (c.scott93@yahoo.com) the following:

- Your child's school mailing address. This is especially important if they're just starting college or if their address has changed. We prefer a PO box rather than a dorm address, as it doesn't change every year.
- An email address your child accesses at school.

Please note, the email address for Cindy is not correct in the letter that went out in the TBE mailing. If you are in doubt that I have your student's information, please send it to me again!

Our best wishes to you and your college students for a good start to a new year of learning.

Cindy Scott
Chair, College Connections

Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings for September and October

Welcome back after, hopefully, a relaxing summer, and get ready to join us for an exciting fall with upcoming movies, Israeli folk dancing and Cabaret/Open Mic Night.

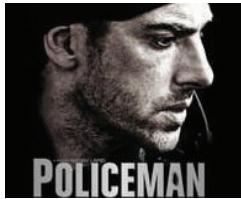
The **Jewish Film Series** grows stronger every year and now has a lot of followers. We are looking for sponsors to be able to continue our wonderful and highly educational Jewish/Israeli film program.

In an effort to promote conversations at TBE about issues relevant to our community, our film series will be devoted to collaborations between Cultural Arts and several committees. Come before the film for delicious snacks, treats, coffee, tea and beverages. Stay after the film for an impassioned discussion of themes and issues in the movie dear to our hearts.

September 9 is opening night of the film series with wine and cheese; co-sponsored by the Social Action Committee.

6:30 p.m. Wine, cheese and schmoozing reception.

7:00 p.m. Screening of the award-winning film *Policeman*



A discussion of the film and its implications for Americans and Israelis in our increasingly radicalized world, led by David Cohen, will follow the presentation.

Make sure to see the related flyer in this Shofar. More flyers and a big poster are in the lobby. RSVP to Simona: bakerec@comcast.net

Also, mark your calendars for our next film, *Year Zero*, on October 28, in collaboration with Renaissance. Look for more information in TBE emails in October.

Israeli folk dancing with ruach! has evolved into a weekly program every Thursday and is going strong after all these years. Like zumba, or yoga, we use many muscles to burn calories. You will breathe deeply and sweat, as in any good workout! Lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance

and the tuneful music and feel great as your endorphins kick in!

Israeli folk dancing starts on September 7 and continues every Thursday evening (except holiday weeks when we dance on Tuesday or Wednesday) from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the school wing.

Cost: \$10 at the door, or prepay for five sessions to save. **First dancing session FREE for newcomers.** See our flyer in this Shofar or the flyers in the lobby.

Back by popular demand, on November 18, at 7:00 p.m., our fourth biannual **Cabaret Night with Open Mic**.

This free event includes a selection of wines, elegant finger-size desserts, jazz by the David Sandler group and the Beth Borrus group, special guest appearances, stand-up comedians and open mic. We hope to create a relaxed European-style cabaret in a specially decorated temple social hall where you can come for serenity, entertainment and some intellectual stimulation.

- Jazz lovers—it's for you!
- Wine and sweets lovers—it's for you!
- Comedy lovers—it's for you!
- Open mic participants—it's for you!

Step up to the mic. We know that we have hidden talents in our congregation.

Come, relax, laugh and be amazed by the talents within our congregation! Bring your friends and share the evening. RSVP is greatly appreciated.

The Cultural Arts Committee wishes you a happy, sweet and healthy new year. We hope to enhance your joy, pleasure and knowledge as you participate in the events of Jewish cultural life that we bring to you!

L'shana tova!

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee Chair



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2017/18 Jewish Film Series

- September 9: *Policeman* (co-sponsored with Social Action)
- October 28: *Year Zero* (co sponsored with Renaissance)
- December 9: *Keep Quiet*
- February 10: TBA
- March 17: *Apples from the Desert*
- April 21: *TRANSIT* (co-sponsored with Sisterhood)
- May 12: *Brothers* (with Rabbi Gluck as the discussion leader)

The Cultural Arts and Social Action Committees present

POLICEMAN

Saturday, September 9

7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

**Discussion after the film led by
Dave Cohen**

In Hebrew with English subtitles

Not rated, 104 minutes

Suggested donation \$7/pp or more

RSVP required to Simona at

bakerec@comcast.net

About:

An elite team of Israeli police assigned to catch terrorists grapple with shock and confusion when one of their assignments is to confront a group of radical socialist Israelis.



The Cultural Arts and Renaissance Committees present

YEAR ZERO

Saturday, October 28

7:00 p.m.

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

**Discussion after the film led by
Harriet Thaler**

In Hebrew with English subtitles

Not rated, 130 minutes

Suggested donation \$7/pp or more

RSVP required to Simona at

bakerec@comcast.net

About:

It seems to happen at some point in everyone's life: you are permitted (or forced) to start over again from square one. That very thing happens to the protagonists of *Year Zero*.



Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom

Beth Borrus has a bold vision for the future: Jews and Muslims learning about and respecting one another's cultures, breaking down walls of misinformation and mistrust, building lasting friendships and living in harmony.

Promoting such an interfaith concept truly spoke to Beth as she began to learn more about Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom (SoSS), a national women's organization with 150 chapters across the country dedicated to growing the relationships between Jewish and Muslim women in order to fight negative stereotypes, hatred and prejudice. Members pursue these goals by sharing stories with one another, cooking together, doing charitable endeavors for the community and, most importantly, listening to each other. Women from both faiths have varied backgrounds, with many working in diverse professional fields, raising families and enjoying their faith.

Beth first heard about the group through Jodi Siegal, then chair of TBE's Social Action Committee. "It's really very interesting," said Beth, who began attending SoSS meetings at the Islamic Center of Hunterdon County in Flemington and went to a SoSS national conference last December at Drew University in Madison to learn more about interfaith connection. "I can't explain the magic of it, but it is magical. I think it's a really exciting time. It's very inspirational to be part of this."

Pam D'Amato, along with Randi Schweriner and Jodi Bogen, is co-leader of the Raritan Valley chapter of SoSS, which serves Somerset and Hunterdon counties. Pam, who is Muslim, first became involved with Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom in early 2016, after spending decades working with interfaith groups in an effort to mitigate negative perceptions, media coverage and stereotypes about Muslims. She is also a former New Jersey outreach coordinator for SoSS.

The Raritan Valley chapter meets once a month, on average. The group hopes to do family brunches on occasion, however, as a way for the group to strengthen its bonds and deepen friendships through meeting one another's families. Currently, the chapter is trying to keep its numbers stable because of the size of the group: 24 Muslim and Jewish women. Pam notes that the ideal group size is typically 10-12 women, 16 maximum, and

chapters are typically built along geographic lines. The national office tries to keep the numbers of Jewish and Muslim women equal within each chapter. The best way for interested women to get involved is to go to sosspeace.org. On the site, under the "What We Do" tab, there is a tab for joining a chapter.

Pam explained that programming for SoSS is based on research that shows if people of very different backgrounds come together in a safe space, they can develop common interests and bonds of friendship. The theory behind that research has been proven countless times, she said.

"Every time our chapter has a meeting and women share something about their faith or beliefs, there is a mutual nodding of heads as we all kind of remark at how similar our traditions, holidays and beliefs are," Pam said. "It's beautiful to behold."

Beth, too, had early exposure to different traditions and also lived in a different culture for a number of years. As a teacher, she has worked with Muslim students, and as a musician, she has had the opportunity to listen to and appreciate Arabic music. Add in her natural curiosity, and it's no wonder Beth wanted to learn more — and be a part of — Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom.

"I am an educator," Beth emphasized. "I have zero patience for hate and disrespect for anyone."

Pam understands there are many who are skeptical about Jews and Muslims bonding and developing friendships, but points out that the path to peace must start somewhere.

"In order for peace and understanding to occur, someone has to make a move toward friendship. If people like Robi Damelin of 'Path to Peace,' an Israeli and Palestinian organization, can lead the way in Israel/Palestine, why can't others of us who are not as severely impacted make similar attempts at peace and reconciliation?" Pam reasoned. "In the final analysis, we are all human and want the same things: peace and prosperity for our families, enough to eat, and a little leisure."

For more information about Sisterhood of Salaam Shalom, as well as this year's national conference on November 5 at Drew University in Madison, visit: <https://sosspeace.org>. And note that Sherly Olitzsky, co-founder and executive director of SoSS, will be a Jewish LIFE speaker at the JCC in Bridgewater on November 14.

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Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

Members visiting Liberty Hall Museum at Kean University spent a lovely summer day learning the history surrounding this 245-year-old homestead of New Jersey's first elected governor and U.S. Constitution signator. The guided tour led past sculpted gardens to the stately 50-room, Victorian-style mansion, transformed from its origin as a Georgian-style country home. The residence, passed down through seven generations of Livingston and Kean families, became a National Historic Landmark in 1973. We enjoyed viewing the period antiques, extensive collections and historical artifacts, and thank Harriet Thaler for arranging this enlightening tour.

Another Somerset Patriots "Bark in the Park" ball game and Girasole dinner was held this August, courtesy of Bob Taber's great efforts in putting together this fun event!

Esther Wallach
Renaissance Group

Mark Your Calendars

Wed., Oct. 25 Ellis Island Immigration Museum via Cruise from Liberty State Park, NJ

The gemstone and focal point of Ellis Island is the 100,000-square-foot Immigration Museum, contained within the island's main building. Restored to its 1918 French Renaissance Revival structural appearance, it chronicles the full range of immigrant experiences from the earliest, during the years 1550-1890, pre-dating Ellis Island; the peak immigration years of 1880-1924; and new eras of immigration from 1945 to the present.

The Statue Cruises Reserve Ferry Ticket (\$14 senior) includes a round-trip ferry to/from Ellis Island, entrance to the museum, ranger-guided tours, an award-winning documentary film, self-guided audio tours, exhibits and galleries. On site is the museum shop and cafe.

Watch for an email forthcoming in September with more information, the specific group trip schedule and particulars on how to purchase your online ticket.

Sunday, Dec. 10 Chanukah Party Pot Luck

Noon Hold this date and watch for the holiday flier with details.

The Renaissance Group is a 50+ social group that gets together to share interests, experiences, and activities. New membership is welcomed! Should you wish additional information about the group, or want to contribute to the Renaissance Happenings column, we welcome your submissions on a learned experience or human interest story. Please contact Harriet Thaler at 908-788-0269 or thalerz@embargmail.com.

Ritual

Share your Joy and Blessings — Host an Oneg

Hosting a Friday night oneg is a wonderful way to celebrate a special birthday, anniversary, baby naming or other special occasion with the congregation. Hosting is also an excellent way to build community with fellow congregants. The following dates are available for committees, families or individuals to host and, no worries, instructions will be provided!

11/10/2017	2/16/2018
12/8/2017	2/23/2018
12/22/2017	3/2/2018
12/29/2017	4/13/2018
1/5/2018	5/11/2018
1/26/2018	5/25/2018



If you are interested, please contact Jodi Siegal at jsdegonzalez@gmail.com or 908-541-1170.

Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur: A Culinary Journey Around the World

When you think of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, what foods come to mind? Apples and honey, of course! Probably honey cake, too. And maybe a bagel schmear to break the Yom Kippur fast. The rich symbolism of our holiday dishes has common roots in many Jewish communities across the world, but the dishes for celebrating the High Holy Days are as diverse as we are. For example, in many countries, a new seasonal fruit is eaten in celebrating Rosh Hashanah. In countries with warmer climates, this is often a pomegranate, which is often mentioned as a fruit of the Land of Israel and supposedly has 613 seeds, the same number as the commandments. In Eastern Europe, plums, a fall fruit, take on this seasonal role. Across the Middle East, figs and dates serve the same purpose.

Many traditional Rosh Hashanah foods symbolize abundance and prosperity. Egyptian Jews eat black-eyed peas for good luck in the coming year. Across North Africa and the Middle East, many communities eat chickpeas, rice, couscous and sesame seeds for the same reason. There is also a custom of eating green vegetables, such as chard, spinach, fava beans, peas, green beans, zucchini and okra, to symbolize new beginnings. Golden foods are also traditional – think of carrot tzimmes, in which the carrot slices represent gold coins. Vegetables like pumpkin and squash are in the same tradition.

Round foods like tzimmes have a special resonance at Rosh Hashanah. Meatballs, chickpeas, round farfel or mandeln, and round or ring-shaped bread and pastries, like the familiar round challah at our holiday tables, stand for continuity and the cycle of life. And they carry the hope that the year will be full and well-rounded.

Of course, we all hope for a sweet new year, so both Ashkenazi and Sephardic Jews dip apples in honey as part of the Rosh Hashanah blessing. And in addition to honey

cake, Ashkenazi Jews often serve teiglach, honey pastries, and apple strudel for the holiday meal. In Sephardic communities, meats are cooked with prunes, dates, and raisins, and sometimes also with sugar or honey. By contrast, tradition has it that no sour or bitter foods be present at this occasion. So Moroccans, for example, will not serve foods like eggplant or olives, and Ukrainian Jews will not serve cucumbers, pickles or horseradish.

Yom Kippur also has its own set of food traditions. For Jewish communities everywhere, chicken is the traditional Yom Kippur food, because of the custom of *kapparoth*, in which a chicken is killed for every member of the family. At traditional Eastern European tables, chicken soup with stuffed matzo balls, or kreplach with chicken, is often served as a pre-fast meal, the idea being that “kindness will cover (like the dough does the filling) any harsh judgments of misdeeds,” according to Claudia Roden in *The Book of Jewish Food*. In the Sephardic world, the pre-fast meal also starts with chicken soup, and then a plain chicken dish. Typically these dishes are filling, to fortify everyone for the long fast ahead, but they are also meant to be simple and bland, because salty or spicy food causes thirst.

Sephardic communities often break the fast with a cold drink – almond milk, lemonade or juice – and little pastries, both sweet and savory. Often the first meal after the fast is a dairy one for these communities, followed hours later by a second meat meal. For many Ashkenazi Jews, the classic break-fast meal includes foods like herring, chicken soup, roast chicken, carrot tzimmes, kugel, fruit compote, sponge cake, and fresh fruit. In the U.S., this meal is comprised of bagels, lox, herring and gefilte fish.

Intrigued? Hungry? This year, why not broaden your Jewish culinary horizons, just to try something new? Here are a couple of ideas to get you started.

Rosh Hashanah — instead of tzimmes, try...

Greek Rodanchos (Pumpkin Strudel)

This is a traditional Rosh Hashanah dish for Greek Jews, according to Joan Nathan in *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*.

I can personally attest to its wild popularity at my Rosh Hashanah table last year!

One 16-oz. can plain pumpkin
(not pumpkin pie filling)
5-6 T. sugar
 $\frac{1}{2}$ – $1\frac{1}{2}$ T. cinnamon



1. Preheat oven to 350°. Grease a cookie sheet.
2. In a saucepan, combine the pumpkin, sugar, cinnamon and 1 tablespoon of the oil. Stirring constantly, heat over a low flame until all liquid evaporates. Take off the heat and set aside.
3. Take one sheet of phyllo at a time, while keeping the rest covered. Fold the sheet you're working with in half, and brush it with oil. Then place about 2 tablespoons of filling along the long side. Roll the phyllo like a jellyroll until the end of the sheet.
4. Being very careful and delicate, twist the long roll and then coil it like a snail, with the outside end tucked under. Brush with oil and place on the cookie sheet.
5. Continue until all the filling is used up.
6. Bake 20-25 minutes, until golden brown. If the rodanchos are not golden by the end of the cooking time, raise the oven to 375° for a few minutes, watching them carefully so they don't burn.

Sources:

The Book of Jewish Food: An Odyssey from Samarkand to New York, by Claudia Roden.
The Jewish Holiday Kitchen, by Joan Nathan.

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4-H Fair a Big (and Fun) Success

Temple Beth-El's 4-H volunteers had loads of fun at the annual fair this year.

While we were working, talking and laughing together, we sold 575 mac-n-cheese eggrolls (no falafel this year), 104 apple-pie egg rolls, 340 orders of mozzarella sticks and – drumroll, please! – about 3,500 servings of lemonade. Yes, you read that correctly; our stalwart volunteers squeezed 3,500 lemons!!

The 4-H fair is an important fundraiser for TBE because it draws monies in from outside of the community. We raised between \$11,000 and \$12,000 this year. That's a great result!

Kudos to Fern Schiffman and the entire team of 65 volunteers who helped prepare, set up or serve, or who

donated items. These folks did a yeoman's task. In 2015, our best year at the fair, we had 96 volunteers. Having nearly 100 people, all pulling together to help TBE, was a huge factor in our success that year. More volunteers means more opportunity for fun, and the end result can mean more funds raised.

If you've ever volunteered at the booth, you know just what we're talking about. It's a special experience – the friendships built working together, side by side, and the satisfactions of a job well done.

So next year, when you hear the call for volunteers, why not give it a try? Whether you have half an hour or half a day to spare, come on out, work a little, help TBE raise money, and have a blast doing it.



A crew of volunteers helped roll the mac-n-cheese and apple pie egg rolls in the temple kitchen a few days before the fair began.



Assembling the booth and unloading all of our supplies onto the fairgrounds takes quite a few hands.



Above: In addition to the booth, we have two satellite lemonade stands like this one.

Left: Part of the crew all dressed up and ready to go!

Sisterhood

Come Connect with Sisterhood!

Welcome back to another wonderful year at Temple Beth-El. Although many of you are already familiar with Sisterhood, we'd like to start with a reminder of who we are and what we do:

The mission of the Sisterhood of Temple Beth-El is to promote women working together to achieve personal fulfillment and spiritual growth, to support the goals of Temple Beth-El, and to improve the quality of life in our local and greater communities.

In an effort to fulfill our mission, we are proud to share with you that Sisterhood is about:

GLOBAL SUPPORT – Through direct donations and our membership in the Women of Reform Judaism, we are able to touch the lives of people around the globe. We contribute to the Women of the Wall, collect clothes and household goods for various organizations, and provide Thanksgiving meals for more than 60 families. Through the WRJ YES (Youth, Education and Special Projects) Fund, we've helped support URJ camps, provided scholarships for rabbinic and cantorial students, and assisted in the furthering of progressive Jewish values both here and in Israel.

LOCAL EVENTS – While our mission and goals are serious, we definitely know how to have a good time. This year, please join us for a wide array of programs, including:

women's Torah study; havdalah with the Brotherhood; a breakfast with author Jessica Fishman, discussing religious pluralism in Israel; weekly mah jongg; an Israeli film and discussion in partnership with the Cultural Arts Committee; and our eagerly anticipated Women's Day of Rest and Renewal, which this year will be held jointly with several other Sisterhoods in our area.

PERSONAL CONNECTIONS – This may be the most important thing we are as a Sisterhood. While the world can often feel large and impersonal, and the demands of life can seem overwhelming, Sisterhood can provide support and generosity. We love to hear about your simchas, and to help you celebrate them! We're also here for you if you need some help. It's easier to ask someone you know, so we hope you'll let us get to know you!

As you can see, there are many reasons to get involved with Sisterhood. We look forward to seeing all of you at the TBE Back-to-Shul BBQ on September 15, and throughout the holidays as we welcome the new year. Remember, without you, we are one sister short!

L'shanah tovah tikateivu,

Karen Kaplan and Cindy Andrews

Sisterhood Co-Presidents

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Yom Kippur — to break the fast, instead of chicken soup, try...

Meat and Vegetable Soup (Harira)

According to Joan Nathan, author of *The Jewish Holiday Kitchen*, Moroccan Jews eat this rich soup to break the Yom Kippur fast. It has been adapted from an Arab dish that is used to break the fast of Ramadan.

Ingredients:

1 cup dried lentils
1 cup dried fava or lima beans
1 pound beef for stewing, cubed
2 medium onions, chopped
4 T. oil
1 lb. tomatoes, chopped and peeled,
or an equivalent amount of canned tomatoes
1 bunch celery with leaves, diced
2 T. fresh cilantro or parsley
Salt and pepper to taste
4 cups water
2 T. flour
Juice of 2 lemons + lemon slices

1. Soak the lentils and fava/lima beans overnight.
2. In a heavy saucepan, saute the meat and chopped onions in oil. When the meat is brown, add the lentils, beans, tomatoes, celery, cilantro/parsley, and salt and pepper. Add the water and simmer, covered, for about 2 hours.
3. When the meat is tender and the beans are soft, adjust the seasonings, if necessary. Bring to a boil.
4. Mix the flour into about 2 more tablespoons cold water and stir into the boiling soup. Keep stirring to avoid lumps.
5. After a minute or two, turn off the heat and add the lemon juice. Serve very hot with the lemon slices.

Social Action

Repairing the World...One Mitzvah at a Time!



Do you like to knit or have you always wanted to learn? Join us on Sunday, October 8 at 10:00 a.m. in the TBE lobby to knit, crochet and schmooze. We will be making items to donate to our TBE Youth Group's Midnight Run effort, hospitals and other organizations during our warm-winter-wear collections in the coming months. Look for a complete schedule of meeting dates in the first October TBE e-letter.

Do you have extra yarn that you don't plan to use? Starting in September, we will be collecting leftover yarn, knitting needles and crochet hooks. If you'd like to donate, please place them in the designated box in the coat room.

Looking forward to seeing you. If you have any questions, please contact Jodi Siegal (jsdegonzalez@gmail.com)



Interfaith & Community Leaders Standing For Environmental Responsibility

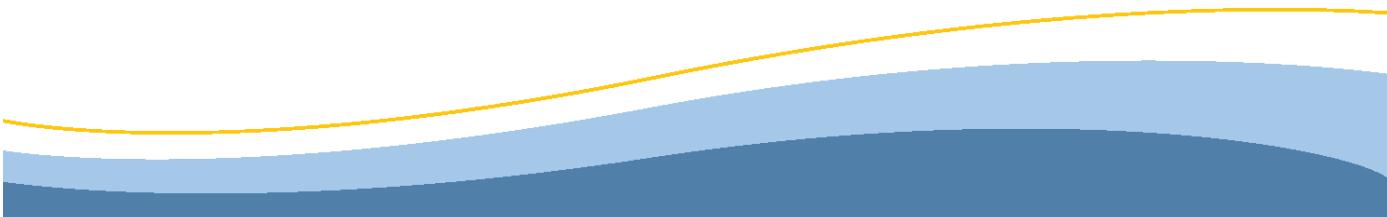


We will be gathering prayerfully as a multi-faith community to increase awareness, action and advocacy around our shared responsibility to care for the planet. The program will begin with a call to action from communal religious and civic leaders, continue with opportunities to learn about the teachings of our various traditions on the theme of caring for God's gift of the world we inhabit, and conclude with a variety of shared opportunities to take action to protect the planet. Fellowship and refreshment to follow.

Sunday October 29th, 2017, 2 to 5 p.m.

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Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is December 24-31

2017-2018 IHN Hosting Schedule

December 24-31	April 22-29	August 12-19
February 11-18	June 3-10	

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County (IHNSC) is a not-for-profit organization that provides many layers of services for homeless families with children. IHNSC provides a valuable service, as most other programs for homeless families do not provide the range of services to families with children.

Temple Beth-El hosts clients of IHN six times a year, approximately February, March or April, June, August, October or November and December. The families call Temple Beth-El "home" for a week and our volunteers give their time to assure that the families have a warm and welcoming stay with good food, compassion, play, and lots of good conversation.

Getting involved requires only a few hours from one to six times a year...you choose your level of involvement. Every volunteer is an important mentor to our IHN families.

Please visit www.tinyurl.com/TBEIHNSignup or call the appropriate coordinator listed below to schedule a volunteer shift. Always check the IHN Coordinators Contact List in each issue of the Shofar, as it's possible that there have been changes. **Each volunteer is expected to honor their commitment to the IHN hosting week. If a volunteer is unable to fulfill their commitment, they should contact another volunteer and swap dates.**

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County will celebrate its 25th anniversary at a **Gala Dinner on Thursday, October 26**, at the Basking Ridge Country Club, 185 Madisonville Road, Basking Ridge, from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m.

IHNSC will honor long-time supporters, including:

- Vollers Family Foundation
- Temple Beth-El and Rabbi Arnie Gluck
- Branchburg Rotary Club
- William Jonat, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church

Tickets are \$100 each, which includes a \$40 tax-deductible contribution.

Tickets can be purchased online at www.ihns.org or you can contact Karen Donohue at karen@ihns.org.



IHN Coordinators Contact List

Function	Name	Main Phone	Other Phone	Email Address
Coordinator	Leigh Freeman	908-359-2724	908-391-1397 (c)	dancer.leighfreeman@att.net
Dinner Shift Volunteers	YOUR NAME HERE			
Evening Shift Volunteers	Julie Hirsch	732-580-8246		jbghirsch@gmail.com
Overnight Shift Volunteers	Sharon Sietz		908-256-6483	sharon.sietz@gmail.com
Meals	YOUR NAME HERE			
Food/Supplies	Mara White	908-231-1518	301-704-6066 (c)	mara@alumni.brown.edu
Linen Pick-Up	Cindy Andrews		908-635-6858 (c)	cjrandrews@gmail.com
Set-Up/Breakdown	David Cohen	609-683-5766		david@decarchitect.com
IHNSC/Day Center	Karen Donohue	908-704-1920	908-217-0217 (c)	karen@ihns.org

Lifecycle

Our Condolences to...

Ruth Krongold, on the passing of her mother, Frieda Krongold
 Ken Snyder, on the passing of his mother, Meriam Snyder
 Brian Wood, on the passing of his father, Robert Wood
 Barbara Weinstein, on the passing of her mother, Jean D. Kovats
 Evan Lerner, on the passing of his mother, Miriam Lerner
 Alta and Marc Malberg, on the passing of their daughter, Ariel

Mazel Tov...

Lil Swickle, on the birth of her great-grandson, Camden James Swickle
 Laura Miller, on the marriage of her son, Wesley
 Jay and Donna Tischfield, on the birth of their granddaughter, Silvia Bayla on May 31
 Mike and Susan Plan, on the naming of their granddaughter, Abigail
 Steve and Irene Lieberman, on the birth of their granddaughter, Molly Blair on July 27
 Allan and Sheenagh Hirsch, on the birth of their grandchild, Elliot Wesley on July 6
 Jeff and Barrie Resnick, on the marriage of their daughter Laura to Sacha Samotin on July 9
 Steve and Maria Landau, on the upcoming marriage of their daughter, Amy,
 to Nicholas Whitney on September 9



Laura and Sacha Samotin

Our B'nei Mitzvah Students

Ella Wolkofsky (September 9)	Nate Cohen (October 21)
Yael Tuckman (September 9)	Kyle Cartmell (October 21)
Lauren Angeline (September 16)	Arielle Heimberg (October 28)
Matthew Messing (September 16)	Katrina Papierman (October 28)
Alex Russo (October 14)	

Our Caring Community

Kesher Network: For those who are unable to attend our worship and simcha events and some adult education classes, our video streaming service is the next best thing to being there. Navigate to new.livestream.com/OurBethEl from a personal computer or mobile device (apps are available for apple, android and roku devices) for a list of upcoming and recent livestream events from Temple Beth-El.

Shiva Minyans: For a leader or participants, call Amy Rubin or Cantor Pincus.

Mitzvah Committee: To offer or request help, please contact Carol Ahlert, carolahlert@yahoo.com, or 908-359-9357.

In the event of a loss during the evening or on the weekend, call Rabbi Gluck at 908-722-0674, ext. 111, or 908-229-1618.

To share your family's news in the Shofar, call Susan Walters in the temple office. Please contact Susan with information about significant occasions, hospitalizations, or the loss of a loved one.

Prayer for Healing Cards: Cards are available in the temple lobby to let those in need of healing know that their names were included in our Mishebeirach prayer. The cards can be mailed as postcards by writing the address over the Temple Beth-El watermark or directly inserted into get well cards.



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Born July 27
Proud parents Marc and Stacey Lieberman
Proud grandparents Steve and Irene Lieberman



Calling all Photographers and Photo Collectors!

Do you have photos of congregational events that you can share with us? Do you like to take photos at events?

We would like to round out Temple Beth-El's library of photos for use in the website or social media. Please contact Amy Rubin at amyrubin@templebethelnj.org to share your photos or to offer your photo talents for upcoming events.



Yahrzeits September

We extend our deepest sympathy to those of you who will be marking a loved one's Yahrzeit in the coming month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read September 8 and 9

Eva Frankel, grandmother of Jan Miller
Joshua Irvin Albin, son of Robert and Shari Albin
Jane Ellen Franzblau, sister-in-law of Barbara Franzblau
John Gale, father of Janet Aaronson
Sol Greenberg, father-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg
Anita Maizel, grandmother of Ryan Maizel
Herbert Sloan, husband of Judith Sloan
Gregory Sussman, father of Yelena Kalikina
Susan Berger, mother of Michael Berger
Alvin Resnick, father of Jeff Resnick
Frances Tolman, mother of Edward Tolman

To be read September 15 and 16

Fred Hirsch, father of Allan Hirsch
Janice Wasserman, mother-in-law of Tracy Wasserman
Marian Weigl, grandmother of Lynn Small
Michael Freiberg, father of Wendy Amodeo
Edith Katchen, mother of Beverly Cohen
Ava Fultz-Miller, sister-in-law of Rick and Bev Miller
Andrew Freiberg, brother of Wendy Amodeo
Walter Geller, father of Ira Geller
Elaine Cohen, mother of Gary Cohen
Claire Katzenstein, grandmother of Howard Mangel
Lillian Roberts, mother of Sharon Hambro
Daniel Tucker, brother of Barbara Cohen
Blanche Levendel, mother of Sheila Koen
Dr. Norman Willett, father of Susan Willett
John Jordan, father of Pat Galler
Leonard Levitt, father of Laura Miller

To be read September 22 and 23

Richard Goldsmith, husband of Elaine Goldsmith
Thomas Angeline, husband of Hillary Angeline
and father of Joseph, Lauren and Anthony Angeline
Allan Miller, father of Leigh Miller
Dorothy Shapiro, mother of Irene Lieberman

Frances P. Shapiro, mother-in-law of Joshua Skowronek
William Weinstein, father of Jeffrey Weinstein
Irving Winters, father of William Winters
Jerry Newman, grandfather of Jan Miller
Jim Rothschild, brother of David Rothschild
Ida Shrensel, grandmother of Nancy Feusse
Charles Zolin, father of Jodi Harwood
Judith Edelman, mother of Marsha Malberg
Bessie Friedman, grandmother of Helene Fine
Natalie Gorka, mother of Wendy Horowitz
Sheila Ann Levine, sister of Alvin Levine
Beatrice Simon, mother of Janet Halpern
Leonard William Hambro, father of Larry Hambro
Hank Kampf, father of Alexander Kampf
Seth Martin Rawicz, son of Scott Rawicz
David Roswell, father of Arthur Roswell

To be read September 29 and 30

Sigmund Miller, husband of Laura Miller
Max Tischfield, father of Jay Tischfield
Doris Herman, mother of David Herman
J.M. Rubenstein, father of Cindy Andrews
Mollie Goldstein, grandmother of Heather Lissa
Irwin Brody, brother of Bruce Brody
Gussie Glatt, mother of Evelyn Silverstein
Anne Siegel, sister of Ted Baker
Irv Cohen, husband of Beverly Cohen
Mahdy Flacks, mother of Jill Wedeen
Liz Rawicz, wife of Scott Rawicz
Julius Tompa, father of Gary Tompa
Sheryl Carraher, wife of John Carraher
Allen Febesh, father of Ilene Rothschild
Louis Goldstein, grandfather of Seth Goldstein
Stanley Breslow, father of Janice Klein
Karl Rebarber, father of Roxanne Levinston
Lawrence Siegel, father of Debbie Levenberg

Yahrzeits October

We extend our deepest sympathy to those of you who will be marking a loved one's Yahrzeit in the coming month. Below are the dates for the Yahrzeits we will be reciting during Shabbat services.

To be read October 6 and 7

Frederick Thomas Andrews, father of Mark Andrews
 Perry Bucholtz, father of Ronnie Weyl
 Jerome M. Cohen, brother-in-law of Barbara Cohen
 Russel Johnston, Sr., father of Russ Johnston
 Mathew Morelli, son of Ralph Morelli and
 Marci Becker-Morelli
 Charles Howard, brother of Sidney Horowitz
 Lena Lieberman, grandmother of Steven Lieberman
 Ira Zelnick, brother of Zelda Reinhart
 Lois Cartmell, mother of Craig Cartmell
 David Golub, father of Jill Geller
 Frederick Klein, father of David Klein
 Jeff Mitchell, brother of Donna Tischfield
 David Ellenberg, father of Naomi McGlashan
 Daniel Franzblau, father-in-law of Barbara Franzblau
 Irwin Fidelman, father of Wayne Fidelman
 Mary Wisniewski, mother of Carol Nerenberg

To be read October 13 and 14

Carl Smith, father of Joseph Smith
 Carl Edward Feusse, father of Andy Feusse
 Sidney Grossman, father of Linda Strand
 Joseph Marciniak, father of Judi DiMaio
 Judith Millstein, mother of Randi Millstein
 Judith Moroz, mother of Tracy Wasserman
 Leon S. Rosenblum, brother of Fern Kamine
 Rachel Lorraine Andell, daughter of Jonathon Andell
 Morris Kaminetsky, father-in-law of Fern Kamine
 Gerald Moshinsky, brother of Leonard Moshinsky
 Irv Steinberg, grandfather of Wendy Horowitz
 Celia Stept, grandmother of Sheldon Stept
 Samuel Stept, grandfather of Sheldon Stept
 Lynette Byers, sister of Jonathon Andell
 Dora Friedman, mother of Helene Fine
 Malcolm F. Becker, father of Marci Becker-Morelli
 Alice Greenhut, grandmother of Robert Adler
 Joseph Halpern, father of Morris Halpern
 Betty Plan, mother of Michael Plan
 Anne Rubin, mother-in-law of Sylvia Rubin
 Ralph Saperstein, father of Steven Saperstein and Carolyn Wald

To be read October 20 and 21

Jules Cohen, father of David Cohen
 Abe Raynes, father of Harriet Thaler
 Saundra Schiff, aunt of Rick Miller
 Alvin Silverstein, father of Fern Smith
 Dr. Howard Vogel, brother of Irwin Vogel

Frances Fishman, mother of Andrew Fishman
 Mildred Schrier, mother of Sheryl Miller
 Jacob Kaplan, grandfather of Gail Wohl
 Judith Cohen, sister of Jeanette Tuckman
 Rubin Cohen, father of Gary Cohen
 Bertram Edelman, father of Marsha Malberg
 Donald Meyers, stepfather of Stacy Rankin
 Harry Silver, father of Ed Silver
 Abraham Etkins, father of Donna Etkins
 Bruth Brenner Klein, mother of Leslie Klein
 Seymour Roth, father of Lori Roth
 Marion Kaplan, mother of Mitchell Kaplan
 Mary Klimczak, mother of Joan Weiss
 Ruth B. Rosenblum, mother of Fern Kamine
 Marvin Schaffel, father of Cynthia Herman
 Hilda Blaustein, mother of Betty Roswell
 Jennie Frenkel, grandmother of Gary Friedman

To be read October 27 and 28

Wendy DeLapi, sister of Evette Adler
 Marty Wallerstein, father of Jolie Doyle
 Daniel Eisenberg, father of Dorothy Vogel
 Claire Skowronek, daughter of Brian and Lynnette Skowronek
 Esther Skowronek, mother of Joshua Skowronek
 David Small, uncle of Brian Small
 Albert Katzenstein, grandfather of Howard Mangel
 Jerry Hirsch, father of Greg Hirsch
 Martine Kamenetzky, sister-in-law of Simona Rivkin
 Ruth Levenberg, mother of Richard Levenberg
 Alexander Markowicz, stepfather of Amy McBride
 Aaron Plan, father of Michael Plan
 Benjamin Shapiro, father of Irene Lieberman
 Evelyn Spinrad, mother of Marcy Rosenfeld

To be read November 3 and 4

Mona Feirson, cousin of Marilyn Muzikar
 Stephen Holler, father of Keith Holler
 Joseph Lieberman, father of Madelyn Okun
 Paul Young, father of Anita Tolman
 Morton Hersh, father of David Hersh
 Lois Naroden, mother of Alan Naroden
 John McBride, father of Mark McBride
 Louise Fidelman, mother of Wayne Fidelman
 Mildred Ellenberg, mother of Naomi McGlashan
 Myer Kaplan, father of Ellen Davidson
 Anna Novak, mother of Dr. Gerald Novak
 Joseph Miller, father of Lorin Miller

Acts of Tzedakah

MEMORIAL FUND

In memory of Albert Taub
 In memory of Isidor Taub
Goldie Taub
 In memory of Susan deGonzalez
Oscar Gonzalez and Jodi Siegal
 In memory of Morris Mendelson
 In memory of Isidore Kirsch
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 In memory of David Schoenberg
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 In memory of Hyman Cohen
Barbara Cohen
 In memory of Milton Zerring
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Arlene Hysen
 In memory of Joel Stryker
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 In memory of Stefan Epstein
Bruce Epstein and Michele Sweeney
 In memory of Sheldon Taylor
 In memory of Iris Epstein
 In memory of Sally Epstein

Jay and Marci Taylor
 In memory of Maurice Goldberg
Gari Bloom
 In memory of Molly Fass
Alan and Elaine Fass
 In memory of Sima Kahn
Hillary Angeline
 In memory of Stanley Hyman
Stuart and Edith Rugg and Family

GENERAL FUND

In honor of Amy Rubin, for her help with Yael and Brian's wedding
Phyllis and David Coburn
 In memory of Beverly Gershon
 In appreciation of our summer service leaders
 For a speedy recovery to Rob Gershon
 For a speedy recovery to Stephen Caffery
 Mazel tov to Yael and Brian Coburn on their wedding
 For a speedy recovery for Sandie Rabinowitz
 In honor of the naming of Lila Weitz
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In honor of Robin Osman's presidency
 In honor of Jay Lavroff's installation as president
Shari Farmer
 In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Barry and Adrienne Sherman
 In memory of Barbara Hirschhorn
Allen and Marcy Rosenfeld
 In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Alexander Berman
 In honor of Jared Ruderman's engagement
Eileen Ruderman
 In honor of Robin Osman's presidency
Cindy Scott
 In honor of the birth of Steve and Irene Lieberman's granddaughter, Mollie Blair
Edith Hurwitz
 In honor of Mitch and Karen Kaplan's 25th wedding anniversary
Shirlee Schwarz
Steve and Elayne Weitz

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Rich and Zahava Schaefer

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Best wishes for a speedy recovery to Dori Knauer
Goldie Taub and Murray Levine

RABBI'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In honor of their wedding
Sharon and Ben Gauzy
 In appreciation of prayers said for Jeffrey Rugg
Stuart and Edith Rugg
 In honor of Lila's naming
Andrew and Lindsay Weitz
 In honor of their wedding
Daniel and Danielle Weitz
 In honor of the birth of their grandson, Damian
Rande and Janet Aaronson
 In honor of the direction clergy and leadership are steering Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein
 In honor of Hillary's wedding
Robert and June Greenbaum
 In honor of Mitch and Karen Kaplan's 25th Wedding Anniversary
Ed and Marsha Malberg
Bruce and Roxanne Levinston
Arthur and Betty Roswell
 In memory of Ariel Malberg
Arthur and Betty Roswell

CANTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

In appreciation of cantor's visits
Steve and Judith Sloan
 In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein
 In honor of Alta Malberg
Gail Fellus and Marc Geller
 In honor of Jay Lavroff's installation as temple president
Richard and Elissa Lavroff
 In memory of Anita Schrier
Steve and Sally Rosen
 In honor of the naming of his great granddaughters, Skylar and Jaclyn
Max Spinner

YAD CHAZAKAH

In honor of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein

RELIGIOUS SCHOOL ENRICHMENT FUND

In appreciation of Temple Beth-El
Larry and Helen-Ann Epstein

YOUTH ACTIVITIES FUND

In honor of Rachel White and Alyssa Lavroff receiving their Girl Scout Gold Awards
Jay and Pam Lavroff

Acts of Tzedakah

LIBRARY FUND

In memory of Abraham B. Levenson
Stuart and Edith Rugg and Family

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In memory of Ariel Malberg
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In honor of Mitch and Karen Kaplan's 25th wedding anniversary
Lil Swickle

EDUCATION ENDOWMENT FUND

In honor of Betty Roswell's birthday
Fran and Bob Taber

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- Israel Travel Fund
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September

Calendar of Events

Friday, September 1

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service

Sunday, September 33:00 p.m. SMOOCHY Board Retreat
6:00 p.m. Teen Welcome Back BBQ**Monday, September 4**

Labor Day — Offices closed

Tuesday, September 55:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee Meeting
7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting
7:45 p.m. Young Family Initiative Meeting**Wednesday, September 6**6:00 p.m. Religious School: Faculty and Madrichim Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**Thursday, September 7**7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Kick-off Event**Friday, September 8**

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 910:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'nai Mitzvah of Yael Tuckman and Ella Wolkofsky
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series: *Policeman***Sunday, September 10**10:30 a.m. NFTY-GER Kickoff
9:00 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Youth: Grade 3-5 Kick-off
11:15 a.m. Grade 6 B'nei Mitzvah Parent and Student Meeting
5:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting**Monday, September 11**4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Post-confirmation
7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting**Tuesday, September 12**7:15 p.m. TBE Reads: *In the Garden of Beasts***Wednesday, September 13**4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal**Thursday, September 14**

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, September 156:00 p.m. Back-to-Shul BBQ Dinner
7:00 p.m. Back-to-Shul Shabbat Service**Saturday, September 16**Selichot
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Lauren Angeline
8:15 p.m. Community-wide Selichot Service**Sunday, September 17**

TBE Goes Apple Picking (Time TBA)

Monday, September 187:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting**Tuesday, September 19**

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Wednesday, September 20

8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Thursday, September 21Rosh Hashanah
Temple Offices Closed
9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
1:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Experience for Young Families
2:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service
3:30 p.m. Tashlich Service at Duke Island Park**Friday, September 22**Rosh Hashanah Day 2
Temple Offices Closed
9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service**Saturday, September 23**10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study
7:00 p.m. Game Night**Sunday, September 24**

9:30 a.m. Construction of the Sukkah

Monday, September 25

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday, September 27

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 28

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, September 29

8:00 p.m. Kol Nidre Service

Saturday, September 30Yom Kippur
9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Reflection Service
1:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Family Service
1:30 p.m. Study, Reflection, and Healing of the Heart
3:00 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service
5:30 p.m. Yizkor
6:00 p.m. Neilah*
7:00 p.m. Break the Fast*

*Times approximate.

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October Calendar of Events

Sunday, October 1

9:30 a.m. Construction of the Sukkah — Rain Date
 11:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Opening of Holocaust Memorial and Educational Center

Monday, October 2

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
 7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 3

7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing
 7:30 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

Wednesday, October 4

Erev Sukkot
 6:00 p.m. Erev Sukkot Service and Dinner in the Sukkah

Thursday, October 5

Chag Sukkot
 Temple Offices Closed

Friday, October 6

Sukkot
 6:00 p.m. Young Family Sukkot Experience
 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 7

Sukkot
 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, October 8

Sukkot
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
 10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew

Monday, October 9

Sukkot
 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 6:30 p.m. Post-confirmation
 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
 7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 10

Sukkot
 7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar Intro Session
 7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Wednesday, October 11

Sukkot
 Erev Simchat Torah
 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 7:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Service with Kabbalat Torah

Thursday, October 12

Temple Offices Closed
 Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret
 10:00 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Service with Yizkor followed by pot luck brunch

Friday, October 13

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 14

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Alex Russo

Sunday, October 15

9:00 a.m. Sunday School
 9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
 9:00 a.m. Today's Political Climate, Breakfast sponsored by Brotherhood and Social Action
 10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew

Monday, October 16

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg
 7:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting

Tuesday, October 17

5:00 p.m. Youth: Grade 6/7 Event
 7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Avi Melamed: Your Personal GPS to Navigate the Middle East in the 21st Century

Wednesday, October 18

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
 7:30 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 19

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Falafel & Film
 7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, October 20

NFTY-GER Fall Kallah Departs (Time TBD)
 6:30 p.m. Shabbat Tables
 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Choir

Saturday, October 21

NFTY-GER Fall Kallah
 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study
 10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'nei Mitzvah of Nate Cohen and Kyle Cartmell
 5:00 p.m. Havdalah with Brotherhood and Sisterhood
 7:00 p.m. Game Night

Sunday, October 22

NFTY-GER Fall Kallah
 9:00 a.m. Sunday School with PK/K Family Ed
 9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting
 4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE — iEngage3: Jewish Values and the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict

Monday, October 23

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 6:30 p.m. Post-confirmation
 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, October 24

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Mussar: Seeking Everyday Holiness

Wednesday October 25

Renaissance Cruise to Ellis Island (Time TBA)
 4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy
 7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 26

6:00 p.m. IHN Celebration of 25 Years
 7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

Friday, October 27

7:00 p.m. Youth: Blue Jean Shabbat
 8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, October 28

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with B'not Mitzvah of Arielle Heimberg and Katrina Papierman
 7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series Year Zero

Sunday, October 29

9:00 a.m. Sunday School with Grade 1 Family Ed
 9:00 a.m. Grade 6 Field Trip to NYC (Time TBD)
 9:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Adult B'nei Mitzvah Class
 10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Beginning Biblical Hebrew
 2:00 p.m. Interfaith Gathering: Many Faiths, One Home: Caring for Our Earth

Monday, October 30

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School
 6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

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