

Shofar



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Rabbi's Message

20/20 Insight

Sen. Cory Booker describes an “aha” moment in his life that occurred when he was a law student at Yale. Having grown up in North Jersey, he decided that he would live in a housing project in Newark and commute to New Haven, Conn. He was already determined to make a difference in the community, but just what that would look like was not yet clear until he met Virginia Jones, a tenant organizer in the building on Martin Luther King Boulevard where Cory lived and in which her son had been murdered.

One day she asked Cory to describe their neighborhood. He began to talk about the troubles he saw there — the drug dealing, the abandoned buildings, and the projects — when she stopped him cold and said: “Boy, you need to

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Rosh Hashanah

September 9 - 11

Yom Kippur

September 18 - 19

Consult your tickets for service times

Dinner in the Sukkah

September 23, 5:30 p.m.

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Simchat Torah

September 30, 7:00 p.m.

First Day of Religious School

October 7

Interfaith Candidates Forum

October 14, 4:00 p.m.

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Worship Schedule

SEPTEMBER

Saturday, September 1

Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8
8:15 p.m. Community-wide Selichot Service at Temple Beth-El; “The Call of the Shofar: How Shall We Respond”

Friday, September 7

6:30 p.m. Back-to-Shul BBQ and Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 8

Parashat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9–30:20
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, September 9

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

Monday, September 10

Rosh Hashanah
Temple Offices Closed
9:30 a.m. Morning Service
1:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Experience for Young Families
2:00 p.m. Children’s Service (up to grade 5)
2:30 p.m. Meditation and Reflection
3:30 p.m. Tashlich Service

Tuesday, September 11

Rosh Hashanah
Temple Offices Closed
9:30 a.m. Morning Service

Friday, September 14

Shabbat Shuvah
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 15

Parashat Vayeilech, Deuteronomy 31:1–30
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Tuesday, September 18

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

Wednesday, September 19

Yom Kippur
Temple Offices Closed
9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service
12:30 p.m. Reflection Service
1:30 p.m. Study Session
1:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Children’s Service
1:30 p.m. Healing Service
3:30 p.m. Afternoon Service
5:45 p.m. Yizkor
6:15 p.m. Neilah
7:00 p.m. Break-the-Fast

Friday, September 21

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 23

Erev Sukkot
5:30 p.m. Dinner and Service in the Sukkah

Monday, September 24

Chag Sukkot
Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 25

Chol HaMo’ed Sukkot

Wednesday, September 26

Chol HaMo’ed Sukkot

Thursday, September 27

Chol HaMo’ed Sukkot

Friday, September 28

Chol HaMo’ed Sukkot
6:00 p.m. Young Family Sukkot Experience
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 29

Chol HaMo’ed Sukkot
Holidays: Exodus 33:12–34:26
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Sunday, September 30

Sukkot
Erev Simchat Torah
7:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Services with Kabbalat Torah

OCTOBER

Monday, October 1

Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret
Temple Offices Closed
10:00 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor, followed by Potluck Brunch

Friday, October 5

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 6

Parashat B’reishit, Genesis 1:1–6:8
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bar Mitzvah of Jack Parisi

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

Parashat Noach, Genesis 6:9–11:32
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study and Bar Mitzvah of Bryce Brody

Friday, October 19

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Tefillah Band

Saturday, October 20

Parashat Lech L’cha, Genesis 12:1–17:27
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study

Friday, October 26

Artists-in-Residence Weekend
8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Special Guest Banot

Saturday, October 27

Artists-in-Residence Weekend
Parashat Vayaira, Genesis 18:1–22:24
10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Adrianna Fetaya

Temple Calendar Webpage

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

Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be November-December 2018. 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

Rabbi's Message, *continued from page 1*

understand that the world you see outside of you is a reflection of what you have inside of you, and if you're one of those people who only sees darkness [and] despair, that's all there's ever gonna be. But if you see hope, opportunity, if you're stubborn enough to, every time you open your eyes, see love and the face of God, then you can be a change agent here. Then you can make a difference."

That day Cory gained an insight that would define him going forward — an insight from which we, too, can benefit. Our inner disposition influences our outward gaze. We see what we are inclined to see. And if we don't like what we see "out there," maybe we ought to look inward and examine what's going on inside of us. If we are filled with harsh emotions such as anger, anxiety, fear, or hate, they will likely be mirrored in the world around us. But if our hearts are open and we see beauty and grace and goodness within us, we will likely see these things reflected out there.

The holy days that are before us are a time for introspection, a time to examine our deeds and make amends for the hurts we have caused, and also to consider the state of our souls, our inner disposition, our attitudes. There is wisdom to the words of the Chassidic master Rabbi Simcha Bunim, who said: "You cannot find peace anywhere save in your own self...When we have made peace within ourselves, we will be able to make peace in the whole world."

Let us begin these holy days by asking ourselves what we want to see in the world. Then let us reflect on whether we can honestly say that we embody that vision. If there is a

gap, we know where there is work to be done to harmonize our inner life with our higher aspirations. And what better time to do this work than the season of repentance, when we gather as a community of faith in search of wholeness and renewal?

There is so much that is ugly in our world today, but there is also abundant beauty. If we look for the good, we will surely see it, and when we behold it we can embrace it and allow it to soften the hardness of our hearts. Signs of hope are all around us. We can find it in joy and laughter, the innocence of a child's smile, a loving gaze, a kind word, or a thoughtful act. The glory of a sunset, a verdant meadow, or the rising of the tide can make our spirits soar. A lilting melody or a work of art can work its magic on our souls. Let us open our eyes and hearts and rejoice in the beauty of God's creation, from the inner light of our souls to that of the most distant star. Tomorrow promises a new dawn of hope and healing if we rise to greet it.

To paraphrase the words of Miss Virginia Jones to Cory Booker: If we see hope and opportunity; if we're stubborn enough every time we open our eyes to see love and the face of God, then we can be change agents here. Then we can make a difference.

There is much work to be done, and with God's help we can do it. The change we seek in the world begins with a change of heart.

May we all be blessed with peace and love in the New Year 5779. *L'shanah tovah!*

Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck

TBE Welcomes Back Student Rabbi Shira Gluck



This year, our Holy Day worship experience will be enhanced, once again, 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 in her fifth and final year of rabbinical studies at the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, has served as rabbinic intern at Temple Emanu-El of New York, and at Anshe Emeth Memorial Temple in New Brunswick, and as a tutor at Central Synagogue in New York. She led High Holy Day services at Brown University Hillel and at TBE, where she delivered beautiful and moving sermons and teachings. This year, Shira is interning at the Association of Reform Zionists of America (ARZA). She will also be teaching two adult education classes at TBE (details can be found in the Jewish LIFE listings in this bulletin).

This coming May, Shira will receive her rabbinic ordination at a ceremony in NYC, both from the president of HUC-JIR and from her father. We look forward to Shira blessing us with her spirit and her wisdom during the upcoming holy days.

A Note From Our Cantor

Banot: Beloved Melodies, Beautiful Vision



Normally, this is the time of year when we start gearing up to ask you (the congregation) for lots of things. But it's my privilege to tell you about a musical gift for you! Due to a wonderfully generous grant from the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood, we will have the great fortune to have Banot for an artists-in-residence weekend on October 26 and 27. This is Sisterhood's gift to the Temple Beth-El community, and the entire weekend will be free to the public. But what is Banot, you ask?

Banot is a New York-based band of four young Israeli female musicians, and one percussionist from Spain, who write and perform new arrangements of traditional Jewish songs and modern Israeli music. Together, they are carving a pathway between tradition and cutting edge, between beloved melodies and their own beautiful, uncompromising visions of the present and future. All of these musicians are highly talented, with their own independent careers, as well as scholarships, prizes, and acclaimed recordings under their belts. All four of them sing, and each lends her own instrumental presence to the group: Ella on the piano, Michal on the guitar, Yonit on the bass, Tali on the recorder, and Marian on percussion (and she doubles as the sound engineer!).

Yonit adds that the band members first met while attending the Rimon diploma program for music in Israel, and Tali also has a degree in classical music from the Rubin Academy in Jerusalem. They continued their musical studies at Rimon's affiliated institution, Berklee College of Music in Boston, where they met Marian. When they eventually found themselves in Brooklyn at about the same time, they began talking about how much they missed the Israeli Jewish music they loved from home, and they decided to form a band. Recalls Michal, "It occurred to Yonit that we all know how to arrange music, we all love these songs and this music, and we all love playing and making music together, so...why shouldn't we be doing it?" Yonit chimes in, "We wanted to bring something special to the music we brought from home, music that people might think of as old. We decided to bring it to the table again and do something new with it."

For these women, living abroad in the U.S. sharpened their sense of their musical heritage, as well as their

understanding of the great wellspring of melody from which they could draw. Muses Tali, "For me, it has to do with my childhood, and what my family used to sing to me when I was a child, when we would gather all together and sing these beautiful songs that are our heritage of years and years ago, the Jewish culture of Eastern Europe." In fact, the name Banot reflects their view of themselves as "daughters of this heritage, daughters of this Jewish world," Ella observes. And, not least, Tali confesses, "I've always wanted to be in a girl band – a Jewish girl band!"

Michal, for her part, always knew she wanted to do something in music, although she did not originally envision being a full-time musician. "Music was a very prominent part of my life – I sang in musicals as a kid, and my mom is a cantor. She's originally from the States, and studied with a cantor in Israel after she made aliyah. My mom was one of the first, if not the first, female cantor in Israel back in the 1980s," she explains. "And so my sisters and I grew up singing prayers and going to synagogue, which is largely how I connected to music as a little kid." For that reason, "it's been a real pleasure to bring that side of myself to Jewish music, through both Banot and the temple in Greenwich at which we've been resident artists for the past year." Through these avenues, Michal has come to enjoy and connect "in a new, wonderful way" to the music that was the backdrop to her childhood.

Yonit grew up in Ranana, a small town north of Tel Aviv. She reminisces, "My mom was always

singing songs, American folk songs, mostly. She loved John Denver, and when I watched her play guitar, I really wanted to play guitar, too! A few years later, during a trip to a conservatory, I saw two teachers play the bass and I fell in love with it. I was, I think, twelve. I studied music in high school, where they had diploma studies in music and art. That's when I discovered Israeli music from the '70s, '80s and '90s, and at the same time I was listening to old-school rock, pop, Beatles, Pink Floyd, Led Zeppelin, so it was all of that mixed together. It became my musical



foundation, and I guess that's why it never left me: not the Beatles nor the Israeli music."

Marian is a native of Spain and is neither Israeli nor Jewish, but, says Yonit, "she plays this music because she loves it." Although Marian plays percussion for the band, her main instrument is the guitar. She is a Latin Grammy-nominated studio and FOH engineer, producer, arranger, pianist and guitar player.

Of the five women, Tali is the most rooted in Israeli music, Michal says. "Her aesthetic is very Israeli. Although I'm a little hesitant to explain it that way, because there are so many Israels....Her sound is like a world jazz sound, and she plays recorders like no one else in the world. She studied classical music, but she makes it a point to play everything. She goes around to hip hop sessions in New York...and sits in with the band!" Her versatility shines through in her ability to bring and integrate her musical sensibilities into any musical forum.

So what do these talented ladies do when they're not performing with Banot? Ella plays keyboard in a band called Iris Lune, which has an electro-pop/acoustic sound. Yonit has a folk-oriented album coming out soon, and is working on another project called *Foreign Hues*, which has more of a world funk vibe. She is also a director in an online music education platform called Lessonface. "I give advice, write content, and I have students from all over the world! It keeps it interesting," Yonit enthuses. Tali is working with a filmmaker "who's making a documentary of her adventures with the recorder in New York City," Michal says. Tali also has a serious international career, due to her skill, passion and innovative use of the recorder. Michal curates the Kava Musik concert series, co-produces community arts events for Salomé ArtHaus, and performs

with her band at venues across New York. She recently released her debut LP, *Daughter of the Sea*.

Looking to the future, the Banot members continue to seek new avenues of expression and to develop new projects. Michal notes that "we recorded a couple of new music videos that we're excited about, and we really want to record another album." Last year, the group recorded a short album that was commissioned by the temple with which they are affiliated in Greenwich Village. In addition, the group is beginning to record some original music. "For a while, we were doing things that came from the place of honoring this music that we love, but more recently, we've been writing some original melodies. So far, it's been liturgical: we have L'cha Dodi and a wonderful Sim Shalom. So that's kind of exciting," Michal smiles.

In its performances, Banot strives to create an atmosphere of inclusiveness and generosity, in the face of the current political situation in Israel. "You know, there's the whole discussion about Israel and politics, and we try not to get too much into it with Banot," Yonit affirms. "We promote peace, we promote understanding, we promote co-existence – which is a really close subject to us. We're working on a project that we want to do in English, Hebrew and Arabic to raise awareness of all these subjects. We always try to take the approach that we're all people, and we all want to be treated equally. I think everybody deserves to live with their basic rights, so that's what we emphasize."

And we look forward to hearing their beautiful message of peace. Banot will be at Temple Beth-El for Shabbat evening services on Friday, October 26 at 8:00 p.m. and for Havdalah and concert on Saturday, October 27 with wine and cheese, starting at 7:15 p.m. See you there!

Save the Date!

Three Cantors, two choirs,
and the Tefillah Band
in concert

Cantor
Maria Dubinsky



Cantor
Emily Wigod Pincus



Cantor
Vladimir Lapin



4:00 pm
December 16, 2018

From Our President

Happy Birthday, World

As the last hot days of summer pass, Jews around the world prepare for the High Holy Days of Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah, literally translated as the “head of the year,” occurs on the first and second days of Tishri. Referred to in the Torah as Yom HaZikaron (day of remembrance) and Yom Teruah (day of sounding of the shofar), the observance is instituted in Leviticus 23:24–25. God tells Moses that “in the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe complete rest, a sacred occasion commemorated with loud blasts [of the shofar]. You shall not work at your occupations; and you shall bring an offering by fire to the Eternal.” Rosh Hashanah is one of four new years in the Hebrew calendar. The other three are the new year for kings and festivals on the first of Nissan; the new year for tithing of cattle on the first of Elul; and Tu B'Shevat, the new year of the trees, which takes place on the fifteenth of Shevat.

Prominent in the Rosh Hashanah liturgy is the reaffirming of God as our sovereign and a solemn self-examination, reflecting on our lives and repenting for our misdeeds committed during the prior year. God judges each of us, and as is repeated throughout our worship, on Rosh Hashanah that judgment is written and on Yom Kippur it is sealed. But what exactly is it that we are observing on Rosh Hashanah? During the service, 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, for as Rabbi Eliezer said, “in Tishri the world was created” (Rosh Hashanah 27a). In *Bereshit* we are told that human beings were not created until the sixth day. It is the appearance of a person with free will, who will love and honor God, that has caused scholars to opine that the “birthday of the world” refers to the anniversary of the entire universe, including humankind, and our acceptance of God’s dominion and judgment.

On our own birthdays, we don’t simply turn the calendar. We reflect on the good things we have accomplished; we look ahead to what we might do better in the future; and we share the happy observance with family and friends. Other days of the year are often not so cheery. The world is a complex, challenging place. Sometimes it takes all of our strength and perseverance to get through to the next day. So on Rosh Hashanah, let’s all take time to celebrate the birthday of the world God has created for us. Let us appreciate that world and contemplate how to improve it. And let us enjoy the blessing of being part of a community that is bound together by love, hope and reason.

L’shanah tovah—A happy, healthy and sweet New Year to all.

Jay Lavroff



Summer Service Leaders

Thank you to our dedicated volunteers, who kept our summer services lively, spirited, and engaging.

Summer Service Leaders:

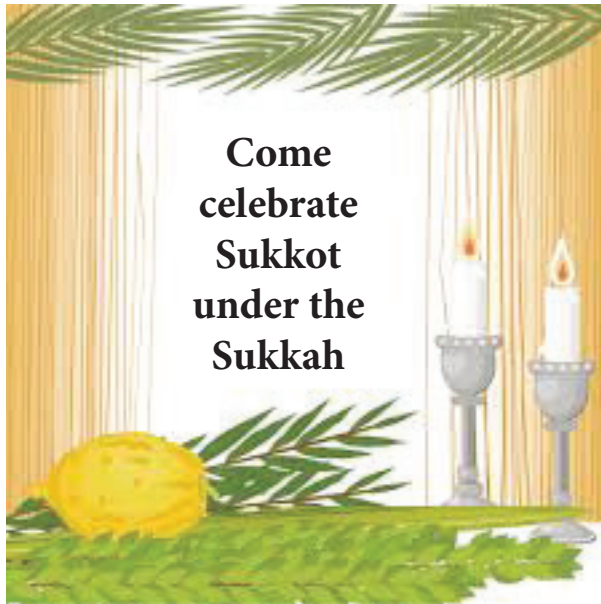
Dave Cohen, Liz Cohen, Jim Lavranchuk, Steve Lieberman, Harold Levin, Ed Malberg, Henry Nerenberg, Ed Tolman, and Ronnie Weyl

Guitara B'ivrit:

Dave Cohen, Evan Lerner, Henry Nerenberg, Wayne Rosenfeld, Dave Sandler, and Art Schneider

Tefillah Band:

Jay Lavroff, Evan Lerner, Henry Nerenberg, Larry Osman, Barry Rosenberg, Vicki Schwartz, and Alan Zeldin



**Come
celebrate
Sukkot
under the
Sukkah**

Please join us for dinner in the temple sukkah on Sunday, September 23, at 5:30 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.

Please reserve your space as soon as possible. Deadline is September 16. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/TBESukkotDinner2018> or contact Dina Fisher at 908-722-0674 ext.312.

We hope to see you there!

We honor our Legacy Circle:

Anonymous (4)
Rande and Janet Aaronson
Lou and Myrna Binder
Gari and Charles Bloom
Mike Bloomstein
Jody and Gary Cohen
Liz and Dave Cohen
Rabbi Arnold and Sarah Gluck
Julie and Greg Hirsch
Chrys Jochem
Barbara and Russ Johnston
Andy and Leslie Kass
Bob Krovetz
Jay Lavroff
Leigh Miller
Rick Miller
Robin and Larry Osman
Art and Betty Roswell
Amy Rubin
Lillian Swickle
Goldie Taub
Irwin Vogel
Steve and Elayne Weitz
Ann Weinstein
Bruce and Marlane Wolf

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



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What: Interfaith/Non-partisan
Candidates Forum

When: October 14, 2018
from 2:30 - 4:30 p.m.

Where: Temple Beth-El,
Hillsborough, NJ

Why: Civil Discussion of Faith
and Politics

Who: Rabbi Arnie Gluck, Temple Beth-El, Dr. Ali Chaudry, President of Islamic Center of Basking Ridge and Pastor Todd Buurstra, Pastor of North Branch Reformed Church, organizers of Hate Has No Home and Many Faiths One Home Interfaith/Bipartisan events

We seek to bring together a broad coalition of religious communities to hear and be heard by the candidates for U.S. Congress, those running for seats in the 7th and 11th districts of the House of Representatives, and for the U.S. Senate seat representing New Jersey, in advance of the midterm elections in November.

As members of the faith community, our goal is to address some of the great moral issues that are of particular concern to us at this time in our nation's civic life. As such, we refrain from partisan political positions and do not endorse any candidate for elected office. We seek, rather, to amplify the voice of faith that calls for the pursuit of justice, righteousness, peace, compassion and responsible stewardship of God's creation.

We imagine that this gathering will begin with presentations by leaders of our faith communities on several issues. Under consideration at this time are gun violence prevention, environmental responsibility and immigration. This will be followed by responses from the candidates to questions related to these issues, and others, as time permits. Questions from the audience will be entertained as time allows.

TBE Reads *Behold the Dreamers* by Imbolo Mbue

Discussion led by Sharon Seitz.
Tuesday, October 2, 7:15 p.m., RSVP to Debbie Herman
at daherman@mac.com.

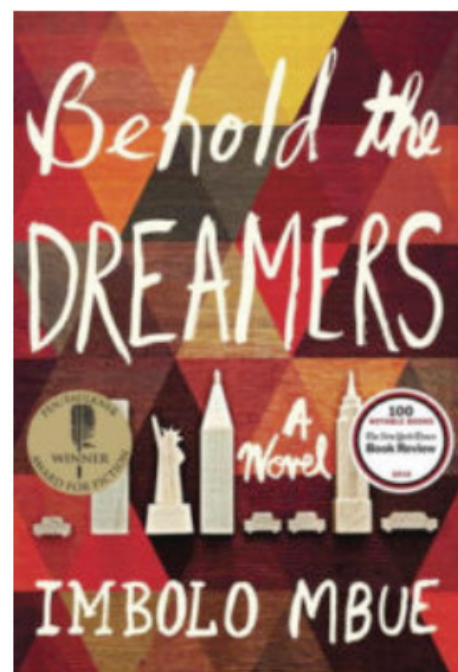
More about *Behold the Dreamers*:

A compulsively readable debut novel about marriage, immigration, class, race, and the trapdoors in the American Dream—the unforgettable story of a young Cameroonian couple making a new life in New York just as the Great Recession upends the economy

New York Times Bestseller • Winner of the PEN/Faulkner Award • Longlisted for the PEN/Open Book Award • An ALA Notable Book

NAMED ONE OF THE BEST BOOKS OF THE YEAR BY

NPR • *The New York Times Book Review* • *San Francisco Chronicle* • *The Guardian* • *St. Louis Post-Dispatch* • Chicago Public Library • BookPage • Refinery29 • Kirkus Reviews



Party Board Events a Fun Success

Temple Beth-El's 65th anniversary celebration wrapped up with several successful party board events.

Thanks to the generosity of our party board hosts:

- Gari and Charley Boom, and Larry and Robin Osman for hosting the Schlumpia and Beer: The Perfect Pair
- Jay and Pam Lavroff for hosting the Chef's dinner
- Ken and Amy Rubin for hosting the Smoke Rings dinner
- Steve and Elayne Weitz for hosting the Up, Up, and Away dinner.

And a shoutout of appreciation to others who offered events or helped in the brainstorming of the first ever party board effort. With the generosity of our party board hosts and creativity of all involved, the party board fundraising initiative raised \$3,000 for scholarships and programs. Plus, folks had a great time!



The Chef Dinner in the kitchen of Pam and Jay Lavroff was a delicious hit with everyone getting in on the cooking and chopping action. L to R: Mark and Cindy Andrews, Pam Lavroff, Amy Rubin, Marci Taylor, Ken Rubin, Jay Taylor, and Jay Lavroff.



The Smoke Rings dinner in the kitchen (and grill pit) of the Rubins served up smoky deliciousness and fun. L to R: Jerry and Laurie Novak, Ted Baker, Simona Rivkin, Amy Rubin, Vicki Freiman, Dave and Jan Trembly, Ken Rubin, and Roy Freiman.

Lifecycle

Our Condolences

To Steve Landau on the passing of his mother, Sheila Landau
 To Andrea Dean on the passing of her grandmother
 To Jody Bloom on the passing of her mother, Marilyn Leeds
 To Lee Rosenfield on the passing of his husband, Jack Fastag
 To Rita Fink on the passing of her sister, Arline Zedeck
 To Larry Osman on the passing of his mother, Evelyn Osman
 To Mike Plan on the passing of his brother, Fred Plan



Dan Weyl (r), son of Lewin and Ronnie Weyl, married Danny Meloy (l).

Mazel Tov!

To Mark and Cindy Andrews on the marriage of their daughter, Stacy, to Matt Piatek
 To Lewin and Ronnie Weyl on the marriage of their son Dan to Danny Meloy
 To Ivy and Trevor Anglin on the arrival of their granddaughter, Amayah
 To Max Spinner on the arrival of three great granddaughters, Madeline Rae Spinner, Lyla Rose Hall, and Aspen Marie Spinner (see opposite page)
 To Michael and Wendy Spinner on the arrival of two granddaughters, Madeline Rae Spinner and Aspen Marie Spinner, and a grandniece, Lyla Rose Hall (see opposite page)
 To Cindy Scott and David Goldberg on the arrival of their grandson, Landon William Keppler



The Andrews family celebrates Stacy's wedding on May 27, 2018. (L to R) David, Mark, Matt Piatek, Stacy, Cindy, and Michael.

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.

Welcome TO THE WORLD



*Max Spinner proudly welcomes three new great-granddaughters! Yes, **three** great granddaughters in three months! And a great-grandson is on the way! Lots of baby joy in the Spinner family.*



Madeline Rae Spinner

May 17, 2018

Welcomed by proud parents Matthew and Jessica Spinner, delighted grandparents Mike and Wendy Spinner, and ecstatic great-grandfather Max Spinner.

Lyla Rose Hall

June 21, 2018

Welcomed by proud parents Daniel and Nicole Hall and joyful great-grandfather Max Spinner.

Aspen Marie Spinner

July 2, 2018

Welcomed by proud parents Matthew and Jessica Spinner, over-the-moon grandparents Mike and Wendy Spinner, and elated great-grandfather Max Spinner.



Landon William Keppler

May 21, 2018

Welcomed by proud parents Maddie and Dan Keppler and proud grandparents Cindy Scott and David Goldberg.



Hayley Bea Rose Jarrell

December 3, 2017

Welcomed by proud parents Sarah and James Jarrell and happy grandparents David and Janice Klein.



Amayah Mercedes-Lynn Anglin

June 12, 2018

Welcomed by happy parents Lawrence and Arielle Anglin and thoroughly ecstatic grandparents Ivy and Trevor Anglin.



From the Education Directors

Yad b'Yad Jewish Learning and Living — Hand in Hand Through the Jewish Year



Soon we will gather as a community to begin another year of journeying together through the Jewish year, experiencing anew the beauty of Judaism and the joys of Jewish living. The sages of our tradition, so well attuned to the needs of our people, helped make the practical observance of Judaism accessible to all, at every age and in every stage of life.

On Sunday, October 7, our new religious school year will begin. How wonderful it will be to welcome eager young faces back to school and feel the positive energy and excitement all around the temple. After a quiet summer of making sure everything is ready for the new program year, the building will once again buzz with activity. What a joy it will be to see our students come back to temple for another year of Jewish learning and growing!

It will also be a delight to greet our continuing adult learners and to extend a warm and encouraging welcome to those who are new to adult education. Jewish learning is a lifelong pursuit. An ambitious adult education program, Jewish LIFE (Learning Is for Everyone), is available to everyone at Temple Beth-El and in our larger federated community, presenting a full line-up of classes, lectures, book talks, films, Israeli dancing, and special events at TBE and elsewhere. As always, information will be on a table in the temple lobby during the Holy Days. Please take a look and sign up to experience the joy of making meaningful connections with our tradition, our people, and one another.

It is always a special pleasure at the beginning of the year to welcome our teachers, student *madrachim*, and support staff. Our school is blessed with an exceptional faculty. Many of our teachers have been with us for years. A few are new to our school. Several of our young teachers grew up at Temple Beth-El. Their Jewish commitment and love for their home synagogue have led them back to the Religious School while they are in the area developing their full-time professional interests. Please make sure to introduce yourself or reconnect with them when you see them.

Our wonderful Religious School secretary, Ivy Anglin, is always ready to answer a question or help you with what you need during daytime hours and during Hebrew School on Monday and Wednesday.

No mention of the new school year would be complete without acknowledging the exceptional volunteers who comprise the Religious School Committee, led by its devoted and hard-working chair, Sharon Wolff. These wonderful people work with us throughout the year to help make the Religious School the best it can be. We cannot thank them enough.

At Temple Beth-El everyone works together to help bring Judaism to life for all the members of our community. We are each other's most important teachers and role models. Listening well to one other and acting with kindness and compassion deepens and enriches our encounters and helps us develop meaningful relationships.

Parents, we invite you to stop in before or after class whenever school is in session to meet your children's classroom teachers and develop a relationship with them. Open communication between home and school is essential to your children's success.

And to everyone in the community, whether or not you have children or grandchildren in the Religious School, we encourage you to set aside time for your own study, talk with your family and friends about what you are learning, and make Jewish living a significant part of your own life. We look forward to taking another joyous and rewarding journey, hand in hand, through the Jewish year with you.

Wishing you and those you love a happy and healthy New Year.

L'shanah tovah,

Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman



See the one-page 2018-19/5779 Religious School Calendar on the next page.

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TEMPLE BETH-EL RELIGIOUS SCHOOL CALENDAR, 2018-2019/5779

Wednesday, October 3 • Confirmation Academy Opening Session for Grades 8-10			
Week	Sunday	Week	Monday & Wednesday
1	October 7 • PK-6	1	October 8 & 10 • 3-7 • PC • CA
2	October 14 • PK-6	2	October 15 & 17 • 3-7 • CA
3	October 21 • PK-6 • PK/K Family Ed	3	October 22 & 24 • 3-7 • PC • CA
4	October 28 • PK-6 • Grade 1 Family Ed	4	October 29 • 3-7 • No School Wednesday
5	November 4 • PK-6		November 5 & 7 • No School (NJEA)
	November 11 • No School (Faculty In-Service)	5	November 12 & 14 • 3-7 • PC • CA
6	November 18 • PK-6 • Grade 2 Family Ed		November 19 & 21 • No School (Thanksgiving)
	November 25 • No School (Thanksgiving)	6	November 26 & 28 • 3-7 • PC • CA
7	December 2 • PK-6 • All-School Chanukah Program	7	December 3 & 5 • 3-7 • PC • CA
8	December 9 • PK-6	8	December 10 & 12 • 3-7 • CA
9	December 16 • PK-6 • Grade 4 Family Ed	9	December 17 & 19 • 3-7 • PC • CA
	December 23 • No School (Winter Break)		December 24 & 26 • No School (Winter Break)
	December 30 • No School (Winter Break)		December 31 & January 2 • No School (Winter Break)
10	January 6 • PK-6	10	January 7 & 9 • 3-7 • PC • CA
11	January 13 • PK-6	11	January 14 & 16 • 3-7 • CA
	January 20 • No School (Mon.—MLK Day)		January 21 & 23 • No School (M—MLK Day)
12	January 27 • PK-6	12	January 28 & 30 • 3-7 • CA
13	February 3 • PK-6	13	February 4 & 6 • 3-7 • CA
14	February 10 • PK-6	14	February 11 & 13 • 3-7 • PC • CA
	February 17 • No School (M—Presidents' Day)		February 18 & 20 • No School (M— Presidents' Day)
15	February 24 • PK-6	15	February 25 & 27 • 3-7 • CA
16	March 3 • PK-6 • Grade 5 Family Ed	16	March 4 & 6 • 3-7 • CA
17	March 10 • PK-6 • Grade 3 Family Ed	17	March 11 & 13 • 3-7 • PC • CA
18	March 17 • PK-6	18	March 18 & 20 • 3-7 • Wednesday is Erev Purim
19	March 24 • PK-6	19	March 25 & 27 • 3-7 • PC • CA
20	March 31 • PK-6	20	April 1 & 3 • 3-7 • CA
21	April 7 • PK-6	21	April 8 & 10 • 3-7 • CA
22	April 14 • PK-6 • All-School Passover Program	22	April 15 & 17 • 3-7 • PC • CA
	April 21 • No School (Pesach Break)		April 22 & 24 • No School (Pesach Break)
	April 28 • No School (Pesach Break)	23	April 29 & May 1 • 3-7 • PC • CA
23	May 5 • PK-6	24	May 6 & 8 • 3-7
24	May 12 • PK-6	25	May 13 & 15 • 3-7
25	May 19 • PK-6	Friday, May 31 • 10th-Grade Confirmation	

Sunday Jewish Studies for Grades PK-6, 9:00-11:00 a.m. • Alternative Hebrew, 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Monday & Wednesday Hebrew for Grades 3-7, 4:30-6:30 p.m.

Monday Post-Confirmation (PC) for Grades 11 & 12, 6:30-8:00 p.m.

Wednesday Confirmation Academy (CA) for Grades 8-10, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Jewish LIFE

CLASSES

iEngage 4: Israel's Milestones and Their Meanings: The Legacy of the Past and the Challenge of the Future

Instructor: Rabbi Gluck

Memory is a central element in defining modern Jewish identity. As we look to Israel's future, we need to engage anew with our past and explore its meanings and consequences. This course explores the pivotal events of 1947 and 1967 — following the 1917 Balfour Declaration — as key moments when Zionism unleashed new thinking about the meaning of Jewishness for generations to come. The course engages Jews in an open and pluralistic discussion about issues of Jewish identity, peoplehood, ethics, and theology as they relate to nationhood, land, sovereignty, Jerusalem, occupation, and moral red lines.

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. • multipurpose room

October 7; November 18; December 9; March 3, 24; April 7; May 19; June 2

Fee: \$25

Intermediate Biblical Hebrew

Instructor: Sarah Gluck

Now in its second year, this class will continue to guide you toward reading, understanding, and translating passages from the Hebrew Bible. If you did not participate last year and would like to this year, please contact Sarah Gluck to learn about the prerequisites.

Sundays: 10:00-11:30 a.m. (note three exceptions below) • Room 201

October 14 (10:00-11:00); 21 (9:30-11:00); 28 (9:30-11:00); November 4, 18; December 2, 9, 16; January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 10, 24; March 3, 10, 24, 31; April 7, 14

Textbook: *The First Hebrew Primer* (EKS Publishing)

Fee: Cost of materials

Kabbalat Shabbat — Traditions and Texts

Instructor: Student Rabbi Shira Gluck

"Sof ma'aseh b'machshavah t'chillah, Shabbat was the final act of creation, but the very first in thought." ("Lecha Dodi," Shabbat liturgy)

The ritual of Kabbalat Shabbat is a rich tapestry of texts and traditions from the time of the ancient Temple in Jerusalem to the mystics of the 16th century. These three sessions will explore the poetry and themes of the Shabbat psalms and the Kabbalistic understanding of Erev Shabbat, with emphasis on the musical-spiritual aspects of this service.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. • location TBD

November 27; December 4, 11

Trope Workshop with Cantor Pincus

This is a multi-level class for those who have studied trope before, as well as for those with no background.

Enthusiasm is important, vocal ability is not!

Prerequisite: The ability to read Hebrew with vowels.

Sundays, 9:00-10:00 a.m. • location TBD

January 6, 13, 27; February 3, 24; March 10, 24, 31

Fee: cost of materials

Beit Midrash with Rabbi Gluck: Derech Eretz — Building Character and Building Society

The classic setting for Jewish learning is the Beit Midrash. It is translated as "house of learning," but is much more than that. "Midrash" means to interpret, to seek, to draw forth meaning from our sacred texts. The Beit Midrash is where Jewish tradition has lived for the last 2,000 years and where it is recreated any time Jews join together in Torah study. Please join us in our own Beit Midrash as we engage in a deep and dynamic dialogue with texts on *derech eretz*, "right conduct," that Rabbi Gluck studied this summer in the Beit Midrash of the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

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

March 5, 12, 19, 26

The Shabbat Table — Blessings, Home Rituals, and Song

Instructor: Student Rabbi Shira Gluck

"Judaism is a religion of time aiming at the sanctification of time....There are no two hours alike. Every hour is unique and the only one given at the moment, exclusive and endlessly precious." (Rabbi Abraham Joshua Heschel, *The Sabbath*)

The medieval Kabbalists understood Shabbat as a highly structured day, in which each segment holds its own sacred purpose. With this framework in mind, these three sessions will examine the ritual aspects of Shabbat as practiced in the home. We will discuss the blessings and songs recited at the Shabbat table, as well as the special, joyous nature of Shabbat meals.

Tuesdays,

7:00-8:30 p.m. •

location TBD

April 2, 9, 16

The Israeli Art Song

Instructor: Cantor Pincus

Please join Cantor Pincus for a three-part exploration of highlights of the Israeli musical canon, with participation from the TBE adult choir.

Tuesdays, 7:00-8:30 p.m. • location TBD

April 30; May 7, 14

Jewish Film Series

Sunday, September 16, 6:30 p.m. • *Baba Joon*

Saturday, October 13, 7:00 p.m. • *Blood Relation*

Saturday, November 10, 7:00 p.m. • *The World Is Funny*

Saturday, December 1, 7:00 p.m. • *Past Life*

Saturday, February 9, 7:00 p.m. • *Who the Jew Are You?*

Saturday, March 30, 7:00 p.m. • *Women Unchained*

Saturday, June 1, 7:00 p.m. • TBA

Israeli Dancing

Thursdays at 7:30 p.m. • multipurpose room

September 13, 20, 27; October 4, 11, 18, 25; November 1, 8, 15,

29; December 6, 13, 20, 27; January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February

7, 14, 21, 28; March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 16 (Tuesday), 23

(Tuesday), 30 (Tuesday); May 9, 16, 23, 30; June 6, 13, 20, 27;

July 2 (Tuesday), 11, 18

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, 1, 17, 24, 31; June 7, 14, 21, 26; July 5, 12

PARTY OF THE YEAR! AT THE J

Greetings From



Saturday, October 6 at 7 pm

DINNER
OPEN BAR!
CASINO NIGHT!
BOARDWALK FUN
AND MUSIC!

DON'T MISS OUT ON THE FUN!

REGISTER ONLINE AT SSBJCC.ORG OR
AT THE WELCOME CENTER.

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\$118/person
*\$136/person

*Includes chips for gambling
Chips also available for purchase at door.

Dress Code

Boardwalk Chic

Honoring

Nancy Gorrell
Joseph Weinstein, MD

Dietary Laws Observed

Event supports the JCC Special Needs Scholarship Fund.



WISE AGING: LIVING WITH JOY, RESILIENCE, & SPIRIT

New group to begin at TBE in November

How do we create a roadmap for our life journey? Wise Aging is a book and a course that invites adults 55 and over to explore what it means to grow older with intention and live life fully.

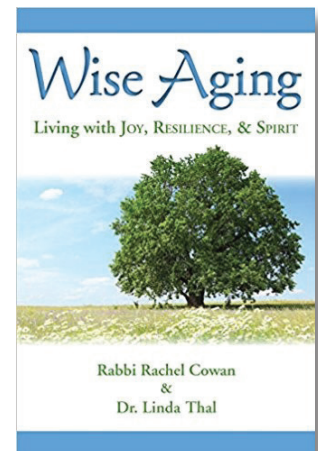
The foundational text is the groundbreaking book *Wise Aging: Living with Joy, Resilience, and Spirit*, by Rabbi Rachel Cowan and Dr. Linda Thal.

With warmth, humor, and wisdom, Rabbi Cowan and Dr. Thal offer practical suggestions for building resilience and navigating the challenges of aging while finding joy and meaning along the way. 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 and group participants will 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 led at TBE by IJS-trained facilitators Barbara Franzblau and Sarah Gluck.

To learn more and inquire about participating, please contact Sarah at 908-722-0674 x313 or sarahgluck@templebethelnj.org.

The group will meet from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm on Nov. 6, Dec. 4, March 5, April 2, May 7, and June 4.



Calling all College Students for Temple Beth El's College Connection Program!

Temple Beth-El has a wonderful program that keeps the "connection" going between our temple and our college students.

It is called "**College Connection**" and is open to all college students from TBE!

We send physical "care packages" to our college students three times a year, typically holiday themed. And Sarah Gluck sends an email message to our students on behalf of the Religious School and clergy.

We would love to add your student to the program!

New Student Information: Email Cindy Scott at c.scott93@yahoo.com your student's name, a physical mailing address used at college, PO addresses preferred, and an email address they access at college.

Updated Student Information: Email Cindy Scott with any physical or email addresses that have changed from the previous year.

We do the rest to ensure our college students are remembered during the holidays!

Any questions, please contact Cindy Scott at the above email, or at 908-369-7866.



INTRODUCTION TO JUDAISM is an engaging 18-session course for anyone who wants to gain a deeper understanding of Jewish life. Discover what could be meaningful to you in liberal Judaism.

This course is designed for individuals and couples from various faith traditions and cultural backgrounds and those who have had no religious upbringing. It is perfect for interfaith couples, those raising Jewish children, spiritual seekers, individuals considering conversion, and Jews who want a meaningful adult Jewish learning experience.

All people, perspectives, and questions are welcome!

New Jersey Consortium Class at Temple Emanu-El, Westfield, NJ

**Thursdays at 7PM
Beginning Nov. 29th**

For more information, please contact:

Frieda Hershman Huberman

FHuberman@urj.org
212.650.4241

Learn more at ReformJudaism.org/IntroNJ

ReformJudaism.org
Jewish Life in Your Life

Created in partnership with the Union for Reform Judaism and local Reform congregations, Introduction to Judaism is a course for anyone interested in exploring Judaism.

Young Families at Temple Beth-El

Experiences for families with children in Grade 2 and younger

Family and Holiday Events



Young Family Sukkot Experience
Friday, September 28,
6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Young Family Pajama Party with musical guest Sheldon Low
Saturday, January 26,
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.



Temple Beth-El Purim Carnival
Sunday, March 17



Young Family Passover Experience
Saturday, April 6,
5:00 to 7:00 p.m.

Shabbat/Worship Experiences

Yom Kippur Children's service
September 19, 1:30 p.m.



Pizza and Family Shabbat Services
November 2, 6:00 p.m.
January 4, 6:00 p.m.
March 1, 6:00 p.m.
May 3, 6:00 p.m.

Shabbat morning experience and bagel breakfast
Saturday, January 12, 10:30 a.m.

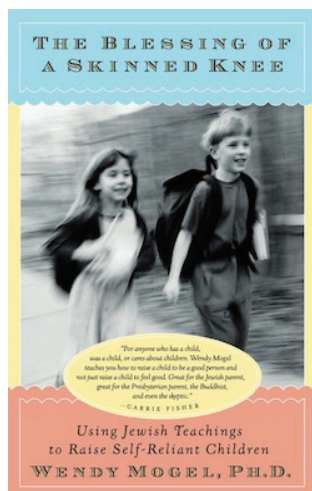


Young Family Schmoozes

Sundays during religious school

October 14, November 18, December 18, February 10*, and March 10 (in the TBE café)

*NEW: Book discussion on February 10 *Blessing of a Skinned Knee* by Wendy Mogel*



Cultural Arts

Cultural Arts Happenings for September and October

Welcome back after, hopefully, a relaxing summer. And join us at the movies and Israeli folk dancing.

"Here's to another great year of wonderful movies!" said one of our movie lovers, about our beloved and popular Jewish Film Series. Please consider becoming a sponsor to help us continue our wonderful and highly educational Jewish/Israeli film program. Write with your sponsorship questions to Simona at bakerec@comcast.net.

Our Jewish film program is intertwined with a few of our temple committees, in an effort to promote conversations at TBE about issues relevant to our community and dear to our hearts. This year our film series will collaborate with the Social Action Committee, Sisterhood and Renaissance. We welcome other committees and individuals to participate in film screenings and in leading the discussions.

Come before the film to partake of a delicious spread of snacks, treats, coffee, tea and beverages.

Sept. 16, which is a Sunday, is opening night of the film series, complete with wine and cheese. Here's the schedule:
5:30 - 6:30 p.m. Wine, cheese and schmoozing reception.

6:30 p.m. Screening of the award-winning film *Baba Joon*

A discussion of the film and how politics and culture affect the lives of new generations of immigrants will follow.

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

Also, mark your calendars now for our next film, *Blood Relation*, Saturday, Oct. 13, 2018, 7:00 p.m. This film is co-sponsored by TBE Social Action Committee

The film chronicles the meetings between members of this Jewish-Arab family over the course of three years, in Israel and Nablus, and reveals the complexities involved when a family member marries "out." David Cohen, Social Action Committee chairman, will lead the discussion

afterwards.

In addition, save these dates for five more movies in the 2018-19 season:

Nov. 10	<i>The World Is Funny</i>
Dec. 1	<i>Past Life</i> , co-sponsored by Renaissance
Feb. 9	<i>Who the Jew Are You?</i> , with Cantor Emily Pincus as discussion leader
Mar. 30	<i>Women Unchained</i> , co-sponsored by Sisterhood
Jun. 1	Film to be announced

Israeli folk dancing with ruach also continues!

Great news! We will have a new dancing floor! You should come and try it. Remember, the first dancing session is free for newcomers, always. So, what are you waiting for? Lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful music and feel great as your endorphins kick in! Wouldn't it be nice to feel happy and lost in the pleasure of the moment? It starts on Sept. 6, 2018, and continues every Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. or later, in the multi-purpose room in the school wing, or in our big social hall, except holidays. The cost is \$15 at the door, or prepay for five sessions for a substantial savings. Ask Simona how to prepay. See our flyer and ad in this issue of the Shofar; there are more flyers in the lobby.

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 programs of Jewish cultural life that we bring to you!

L'shana tovah!

Simona Rivkin

Cultural Arts Committee

Supporting Equality and Democracy in Israel

Our thanks to the many congregants who responded to the call from ARZA (Association of Reform Zionists of America) to support the Campaign for Religious Equality.

With your support, Temple Beth-El raised over \$4,200 for the important work of ARZA and the Israel Movement for Progressive Judaism to promote religious pluralism in Israel.



The Cultural Arts Committee presents



**Sunday, September 16
6:30 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:00 p.m.

Opening Night with Wine and Cheese

In Hebrew and Farsi with English subtitles

Not rated, 1 hour, 32 minutes

Suggested donation \$7/pp or more

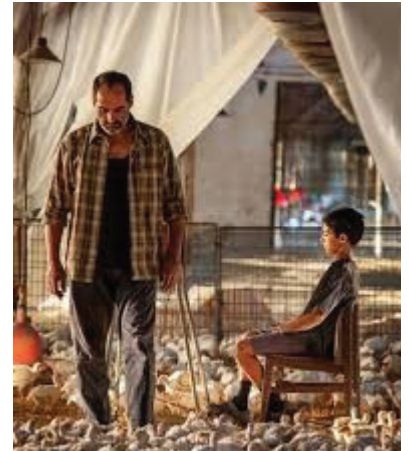
RSVP required to Simona at
bakerec@comcast.net

About:

A coming-of-age drama set in a Persian-immigrant moshav, the film raises questions of upholding tradition as an immigrant and the obstacle it poses for personal independence, of pride within the family and the "tribe" and of the difficulty in honoring and loving in the midst of the inter-generational conflict.

Awards:

Best Film, Best Director, Israeli Academy Awards 2015. Best Feature Film, Haifa Festival, 2015



The Cultural Arts and Social Action Committees present

Blood Relation

**Saturday, October 13
7:00 p.m.**

Doors open at 6:45 p.m.

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

In Hebrew and Arabic with English subtitles

Not rated, 130 minutes

Suggested donation \$7/pp or more

RSVP required to Simona at
bakerec@comcast.net

About:

Two families divided by religion and nationality must decide if they can come together in this remarkable documentary. The film chronicles the filmmaker's journeys to uncover the mysteries of her great-aunt and her family in the Palestinian Territories, to see if the families could be reunited, and reveals the complexities involved when a family member marries "out."

Awards:

Best film, International Documentary Film Festival, Brussels, 2011. Best Documentary Film Award, International Women's Film Festival, Israel, 2010.



The Honey Do List

Yep, it's that time of year again, when our thoughts turn to heading back to school, the coming splendor of the fall leaves, and....honey cake? Yes, indeed, for many of us, it's not Rosh Hashanah without that honey cake at the end of the meal.

But what if honey cake just doesn't send you? For some people, it conjures up visions of choking down a dry, heavy slice after their holiday meal, like the Jewish version of fruitcake. They dread eating (or baking) this traditional holiday favorite. If that sounds like you, and you simply can't abide another loaf, you could just stick to the apple side of the "apples and honey" tradition: apple pie, apple strudel, or baked apples (with honey!).

To whet your appetite for the coming holiday, here are a few more ideas featuring honey, minus the cake, plus a fun recipe for the kids to make along with you. If all else fails, there's always baklava.

Chag sameach, and b'tay avone!

Rosh Hashanah Clusters

This recipe is perfect for getting the little ones involved in the holiday excitement. Easy peasy, with no baking required.

Ingredients

- 1 cup semisweet chocolate chips
- 8 marshmallows cut into small pieces
- ¼ cup seedless raisins
- ¾ cup chopped walnuts

Melt chocolate over a double boiler or in the microwave. Mix in the marshmallows, raisins and walnuts, and stir until all the ingredients are coated. Drop the mixture by teaspoon on wax paper. Let stand and cool. Makes about 18 clusters.

Source: Junior Jewish Cook Book, by Aunt Fanny, KTAV Publishing House, 1956.

German Honey Date Pudding

This is like an English steamed pudding, in that it is poured into a mold, steamed in boiling water, and turned out onto a serving dish when cool. It's moist and delicious – try it!

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| 1 cup honey | ½ tsp. ground cloves |
| ¼ cup butter or margarine | ½ tsp. nutmeg |
| 2 eggs | ½ tsp. salt |
| ½ tsp. vanilla | ¾ cup chopped dates |
| 2 ½ cups sifted cake flour | ½ cup coarsely chopped walnuts |
| 2 ½ tsp. baking powder | |
| ½ tsp. ground cinnamon | 1 cup evaporated milk |

Source: The Joys of Jewish Cooking, by Stephen and Ethel Longstreet, Doubleday and Co., Garden City, NY, 1974

Add honey to margarine/butter, eggs, and vanilla. Beat thoroughly. Mix flour, baking powder, cinnamon, cloves, nutmeg and salt. Add 1 cup of the flour mixture to dates and nuts. Add the rest of the flour with milk to the creamed mixture. Stir in the date mixture, and mix the batter until it is stiff. Put it into a greased 6-cup mold or baking dish, and cover. Place the mold on a rack in a large kettle with one inch of boiling water. Cover and steam for 2 ¼ hours, adding hot water as needed. Let the pudding stand in the mold for seven minutes and turn out onto a plate. Serve warm with vanilla ice cream, if desired.



Russian Teiglach (honey dough cookies)

These are a classic Eastern European confection, and they're often served at Rosh Hashanah and other festive meals.



- 4 cups flour
- 2 tsp. baking powder
- 8 eggs
- 1 lb. light honey
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tsp. peeled and minced ginger
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ cup chopped cherries

Mix flour, baking powder and eggs into a stiff dough. Knead it firmly for about five minutes. On a lightly floured board or countertop surface, roll pieces of dough into lengths ½ inch thick. Slice the rolls into 1-inch pieces.

Put the honey in a wide saucepan, add the sugar and ginger, and bring the mixture to a boil. Put pieces of the dough into the syrup, stirring frequently. The cookies are ready when they rise to the top and are colored a light brown. Remove the cookies to a platter lined in wax paper with a light coating of vegetable oil, and top with the walnut and cherries. Makes about 30 teiglach.

Source: The Joys of Jewish Cooking, by Stephen and Ethel Longstreet, Doubleday and Co., Garden City, NY, 1974



Ladles of Love: Soup and Sweet Bread from TBE's Caring Network

TBE's Caring Network announces a new initiative to nourish those in need

with equal doses of food and caring.

The initiative "Ladles of Love" will deliver homemade soup and sweet bread to those in the TBE community who need a little extra care, in times of joy and difficulty. Ladles of Love will be delivered to those recovering from illness or surgery, mourning a death or celebrating a birth. Each tasty care package will include a quart of homemade soup, such as vegetarian minestrone or mushroom barley soup, and a seasonal sweet bread, such as pumpkin or banana bread. Ladles of Love packages most often will be delivered with a friendly visit, but may also be simply dropped off.

A fun aspect of Ladles of Love will be the opportunity to come together to cook our homemade soups and sweet

bread. Volunteers will be needed periodically to join the group in the TBE kitchen for some community cooking, when it fits their schedule. Volunteers do not have to be master chefs; they just have to be able to chop vegetables and stir batter. The first two cooking sessions will be from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday, Oct. 21 and from 6:30 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 28.

More details will be coming soon about TBE's Ladles of Love, including how to ensure that you or someone you know will receive a care package, how to volunteer for the community cooking sessions, and how to volunteer to help deliver Ladles of Love packages. TBE's Ladles of Love is generously underwritten by the Jules Swickle Chesed [Kindness] Fund.

For more information email Andrea Bradley at abradley616@gmail.com.



Call for Additional Shiva Minyan Leaders

Are you comfortable reading and chanting Hebrew? Compassionate and supportive? Ready to occasionally perform a mitzvah? Opportunities exist for you to become a shiva minyan leader.

The time commitment is determined by you, and can be as little as two hours per year. One-on-one training is available and there are no age restrictions. Volunteers can even co-lead a service with an experienced leader to become more comfortable leading.

Families who have lost a loved one will deeply and truly appreciate your mitzvah.

To learn more, email Rochelle Levin, shiva minyan leader coordinator, at rbrlevin@gmail.com

Jewish Hospice Care



- Excellent Nurse to Patient Ratio
- Home Health Aide Support for Family
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Renaissance Happenings

The Scoop

Wine and dine and baseball camaraderie.....A lovely August evening brought members together to dine at Girasole Restaurant, and to enjoy the game at Somerset Patriots Field, replete with fireworks. Our many thanks to Bob Taber for again arranging this fun summer outing.

Esther Wallach

Renaissance Group

Mark Your 2018 Calendars

Sun., Oct. 7 Free tour of Swaminarayan Hindu Temple,
10:00 a.m. Robbinsville, NJ

Visit this awe-inspiring structure of marble craftsmanship, followed by lunch at Mastori's Diner, a favored local spot. Reservations for the tour are required. RSVP your interest, and carpooling availability, by Sunday, September 30 to Ina Spero, 732-828-0099.

Sun., Dec. 23 Chanukah Party Potluck
12:00 p.m. Post-Chanukah potluck luncheon at
TBE Social Hall

Celebrate our members' Chanukah get-together, better later than never this year! We'll mingle, nosh, play a party game or two, and plan our 2019 events calendar. Your participation, as always, is integral, so stay tuned for details from Fran Taber.

L'shanah Tova!

Honey Semifreddo Recipe

Ingredients:

1 large egg
4 large egg yolks
1/2 cup plus 3 tablespoons organic honey, divided use
1 1/4 cups heavy cream or coconut cream
1/4 cup sliced almonds, toasted

Directions:

Line a 9-inch loaf pan with plastic wrap.

Bring a pot of water to a simmer. Place the egg, egg yolks, and 1/2 cup honey in a heatproof bowl. Place the bowl over the simmering water, making sure the bottom of the bowl does not touch the water. With a handheld mixer, beat the mixture until pale yellow and thick. Remove from the heat and let cool.

Whip the cream or coconut cream until thick peaks form. Fold the cream into the honey mixture. Transfer to the prepared loaf pan and freeze for at least three hours or overnight. (Can be made up to three days ahead and kept in the freezer.)

When ready to serve, turn the semifreddo out onto a rectangular platter. Drizzle with the remaining three tablespoons of honey and sprinkle with the almonds. Cut into slices and serve.



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@embarqmail.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!

9/21/18	2/22/19
9/28/18	3/15/19
11/9/18	3/22/19
1/25/19	5/24/19
2/15/19	



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

Freshly Squeezed 4-H

Once again, in time-honored tradition, Temple Beth-El set up under the food tent at the Somerset County 4-H Fair. This year we served only our delicious freshly squeezed lemonade. We had a lemonade station under the food tent, as well as two stands on the fairgrounds. The weather was not perfect, but we still managed to squeeze 22 cases of lemons. We all wore our red Temple Beth-El "Lemonade Crew" T-shirts, and we could not be missed.

Beginning on Aug. 4, Mitch and Karen Kaplan drove the Reps Fitness truck to Restaurant Depot to load up a pallet of water to move to the fairgrounds. Then, on August 5, 11 volunteers met at the temple, to load up the truck with supplies and unload them at fairgrounds. Thank you to Mitch and Karen Kaplan for loaning us the truck, to make



contact Fern at tbepitafern@gmail.com or call 908-963-4921. Do not miss out on next year's fair and all of the fun you can have. Also, you will receive a TBE T-shirt, color to be determined, next year.

Hope to see you next year.

Fern Jurgrau (Schiffman)

the move onto and off the fairgrounds much easier. Once we delivered our supplies to the fairgrounds, we set up the booth in time for the fair to begin on Wednesday, Aug. 8. We were open for business from that Wednesday through Friday, until 10:00 p.m. daily.

We had 75 volunteers, of whom 20 were teenagers/young people. Eighteen of those volunteers did double and triple shifts to make this event so successful.

The 4-H event is truly a one-of-a-kind "fun"draiser and community-building event for us here at TBE. Our volunteers ranged in age from six years old to the eighties. What unites them all, young and old, is their can-do spirit. Along with all of the hard work we talk, laugh and have a good time being together. It is a great time to schmooze with existing friends, or to make new friends.

If you are interested in finding out about how you, too, can become a part of TBE's 4-H team, please



Sisterhood

Come Connect with Sisterhood!

Thanks to all who bought jars of honey during our **Rosh Hashanah Honey Sale**, held during June and July, to wish their friends and family a sweet New Year! Your generosity enables us to help those in need.

Sisterhood's annual **Welcome Back Dinner** was held at the home of Fern Jurgrau (Schiffman). Everyone is excited about the upcoming temple year because Sisterhood is shaking things up a bit. Curious? Check us out! We are stronger together.

Come mingle with us at the **Sisterhood Meet and Greet at the TBE Back-to-Shul Barbecue**, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Sept. 7. For more information, email Karen Kaplan at Karen@repsfitnesssupply.com or call her at 908-222-3423.

Sisterhood and Brotherhood will co-sponsor the **Break the Fast** event following Yom Kippur services on Wednesday, Sept. 19. To help with this annual event, email Barbara Johnston at bjohnston1836@gmail.com or Gayle Skolky at gskolky@gmail.com

Join us for the first of our **Women's Torah Talk** get-togethers on Wednesday, Oct. 17 at 7:30 p.m. when we discuss Parashah Noach, Genesis 6:9 – 11:32. Email Gayle Skolky at gskolky@gmail.com for more information.

If you are unable to join us on Oct. 17, please consider joining us for the November Torah Talk on Nov. 28, even if you haven't read the parashah.

Women of Reform Judaism will hold its Atlantic District Convention "Answering the Call" Thursday, Oct. 18 through Sunday, Oct. 21 in Teaneck. Email Marsha Malberg at memalber@aol.com for more information.

Banot, an all-female Jewish and Israeli band, will perform at TBE as part of the **Artist-In-Residence Shabbaton** in October.

Come hear Banot at Shabbat services on Friday, Oct. 26 and at a Havdalah reception and concert on Saturday, Oct. 27. Events are free and open to all.

Mark your calendar for Sisterhood's **Fall Breakfast** at 9:00 a.m. Sunday, Nov. 4 in the TBE Social Hall. More information will be provided at a later date.

You're Invited / Save the Date

Sisterhood's Gift to the Congregation - *A Weekend with Banot*



Friday Evening Services

8:00 p.m.

Saturday Wine and Cheese Reception

7:15 p.m.

Saturday Havdalah and Concert

8:00 p.m.

Free to all - bring your family and friends

See the Cantor's article on page 4 for more about this exciting group.

Social Action

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

Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

Our next hosting date is Oct. 21-28

2018-2019 IHN Hosting Schedule

Oct. 21-28	Dec. 23-30	Feb. 3-10
Apr. 7-14	Jun. 2-9	Aug. 11-18

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.**

Please Help Us Shelter the Homeless

The Interfaith Hospitality Network of Somerset County is holding its annual raffle to benefit homeless families with children.

Tickets are available now and are selling fast.

Tickets are \$20.00 each and the drawing will be held on December 7.

Grand Prize: \$500 Gift Certificate to Broadway.com

Second Prize Dinner for four at Cherry Valley Country Club and a \$200 gift certificate to McCarter Theater (a \$400 value)

Third Prize Amazon Fire TV with 4K Ultra HD and Alexa Voice Remote (a \$70 value)

For tickets please call 908-704-1920 or stop by the IHN office located at 98 West End Avenue in Somerville.

Thank you for your support.

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@ihnsc.org

Yahrzeits S e p t e m b e r

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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 on September 7 and 8

Elaine Cohen, mother of Gary Cohen
Lillian Roberts, mother of Sharon Hambro
Daniel Tucker, brother of Barbara Cohen
Eva Frankel, grandmother of Jan Miller
Blanche Levendel, mother of Sheila Koen
Dr. Norman Willett, father of Susan Willett
Joshua Irvin Albin, son of Robert and Shari Albin
Sol Braun, father of Daniel Braun
Leonard Levitt, father of Laura Miller
Jane Ellen Franzblau, sister-in-law of Barbara Franzblau
Richard Goldsmith, husband of Elaine Goldsmith
Thomas Angeline, husband of Hillary Angeline, father of Joseph, Lauren and Anthony Angeline
Allan Miller, father of Leigh Miller
Dorothy Shapiro, mother of Irene Lieberman
William Weinstein, father of Jeffrey Weinstein
Jim Rothschild, brother of David Rothschild
Ida Shrensel, grandmother of Nancy Feusse
Charles Zolin, father of Jodi Harwood

To be read on September 14 and 15

Natalie Gorka, mother of Wendy Horowitz
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
Janice Wasserman, mother-in-law of Tracy Wasserman
Michael Freiberg, father of Wendy Amodeo
Ava Faltz-Miller, sister-in-law of Rick and Bev Miller
Andrew Freiberg, brother of Wendy Amodeo
Walter Geller, father of Ira Geller
Sigmund Miller, husband of Laura Miller
Max Tischfield, father of Jay Tischfield
Doris Herman, mother of David Herman
Claire Katzenstein, grandmother of Howard Mangel
J.M. Rubenstein, father of Cindy Andrews
Mollie Goldstein, grandmother of Heather Lissa

To be read on 21 and 22

Irwin Brody, brother of Bruce Brody
Gussie Glatt, mother of Evelyn Silverstein
John Jordan, father of Pat Galler
Anne Siegel, sister of Ted Baker
Joseph Brienens, father of Zina Wolin
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
Arnold Cooper, father of Brett Cooper
Allen Febesh, father of Ilene Rothschild
Louis Goldstein, grandfather of Seth Goldstein
Frances P. Shapiro, mother-in-law of Joshua Skowronek
Stanley Breslow, father of Janice Klein
Seymour Fogel, godfather of Donna Tischfield
Jerry Newman, grandfather of Jan Miller
Karl Rebarber, father of Roxanne Levinston
Lawrence Siegel, father of Debbie Levenberg
Frederick Thomas Andrews, father of Mark Andrews
Jerome M. Cohen, brother-in-law of Barbara Cohen
Alan Wohl, husband of Gail Wohl
Judith Edelman, mother of Marsha Malberg
Bessie Friedman, grandmother of Helene Fine
Sheila Ann Levine, sister of Alvin Levine
Lena Lieberman, grandmother of Steven Lieberman
Edith Tesser, mother of Laurie Novak

To be read on September 28 and 29

Ira Zelnick, brother of Zelda Reinhart
Lois Cartmell, mother of Craig Cartmell
Frederick Klein, father of David Klein
Jeff Mitchell, brother of Donna Tischfield
David Ellenberg, father of Naomi McGlashan
Mary Wisniewski, mother of Carol Nerenberg
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 Moroz, mother of Tracy Wasserman
Leon S. Rosenblum, brother of Fern Kamine
Gerald Moshinsky, brother of Leonard Moshinsky
Celia Stept, grandmother of Sheldon Stept

Yahrzeits October

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To be read on October 5 and 6

Samuel Stept, grandfather of Sheldon Stept
Perry Bucholtz, father of Ronnie Weyl
Lynette Byers, sister of Jonathon Andell
Dora Friedman, mother of Helene Fine
Malcolm F. Becker, father of Marci Becker-Morelli
Russel Johnston, Sr., father of Russ Johnston
Mathew Morelli, son of Ralph Morelli
also, son of Marci Becker-Morelli
Alice Greenhut, grandmother of Robert Adler
Charles Howard, brother of Sidney Horowitz
Betty Plan, mother of Michael Plan
Anne Rubin, mother-in-law of Sylvia Rubin
Ralph Saperstein, father of Carolyn Wald and Steven Saperstein
Jules Cohen, father of David Cohen
Mr. Jay Jefferson Cooke, friend of Caryn Shinske
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
David Golub, father of Jill Geller
Donald Picker, father of Sharon Rizzi
Mildred Schrier, mother of Sheryl Miller
Daniel Franzblau, father-in-law of Barbara Franzblau

To be read on October 12 and 13

Judith Cohen, sister of Jeanette Tuckman
Rubin Cohen, father of Gary Cohen
Irwin Fidelman, father of Wayne Fidelman
Donald Meyers, stepfather of Stacy Rankin
Miriam Schumsky, grandmother of Nanette Mantell
Harry Silver, father of Ed Silver
Ruth Brenner, mother of Leslie Klein
Abraham Etkins, father of Donna Etkins
Seymour Roth, father of Lori Roth
Rachel Lorraine Andell, daughter of Jonathon Andell
Jennie Frenkel, grandmother of Gary Friedman
Morris Kaminetsky, father-in-law of Fern Kamine
Irv Steinberg, grandfather of Wendy Horowitz
Harry Wolin, father of Martin Wolin
Wendy DeLapi, sister of Evette Adler
Marty Wallerstein, father of Jolie Doyle
Mrs. Jaqueline Rubenstein, mother of Cindy Andrews
Claire Skowronek, daughter of Brian and Lynnette Skowronek
David Small, uncle of Brian Small
Jay Starr, father of Robyn Starr

To be read on October 19 and 20

Abraham Fineman, father of Melissa Ringel
Joseph Halpern, father of Morris Halpern
Abe Raynes, father of Harriet Thaler
Jerry Hirsch, father of Greg Hirsch

Ruth Levenberg, mother of Richard Levenberg
Alexander Markowicz, stepfather of Amy McBride
Aaron Plan, father of Michael Plan
Benjamin Shapiro, father of Irene Lieberman
Jacob Kaplan, grandfather of Gail Wohl
Evelyn Spinrad, mother of Marcy Rosenfeld
Bertram Edelman, father of Marsha Malberg
Mona Feirson, cousin of Marilyn Muzikar
Stephen Holler, father of Keith Holler
Joseph Lieberman, father of Madelyn Okun
Morton Hersh, father of David Hersh
Marion Kaplan, mother of Mitchell Kaplan
Mary Klimczak, mother of Joan Weiss
Mrs. Rebecca Landsman, mother of Alison Hoffner
Lois Naroden, mother of Alan Naroden
Ruth B. Rosenblum, mother of Fern Kamine

To be read on October 26 and 27

Hilda Blaustein, mother of Betty Roswell
Mrs. Arlene Golub, mother of Jill Geller
John McBride, father of Mark McBride
Louise Fidelman, mother of Wayne Fidelman
Daniel Eisenberg, father of Dorothy Vogel
Mildred Ellenberg, mother of Naomi McGlashan
Myer Kaplan, father of Ellen Davidson
Anna Novak, mother of Dr. Gerald Novak
Esther Skowronek, mother of Joshua Skowronek
Joseph Miller, father of Lorin Miller
Sondra Silverstein, mother of Fern Smith
Al Kamine, husband of Fern Kamine, father of Harold Kamine
Albert Katzenstein, grandfather of Howard Mangel
Martine Kamenetzky, sister-in-law of Simona Rivkin
Martin Rosenel, father of Mr. Richard Rosenel

To be read on November 2 and 3

Eileen DeJager, sister of David Hersh
Max Miller, grandfather of Brett Miller
Stanley Gluck, father of Rabbi Arnold Gluck
Erwin Naroden, father of Alan Naroden
John Gunzler, father of Nicole Oringer
Renee Krovetz, mother of Robert Krovetz
Felix Hermann Brown, husband of Susan Brown
Rachelle Friedberg, wife of Morton Friedberg
Fanny Horowitz, mother of Sidney Horowitz
Marilyn Kohn, mother of Hal Kohn
Julius Greenhut, grandfather of Robert Adler
Tseelah Grinberg, mother of Michelle Gerner
Marsha Lovas, wife of Gordon Lovas
Susan Small, mother of Brian Small
Annette Rothman, mother of Shelley Gomolka
Arnold Irving Snyder, father of Ken Snyder
Shirley Steinman, mother of Judith Steinman

Acts of Tzedakah

Ariel E. Malberg Social Action Fund

Marilyn Muzikar
Paul and Collette Parisi
Keith and Nicole Oringer
 In honor of Dave and Liz Cohen's granddaughter
Jay and Pam Lavroff

Beautification

In honor of Barbara and Russ Johnston
Jay and Pam Lavroff

Brotherhood Youth Scholarship

Irene and Steve Lieberman
Sisterhood
 In honor of Leigh Freeman
Julie and Gregory Hirsch
 In honor of the Confirmation class
David and Liz Cohen

Cantor's Discretionary Fund

Jody and Gary Cohen
 In honor of Norah Holler
Keith and Michele Holler
 In honor of Allison Brenner
Darren and Susan Brenner
 In honor of Amanda Brody
Bruce and Revelee Brody
 In honor of his three great-granddaughters
Max Spinner

Garden Fund

In memory of Myrna Lapidus
Goldie Taub and Murray Levine

General Fund

In honor of Betty Roswell
Doris Dresdale
Arthur and Betty Roswell
 In honor of Art Roswell's 90th birthday
Gene Schenkman
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Daniel, Gina, Jacob and Aaron Hirschhorn
Marian Wachtel
Goldie Taub and Murray Levine
Rabbi Richard and Diane Steinbrink
Fran and Bob Taber
Liz Lewy
Marsha and Ed Malberg
Ken and Amy Rubin

In honor of the birth of Liz and Dave Cohen's granddaughter
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In honor of the graduations of Elyse Pyle (Melissa and Stuart), Randy Miller (Leigh and Shari), Rob Lavroff (Jay and Pam), and Connor Bradley (Andrea and Patrick)
Amy and Ken Rubin
 In honor of Irwin Vogel's birthday
Phyllis and Sheldon Kass
 In honor of Talia reading Torah for confirmation
Ken and Amy Rubin
 In support of the 4-H
Susan and Edwin Steinfeld
Carlos Rojas
 In memory of Fred Plan
Marcy and Alan Rosenfeld
 In memory of Evelyn Osman
Marcy and Alan Rosenfeld
 Speedy recovery to Dave Cohen
Ken and Amy Rubin
 In memory of Jack Fastag
Ken and Amy Rubin
 In appreciation of Fern Jurgrau (Schiffman) for all her work on 4-H
Ken and Amy Rubin
 In honor of the birth of Amaya Anglin, Ivy Anglin's new granddaughter
Ken and Amy Rubin
 In memory of Ariel Eden Malberg
Ken and Amy Rubin

Jules Swickle Chesed Fund

Daniel and Rebecca Guss

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Mara and Michael White
 In memory of Edith Beck and Ruth Schoenberg
Michael and Isa Beck
 In memory of Harry Tucker and David Cohen
Barbara Cohen
 In memory of Larry Cudzynowski
Joseph and Barbara Cudzynowski

In memory of Sheila Landau
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 In memory of Albert Taub
Goldie Taub
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 In memory of Ethel Hamelburg
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Rabbi's Discretionary Fund

In honor of the baby naming of Lauren Goldstein
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 In memory of Harold Lane
Linda and Steve Goldberg
 In honor of Norah Holler
Keith and Michele Holler
 In honor of Allison Brenner
Darren and Susan Brenner
 In honor of Amanda Brody
Bruce and Revelee Brody
 In honor of Alec Brandman
Alyce Brandman
 In honor of Sofia Morales
Randy Appel
 In memory of Sheila Landau
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Acts of Tzedakah

Religious School Scholarship

In honor of Lisa Friedman
Brian and Jodi Smith
 In honor of Rebekah Nerenberg
Jay and Pam Lavroff
 In honor of Randy Miller
Jay and Pam Lavroff
 In honor of Rachel Sapterstein
Jay and Pam Lavroff
 In honor of Elyse Pyle
Jay and Pam Lavroff

Youth Activities

In honor of Chelsea Harris
Jonathan and Gayle Harris
 In honor of Sofia Morales
Randy Appel

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September

Calendar of Events

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Saturday, September 1

8:30 p.m. Community-wide Selichot Service

Monday, September 3

Labor Day

Temple Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 4

3:00 p.m. Youth: Welcome Back Ice Cream

7:30 p.m. Oversight Committee Meeting

Wednesday, September 5

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Friday, September 7

6:30 p.m. Back-to-Shul BBQ and Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 8

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

1:00 p.m. SMOOCHY Board Retreat

6:00 p.m. SMOOCHY Welcome Back Cookout

Sunday, September 9

Erev Rosh Hashanah

8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

Monday, September 10

Rosh 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 Children's Service (up to grade 5)

2:30 p.m. Meditation and Reflection

3:30 p.m. Tashlich Service

Tuesday, September 11

Rosh Hashanah

Temple Offices Closed

9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

Wednesday, September 12

7:00 p.m. Membership Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, September 13

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy Meeting, Faculty and Madrichim

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

Friday, September 14

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 15

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

Sunday, September 16

9:00 a.m. Sukkah Building

1:00 p.m. Wise Aging

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Jewish Film Series *Baba Joon*

Monday, September 17

6:30 p.m. School Committee Meeting

7:30 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, September 18

Erev Yom Kippur - Kol Nidrei

8:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service

Wednesday, September 19

Yom Kippur

Temple Offices Closed

9:30 a.m. Yom Kippur Morning Service

12:30 p.m. Reflection Service

1:30 p.m. Meditation and Contemplation

1:30 p.m. Study Session

1:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Children's Service

2:30 p.m. Healing Service

3:30 p.m. Afternoon Service

5:45 p.m. Yizkor

6:15 p.m. Neilah (time approximate)

7:00 p.m. Break-the-Fast

Thursday, September 20

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

Friday, September 21

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 22

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

Sunday, September 23

Erev Sukkot

9:00 a.m. Sukkah Building Rain Date

6:00 p.m. Dinner in the Sukkah

Monday, September 24

Sukkot

Offices Closed

Tuesday, September 25

Sukkot

6:30 p.m. RS Faculty Meeting

6:30 p.m. RS Faculty Dinner

Wednesday, September 26

Sukkot

6:30 p.m. RS Madrichim Gathering

Thursday, September 27

Sukkot

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

Friday, September 28

Sukkot

6:00 p.m. Young Family Sukkot Experience

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service

Saturday, September 29

Sukkot

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

4:00 p.m. Tallit Workshop

Sunday, September 30

Sukkot

Erev Simchat Torah

7:00 p.m. Simchat Torah Services with the Tefillah Band

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October

Calendar of Events

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Monday, October 1

Simchat Torah/Shemini Atzeret

Temple Offices Closed

10:00 a.m. Shemini Atzeret Services with Yizkor followed by Potluck Brunch

Tuesday, October 2

7:15 p.m. TBE Reads: Behold the Dreamers

7:30 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

Wednesday, October 3

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 4

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

Friday, October 5

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service

Saturday, October 6

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

7:00 p.m. JCC Gala

Sunday, October 7

9:00 a.m. Religious School

9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board Meeting

10:30 a.m. Renaissance Tour of Swaminarayan Temple

11:00 a.m. Sukkah Breakdown

4:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: iEngage 4 — Israel's Milestones and Their Meaning

Monday, October 8

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

Wednesday, October 10

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 11

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

7:30 p.m. Brotherhood Kick-off

Friday, October 12

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

Saturday, October 13

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study and Bar Mitzvah of Bryce Brody

7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Jewish Film Series *Blood Relation*

Sunday, October 14

Thanksgiving Food Collection Begins

9:00 a.m. Religious School

9:00 a.m. Adult B'not Mitzvah Class

9:00 a.m. Young Family Schmooze

10:00 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew

11:00 a.m. Youth: Grades 3-5 Ice Cream Social

11:15 a.m. Grade 6 B'nai Mitzvah Student and Parent Meeting

2:30 p.m. Interfaith Coalition Candidate Forum: Voice of the Faith Community — Decision and Conviction

Monday, October 15

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Wednesday, October 17

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

7:00 p.m. Women's Torah Talk

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 18

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

Friday, October 19

WRJ Biennial, Tenaflly

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with the Tefillah Band

Saturday, October 20

WRJ Biennial, Tenaflly

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

11:00 a.m. Youth: Grades 6-7 Shabbat Hike

Sunday, October 21

IHN Hosting Week Begins

9:00 a.m. Religious School

9:00 a.m. RS: Pre-K/K Family Ed

9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Breakfast

9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew

11:00 a.m. Adult B'not Mitzvah Class

1:00 p.m. Ladles of Love: Cooking soup and bread (See article on page 21)

1:00 p.m. Wise Aging

Monday, October 22

IHN Hosting Week

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Post-Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

Tuesday, October 23

IHN Hosting Week

Wednesday, October 24

IHN Hosting Week

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Confirmation Academy

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, October 25

IHN Hosting Week

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

Friday, October 26

IHN Hosting Week

Artists-in-Residence Weekend with Banot

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service with Special Guest Banot

9:30 p.m. SMOOCHY Game Night

Saturday, October 27

IHN Hosting Week

Artists-in-Residence Weekend with Banot

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study with Bat Mitzvah of Adrianna Fetaya

7:15 p.m. Wine and Cheese Reception

8:00 p.m. Banot in Concert

Sunday, October 28

IHN Hosting Week

9:00 a.m. Religious School

9:00 a.m. RS: Grade 1 Family Ed

9:30 a.m. Jewish LIFE: Biblical Hebrew

11:00 a.m. Adult B'not Mitzvah Class

Monday, October 29

4:30 p.m. Hebrew School

6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee

7:00 p.m. Mah Jongg

7:00 p.m. Inner Ladder: Continuing Mussar Steps

Tuesday, October 30

Jewish Federation Imagine Event

7:00 p.m. Pub Theology with Pastor Todd Buurstra and Rabbi Gluck

Wednesday, October 31

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

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