

# Shofar



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## Rabbi's Message

**Anat Hoffman:  
Dreamer and Activist**

Psalm 126, the *shir ha-ma'a lot* that we sing at the beginning of *birkat ha-mazon* on Shabbat and holy days, says: "When God restores the exiles to Zion, we will be as dreamers." The simple meaning of the verse is that the return to Zion will be the fulfillment of a dream. But the literal wording seems to suggest that upon the return, after the homecoming, our people will be dreamers. I think this is a great reading for several reasons.

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## Worship Schedule

### Friday, September 4

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner

8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service with Scholar-in-Residence  
Anat Hoffman

### Saturday, September 5

*Parashat Ki Tavo, Deuteronomy 26:1–29:8*

7:30 p.m. Selichot Program with Anat Hoffman

8:30 p.m. Refreshments

9:00 p.m. Selichot Service

### Friday, September 11

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service Honoring Summer Program  
Participants

### Saturday, September 12

*Parashat Nitzavim, Deuteronomy 29:9–30:20*

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, with the  
b'not mitzvah of Alyssa and Sydney Goldstein

### Sunday, September 13

*Erev Rosh Hashanah*

8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

### Monday, September 14

*Rosh Hashanah Day 1*

9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

1:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Tot Service

2:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service

3:30 p.m. Tashlich

### Tuesday, September 15

*Rosh Hashanah Day 2*

9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service

### Friday, September 18

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Shuvah – Shabbat Evening Service with Choir

### Saturday, September 19

*Parashat Vayelech, Deuteronomy 31:1–30*

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

### Tuesday, September 22

*Kol Nidrei*

8:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service

### Wednesday, September 23

*Yom Kippur*

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 Family Service

2:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Healing Service

3:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service

5:30 p.m. Yizkor

6:00 p.m. Neilah

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

### Friday, September 25

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service – Shabbat B'Shir

### Saturday, September 26

*Parashat Haazinu, Deuteronomy 32:1–52*

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, with the  
b'not mitzvah of Leah Harris and Kristen Rodrigues

### Sunday, September 27

*Erev Sukkot*

6:00 p.m. Erev Sukkot Dinner and Service

### Monday, September 28

*Sukkot*

## Temple Calendar Webpage

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

## Shofar Submissions and Deadline

The next issue of the Shofar will be  
October 2015. PLEASE NOTE: The deadline for  
submissions is September 15.

Submit articles via email to:

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Committee Name or Professional Staff Name.

## Rabbi's Message, continued from page 1

First, as the great Israeli writer Amos Oz points out, no reality can ever live up to the dream that preceded it. It will inevitably disappoint. If, however, we see the return of our people to our land as a beginning and not as the end, it becomes the opportunity to dream new dreams and envision new possibilities.

This is the gift and the meaning of the founding of the State of Israel. If we think that Israel is supposed to be the fulfillment of our hopes, it falls short. But if we see it as a starting point from which to dream, envision, and work to achieve, then the excitement over the reality of renewed Jewish sovereignty in our ancient land can be boundless and invigorating.

Thankfully, Israel and the Jewish world have an abundance of dreamers, visionaries, and activists. Such is the nature of the Jewish people that we embody these attributes—especially in Israel. But there are conflicting dreams, visions, and aspirations toward which our people want to grow. Some would like to see Israel be a theocracy. Others want to see Jews settle every inch of the Land of Israel to the exclusion of others, especially the Palestinian Arabs. Some would deny women equal rights. And some believe that there should be only one legitimate expression in Israel of the Jewish religion. We have a very different vision.

As Reform and Progressive Jews, our vision is of a Jewish state that is fully democratic, in the full meaning of the concept. We believe in equal rights and civil liberties for all Israelis, and we hope for the fulfillment of the Palestinian dream of sovereignty in peaceful coexistence with our Jewish state. We dream of economic and social justice for all Israelis, equality for women, freedom of religious expression, pluralism, universal access to quality healthcare and education, and responsible stewardship of the land's natural resources and protection of the environment.

Thankfully, in addition to what we American Reform Jews can do from afar, there are thousands of committed Israeli Reform Jews who are fighting for these causes and seeking to bring these dreams and visions to fruition. We have some 50 congregations, a network of schools, a youth movement, two kibbutzim, a number of community centers, a seminary (the Hebrew Union College), and the Israel Religious Action Center, headed by the indomitable and incomparable Anat Hoffman.

Anat is a visionary, a dreamer, and an activist of the highest order—a veritable force of nature! Both in the work of the center, which is a multi-faceted force for social progress and justice in Israel, and in her passionate pursuit of causes like Women of the Wall, Anat is unstoppable. She leads with dogged determination grounded in the deepest belief in the justice of her cause, with a clarity and charisma that is compelling.

How fortunate we are, then, to have the opportunity to welcome Anat back to our community and to TBE as our scholar-in-residence for Erev Shabbat and Selichot over Labor Day weekend. We will begin on Friday, September 4 at 6:00 p.m. with a catered Shabbat dinner, followed by a brief Kabbalat Shabbat service. (Please make your dinner reservation in advance by visiting [tinyurl.com/Scholar-in-ResidenceDinner2015](http://tinyurl.com/Scholar-in-ResidenceDinner2015) or contacting Susan Walters at 908-722-0674, x112). Anat will then speak on the topic: **From the Back of the Bus to the Top of the Agenda**, about the struggle for women's rights and equality in Israel.

On Saturday evening, September 5, Anat will be the speaker for our Selichot program, which will begin at 7:30 with her presentation, followed by refreshments and our moving Selichot service at 9:00 p.m. Anat's topic that evening will be: **Yom Zikaron (Rosh Hashanah), the Day of Remembrance: An Invitation to Remember Our Core Dreams for Israel**.

I hope that you will join us for this great opportunity. It is certain to be memorable, moving, motivating, and a wonderful way to prepare for the Holy Days.

Wishing you and your loved ones a time of renewal and joy as we welcome the New Year.

*L'shanah tovah,*

*Rabbi Arnold S. Gluck*

## A Note From Our Cantor

by Emily Wigod Pincus

The great treasury of music for *Yamim Noraim* helps us to enter into that special moment of sacred space and time. Below are brief explanations of two prayers for the holiday and how music can highlight the meaning of each, deepening our sense of the holiday itself, and our entry into prayer. At the end of each, you can listen to a sound clip of the choir, Kathy Shanklin and me as we prepare for 5776. I hope this will inspire you and help you with your preparations for the New Year.

At the beginning of the evening service for Rosh Hashanah, we recite the ancient words from which the Rabbis formed the basis for both the time and the way in which we celebrate the holiday: *Bachodesh hash'vi-i, b'echad lachodesh, yihyeh lachem shabbaton, zichron t'ruah, mikra kodesh. Kol m'lechet avodah lo ta-asu: In the seventh month, on the first day of the month, you shall observe a sacred occasion; you shall not work at your occupations. You shall observe it as a day when the horn is sounded* (from Leviticus 23:24-5, a similar verse in Numbers 29:1). Here we learn **when** the festival is to be celebrated: the first day of the seventh month, *Tishrei*, and **how**: that it should be accompanied by the sound of the shofar. Directly after, the cantor and choir sing: "*Tiku, tiku, bachodesh shofar, bakeseh l'yom chageinu. Ki chok l'Yisrael hu, mishpat l'Eilohei Yaakov*": **Blow the horn on the new moon, on the full moon for our feast day. For it is a law for Israel, a ruling of the God of Jacob** (Psalm 81:4-5).

The great sound of the shofar will not be heard until the following morning, but in order to imbue the holiday with this feeling, right from the start, we are using two melodies that actually incorporate musical impressions of the three different sounds or calls of the shofar: *tekia*, *shevarim*, and *terua*. *Tekia* has a sort of doorbell-like, high to low sound, *shevarim* has a trumpety, wake-up, low to high sound, and *terua* is a series of little fast notes. Listen here, and see if you can identify these sounds in the music of [these two melodies](#). As you can hear, the first melody (composer unknown) incorporates all the shofar sounds. The second melody (by Bonia Shur) takes the one sound

as a motif, and builds on it by bringing in the choir to engage the community. The piano amplifies it, and ends in a celestial solo that amplifies a feeling of reverence for the day.

We move forward ten days to the end of the morning service for Yom Kippur. It is about noontime or a little after, still far from the end of the day. There is much interior work that remains to be done. We have much to reflect upon before the closing of the gates at *N'ilah*, the final service. For those of us who will remain in synagogue, it's just the beginning of the long haul. For those of us going home to prepare, there's still a long way until *break fast!* We all still have a long way to go, both spiritually and physically. Accordingly, the morning service ends with a piyyut (religious prayer) called "*Hayom Teamtzeinu*": **This day: strengthen us! This is a simple and direct prayer in which we ask for what we need *hayom*, *this day*, to purify ourselves for the New Year: *This day, strengthen us! This day, bless us! This day, look with favor upon us! This day, inscribe us for a blessed life! This day, hear our plea! This day, uplift us with the strength of your right hand!*** We welcome you to join in with the choir in a joyous "amen" (or the whole prayer, if you like) in [this inspiring melody by Noah Aronson](#).

*L'shanah tovah tikateivu*: May this be a year of health and happiness for you and yours,

Cantor Emily Pincus

The URLs for the sound bytes are:  
<http://www.ourbethel.org/images/Shofar/5776/TikuVachodeshShofar.mp3>  
<http://www.ourbethel.org/images/Shofar/5776/HayomTeamtzeinuAronson.mp3>



## 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](http://www.reformjudaism.org/learning/torah-study)





Please reserve your space as soon as possible. Deadline is September 21. Register online at <http://tinyurl.com/TBESukkahDinner2015> or contact Susan Walters at 908-722-0674 ext.112.

We hope to see you there!  
(\*Though donations of \$10 per person appreciated.)

## ***MARK YOUR CALENDARS...***

***For A Weekend Of  
Celebrating  
Rabbi Gluck's  
25th Anniversary  
As Our Spiritual  
Leader!***

**Friday, May 13, 2016:**

- ❖ Family Shabbat service honoring Rabbi Gluck's 25 years of service.

**Saturday, May 14, 2016:**

- ❖ Evening program for our youth with the Artist- In- Residence, Alan Goodis.
- ❖ Gala dinner dance and celebration at the Bridgewater Manor.

**Sunday, May 15, 2016:** Afternoon concert starring Alan Goodis.

***WATCH FOR MORE DETAILS IN THE MONTHS AHEAD***



## From Our President

by Robin Osman

### All Hands On Deck!

It was early evening, the sun was still shining, the end of a perfect day. Falafel was sizzling in the fryer and lemons were being squeezed like there was no tomorrow. It was opening day at the 4-H Fair. The Temple Beth-El booth was buzzing with volunteers in neon orange t-shirts that could be seen for miles. Unexpectedly, a 4-H representative appeared at our booth, presented us with a large purple ribbon and announced that we had won the "All Hands on Deck" award for great teamwork, spirit and camaraderie. A cheer erupted from our gang, and all was well with the world.

*All hands on deck!* My heart swelled with happiness and pride. I was proud of our team of 100 volunteers, led by our fearless leader Fern Schiffman and her trusty assistants Michelle Grafer and Jodi Siegal. Not only did we have an extremely successful fundraiser, but the 4-H Fair is also one of our biggest fun-raisers each year. If you have not yet volunteered for 4-H, please consider joining the fun next year. Nobody is too old or too young to help out. Our volunteers ranged in ages from six through 86, and we even had three generations of a family working together. Thanks to all who made it happen this year!

*All hands on deck.* I couldn't get it out of my mind. It really resonated with me. It wasn't just about 4-H, but rather it felt like the rallying cry for Temple Beth-El. For generations, our talented clergy, staff, lay leaders and volunteers have pulled together to make Temple Beth-El the thriving community that we are today. When faced with challenging times over the years, we have all pitched in to do whatever was needed to enable us to rise above every obstacle.

As the summer draws to a close, I find myself yearning for the Holy Days. The Days of Awe actually fill me with awe. I come to Temple Beth-El with a great sense of

excitement. Is it the beautiful singing and music led by Cantor Pincus, Kathy Shanklin and our talented choir that delight me? Is it the opportunity for self-reflection and the uplifting worship service that fill me with awe? Is it Rabbi Gluck's thought-provoking sermons that inspire me?

It's all of the above, but more than that, what I love most about Temple Beth-El, especially during the Holy Days, is being a part of something much larger than myself, of such a wonderful, caring community. It fills me with joy to see so many loving embraces as our community reunites, and I am especially delighted when I see the difference we make in our community as we fill the Reps truck with 5,000 pounds of food on Yom Kippur. With all hands on deck, there's nothing we can't accomplish together!

I'm very excited to have the privilege to serve this wonderful community. If I haven't met you yet, I look forward to the opportunity to meet you during the Holy Days. And if I already know you, I hope to get to know you better this year. My contact info will be included on all my articles, and I welcome your thoughts, questions, suggestions and feedback. I would especially enjoy chatting with you over coffee or whatever.

I look forward to seeing you on the Holy Days, and I hope you find joy in gathering as a community and that your worship experience is meaningful and inspiring.

Wishing you a happy, healthy and sweet New Year!

**Robin Osman**

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### Thank You to Our Summer Service Leaders

When our rabbi and cantor took their well-deserved vacations in July, we were blessed to have many hands on deck to lead our summer services in a beautiful way. Thanks to Ed Tolman, our Ritual Chair, for leading this effort, and to Ed Malberg, Liz and Dave Cohen, Steve Lieberman, Ronnie Weyl, Henry Nerenberg, Jay Lavroff, Jim Lavranchuk, Harold Levin, Dave Sandler, Rick Miller, Mark Andrews, Maria Landau, Vicki Schwartz, Lou Binder, Larry Osman, and Beth Borrus for leading us in prayer and song.

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Contact Rande Aaronson or Rick Miller, our Legacy Circle chairs at [LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org](mailto:LegacyCircle@TempleBethElNJ.org).

### We honor our Legacy Circle:

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Rick Miller  
Larry and Robin Osman  
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THE SWEET TASTE OF AN  
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THE BLESSINGS OF A  
NEW YEAR . . .



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## From the Education Directors

Sarah Gluck and Lisa Friedman

*The Talmud teaches: "The world endures only for the sake of the breath of school children."  
—Shabbat 119b*

This phrase from our ancient rabbis conjures an image of students actively engaged in learning. It asks us to see them not as stick figures sitting at desks, but as flesh-and-blood living, breathing beings — and not just children, but, by extension, people of all ages who think, move, argue, share, grapple with text, and wrestle with ideas. Breath equals life — dynamic and creative life.

Judaism wants us to be curious, to ask questions, to be engaged in a continual struggle to invest our lives with meaning. Our tradition teaches that we learn not to acquire a body of knowledge only, but for the transformative effect that knowledge can have in our lives. Our lives. Each one of us is in the process of becoming. We are all works in progress. Learning starts when we take our first breath and doesn't stop until we have drawn our last. Breath equals life — dynamic and creative life.



We invite every member of Temple Beth-El to join together in building our vibrant community of learners of all ages who actively and enthusiastically live their Judaism in rewarding and meaningful ways. We look forward to the many opportunities we will have to learn and grow together in the year ahead.

*Shanah tovah u-m'tukah* — wishing you a happy, healthy, and sweet New Year!

### Mark Your Calendars Now

#### Family Shabbat Service — September 11 at 7:00 p.m.

We will honor our students who participated in and staffed Jewish summer programs, including but not limited to: Urban Mitzvah Corps, New Brunswick; Mitzvah Corps New Orleans; Mitzvah Corps Pacific Northwest; Mitzvah Corps at Camp Kutz; 6 Points Sci Tech Academy; URJ Camp Harlam; Camp Modin; Israel summer programs, and more!

If we missed anything, please don't be shy about contacting us to let us know, and we hope you will join us!



Sunday, October 4  
Grades PK-6 Jewish Studies, Alternative Hebrew

Monday & Wednesday, October 5 & 7  
Grades 3-7 Hebrew

Wednesday, October 7  
Grades 8-10 Confirmation Academy

Monday, October 12  
Grades 11 & 12 Post-Confirmation



## Youth Engagement

by Dan Merer, Director of Youth Engagement

### Shalom Chaverim

Let me introduce myself to those I have not met yet: I am Dan Merer. I'm excited to be taking on the role of Temple Beth-El's Director of Youth Engagement.

I am a product of "Jewish youth engagement" programming. I went through religious school before trying out NFTY (North American Federation of Temple Youth) in high school. I've also spent the past 15 summers at URJ Camp Harlam, nine as a camper and six on staff in various different roles. I've always said that the smartest thing my parents did for me was to send me to a Jewish camp. It sent me down a twisting and turning path that has led me here.

I had an amazing first year at TBE. As I prepare to launch my second year, my goal remains the same: to offer multiple entry points to Judaism for our youth. Through this effort we will continue to elevate the presence and involvement of our children within our synagogue, and also give them the means to become engaged Jews outside our walls.

Our mission has never been clearer and the future looks bright. The programs that we offer will allow our teens to get their hands dirty and, most importantly, they will lead. Our LTS (Leadership Training Seminar) program empowers and teaches our teens to create, plan, and then implement programs and events for our younger students.



We, of course, have SMOOCHY, our senior youth group, whose purpose is to develop creative and meaningful ways to connect teenagers with TBE and Judaism. New this year is our Teen Advisory Board, a large body of high school students who come together and brainstorm ways to engage teens in Jewish life. Also new this year, we are offering a new track in our youth program called *sh'lichim*, that will give our teens a hands on role in crafting and leading our monthly Family Shabbat services.

This is going to be an exciting year for youth at Temple Beth-El, and I can't wait to go on that journey with you.

*L'Shalom,*  
**Dan Merer**

### Crossing the Edmund Pettus Bridge

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By Courtney Shapiro, Participant, Mitzvah Corps New Orleans



Seeing. Knowing. Walking. Understanding. Words like these have power. I felt and experienced the power of these words as I took steps across the Edmund Pettus Bridge in Selma, Alabama. Even though the large walk across the bridge happened many years ago, I felt as if I were part of that community. It was something I knew I couldn't feel anywhere else. Walking across the bridge in my generation felt like I was making a change, as well as carrying the pride of those who walked before me. I felt especially lucky because I got to experience something that was bred from the passion of others. It was also meaningful to me because walking across this bridge was important to others around me. At this point we had truly become a strong and loving community. I was in awe, and I know that these memories and this experience will remain powerful to me. We are the future. We are a community. We are equal. We are change. We are the dream.

*Courtney Shapiro is one of several young people from Temple Beth-El who participated in a URJ summer program. We welcome them home during Shabbat Services on Friday, September 11, 7:00 p.m.*



*This month, we reintroduce a regular Hebrew column to the Shofar.*

We are in the month of Elul, a period of introspection and reflection that helps us prepare to observe the Days of Awe. As I considered what Hebrew root to discuss, a phrase from the Holy Day liturgy kept repeating itself in my mind — a phrase that is said so often during Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur that you will no doubt recognize it (and probably add the melody as you read the words): סְלַח לָנוּ, מְחַל לָנוּ, כַּפֵּיר לָנוּ (*s'lach lanu, m'chal lanu, kappeir lanu*), *forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement*.

Why do we need three different words to ask God for forgiveness? What subtle understanding of these words and their context can a closer look at the Hebrew bring?

The root ס-ל-ח, *samech-lamed-chet*, means *forgive* or *pardon*. The noun סְלִיחָה (*s'lichah*) means *forgiveness* or *pardon*, and in contemporary Hebrew parlance is also used for *Excuse me, I beg your pardon, Sorry* — said most sincerely when someone bumps into you (accidentally, of course) or beats you to the only seat on the bus. סְלִיחָה is also the word for *penitential prayer*. Its plural, סְלִיחוֹת (*s'lichot*), refers to the hymns recited during the service held on Saturday evening at the close of the last Shabbat before Rosh Hashanah, and is how we refer to the service itself. (Please do join us for our S'lichot Program & Service on September 5, with our remarkable guest speaker, Anat Hoffman.)

מ-ח-ל, *mem-chet-lamed*, means *pardon, forgive, forgo, renounce, yield, or remit*. The participle מְחֻל (*machul*) means *pardoned* or *forgiven* — a status we pray for with sincerity and good intent and entreat God to grant.

כ-פ-ר, *kaf-pay-resh*, has multiple meanings. In the intensive (*pi'el*) form of the root, כַּפֵּיר (*kippeir*) means *pardon, forgive, atone for, appease, and expiate*. כַּפֵּיר אֶת פָּנָיו (*kippeir et panav*), literally, *to appease one's face*, means *to pacify someone*. The familiar noun כַּפּוּר (*kippur*) means *atonement*, as in יוֹם כַּפּוּר (*Yom Kippur*; also יוֹם הַכַּפּוּרִים, *Yom Ha-Kippurim*), the Day of Atonement, the holiest day of the Jewish year. כַּפָּרָה (*kapparah*), another noun, also means *atonement*, as well as *forgiveness, pardon, and expiation*. Some of you may recognize this word in its plural form כַּפָּרוֹת (*kapparot*) — *kappores*, in Yiddish — referring to the expiatory ritual traditionally performed with fowl on Yom Kippur eve.

So why the repetition in the phrase: סְלַח לָנוּ, מְחַל לָנוּ, כַּפֵּיר לָנוּ, *forgive us, pardon us, grant us atonement*? The answer is that the most basic root meanings have to do with different aspects of forgiveness: ס-ל-ח, *to forgive*; מ-ח-ל, *to annul*; and כ-פ-ר, *to wipe out*. May we all be so blessed as to forgive and be forgiven, and start the New Year with a clean slate.

*Shanah tova u-m'tukah*, a good and sweet New Year to all!

Sarah Gluck



*The new “Chai My Name Is...” effort supports Temple Beth-El’s goal of building closer relationships throughout our membership family. Watch for periodic member profiles to get a glimpse into the daily lives of our congregants and their lives outside the sanctuary. The more we know about each other, the more there is to like, the more there is to talk about.*

*Liz Cohen, a former TBE president, has always been an exceptional temple member, but she also has led an exceptional secular life. We’re showcasing Liz as our first “Chai My Name Is” profile. Everyone has a personal story to tell, and we’ll be reaching out soon to ask for yours.*



Chai all; my name is Liz Cohen; my Hebrew name is Elisheva Chava, which I got to choose myself.

I grew up in Canton, Ohio; I was the third of four children, none of whom remain in Canton. I went to Harvard University for college, and Columbia School of Social Work for my MSW; I knew that I felt more at home on the East Coast, and am happy to have settled in Princeton.

When I was 18 I had no idea what I wanted to be or do; I think now that was a good thing, as I entered school with a blank slate and found my way. I found early on that social work offered a wide array of possibilities, and in my fieldwork training I learned that I loved working with the elderly. I have been a hospice social worker for 14 years and feel very lucky to have found my niche in this work!

I have much gratitude for my wonderful family: Dave is my husband (33 years so far), and he is a soulmate in every way. Our daughter Molly is almost 29, married to Andres, and they have recently moved to Hopewell; Molly is working at the Waldorf School, and Andres works for Solstice, a solar panel racking firm. Our son Ethan, 26,

is returning to Israel for another year of yeshiva study, and our son Sim, 22, is living at home, taking classes and working as a massage therapist. We benefit greatly from his skills!

There are so many books to love, it’s hard to choose favorites, but here are a few: Barbara Kingsolver’s *Poisonwood Bible*, Jhumpa Lahiri’s *The Namesake*, Ari Shavit’s *My Promised Land*, and newly added is Anthony Doerr’s *All the Light We Cannot See*. I do love movies too: *The Philadelphia Story*, *Wish I Was Here*, *The Sound of Music*, and, for action, *Gladiator* never gets old for me.

I am good at listening, cooking, dancing and singing. Not so good at any team sport, getting my kids to do homework back in the day, or finding directions without a GPS.

It’s hard to predict what makes me laugh, but once I start, it’s hard to get me to stop. I can always count on *The Daily Show* for a good dose of laughing at what would otherwise make me cry. What makes me angry is violence, injustice, and thoughtless environmental destruction.

My heroes include David Saperstein, Nicholas Kristof, Ruth Messinger, and my husband, Dave.

TBE has given me many opportunities to grow and learn. I have found friends, community, and a home for doing social justice work here. I love singing in the choir, both for the music and the friendships. And I’m grateful for the dedication, leadership, and most of all friendship with all our staff, from rabbi to custodians.

I anticipate working for many more years, but when I retire I hope to do more traveling (including service trips), gardening, reading, and (God willing) spending time with grandchildren. We have started traveling in recent years, and have so far been to Spain, Chile, Malta, and Israel (several times, once including a trip to Petra in Jordan). And several places in the US and Canada, including a cross-country camping trip for our honeymoon.

How would I like to be remembered? As one who loved, listened and lived well, and held *tikkun olam* as a guiding light.

## *L’Shanah Tovah*

The Membership Committee would like to wish all new and returning members a happy and healthy new year.



# Jewish LIFE

*Lifelong Learning at Temple Beth-El*

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## CLASSES

### HEBREW READING REFRESHER FOR ADULTS

**Tuesday, September 1, 6:30-8:30 p.m.**

**Sarah Gluck**

Just in time for the holidays, this one-session review will get you back in the swing of seeing, hearing, and pronouncing Hebrew. Whether you learned to read Hebrew in the distant past or just a few months ago, this review of the basics and a look at a few familiar passages from the Holy Day liturgy will sharpen your skills and help you feel more comfortable in any Hebrew setting. Materials provided by the instructor.

### BEGINNING HEBREW READING

**Sunday, 9:00-9:50 a.m. (12 sessions)**

**Sarah Gluck**

This class will teach the alef-bet and vowels and get you on your way to reading Hebrew quickly and comfortably. Fun learning how to read is 100% guaranteed!

Textbook: *Shalom Hebrew!* (Behrman House)

October 25; November 1, 15; December 6; January 10, 24;

February 7, 21, 28; March 13; April 3, 10

### ALEF ISN'T ENOUGH

**Sunday, 10:00-11:00 a.m. (12 sessions)**

**Sarah Gluck**

Have you ever sat in services and said to yourself, I wish I could understand what I'm saying? (Who hasn't?) If you know how to decode the alef-bet (read phonetically), this class will boost your reading skills as you learn the structure and meaning of select passages from the Shabbat and holiday liturgy and ritual. Key vocabulary, word roots, and rudimentary grammar will guide you toward understanding. Expect many "aha!" moments.

Textbook: *Alef Isn't Enough* (Behrman House/URJ Press)

October 25; November 1, 15; December 6; January 10, 24;

February 7, 21, 28; March 13; April 3, 10

### INTERMEDIATE BIBLICAL HEBREW

**Sunday, 11:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m. (16 sessions)**

**Sarah Gluck**

Continuing in *The First Hebrew Reader*, we will read and translate biblical passages as we build grammar, vocabulary, and an understanding of classical syntax and style. By the time we complete the book, you will be able to read and understand excerpts from the Tanach (Hebrew Bible) in the original language. This year, we will add a Modern Hebrew component. Get ready for even more fun! Textbook: *The First Hebrew Reader* (EKS Publishing) and supplemental materials provided by the instructor

October 11, 25; November 1, 15, 22; December 6, 20; January 10, 24, 31; February 7, 21, 28; March 13; April 10, May 1

### RABBI'S BREAKFASTS

**Eilu d'varim she-ein lahem shi'ur —**

**Values Beyond Measure**

**Sunday, 9:00-10:45 a.m. (4 sessions)**

**Rabbi Arnie Gluck**

This year's breakfast series will continue the lively conversations we had last year about the passage in the Talmud that appears in the morning service, highlighting the deeds and values so essential to Jewish life that their performance has no limit. In other words, we can never do too much to honor our parents, perform acts of kindness, study Torah, welcome guests, visit the sick, rejoice at weddings, console the bereaved, reflect on our prayers, and pursue peace. This year, Rabbi Gluck will guide us through texts on Study, Making Peace, Rejoicing with Bride and Groom, and Praying with Sincerity, bringing a fresh understanding of what it means to fulfill these *mitzvot* (commandments) in our own lives. BYOB (bring your own breakfast) and come share your thoughts!

October 11; November 22; December 20; January 31

### JEWISH RENEWAL IN ISRAELI POP MUSIC

**Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. • Cantor Emily Pincus**

There is a stream of religiosity in contemporary Israeli pop music. In a way, it has always been part of the fabric of songs of the Land of Israel—songs from the Ashkenazi tradition celebrating love of the Land and containing an implicit connection to a sense of the divine. More recently, several famous musicians have become religiously observant, and Mizrahi and Sephardic sounds have entered the mainstream, as has the music of more traditional Ashkenazi groups. In this class, we will examine several well-known examples from the current Israeli musical scene.

October 20 & 27

### NEW! iEngage 2

**ENGAGING ISRAEL: THE TRIBES OF ISRAEL: A SHARED HOMELAND FOR A DIVIDED PEOPLE**  
A video lecture and discussion series from the Shalom Hartman Institute, Jerusalem

**Sunday, 4:00-6:00 p.m. (8 sessions)**

**Rabbi Arnie Gluck**

**Book and materials fee: \$50**

*The Tribes of Israel: A Shared Homeland for a Divided People*, the second iEngage Video Lecture Series, confronts the challenge of creating a Jewish and democratic public space in the modern State of Israel—a shared common space for a people divided along "tribal" affiliations: religious, ideological, national, and geographic. What is the significance of the State of Israel as a Jewish public sphere?

How does a people divided along religious, geographic, and ideological lines build a shared society? The Tribes of Israel begins a conversation to restructure the relationship between the collective and the individual tribes that comprise Israel.

November 15, December 13; January 24; February 7; March 13; April 10; May 22; June 5

\*Note: You do not need to have taken iEngage 1 to join iEngage2.

### THE LAST SPEECH OF MOSES: THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY

**Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (4 sessions)**

**Rabbi Arnie Gluck**

The fifth book of the Torah, Deuteronomy, is distinctly and uniquely different from the other four books. Like the others, it is accepted to be part of the revelation that Moses received at Mount Sinai. Unlike the others, it is presented as the final speech of a human being, Moses. That is only the beginning of the strange and fascinating content of this extraordinary book. Based on the profound scholarship of Dr. Micha Goodman, a brilliant Israeli teacher of Torah, this class will explore the message of the book of Deuteronomy and its tremendous relevance for us in our own day.

November 10, 17; December 1, 15

### BEIT MIDRASH WITH RABBI GLUCK

**Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (6 sessions)**

The classic setting for Jewish learning is the Beit Midrash. In English it means "house of learning," but it is much more than that. "Midrash" means to interpret, to seek, to draw forth meaning from our sacred texts. It is the inner sanctuary where the Jewish tradition has lived for the last 2,000 years, and it is recreated wherever Jews join in serious study of Torah. So join us in our own Beit Midrash as we engage in a deep and dynamic dialogue with some of the great passages and issues and debates of our Rabbis. Many of the texts and topics will be those that Rabbi Gluck has studied in the Beit Midrash of the Hartman Institute in Jerusalem.

January 5, 26; February 2, 9; March 1, 8

### GREAT JEWISH WRITERS AND GREAT JEWISH WRITING

**Tuesday, 7:30-9:00 p.m. (3 sessions)**

**Ed Malberg and Bob Krovetz**

We will discuss great Jewish writing from medieval times to the present. The first session will talk about Nachmanides' defense of Judaism against attacks from Christianity (the Disputation), poetry by Judah HaLevi and Moses Ibn Ezra, and the writing of Rabbi Nachman of Bratslav. The second class will discuss contemporary writers such as Bernard

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Malamud, Saul Bellow, and Philip Roth. The third session continues the discussion of contemporary writers, and will also talk about Jewish writing in science fiction (do you have to be human to convert?). We will use short stories and excerpts from larger works. The aim is to look at the writing from a historical perspective and talk about how the background of the writers and the times influenced the writing.

*March 29, April 5, April 12*

## JEWISH FILM SERIES

*September 19; December 12; March 5; April 9; May 21; June 18*  
All films begin at 7:00 p.m.

## ISRAELI DANCING

**Thursday, 7:30 p.m.**

*September 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22, 29; November 5, 12, 19; December 3, 10, 17; January 7, 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25; March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; April 7, 14; May 12, 19, 26; June 2, 9, 16, 23, 30*

## YOGA

### Gentle Yoga Flow

**Thursday, 6:30-7:30 p.m. • Shari Czar**  
**Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough**

Whether you've never been in a downward dog or you've been practicing your half-moon for years, this class is for you. Gentle Yoga Flow classes consist of stretches to warm-up the body, postures to build strength, balance, and flexibility, deep breathing to promote stress reduction, and, finally, deep relaxation to bring calmness and balance. This class is appropriate for any fitness level and is great for beginners and abilities of all levels.

Fee: 6-week sessions \$72/Drop-in: \$15

*Session 1: September 3, 10, 17, 24; October 1, 8*

*Session 2: October 15, 29; November 5, 12, 19, & 24 (Tues.)*

*Session 3: December 10, 17, 22 (Tues.), 29 (Tues.); January 7, 14*

*Session 4: January 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18, 25*

*Session 5: March 3, 10, 24, 31, (no class 3/17); April 7, 14*

*Session 6: April 19 (Tues.), 26 (Tues.); May 3 (Tues.), 12, 19, 26*

### Deep Relaxation (Yoga Nidra)

**Thursday, 7:45-8:15 p.m. • Shari Czar**  
**Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough**

We all have stress in our lives and could use an opportunity to relax. Yoga Nidra, or "Yogic Sleep," is an experience of deep relaxation while remaining alert. It is an effortless

practice that will guide you into complete physical, mental, and emotional relaxation. You will leave the experience feeling refreshed, relaxed and rejuvenated. All you need to do is lie back and enjoy the experience.

Yoga Nidra has been found to have many benefits, including stress reduction, decreased anxiety, calming of the nervous system, and improved sleep.

Fee: \$15/\$5 for those attending Gentle Yoga Flow the same evening

*September 10; October 15; November 12; December 17; January 14; February 11; March 10; April 14; May 12*

For more information and to register for Gentle Yoga Flow and Yoga Nidra, contact Shari Czar at [Shari@InfiniteHeartSpace.com](mailto:Shari@InfiniteHeartSpace.com) or 908-963-6365.

## In Celebration of Tu BiShvat...

### A Meditation with Gifts from the Earth

**Shari Czar**

**Saturday, January 30, following the Tu BiShvat Seder at Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough**

Have you ever taken the time to really notice details of the wonderful gifts from the earth: the design in the center of a flower, the pattern on a rock, or the feeling of dirt between your fingers? Come discover what we may not previously have noticed as we celebrate the New Year for Trees.

## MENSCH OF THE MONTH



Mazal Tov to Michelle Grafer! Michelle was recently chosen to be the September Mensch of the Month.

Michelle and husband Chris have been members of Temple Beth-El since 1994. Over the years, Michelle has served as co-president of Sisterhood, chair of the Religious School Committee, and a board trustee for an impressive nine years!

Several years ago, Michelle was on the team that launched the now-famous TBE booth at the 4-H fair. By now, she's a falafel expert. Her particular role for the fair is as the financial manager and Fern Schiffman's right-hand gal. She's been involved in every aspect of the effort, from planning to buying, to organizing volunteers, to captaining the booth, to loading the truck. This year the fair was another huge fundraising (and fun-raising) success. See the article and photos of the fair on page 13.

Michelle and Chris live in Flemington with their daughter, Cori (22). Professionally, Michelle is an implementation specialist for Office Practicum, a medical billing company. She spends the majority of her free time working on various charitable organization events. She is a member of WOTM (Women of the Moose) in Flemington and a member of the Charitable Contribution Committee at Office Practicum.

When you see Michelle, make sure you congratulate her for this honor and thank her for her tireless support of TBE.



## All Hands on Deck... Temple Beth-El at the Somerset County 4-H Fair

Last month Temple Beth-El set up its annual food booth under the food tent at the Somerset County 4-H Fair, at North Branch Park in Bridgewater, August 12 to 14. The weather was perfect, and we had our most successful year since we began participating in the fair seven or eight years ago. We all wore our Temple Beth-El bright orange T-shirts – you could not miss us. In fact, the number of volunteers there and sporting the shirts earned us a ribbon for “All Hands on Deck” from 4-H.

It is an impressive list of statistics: we sold 800 falafel sandwiches, 17 boxes of sweet potato fries, and 23 boxes of mozzarella sticks, and we squeezed 23 cases of lemons for our fresh-squeezed lemonade.

We began this year by meeting in the temple kitchen on July 29 to make 70 one-gallon bags of falafel mix from scratch. The mix was then frozen for later use. Volunteers convened again on August 9 to load up the Reps Fitness truck with supplies to bring over to the fairgrounds. Thank you to Mitch and Karen Kaplan for loaning us the truck, allowing us to make the move to and from the fairgrounds more easily. Another group of volunteers met in the temple kitchen on August 11 to make tahini sauce. Finally, we were open for business from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on fair days.



In total, we had 102 volunteers, 25 of whom were teenagers or younger. Impressively, 47 of the volunteers did two or three shifts, a key part of what made this event so successful. We had a six-year-old volunteering, as well as an 86-year-old. At what other temple event can people with an 80-year age span work together and have a good time, all while contributing to the temple community? And the folks who work at the fairgrounds are only part of the story. Many others donated goods (such as gloves for food handling) or helped in other ways like shopping or prepping the falafel.



Yes, the 4-H fair is a fundraiser that generates much-needed revenue for the temple. But, just as important, this event is a great community-building event. Under the food tent, we chop vegetables; cut pita breads; make falafel balls; fry falafel balls, sweet potatoes, and mozzarella sticks; wash up; greet customers; or serve food. We had three lemonade stands this year (one under the food tent and two on the fairgrounds). Along with all of the hard work, we talk and laugh and generally have a really good time being together. It is a great time to schmooze with existing friends or make new friends at temple.

If you are interested in finding out about how you, too, can become a part of Temple Beth-El's 4-H Team, please contact Fern at [tbepitafern@gmail.com](mailto:tbepitafern@gmail.com) or call 908-963-4921. Come be in on all the fun at next year's fair. For your efforts, you get a TBE T-shirt, color to be determined next year.

Mark your calendars: 4-H Fair 2016—August 10, 11, and 12.

*Fern Schiffman*



## TEMPLE BETH-EL SCHOLAR-IN-RESIDENCE WEEKEND



### ANAT HOFFMAN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ISRAEL RELIGIOUS ACTION CENTER

**Anat Hoffman** is the Executive Director of the Israel Religious Action Center (IRAC) and Chairwoman of the Women of the Wall (WOW). She is an untiring warrior for justice and equality. She has dedicated her life to performing acts of *tikkun olam* through her commitment to social action and justice.

Ms. Hoffman is leading the battle for equal rights in prayer at the Western Wall and for equal pay for equal work for women. She has fought long and hard to see that the powerful Orthodox bloc in the Jerusalem City Council does not dictate lifestyle choices for the secular population of Jerusalem. She advocates for pluralism throughout Israel, and takes on issues of national consequence, bringing several cases all the way to the Israeli Supreme Court.

Anat was born in Jerusalem and in her teens was an Israeli swimming champion. After army service, she received her BA in Psychology at the University of California in Los Angeles and then pursued graduate studies at Bar Ilan University. She served on the Jerusalem City Council for fourteen years. Anat founded Women of the Wall in 1988, and she has served on the boards of many Israeli organizations for social change. In 2013, *Haaretz* newspaper named her "Person of the Year."



#### Scholar-in-Residence Schedule of Events:

##### Friday, September 4

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner  
Hosted by Israel Matters and Sisterhood  
Reservation requested

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Services with Anat Hoffman  
Topic: "From the Back of the Bus to the Top of the Agenda,"  
about the struggle for women's rights and equality in Israel

##### Saturday, September 5

7:30 p.m. Program featuring Anat Hoffman  
Topic: "Yom HaZikaron (Rosh Hashanah), Day of Remembrance:  
An Invitation to Remember Our Core Dreams for Israel"

8:30 p.m. Refreshments  
9:00 p.m. Selichot Services

Program presented in conjunction with



Shabbat Dinner \$12 adults; \$8 children under 13.  
Reservations requested. RSVP by August 28  
Visit: [tinyurl.com/Scholar-in-ResidenceDinner2015](http://tinyurl.com/Scholar-in-ResidenceDinner2015)  
or contact Susan Walters, 908-722-0674, ext 112  
Temple Beth-El, 67 Route 206, Hillsborough, NJ



## Cultural Arts

by Simona Rivkin, Chairperson

### Cultural Arts Happenings for September

#### Welcome back and gather 'round, for Cultural Arts has an amazing roster of events for the 2015-16 season!!

First, the Jewish Film Series, which has grown stronger every year, now has a lot of followers and supporters. We have selected the latest and (we think) the best Jewish-themed and/or contemporary Israeli movies. Films are shown on Saturday evenings at 7:00 p.m. Beforehand, we invite everyone to partake in a delicious spread of snacks, treats, coffee, tea and beverages. After the film, many stay and have a lively, impassioned discussion of themes and issues in the movie. "Here's to another great year of wonderful movies," said one of Cultural Arts' movie lovers.

**September 19** is the opening night of our Jewish Film Series with wine and cheese, co-sponsored by Cantor Emily Pincus.

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

7:00 p.m. – Screening of the award winning film *Green Chariot*.

The CA and Cantor Emily are collaborating to present this movie on the theme of Shabbat Shuvah, or the "Sabbath of return." It's about what it means to be Jewish, and what it means to convert and to belong. A discussion of the film and its implications, specifically for the time between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur, will be led by our cantor.

For the finale, we will present the funniest musical in the world, a 20 minute parody on the Israeli/Palestinian conflict, based on *West Side Story*, called *West Bank Story*, which won the 2006 Adacemy Award for Live Action Short Film.

RSVP to Simona: [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)

And save the date for the next movie:

**December 12**, 7:00 p.m., when CA and Renaissance will present Erik Greenberg Anjou's *Deli Man*. We are proud to show Anjou's third work in his trilogy about Jewish culture: *A Cantor's Tale*, *The Klezmatics: On Holy Ground*, and now, *Deli Man*.

**Program:** 6:30 til 7:00 p.m. – The Renaissance Group invites you to come and savor deli-icious appetizers of corned beef, pastrami, a knish and a pickle, too. With a Dr. Brown's beverage to top it off.

7:00 p.m. – Screening of *Deli Man*.

Watch at the end for the TBE Cultural Arts Committee name that appears in the credits. Thanks to the generosity of movie lovers who sponsored this film, the discussion of the film will feature a Q and A by Erik Greenberg Anjou.

You are what you eat. So join us for some raucous laughter, an existential discussion about what makes pastrami pastrami, a bissele of shpilkus, and a reminder to renew your fitness club membership.

**Israeli folk dancing with Ruach** has evolved into an every Thursday program at our dancers' request, and is still going strong after all these years. It will start on September 10 and continue every Thursday evening from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. in the multipurpose room in the school wing, except holidays (check weekly e-letter or TBE's calendar).

Cost: \$10 at the door. The first dancing session is free for newcomers. You will lose yourself in the rhythms of the dance and the tuneful music and spirituality of it and feel great as your endorphins kick in! Wouldn't it be nice to feel happy and lost in the pleasure of the moment?

**Our third biennial cabaret/open mic evening**, back by popular demand, will be on **November 14**, at 7:00 p.m. with delightful Jewish humor, poetry, singing, and parody performed by our own talented temple members. The last two were so well received that we did not have enough room to seat people.

This is an informal event where our new temple talents, experienced talents, and hidden talents create our own entertainment! Do you have a funny Jewish tale to tell, sketch to show, song to sing, or poem to read? Do you have a little Jewish magic trick? Step up. Let us know ASAP! (Contact Simona at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net).) We need to put a program together. Our famous around-the-world MC is ready to help you put your shtick together. We create our own European-style cabaret with special lighting and décor. Our cabaret music will be once again provided by our talented temple musicians. And of course: wine and sweets. Come, relax, laugh and be amazed, yet again, at the talent within our own congregation! This event is free of charge, although we always appreciate donations.

For all our events, check the posters and flyers in the lobby, ads in the *Shofar*, TBE calendar, and sign in sheets in the lobby during the High Holidays.

Finally, help us, the Cultural Arts Committee, to help you learn about our Jewish heritage, to see Israeli movies firsthand, to be introduced to the educators and directors of the film industry, to be entertained by high caliber Jewish entertainers, and more. To continue bringing this to all of you, we need your passion, ideas and your energy. Please let me know if you would like to join our committee on its journey. We are always looking for fresh ideas. Contact Simona at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)

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 we bring to you!

*L' Shanah Tovah!*

*Simona Rivkin*

**Jewish Film Series**  
**Opening Night with WINE AND CHEESE**  
**Cantor's Choice**

***A Green Chariot***  
**September 19, Saturday**  
**7:00 p.m.**

**Temple Beth-El, 67 US Hwy 206, Hillsborough, NJ**

**Chosen for screening during the High Holy Days for its themes of identity, belonging, forgiveness and teshuvah, this film is a joint effort of Cultural Arts and Cantor Emily Pincus in order to promote discussion.**

**Viewer comments include:**

"It's not how others see you, but how we see ourselves that makes us who we are or are not. I think that provides an infusion of hope that we can change, move forward, stretch, without giving up all that we are."  
"The film is all about the meaning of Judaism, what it means to be Jewish and who is a Jew!"

**Awards:**

Silver Remi Award, Houston International Film Festival. Special prize, Religion Today Film Festival, Italy.

**Synopsis:**

Sasha's greatest wish is to become an Israeli. He has completely cut himself off from his Russian past. He has become religious, changed his name to Yair, and speaks only in Hebrew. Everything seems to be perfect for this smart yeshiva student who's engaged to a beautiful, religious girl. But when Yair receives a package from his aunt in the Ukraine, his world is shaken.

**For the finale, we will present**

***WEST BANK STORY***

This 20-minute hilarious parody of the Israeli/Palestinian conflict is based on *West Side Story* and **won an Oscar in 2006.**

**DOORS OPEN AT 6:30**

**For Wine and Cheese reception**

**DISCUSSION AFTER THE FILM with CANTOR PINCUS**

In Hebrew/Russian with English subtitles

Not rated, 48 minutes.

Donations greatly appreciated

**RSVP REQUIRED**

**To Simona at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)**

***Co-Sponsored by Cantor Emily Pincus and the Cultural Arts Committee***

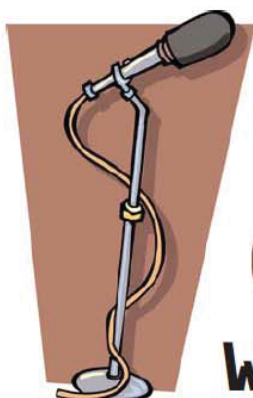
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November 14 • 7:00 PM

Temple Beth-El, Hillsborough, NJ



**Live Music**  
**Stand Up Comedy**  
**Open Mic** (sign up required)  
**Wine and Sweets**

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## Israeli Folk Dancing starts on September 10, 7:30 p.m.

### Start the New Year on the Right Foot — Exercise with Ruach!

Two new instructors:  
Elyse and Ellen bring a completely different approach

Today's Israeli Dance is exciting, constantly evolving, and offers something for everyone. It's done all over the world, in places you would least expect it – like China, Japan, and Germany. It's a lively community that keeps in touch personally and virtually through dance marathons, YouTube, Facebook, and discussion boards. We dance to old classics, prayers, international sounds, and current top 40 hits. Many people dance several times a week, knowing it's the best workout for mind, body and soul.

Elyse Litt has had the pleasure of teaching Rikudei Am in Clark and Summit, and now she and Ellen Miller look forward to sharing the joy and spirit with the TBE community and friends. We hope to put a new face on an old pleasure. Spread the word. The more dancers, the more ruach! Find out what you've been missing.

Read more about the world of IFD and about Elyse Litt here: <http://www.njewishnews.com/article/1836/tripping-the-light-israeli-fantastic>

More fun than the gym, more spiritual than Zumba,  
and cheaper than a night at the movies.

Get moving, get happy!

**Cost: \$10 at the door**

Interested? Contact Simona at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net), or just come on September 10.

### Help a fellow temple member!

Former Human Resources executive downsized, in the midst of a career change, studying to be an EKG Tech., a Phlebotomist and a Cardiac Care Technician, seeking a position in a central NJ medical office, clinic, or hospital, willing to provide some training. Hardworking, experienced, great customer service skills. Contact Richard Levenberg, 908-874-5266.



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**The Movie DeliMan**  
*A freshly made documentary by Erik Greenberg Anjou*

**December 12,  
Saturday, 7:00 p.m.**

**Cultural Arts Committee and  
Renaissance present**  
*A freshly made documentary by Eric  
Greenberg Anjou*

**This is the third film in  
Anjou's trilogy on Jewish  
culture.**

**Director Erik Greenberg  
Anjou will join us for the  
discussion of the film.**

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by Beth L. Lavranchuk, Chairperson

## Israel, Justice and Our College-Age Youth

The well-known Torah portion, Shoftim, was read recently. It begins by instructing the Israelites to “appoint judges and officials for your tribes . . . and they shall govern the people with due justice. You shall not judge unfairly.” (Deuteronomy 16:18) With those words, and several similar instructions, Moses insists that justice is the prevailing religious obligation, and thus it remains today at the very essence of what it means to be a Jew.

Last weekend, we had the opportunity to attend a service in Brooklyn, where our daughter, Amelia, now beginning her second year at Hebrew Union College as a cantorial student, was serving as a substitute for the congregation’s spiritual leader. She was asked in advance to be prepared to give a d’var Torah and to speak specifically about her experience of being at the Western Wall in Jerusalem on the morning when a full size Torah was passed from the men’s side to the women’s. Amelia explained that as a Reform Jew she has very complicated feelings about the importance of praying in that specific location. After all, Reform Jews do not pray for the return of a third Temple like other denominations do. Yet being present to see the joy in the women’s faces as they embraced the Torah that day provided new insight into this issue for her. In addition, the anger and behavior of some of the men who oppose egalitarian prayer at the Western Wall also got her attention and made her feel supportive of the women. But, she was also moved by her observation that some of the men were experiencing genuine pain at the sight of the women and the Torah. The question she posed to the congregation was although we are taught to be just, what does justice look like?

What does this have to do with our college-age youth? There is a spotlight on the BDS movement in general and its actions on college campuses. Pressure placed on entertainers to cancel visits to Israel, pressure to divest from investments in Israel, and demonstrations on college campuses require our immediate attention, particularly those which are simply a guise for the expressions of anti-Semitism. Donniel Hartman of the Shalom Hartman Institute recently wrote that the challenge for our college students is that traditional forms of Zionism feel irrelevant and even incoherent for them. Jewish college students expect to be a part of the whole campus. In addition, Israel’s existence and contribution to Jewish life in the United States may in fact be something that our youth take for granted. At times Israel can be like the family member that embarrasses you. Hartman opines that young Jews are immersed in tikkum olam, justice, equality and religious pluralism, and he is concerned that, although Israel’s founding documents embody these principles, our youth identify the inconsistencies. Hartman believes that we need to seek a new form of cultural Zionism that focuses on the contributions Israel can and does make to Jewish life in North America and North American Jewish life to Israel. He hopes that North American Jews will feel inspired to engage in the development of a Jewish state that can inspire their identification with that state.

Israel has difficult challenges. The ability to examine all sides of an issue and to really see the other side with compassion, as Amelia proposed, can at least start the conversation about what justice looks like. It can also assist us in speaking to our youth as they pack for college.

*L’Shanah Tovah.*

Caren Bateman

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## Mitzvah



## TBE Fall Blood Drive

Sunday, November 1  
7:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

### Three ways to sign up:

1. Make your appointment at: [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org)  
Enter sponsor code: Temple Beth-El – Hillsborough;
2. Sign up using the American Red Cross App (available in the App store); OR
3. Contact Jodi Siegal [jsdegonzalez@gmail.com](mailto:jsdegonzalez@gmail.com) (908) 541-1170

Visit [www.redcrossblood.org](http://www.redcrossblood.org) or call **1 800 RED CROSS** for tips and eligibility guidelines.

Other Resources: [www.cdc.gov/malaria/map](http://www.cdc.gov/malaria/map) and [www.sicklecell.org](http://www.sicklecell.org)

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## Renaissance Happenings

by Diane Morrison, Renaissance Group

The Renaissance Group is a 50+ social group that welcomes temple members/non-members, singles/couples. We get together for informational and fun activities. Should you wish additional information about the group, please call Harriet Thaler at 908-788-0269 or [thaler@embargmail](mailto:thaler@embargmail).

### Our Fall Event Schedule

Please respond directly to the host of the event when you RSVP.

#### Duke Farms Tram Tour Ride

Duke Farms, Hillsborough  
Enjoy popular sites and lunch  
Thursday, September 10 at 10:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$15 per person  
Contact: Carol Ahlert at 908-359-9357 or via email at [carolahlert@yahoo.com](mailto:carolahlert@yahoo.com)

#### Wine Tasting and Lunch

Old York Wine Cellars, Ringoes  
Wednesday, October 14 at 11:00 a.m.  
Cost: \$35 per person  
Contact: Zina Wolin at 732-412-7755

#### Lunch Out

Carpaccio's, Middlesex  
Sunday, November 8 at 1:00 p.m.  
Contact: Gail Meyers at 732-868-0748

#### Film Screening of *Deli Man*

Renaissance joins the Cultural Arts Committee in presenting Erik Greenberg Anjou's movie, *Deli Man* with deli-icious appetizers  
At the temple  
Saturday December 12, 7:00 p.m.  
Contact: Simona Rivkin at [bakerec@comcast.net](mailto:bakerec@comcast.net)

#### Chanukah Pot-luck Lunch

Off-site  
Sunday, December 13, 1:00 p.m.  
More information to follow.

## Ritual Reflections

by Mike Bloomstein and Ed Malberg, Co-Chairs

### New Leadership at the Helm

The brevity of this column is a function of the newness of the Ritual Committee's leadership, not the absence of preparation for the *Yamim Noraim*. Stu Schnall is reaching out for ushers; Caren Bateman is making sure that the silver for the Torah scrolls is gleaming; Robin Osman, our president, is making sure that all the Board members will be in position as greeters and checkers for the various services; various members of the Committee, including Jodi Siegal, Michele Holler, Jim Lavranchuk, Mike Bloomstein, Ed Tolman, and Anita Tolman (working guest), stuffed envelopes with tickets, parking instructions and announcements about our Selichot guest speaker, Anat Hoffman; and Amy Rubin is masterfully organizing the temple's resources for everything from chairs to flowers to programs. And, of course, Rabbi Gluck and Cantor Pincus have their plates more than full.

For 5776, Mike Bloomstein and Ed Malberg will co-chair the Ritual Committee. They are anticipating the input and efforts of new committee members, like Marilyn Muzikar. They ask any interested member of the congregation to contact Robin Osman about joining the committee. Mike Bloomstein, while becoming co-chair, will continue to reach out for Shabbat ushers. Fulfilling this role gives you the opportunity to meet many of your fellow congregants and to help everyone share the mitzvot of communal prayer and communal feeling.

*May you be inscribed for a good and fruitful year.*

## Save the Date

### December 19

*Come tickle your taste buds and funny bone*

**Brotherhood Wine and Chocolate Tasting  
and  
Outreach Comedy Night**



## Sisterhood

*by Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Scott, Co-Presidents*

### Welcome to the Sisterhood! (Sisterhood 101)

In the spirit of welcoming the Jewish New Year, and as a nod to the start of the academic year, we are offering this Shofar article as an "Introduction to Sisterhood" or "Sisterhood Refresher." To our curious female readers, we hope your own questions are answered by what follows below and by what will follow in our October *Shofar* article. To our male readers, this information will let you know what we are up to and how you can (hopefully) support us.

#### What is the Sisterhood?

We are a group of women working together in a supportive environment, deriving personal fulfillment and spiritual growth as we endeavor to meet the goals and needs of Temple Beth-El and to improve the quality of life in our local and greater communities.

In addition to being an organization within the Temple Beth-El community, the Sisterhood is also a member of the Women of Reform Judaism ("WRJ"). All TBE Sisterhood members are also members of WRJ, which supports a wide range of social justice, youth and women's issues, in addition to the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Therefore, our programming and projects are designed to meet the personal needs of Sisterhood members as well as the needs of our temple, our local community and the worldwide community.

The bottom line for the Temple Beth-El Sisterhood is that we join together to enjoy each other's company, to work on things that matter to us as Jewish women and responsible members of our community and our world. We try to do good for our community and our world, while appreciating and increasing our understanding of ourselves and each other. Interested? Read on....

#### Who belongs to the Sisterhood?

We are potentially all women at Temple Beth-El, although membership at Temple Beth-El is not a requirement for Sisterhood membership. Nor is being Jewish, although our programs and goals are typically grounded in Judaism or Jewish tradition. We come from all walks of life, from domestic goddesses to business

executives, to health professionals, to clerical staff, to newer members of the work force, to retirees. The options are endless. There is room for everyone at the Sisterhood table.

As an organization, we also have a governing body. This year's Sisterhood Executive Board consists of the following individuals:

Marcy Rosenfeld and Cindy Scott (co-presidents)

Carol Levison and Gayle Skolky (vice presidents of membership)

Barbara Johnston (treasurer)

Irene Lieberman (recording secretary)

Donna Tischfield (corresponding secretary)

Marsha Malberg (WRJ liaison)

Janice Klein, Zizi Reinhart, Carol Ahlert, Eileen Ruderman, Carol Gardner and Karen Kaplan (members at large)

Andrea Bradley (Temple Executive Committee liaison)

#### What does the Sisterhood do?

Sisterhood has an agenda that includes benefiting our temple community, our local community, the worldwide community – and ourselves. The most notable projects for our temple community include:

- The Purim box sale, which strives to ensure that every member of Temple Beth-El receives a Purim box lovingly prepared and stuffed with treats galore. (This year the profits from this project were used to purchase a new refrigerator, freezer and oven for the temple kitchen.)
- Provide financial support for the temple-wide Sukkot dinner.
- Give B'nei Mitzvah and Confirmation Class Gifts.
- Contribute to temple-wide Chanukah, Tu B'Shvat, and Purim celebrations.
- Together with the Brotherhood, provide the Temple's break-the-fast meal at the conclusion of Yom Kippur.
- Co-sponsor this year's September 4 Erev Shabbat dinner and oneg with our scholar in residence, Anat Hoffman.

Still have questions? Tune in next month for more answers. Meanwhile, as Rosh Hashanah is quickly approaching, check out our gift shop for your New Year's gift needs. The Sisterhood extends everyone its best wishes for a happy and healthy New Year and is offering everyone at Rosh Hashanah services honey-filled candies to help get your new year off to a sweet start!

*Shanah tovah!*



# Rosh Hashanah

## Is only 2 weeks away...

### Are you ready??

If not, please make an appointment or stop by the Judaica shop for apple and honey plates, or other Judaica items. Please contact Cindy Scott [c.scott93@yahoo.com](mailto:c.scott93@yahoo.com) or Carol Ahlert [carolahlert@yahoo.com](mailto:carolahlert@yahoo.com).



*You can also order a wide variety of Rosh Hashanah gifts from the Traditions website: [TraditionsJewishgifts.com](http://TraditionsJewishgifts.com) and use the code AF222 at checkout for our temple discount.*



*Temple Beth-El welcomes American Montessori Schools as our new tenant using two classrooms and an office on the first floor of the school wing and the playground. The school plans to open this fall and is now taking enrollments.*

*We share with you this message from the director of American Montessori Schools:*

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curriculum and classroom materials that help children achieve their full potential.

The American Montessori School relies on the advice of its school board, which is comprised of veteran Montessorians, to ensure an authentic Montessori education is provided to the children.

We invite you to visit our website [www.americanmontessorischools.com](http://www.americanmontessorischools.com) to learn more about our school board, our educational philosophy and our commitment to excellence.

Lalita Amuthan  
Director, American Montessori School

## Social Action

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

by David Cohen and Jodi Siegal, Co-Chairs

### Shalom Chaverim

**F**or our first Shofar article as your new Social Action Committee Chairs, we would like to draw your attention to a major change happening this year at Temple Beth-El: Mitzvah Day is moving from the spring to the fall! This year, Mitzvah Day will occur on Sunday, November 1. In addition to old favorites, such as the blood drive, working in the garden, Nothing but Nets, a choir performance at a local nursing home, and volunteering at the local food bank, we hope to add some significant new offerings this year.

- We have been in touch with Habitat for Humanity and hope to be able to have volunteers assisting with the construction of an affordable housing unit for someone in need.
- Our long-standing successful participation in the Interfaith Hospitality Network, through which we host homeless families for a week at a time periodically throughout the year, is sorely in need of new congregant hosts willing to take a shift either over the dinner hour, in the evening, or even spending the night at the temple. We know this can feel intimidating if you have never done it before. That is why, this Mitzvah Day, we will be offering an orientation/training program for all interested members who would like to learn just how easy and rewarding serving as a host can be.

- Lastly, we are looking to reinvigorate the Green Team by kicking off participation in Terracycle's Brigades program, which allows organizations to collect and repurpose formerly difficult-to-recycle items, while raising funds for the congregation at the same time. We know everyone was sad to see our soft plastics recycling program end – here is an opportunity to release your pent-up recycling urges and help Temple Beth-El all at the same time!

But wait . . . there's more! Or at least we hope there will be. We want your ideas for other Mitzvah Day opportunities, too. Do you have a task around the temple that could really use a few helping hands? Do you have a pet cause in the community that you would like to introduce to your fellow congregants at Beth-El? Do you know of a worthy non-profit that needs funds and you have an idea for a great fund-raiser in search of a captive audience? Let us know and we will be more than happy to add them to the Mitzvah menu. This year we want to offer something for every member of Temple Beth-El on Mitzvah Day, an opportunity for everyone to be engaged in a way that really touches their heart. Help us make that a reality.

*Ani v'atah n'shaneh et ha olam –  
Together, we can change the world!*

## Temple Beth-El High Holy Day Food Drive

Benefiting the Food Bank Network of Somerset County

**The Need Is Great Right Now...**

**Foods Most Needed: Canned Meats, Parmalat Milk, Canned Fruit, Spaghetti Sauce, and Cold Cereal**

***\*Expired food will not be accepted! Plastic/cardboard containers preferred.***

**Also Collecting: Baby wipes, diapers and formula; personal hygiene products; dish and laundry detergent; monetary donations to "Food Bank Network of Somerset County"**

**Please bring your donation on Yom Kippur.**

Sponsored by the Social Action Committee: Repairing the world...one mitzvah at a time



# Interfaith Hospitality Network

Leigh Freeman, Coordinator — IHN / Temple Beth-El

**Our next hosting date is November 15-21, 2015**

**IHN** (Interfaith Hospitality Network) is a temporary homeless shelter and support program that assists homeless families find and sustain housing and employment with skills to forge a happy and successful family life. Temple Beth-El assists by providing accommodations and meals for one to four families (up to 14 people) for one week, six times a year on a rotating schedule.

Volunteers are always needed for the dinner, evening or overnight shifts, and to make and deliver a hot meal each evening (contact info below). Volunteers are also needed to assist with the purchase of food and non-food supplies during the hosting week (contact Nicole Goldstein), or the set-up and/or breakdown of the guests' rooms at the temple (contact Dave Cohen).

**Email is our primary method of communication** —Please make sure Leigh Freeman and the coordinators have your email address. Emails announce scheduling for an upcoming hosting week with contact information, provide the guest roster and room assignments, and provide the volunteer shift schedule. If you don't have email, please let the coordinator know so we can remind you in some other way.

Getting involved requires only a few hours from one to six times a year...you choose your level of involvement. Our volunteers range from the young children who accompany their parents to the hosting and play with the children—to the teenagers who raise funds for birthday presents or holiday gifts, or who plan an activity to benefit the families—to the adults who prepare meals, host a shift, straighten up the lounge area and supply necessities like diapers. Every volunteer is an important mentor to our IHN families.

## 2015-2016 IHN Hosting Schedule

November 15-21	January 17-23	June 12-18
December 20-26	April 3-9	

### Following are the main areas of involvement...

**Meals:** Delivered hot to the temple 5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Dinner is served at 6:00 p.m. Provide a complete nutritious dinner with dessert.

**Dinner Shift:** 5:00 – 7:30 p.m. Two adults welcome the families, set up and clean up the evening meal. Volunteers share dinner with guests.

**Evening Shift:** 7:30 – 10:00 p.m. Two adults talk with guests, play with children, or just relax.

**Overnight Shift:** 10:00 p.m. – 6:00 a.m. (weekdays) / 8:00 a.m. (weekend). Two adults lock up, sleep, awaken guests at 5:00 a.m. and see the families off on the bus or their car.

**Food/Supplies:** Assistance is needed during the hosting week to purchase additional supplies.

**Set Up/Breakdown:** Early Sunday mornings. Dave Cohen sets the schedule and can always use some help on each Sunday (1 week apart).

Please 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.**

## IHN Coordinators Contact List

Function	Name	Main Phone	Other Phone	Email Address
Coordinator	Leigh Freeman	908-359-2724	908-391-1397 (c)	<a href="mailto:dancer.leighfreeman@att.net">dancer.leighfreeman@att.net</a>
Dinner Shift Volunteers	Pam Cohen		732-629-1798 (c)	<a href="mailto:pammcohen@yahoo.com">pammcohen@yahoo.com</a>
Evening Shift Volunteers	Julie Hirsch	732-580-8246		<a href="mailto:jbhirsch@gmail.com">jbhirsch@gmail.com</a>
Overnight Shift Volunteers	Sharon Sietz	908-231-0979		<a href="mailto:sharon.sietz@gmail.com">sharon.sietz@gmail.com</a>
Meals	Nicole Goldstein	908-874-0899		<a href="mailto:npgoldstein@comcast.net">npgoldstein@comcast.net</a>
Food/Supplies	Mara White	908-231-1518	301-704-6066 (c)	<a href="mailto:maralumni.brown.edu">maralumni.brown.edu</a>
Linen Pick-Up	Cindy Andrews			<a href="mailto:cjrandrews@gmail.com">cjrandrews@gmail.com</a>
Set-Up/Breakdown	Dave Cohen	609-683-5766		<a href="mailto:david@decarchitect.com">david@decarchitect.com</a>
IHN/SC/Day Center	Karen Donohue	908-704-1920	908-217-0217 (c)	<a href="mailto:karen@ihnsc.org">karen@ihnsc.org</a>

# Lifecycle

## Temple Beth-El Family News

### September B'nei Mitzvah

Alyssa Goldstein  
Sydney Goldstein

Leah Harris  
Kristen Rodrigues

### Mazel Tov to...

Ilana Horowitz, on the birth of her son, James Benjamin Horowitz  
Pat and Justin Galler, on the birth of their granddaughter, Edith Evelyn Galler  
Stacy and Jeremy Bloch, on their birth of their daughter, Alana Rebecca  
Rande and Janet Aaronson on the marriage of their daughter, Tess, to Jacob Hansen  
Victor Caliman on his conversion to Judaism  
Rita Musanti and Harry Mynick on their upcoming nuptials

### Our Condolences to...

Linda Goldberg, on the passing of her father, Seymour Goldberg  
Marian Zeldin, on the passing of her father, Jesse Dulberg  
Susan Julian, on the passing of her mother, Irene Filippone  
Steven Lane, on the passing of his mother, Sally Kirschenbaum  
Henry Nerenberg, on the passing of his nephew, Glenn Kass  
Wendy Amodeo, on the passing of her mother, Marlene Kosnac  
Bruce Davidson, on the passing of his mother, Terri Davidson  
Andrea Auerbach, on the passing of her husband, and Joy,  
on the passing of her father, Mickey Auerbach  
Ryan Maizel, on the passing of his grandfather, Solomon Maizel

## 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](http://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.

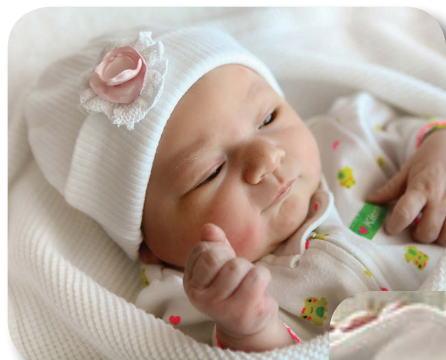
**Mitzvah Committee:** To offer or request help, please contact Carol Ahlert, [carolahlert@yahoo.com](mailto:carolahlert@yahoo.com), or 908-359-9357.

**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



**Alana Rebecca Bloch**  
Daughter of Jeremy and Stacy Bloch  
Born July 9



**James Benjamin Horowitz**  
Son of Ilana Horowitz and  
Grandson of Barry and Wendy Horowitz  
Great Grandson of Sid and Shuey Horowitz  
Born July 2

**Edith Evelyn Galler**  
Daughter of Zack and Liza Galler  
Granddaughter of Pat and Justin Galler  
Born August 11



# *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 September 4**

John Gale, Father of Janet Aaronson  
Sol Greenberg, Father-in-law of Phyllis Greenberg  
Morris Bauer, Father of Elaine Goldsmith  
Anita Maizel, Grandmother of Ryan Maizel  
Paul Miller, Father of Marla Miller  
Herbert Sloan, Husband of Judith Sloan  
Susan Berger, Mother of Michael Berger  
Alvin Resnick, Father of Jeff Resnick  
Frances Tolman, Mother of Ed Tolman  
Ida Cudzynowski, Mother of Joseph Cudzynowski  
Marian Weigl, Grandmother of Lynn Small  
Joshua Irvin Albin, Son of Robert and Shari Albin  
Edith Katchen, Mother of Beverly Cohen

## **To be read September 11**

Jane Ellen Franzblau, Sister-in-Law of Barbara Franzblau  
Elaine Cohen, Mother of Gary Cohen  
Daniel Tucker, Brother of Barbara Cohen  
Blanche Levendel, Mother of Sheila Koen  
Dr. Norman Willett, Father of Susan Willett  
Leonard Levitt, Father of Laura Miller  
Thomas Angeline, Husband of Hillary Angeline, Father of  
Lauren, Joseph and Anthony Angeline  
Dorothy Shapiro, Mother of Irene Lieberman  
Janice Wasserman, Mother-in-Law of Tracy Wasserman  
William Weinstein, Father of Jeffrey Weinstein  
Michael Freiberg, Father of Wendy Amodeo  
Jim Rothschild, Brother of David Rothschild  
Ida Shrensel, Grandmother of Nancy Feusse  
Charles Zolin, Father of Jodi Harwood

## **To be read September 18**

Ava Faltz-Miller, Sister-in-law of Rick and Bev Miller  
Andrew Freiberg, Brother of Wendy Amodeo  
Walter Geller, Father of Ira Geller  
Natalie Gorka, Mother of Wendy Horowitz  
Claire Katzenstein, Grandmother of Howard Mangel  
Beatrice Simon, Mother of Janet Halpern  
Hank Kampf, Father of Alexander Kampf  
Seth Martin Rawicz, Son of Scott Rawicz  
David Roswell, Father of Arthur Roswell  
John Jordan, Father of Pat Galler  
Therese Kobrin, Sister of Jackie Spinner  
Doris Herman, Mother of David Herman  
J.M. Rubenstein, Father of Cindy Andrews,  
Husband of Jacqueline Rubenstein  
Frances P. Shapiro, Mother-in-Law of Joshua Skowronek  
Mollie Goldstein, Grandmother of Heather Lissa

## **To be read September 25**

Irwin Brody, Brother of Bruce Brody  
Gussie Glatt, Mother of Evelyn Silverstein  
Joseph Bienes, Father of Zina Wolin  
Irv Cohen, Husband of Beverly Cohen  
Judith Edelman, Mother of Marsha Malberg  
Sheila Ann Levine, Sister of Alvin Levine  
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  
Frederick Thomas Andrews, Father of Mark Andrews  
Jerome M. Cohen, Brother-in-law of Barbara Cohen  
Jean Weiner, Sister of Sara Friedman  
Lawrence Fried, Father of Michael Fried  
Lena Lieberman, Grandmother of Steven Lieberman

## **To be read October 2**

Ira Zelnick, Brother of Zelda Reinhart  
Frederick Klein, Father of David Klein  
Jeff Mitchell, Brother of Donna Tischfield  
David Ellenberg, Father of Naomi McGlashan  
Mary Wisniewski, Mother of Carol Nerenberg  
Perry Bucholtz, Father of Ronnie Weyl  
Carl Smith, Father of Joseph Smith  
Carl Edward Feusse, Father of Andy Feusse  
Sidney Grossman, Father of Linda Strand  
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Judith Millstein, Mother of Randi Millstein  
Mathew Morelli, Son of Ralph Morelli and Marci Becker-Morelli  
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- B'nei Mitzvah Fund
- Brotherhood Youth Scholarship
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## Calendar of Events

**Tuesday, September 1**

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Hebrew Reading Refresher for Adults

**Wednesday, September 2**

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday, September 3**

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow

**Friday, September 4**

6:00 p.m. Shabbat Dinner  
8:00 p.m. Summer Shabbat Service with Guest Speaker Anat Hoffman

**Saturday, September 5**

7:30 p.m. S'lichot with Anat Hoffman

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**Monday, September 7**

Labor Day  
Temple Office is Closed

**Tuesday, September 8**

7:00 p.m. Ritual Committee Meeting and HHD Prep  
7:30 p.m. Religious School Committee Meeting

**Wednesday, September 9**

6:00 p.m. Back-to-Religious-School Madrichim & Faculty Meetings  
6:00 p.m. Sisterhood Board Meeting

**Thursday, September 10**

10:00 a.m. Renaissance Duke Farm Tram Tour  
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow  
7:00 p.m. Social Action Stapling Party  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing Resumes  
7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal  
7:45 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Yoga Nidra

**Friday, September 11**

7:00 p.m. Family Shabbat Service Honoring Summer Program Participants

**Saturday, September 12**

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, B'not Mitzvah of Alyssa and Sydney Goldstein

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**Sunday, September 13**

8:00 p.m. Erev Rosh Hashanah Service

**Monday, September 14**

Rosh Hashanah Day 1  
Temple Office is Closed  
9:30 a.m. Rosh Hashanah Morning Service  
1:15 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Tot Service  
2:00 p.m. Rosh Hashanah Family Service  
3:30 p.m. Tashlich  
Rosh Hashanah Day 2

**Tuesday, September 15**

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

**Thursday, September 17**

6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

**Friday, September 18**

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service -- Shabbat Shuvah with Choir

**Saturday, September 19**

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Minyan Service and Torah Study  
7:00 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Film Series: *Green Chariot*

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**Sunday, September 20**

NETY GER Youth Leadership Summit  
9:00 a.m. Sukkah Building  
9:15 a.m. Brotherhood Board meeting  
12:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

**Monday, September 21**

6:30 p.m. Youth Culture Committee  
7:45 p.m. Board of Trustees Meeting

**Tuesday, September 22**

8:00 p.m. Kol Nidrei Service

**Wednesday, September 23**

Yom Kippur  
Temple Office is 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 Family Service  
2:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Healing Service  
3:30 p.m. Yom Kippur Afternoon Service  
5:30 p.m. Yizkor  
6:00 p.m. Neilah  
7:00 p.m. Break-the-Fast

**Thursday, September 24**

6:00 p.m. Sukkah Building Rain Date  
6:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Gentle Yoga Flow  
7:30 p.m. Jewish LIFE: Israeli Folk Dancing

**Friday, September 25**

8:00 p.m. Shabbat Evening Service -- Shabbat B'Shir

**Saturday, September 26**

10:00 a.m. Shabbat Morning Service and Torah Study, B'not Mitzvah of Leah Harris and Kristin Rodrigues  
6:30 p.m. SMOOCHY Shul-in  
7:00 p.m. Adult Game Night

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**Sunday, September 27**

Erev Sukkot  
6:00 p.m. Erev Sukkot Services and Dinner

**Monday, September 28**

Sukkot  
Temple Office is Closed  
7:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

**Tuesday, September 29**

Chol Hamoed Sukkot  
6:30 p.m. Youth Advisory Board Meeting

**Tuesday, September 30**

Chol Hamoed Sukkot

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