RABBI VICTOR'S COLUMN



The Other Side of the Gates: It's the most wonderful time of the year

El nora alila, el nora alila Ham'tzi lanu m'chilah, bish'at ha-ne'ilah Tiz'ku l'shanim rabot, ha-banim ve-ha-avot b'ditza u-v'tzohola, bi-sh'at ha-

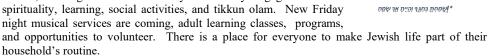
God of awe, God of might, Grant us pardon in this hour, as Your gates are closed this night. May we all, both old and young, look for gladness and delight in the many years to come, as Your gates are closed this night.

The tension builds over the course of the day of Yom Kippur, by the evening we are standing before the gates, imagining ourselves on the other side having received the opportunity to enter a new year. This blessing is granted to us due to the merit of those who have come before us, and the merit we accrue through our best efforts to walk along God's path of righteousness. Reading this article means we have all passed successfully through the gates and emerged from the high holidays with so much ahead of us. I say it is the most wonderful time of the year because we are getting past the heaviest and most formulaic part of our liturgical year. Besides the Shofar, there are very few accoutrements during the synagogue services on the High Holidays and there isn't a lot of opportunity to look up from our prayer books. After all, much of the time is devoted to introspection, accountability, and penitence. Emerging through the gates is a revelation, a collective exhalation of relief. However, we do not emerge from the gates unscathed. We are drained, we have been reminded of loss, and our optimism for the future comes with the knowledge of knowing how much work there is to be done. So before you have to return to that daily grind, remember that our tradition offers more opportunities to see the faces you have seen sitting around you these last couple of weeks. Sukkot, the festival of booths, brings time shared with friends in handmade shacks (sukkot) and dancing with palm branches (lulavim) and sweet smelling citrons (etrogim). The holiday ends with Simchat Torah, a celebration of Torah that sees us complete the reading of the Torah and jumping right into engaging with the story again. We dance, we sing, we lighten the synagogue atmosphere to reflect our ability to rise up out of the uncertainty. Life is fleeting and the world around us can be daunting but the holiday season does not have to end with the closing of the gates. Stepping out from them means stepping into the electric rituals, handed down to us, generation to generation. We today have the privilege to embrace them and then pass them on to generations after us. For those who have been with us for the High Holidays, I urge you to come see what Sukkot does to our community.

*V'samachta b'chagecha v'hayita ach same'ach. You shall rejoice on your festivals, and should be fully happy.

As we shake the lulav and etrog in the synagogue and spend time in sukkot at shul as well as in each other's homes, the culmination of the holiday is Simchat Torah. This year will feature Hakafloats. Our seven rounds of dancing will be joined by beautiful floats designed and built by groups within our temple community; classes from our religious school, our morning minyan and lay-leaders. The theme is the animal world and the days of creation, and everyone gets an aliyah to the Torah as the new cycle of Torah readings begins. This is a time for rejuvenation and jubilation.

When November arrives, and the holidays are past, take those rich tastes, sounds, and sights into our weekly community engagements with spirituality, learning, social activities, and tikkun olam. New Friday night musical services are coming, adult learning classes, programs,



If every day were followed by a holiday, we would always be on the verge of celebration, but Jewish life gives us ways to stay engaged even as the periods between holidays get colder and darker as the winter sets in. Don't miss a chance to embrace the opportunity we have all been given by emerging from the gates into the new year 5780. Shanah Toya!

SCHEDULE OF TORAH READINGS

Saturday, October 12, 2019 Parsha Haazinu Deuteronomy 32:1-32:52 Haftarah II Samuel 22:1-51 Monday, October 14, 2019 First Day Sukkot

Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Numbers 29:12-16 Haftarah Zechariah 14:1-21

Tuesday, October 15, 2019 Second Day Sukkot Leviticus 22:26-23:44 Numbers 29:12-16 Haftarah I Kings 8:2-21

Saturday, October 19, 2019 Hol Hamoed Sukkot Exodus 33:12-34:26 Numbers 29:25-31 Haftarah Ezekiel 38:18-39:16

Monday, October 21, 2019 Shemini Atzeret Deuteronomy 14:22-16:17 Numbers 29:35-30:1 Haftarah I Kings 8:54-66

Tuesday, October 22, 2019 Simchat Torah Deuteronomy 33:1-34:12 Genesis 1:1-2:3 Maftir Numbers 29:35-30:1 Haftarah: Joshua 1:1-18

Saturday, October 26, 2019 Parsha Beresheit

Genesis 1:1-2:3

Haftarah: Isaiah 42:5-43:10 Saturday, November 2, 2019

Parsha Noah Genesis 6:9-8:14

Haftarah: Isaiah 54:1-55:5 Saturday, November 9, 2019

Parsha Lech Lecha Genesis 12:1-13:18

Haftarah: Isaiah 40:27-41:16

Saturday, November 16, 2019 Parsha Vayera

Genesis 18:1-18:33

Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Saturday, November 23, 2019 Parsha Haye Sarah

Genesis 23:1-24:9 Haftarah:

I Kings 1:1-31

Saturday, November 30, 2019 Parsha Toldot Genesis 25:19-26:22 Haftarah: Malachi 1:1-2:7

YARZHEIT NOTICE CHANGE

We are updating our member database in anticipation of making the switch from paper to email notifications for yahrzeits. To continue receiving yahrzeit information we need to have a current email address on file. Please send us your current email address at Adminassist@tbeny.org.

Call 845.454.0570 with questions.

MINYAN FOR YAHRZEIT

If a loved one's yahrzeit falls on a weekday or Sunday and you would like to say kaddish at one of our daily services, please let the office know the week prior to your date. We will do our best to make sure that a minyan is present.

The editors of Chayenu request that all submissions for the Bulletin be in the form of a Word document (which can be edited) and not in the form of a PDF (which cannot be edited). <u>The font of choice is Times New Roman.</u>

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INADVERTENT ERRORS IN THE BULLETIN

A great deal of time and effort goes into the publication of the Temple Beth-El Bulletin. From time to time, errors do occur. We apologize in advance if this happens. Please notify the Temple office so that a correction can be published in the next month's issue.

OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES

October 4	6:13 pm
October 8	6:07 pm Kol Nidre
October 11	6:02 pm
October 13	5:59 pm Sukkot
October 14	6:40pm Sukkot
October 18	5:51pm
October 20	5:48pm Shemini Atzere
October 21	6:29pm Simchat Torah
October 25	5:41pm
November	1 5:31pm
November	8 4:23pm
November	15 4:17pm
November	22 4:11pm
November 29	4:08pm
December 6	4:06pm
December 13	4:07pm
December 20	4:09pm

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TIMES OF SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays Evenings 8:00pm Saturday Mornings 9:30am

ALL FRIDAY EVENING SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT 8:00PM

WEEKDAY MINYAN

Monday -Friday mornings, 7:30am Sunday Mornings By <u>Request Only</u> at 8:30 AM.

EXCEPTIONS

On the following days morning minyans will be at 8:30 AM:
LABOR DAY
COLUMBUS DAY
THANKSGIVING DAY
CHRISTMAS DAY
NEW YEAR'S DAY
MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY
PRESIDENTS' DAY
MEMORIAL DAY
JULY 4TH

NO FRIDAY, SATURDAY OR SUNDAY NIGHT MINYAN



MORNING MINYAN

We hope you will consider joining us at daily minyan, Monday - Friday mornings at 7:30am.

Rabbi Erwin Zimet(z'l) 1946-1989

FROM OUR PRESIDENT DONNA GORDON



One Rosh Hashanah, my husband was invited to a congregant's home to blow the shofar. The family had been unable to attend Rosh Hashanah services but felt that it was important for the entire family to have the opportunity to hear the

shofar blasts. As my husband proceeded to blow each note, my attention was drawn to the reaction of each family member. Everyone seemed overwhelmed with emotion. This crystalized for me how significant this simple act of hearing the shofar was for them. Hearing the blasts was not just a symbolic gesture. It made them feel connected to their past. One person expressed that it was as if they were standing at the foot of Mount Sinai. Before leaving, they shared with us their hope that any Jewish person nearby who heard the blasts would also feel this sense of connection.

While I was thinking about the significance of this experience, what came to mind was that this demonstrates a true sense of commitment to Jewish tradition, ideals, and the Jewish community. This request to hear the shofar, was not done solely for the individual and their family. There was a profound and earnest desire, that this would have impact beyond the confines of their home to affect the life of other Jews. I think we can learn from this example the importance of working together to support and uplift each other to secure the future of the Jewish people.

In my 10 years at Temple Beth-El, I have witnessed firsthand how this community cares and supports not just its members, but the broader Jewish community, and the community at large. There have been numerous social action initiatives aimed at tikkun olam (healing the world). Members, lay leaders and clergy, support families through illness and loss. Temple Beth-El has a blossoming education program that is not just for our youth, but open to the entire Jewish community as well. Great effort is being made to make Temple Beth-El a place where spiritual needs are being fulfilled, where people feel welcomed, connected and engaged. We all have a part to play in this process. Everyone's contribution is significant.

So next time you hear the shofar blasts, think about how this connects you to the past, the present, and the future. Ask yourself, what role can I play in securing the future of our community and the Jewish people, in healing the world and supporting and uplifting others.



WE SHARE OUR FRIEND'S GRIEF

Our congregation mourns the loss of:

Halaine Feldman, sister of Roberta (Harvey) Lederman passed away July 21st.

Adele Bayer, sister of Dana (Ira) Effron, passed away August 24th.

Ethel Weiss, longtime TBE congregant passed away September 4th.

Sandford Horwitz, longtime TBE member passed away September 6th.

Audrey Grogan, daughter of Bernice Kornreich passed away September 27th.

Ruth Stern, longtime Temple Beth-El congregant, passed away October 5th.

Arthur Bressman, husband of Phyllis and longtime TBE congregant passed away October 5th.

Miriam Pliskin, longtime TBE congregant passed away October 12th.

Falling into the High Holy Days

By Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Education Director & Cantor Devorah Gartner, Youth & B'nai Mitzvah Director

The days are getting shorter (really!) and the evenings are cooling down. Summer lingers, but autumn is in the air. We can't believe how much everyone has grown!

Shanah Tovah to our **Club Katan** students. We have so many exciting opportunities for our youngest students:

Friday Tot Shabbat with Rabbi Miriam Hyman

Explore Shabbat & Jewish holidays. For children ages 0-5, caregivers and siblings. 1st Fridays 6:30-7:00pm followed by a Shabbat snack.

11/1, 12/6, 1/31, 3/6, 4/3, 5/1, 6/5

My Grown-up & Me with Morah Karen Jacobs

Explore Jewish culture through circle time, stories, art and music. For children ages 0-5 and their caregivers. 2nd Thursdays 10:30-11:30am.

11/14, 12/12, 1/9, 2/13, 3/12, 5/14, 6/11

Shalom Tots Story Time with Jane Kriegler

For children ages 0-5 and their families. 4th Saturdays 11:15am-12:00pm [Kiddush lunch follows]. 10/28, 11/23, 12/21, 2/15, 3/28, 4/25, 5/23, 6/20

Shalom Tots with Morah Goldy Safirstein

For children ages 0-4 [caregivers welcome]. Weekends during Religious School. Free play & social time drop-in 9:30-11:00am. Snack & story at 10:45am. Crafts, music & movement until 12:15pm.

To find out more, contact Rabbi Miriam Hyman or (845) 454-0570.

Our *Gan* (K-2), meets on Sundays, September through December and mid-March through May, and Saturdays, January through mid-March. Morah Karen Jacobs, our music and Hebrew specialist creates a dynamic, interactive learning environment in which students explore Jewish Holidays, Shabbat and the Hebrew alphabet.

L'shanah tovah umetukah to all our combined Ivrit Program students from Congregation Shir Chadash and Temple Beth-El. We think you will love our new Israel-themed learning groups, as we build on our students' mad skills in modern and prayer book Hebrew. Our Religious School students are having a blast checking out our experiential program in Life Cycles throughout the year. A special Shanah Tovah to the 2020 B'nai Mitzvah Class. It's a journey and an adventure as they become service leaders and Torah readers with lots of laughs along the way.

A happy and sweet New Year to our students and faculty of the *Gesher Hebrew High School* and the *TBE Youth Group*. Our teens make a difference throughout the school where many of them are classroom aides and in our congregation presenting programming as well as in the community doing social action and tzedakah.

Please note that in addition to our regular services for the High Holy Days, we have multiple offerings for all ages. Our programs for youth and families are open to the entire community. If you are not a member of Temple Beth-El, and you would like to join us, please call the TBE Office (845-454-0570) to let us know you are coming.

On *Rosh HaShanah* morning, families are invited to join us on the bimah as we open the ark and joyfully dance the Torahs around the sanctuary. Families will come back up while the shofar is blown, then stay for the **Blessing of the Children.** As we begin the Torah reading, families can choose from our **Tot Activities**, our **Family Service** as well as our **Teen Programming.** After these activities everyone will come together for the **Birthday Party for the World** where we will explore the special food symbols related to the New Year and decorate our own birthday cupcakes.

On the Sunday in between Rosh HaShanah and Yom Kippur, Temple Beth-El will host our annual **Shofar Over the Hudson** event at the Pavilion in Waryas Park. Enjoy the annual bike ride, holiday-related crafts, activities, music, dancing and, of course, the sounds of the shofar.

Join us again on Yom Kippur morning for more Tot Activities, Family Services and Teen Programming. We close out the fall holiday season with our *Gesher Hebrew High School* and our family programs for Sukkot, in addition to joyous dancing on Simchat Torah.

May you be inscribed for a wonderful year!



Dancing at Shofar Over the Hudson



Free & Open to the Community!

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SOCIAL ACTION AT TEMPLE BETH-EL

From the earliest days of Rabbi Zimet's tenure with the congregation, Temple Beth-El has always put social action in the forefront of its vision. Since those early days, much has changed and much has stayed the same. Many in this congregation still see TBE as a beacon of ethical and moral values in our community. Today, as Chairperson of Social Action, I see my role as convener of a steering committee of many subcommittees reaching in and reaching out in areas of social service. We have Lunchbox, Green Team, Bright Nights and other youth initiatives, CROP Walk for Hunger, Mitzvah Day, Reyut (offering support to our own members), liaison to Jewish Social Action Coalition, liaison to Dutchess County Interfaith Council and more. Several of us attended an informational meeting about HIAS, the Hebrew Immigrant Aid Society that now works with immigrants, refugees and asylum seekers of all races, religions and ethnic origins. We need to take a more active role in the Jewish Community's program to provide monthly meals to the local Homeless Shelter. The possibilities are endless for bringing our members together for projects and activities in the community. To do all this, we need more dedicated members who want to bring their own passions to our Social Action initiatives at Temple Beth-El. If these or any other initiatives speak to you, please reach out to Muriel Horowitz at socialaction@TBENY.org or let the office know, and someone will reach out to you.

As members of the Jewish Social Action Coalition, we are active participants in the Morse School Project, the Coalition's collaboration providing support for this underserved school in our community. Currently we are collecting school supplies- Look for the honey sale our USY is conducting to support this. Also, we need people to give 2 hours a week or biweekly to help children in the Morse Library. We also work with literacy connections Book Buddy Program to provide math and reading help to individual students at risk.



Morse School Library volunteers

CROPWALK ** ALERT

We're gearing up for this year's CropWalk for Hunger, to be held **Sunday, October 20**, and hope that you will all participate in one way or the other. **Donate** in the TBE office, or **take a sponsor envelope** and walk. You can also **donate online**: go to: **Crophungerwalk.org**, click on our walk, "Dutchess Interfaith", click on team name, "Temple Beth-El" and donate! Hunger is persistent, the need is great, and we hope you'll join us! (Checks to: CWS-CROP)

** Don't know what the CropWalk is? Information is in TBE office or online.

Dutchess County Interfaith Council - News and Notes

Now, perhaps more than ever in their 47 years history, DCIC plays an important role in promoting understanding and respect among our many faiths and within our wider community. This fall, DCIC will host many events and, as always, Temple Beth-El continues to be a vital part of this organization.

Temple Beth-El leads off the Council's "Interfaith week theme - Respect and Compassion..." with a Sukkot Interfaith story circle in the Succah on Monday evening, Oct. 14. Join TBE clergy leading an early creative Sukkot evening service at 6:30 pm and stay for the DCIC story circle beginning at 7:30. Then join DCIC on Tuesday evening at the Hindu Samaj and Thursday at Masjid Al Noor for more evenings of sharing stories. And on Sunday, October 27 from 2-4 pm, there will be a story concert "Compassion and Mercy: Tales for Our Times" at St.John the Evangelist Church in Beacon.

CROP walk to combat hunger will occur this year on October 20th dedicated to the memory of Mary Moody. Please contact Miriam Zimet Aaron to pledge your support and walk as part of the TBE team.

The annual Interfaith Music Festival is Nov. 3rd. Singers, new and old, are welcome to join the Interfaith Choir for this event.

The Second **Gala Award Dinner**, presenting the Rabbi Erwin Zimet Humanitarian Award to Reverend Gail Burger, will be held on Thursday evening, November 7th, at the Grand Hotel. Paula and Azzy Reckess are the honorary chairpeople for this event and Judge Albert Rosenblatt will be the keynote speaker. To join a Temple Beth-El table, contact Muriel Horowitz- murielhorowitz@gmail.com

For more information about DCIC, go to <u>www.dutchesscountyinterfaith.org</u> or write to Karen at <u>office@dutchesscountyinterfaith.org</u>.



Harding Club members delivering food to Morse School





TEMPLE BETH-EL GENERAL FUND

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Myrna & Peter Van Kleeck

In memory of Rita Effron

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George T. Whalen, Jr.

In memory of Rita Effron

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In memory of Rita Effron

Joan & Anthony Vigliotti

In memory of Rita Effron

Alan & Jessica Rothman

In appreciation of our Aliyah

Ziva & Andrew Dahl

In memory of Rita Effron

Adrienne London

In honor of Rita Minnerly's special birthday

In memory of Rita Effron

June Seiden

In memory of Rita Effron

Reva & Michael Cowan

In memory of Rita Effron

Shailee & Tony Kopec

In memory of Rita Effron

Ilene & Richard Dolins

In memory of Rita Kertzman Effron

Marilyn Worona

In memory of my mother-in-law, Jennie Worona

Debbie & Arnold Most

In memory of Rita Effron

Jack Parker

In memory of Rita Effron

Paula & Azzy Reckess

In memory of Halaine Feldman

Sondra Weisbaum

In memory of Morris L. Morris

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In memory of Rita Effron

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In memory of Rita Effron

Rosalind & Stuart Alpert

In memory of Rita Effron

Jeanette Friedman

In memory of Rita Effron

Morton Alterman

In memory of Rita Effron
In memory of Rita Alterman

Renee & John Weisman

In honor of Rita Minnerly's 75th birthday

Robert Stern

In memory of Halaine Feldman

Deanie Gordon

In memory of Rita Effron

Barbara Scheer

In memory of Rita Effron

Linda Effron

In memory of Rita Effron

Nancy & Sandy Bernstein

In honor of Rita Minnerly's special birthday Wishing a speedy recovery to Stu Chimkin In memory of Halaine Feldman

Sharon & Howard Lynne

In honor of our granddaughter Rachel's graduation from the University of Massachusetts

In honor of Sean Gallagher's engagement to Erin Blanchard In memory of Susan Schwartz

In memory of John Moran

In memory of Rita Effron

Marcy & George Marlow

In honor of Lew Sims celebrating 45 years in practice In honor of Amy & Richard Schwed's grandson, Joshua's, graduation from Washington University In memory of Joel Miller's mother

Sheila & Ed Silverman

In memory of Rita Effron

Sharon & Bernardo Steinvurzel

In memory of Halaine Feldman In memory of Adele Bayer

Arlene & Stuart Kolbert

In memory of Rita Effron

Barbara & Bernie Cohen

In memory of Halaine Feldman In memory of Melvin Blumberg, Barbara's father In memory of Adele Bayer

Doris & Bob Haas

In memory of Rita Effron

Gloria & Leonard Biberman

In honor of the marriage of their son, Charles to Susana In memory of Rita Effron

Susan & Richard Grilli

In memory of Marilyn Abrams

Ellen & Gregory Gartland

In memory of Rita Effron

Rita & Lew Sims

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Betsy & George Stuts

In honor of Karen Hochhauser In memory of Rita Effron In memory of Burt Gold In memory of John Moran In memory of Joel Miller's mother

Sue Mackson

In honor of Marlene Straus In honor of Rabbi Miriam

Lois & Walter Behrman

in memory of Sanford Horwitz

Jack Effron & Family

In honor of Rabbi Victor In honor of Rabbi Miriam

Adrienne London

Refuah Shlema to Alan Bauman In memory of Ethel Weiss In memory of Sanford Horwitz

Nancy Levine

In loving memory of my husband, Wilbur Jack Levine, hard to believe it's been 30 years

Emily Moran

In memory of Rita Effron

Amy & Mark Litcofsky

In memory of Mark's father, David Litcofsky

TBE BIMAH FLOWER FUND

Darren Witte, in memory of Rita Kertzman Effron Richard Berman, in memory of my wonderful wife, Pamela Roth Berman

Blanche & Louis Bergman, in celebration of their 41st anniversary

TBE KIDDUSH FUND

Morton Alterman, in memory of my mother Faye Alterman

TBE LUNCHBOX FUND

Joan & Lawrence Cohen, in memory of her father Hyman Fishman Geri & Maurice Bromberg

Mazel tov to Miriam & Frank Rubin on the recent accomplishments of their grandchildren Jenny, Alec and Sammy Mazel tov to Eric & Linda Perfecto on daughter, Rachel's, graduation from the Royal Conservatory of Antwerp Barbara Klees, in memory of my beloved dad, Dr. Jerome A. Klees

Myra Horwitz Memorial Garden Fund In memory of Sanford Horwitz:

Renee & John Weisman
David Parkes
Emily Moran
Sandy & Nancy Bernstein
Ellen & Victor Stern
Lois & Walter Behrman
Elizabeth & Wally Schwartz
Joan Reifler & Family
Suzanne & Philip Bowers
Lucy V. Miller
Carol & David Grand

SIMON TOV U MAZAL TOV

Carol and Andy Schmidt, on the birth of their grandson, Arthur Herbert Willis.

Cindy and Roger Lewin, on the birth of their granddaughter.

BAGELS & BOOKS BRUNCH WITH AUTHOR RABBI RENA BLUMENTHAL



Jerusalem, 2002: the height of the second intifada. Kobi Benami is a middle-aged psychologist whose new patient, Israela, has a life story full of uncanny biblical references. Her powerful and enigmatic husband, Y, may or may not exist, but she is being stalked and threatened by his emissaries, who bear an eerie resemblance to the Hebrew prophets. Through this surreal encounter with the anthropomorphized story of ancient Israel, Kobi is forced to confront his own dysfunctional life patterns, his family's tragic past, and the endless war that rages around him.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH 10:30AM—12:30PM

AT TEMPLE BETH-EL, 118 S. GRAND AVE, POUGHKEEPSIE 845.454.0570

Author Rabbi Rena Blumenthal will talk about her first novel, *Israela*, and lead us in a discussion about Biblical literalism, the Biblical characterization of God, sexism in religious metaphors; inherited traumas of the Holocaust, effects of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, etc.



Rena Blumenthal is a freelance rabbi based in New Paltz, New York. She worked at Vassar College for eleven years as the Assistant Director of Religious & Spiritual Life and Adviser to Jewish Students. Prior to rabbinical school, she worked as a psychologist for fifteen years in New York City and Jerusalem.

RABBI BLUMENTHAL WILL BE SIGNING COPIES OF HER BOOK, WHICH WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE.

THIS BAGELS & BRUNCH PROGRAM IS FREE AND OPEN TO THE COMMUNITY, SO BRING YOUR FRIENDS!

Chaverim 5780 2019-2020

Please join us as the 3rd annual Adult Education Chaverim (discussion group) starts anew. We are looking forward to yet another exciting and provocative year of animated and sometimes heated discussions on a variety of subjects. The following are three suggested topics for this year's Chaverim. Please feel free to use them or to create your own.*

- 1. Are you comfortable with PDJ? (Public Display of Judaism)
- 2. Routine Judaism. What does it take to commit?
- 3. Latkes, Kreplach & Blintzes, Oh My! Jews and Their Relationship with Food.



The available dates** to host this year are:

11/10, 11/19; 12/8, 12/17; 1/5/20, 1/14/20; 2/2/20, 2/18/20; 3/4/20, 3/15/20, 3/24/20

Please contact Merri Sedgwick at moondoggie7@optonline.net for more information.

- *Other topics are welcomed and encouraged.
- **Other dates are dependent upon Rabbi Victor's availability.

at the Kup:

Conservative Judaism Always Wrestling

Thursday morning (9:30am) sessions with Rabbi Daniel Victor at the Crafted Kup will continue on October 24th.

"What is Conservative Judaism, anyway?" For 5780 join us to experience an invaluable resource put out by the Jewish Theological Seminary of America. "Conservative Judaism Today and Tomorrow," is a collection of short essays by Chancellor Arnold M. Eisen—seventh chancellor of The Jewish Theological Seminary and one of the world's foremost authorities on American Judaism. From hospitality, to learning, to prayer, to tzedakah, to respectful relationships and more, the conversations elicited by the chancellor's essays provide seekers with a foundation of what Conservative Judaism is, the importance of its continued pretense within the Jewish landscape, and what it means to carry its mantle out into the world. For more information contact Rabbi Victor at rabbi@tbeny.org. Website resource: http://www.jtsa.edu/on-conservative-judaism



MAZEL TOV TO OUR CONGREGANTS CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES IN OCTOBER, NOVEMBER & DECEMBER

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TEMPLE BETH-EL 2019 5780 SCHEDULE OF HOLIDAY SERVICES

SUKKOT

Sunday, October 13 6:30 pm A 60 Minute Evening Ma'ariv service

Monday, October 14 9:30am Morning Shacharit Service

6:30pm Early Ma'ariy Service with Interfaith program following

Tuesday, October 15 9:30am Morning Shacharit Service

SHEMINI ATZERET

Sunday, October 20 6:30pm A 60 Minute Evening Ma'ariv service with Yizkor

Monday, October 21 9:30am Morning Shacharit service with Yizkor

SIMCHAT TORAH

Monday, October 21 5:30pm PJ Library program for young families

6:00 pm Evening Ma'ariv service & festivities

Tuesday, October 22 9:30am Morning Shacharit service & festivities

TEMPLE BETH-EL HONORS CONGREGANTS DURING SIMCHAT TORAH



SIMCHAT TORAH morning, Tuesday, October 22 (after the festive service the evening before), we conclude the reading of the Torah and begin again. As we celebrate the Torah with singing and dancing, we also honor outstanding members of Temple Beth-El with the final aliyah of the Torah year and the first aliyah as we begin our reading again.

This year our *Hatan haTorah* ("Bridegroom of the Torah") is **Fred Hurst.** He and his wife, Davida, have been supporters of our synagogue community since moving here more than 50 years ago. It is the community in which they raised their children, Lisa and Adam, and where Lisa has raised her family, and where some of the Hurst grandchildren currently live. Fred served for years as Temple Board Member and is a past president of Temple Beth-El. It is a pleasure to honor him.

Our *Kallat B'reisheet* ("Bride of the first aliyah in the new Torah cycle") is **Nancy Judson**, who has supported our congregation in many ways. For many years she taught in our religious school and served as interim director for a year. She has provided alternative ways of worship through movement to our members, and now serves as monthly coordinator at the Lunchbox. She also continues to participate both as leader and attendee at our shabbat and holiday services.

We invite you to join in honoring these outstanding members of Temple Beth-El as we celebrate Simchat Torah. Shanah tovah!

A Very Sweet Thank You to...

Our Clergy

Rabbi Daniel Victor, Rabbi Miriam Hyman and Rabbi Michael Fessler

Office Staff

Susan Canning, Director of Operations and Programs Joël Logan, Kathy Lorenz, Susan Petendree

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Rabbi Miriam Hyman, Cantor Devorah Gartner, Rachel Etkin and all of the teachers in our school program

Building Staff

Ron Reed, Bret Amery, Claudette Owens

John Weisman, House Committee Chair Stew Brenner Head Gabbai and Audio System Coordinator

The High Holiday Committee

Mordekai Gordon and Michelle Baez, co-chairs

Stew Brenner, Donna Gallagher, Muriel Horowitz, Sherry Hudes, Cindy Lewin, Linda Perfecto, Alan Zucker

Ushers

Lew Sims and Lou Newman, Usher Coordinators and everyone who has volunteered as an Usher or Greeter

Family services

Blanche Bergman, snacks and baking

High Holiday Choir

Miriam Zimet-Aaron, Choir Director

Brion Shapiro, Eugene Fleishman, Rob Greenbaum, Al Bauman, Lydia Bauman, Judy Elkin, Donna Gallagher, Amy Litcofsky, Rocille Schmidt, Wendy Weiner, Sue Mackson

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Changing Torah covers

Lisa and Michael Arnoff

Haftarah Readers

Donna Gallagher, Miriam Rubin, Sam Simon, Cantor Devorah Gartner

Torah Readers

Michael Victor, Brion Shapiro, Rocille Schmidt, Sue Mackson, Juanita Puchkoff, Bernie King-Smith, Evy Weiss, Naomi Kamlot, Rob Greenbaum, Joshua Kaye, Jack Fein, Miriam Rubin, Marilyn Schwartz, Linda Perfecto, Jane Dworkin

Introducing the Torah/Haftarah readings

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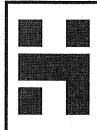
Sundays, November 3, 10, 17 7:00pm – 8:30pm Temple Beth-El

Join Suzanne Turrisi to explore the history of notorious Jews, how some went wrong and the price they paid. Nosh and schmoozing included. \$18 donation per person requested. Register at info@tbeny.org or 845.454.0570.

Suzanne has been running the Wednesday Learn & Lunch Bunch currently held at Temple Beth-El. She is a long time teacher at Temple Beth-El school, including Ivrit, Religious school and Gesher classes with teens. In the past Suzanne was a Special Education teacher both in the City of Poughkeepsie and in Brooklyn.

			October 20	19		
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Rosh Hashana 8:45am Service TBE OFFICE CLOSED	2 Tzom Gedaliah	3 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	4 Evening Services	5 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
6 Shofar Over the Hudson		8 Erev Yom Kippur Kol Nidre 6:30pm Service	9 Yom Kippur 8:30am Service 10am Family Service TBE OFFICE CLOSED	10 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	11 Evening Services	12 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
13 Erev Sukkot Religious School 6:30pm Service	14 Sukkot 9:30am Service 6:30pm Service 7:30pm InterfaithStory Circle	15 Sukkot II 9:30am Service	16 Sukkot Youth Group Gesher	17 Sukkot 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup Ivrit	18 Sukkot Evening Services	19 Sukkot Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
20 Sukkot VII Religious School 6:30pm Shemini Atzeret Service	21 Office Closed 9:30 Shemini Atzeret Service 5:30 Young kids Simchat Torah program 6pm Simchat Torah Fun	22 Office Closed 9:30am Simchat Torah Service	23 Youth Group Gesher	9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup Ivrit	25 Evening Services	26 Shabbat Services and 7th Grade School Shalom Tots
27 Religious School 10:30am Book Talk with Rena Blumenfeld	28	29 Ivrit	30 Youth Group Gesher	31 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup		,

November 2019						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 Tot Shabbat Evening Services	2 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
3 Religious School Adult Hebrew 7pm Notorious Jews	4 TBE Board Meets	5 Ivrit	6 Youth Group Gesher	7 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	8 Evening Services	9 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
10 Religious School Adult Hebrew 7pm Notorious Jews	11 Veterans Day	12 Ivrit	13 Youth Group Gesher	14 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	15 Fresh Friday Services	16 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School
17 Religious School Adult Hebrew 7pm Notorious Jews	18	19 Ivrit	20 Youth Group Gesher	21 9:30am Rabbi Class Crafted Kup	22 Evening Services	23 Shabbat Services and 7 th Grade School Shalom Tots
24 Religious School Adult Hebrew	25	26 Ivrit	27	28 Thanksgiving Day TBE OFFICE CLOSED	29 TBE OFFICE CLOSED Evening Services	30 Shabbat Services



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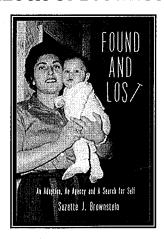
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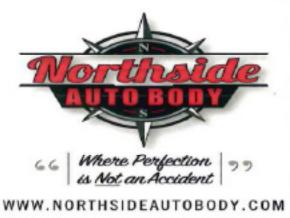
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