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A message from Rabbi Daniel Victor

Ani V'atah Nisha Neh et ha'olam. - you and I can change the world.

Back in January there was still a chance that 2020 would be a great year. I personally felt like Seuz on top of a mountain - I could change the world. But week by week Covid19 grew to become a terrible reality. One moment you feel like Seuz king of the hill and the next moment you feel like the Atlas guy, with the weight of the world on his shoulders. We went from intending to change the world to struggling with just how to manage it. It has been months, a period during which we have lost many things we had come to take for granted. But with the Coronavirus pandemic, our own journey through this new reality is much more about how to manage it then how to change it.

Does anyone enjoy putting together puzzles? Personally, unless they are the 6-piece over-sized type, I find them quite overwhelming. Imagine a 500 piece puzzle and every piece has the exact same design on its face. Where do you even begin? According to the wisdom of the puzzle analogy we have to start from a place where we can see distinctions, in this case, in the structure of the pieces. Edge or border pieces are more distinct than all the pieces that make up the inner space of the puzzle. For us as people, (and in fact as Jews), building from the edges inward means beginning with ourselves and that which can ground us.

One of the mitzvot that I have chosen to really own is putting *tzitzit* on a four cornered garment. Professor Arthur Green teaches that the reason we attach *tzitzit* [which symbolize the 613 mitzvot of the Torah] to our clothes and gather them up before reciting the Shema is that one has to gather him/herself before entering the space containing all that uncertainty.

What we learn from the analogy of the puzzle and the symbolism of the *tzitzit* is that we should begin with that which defines us - living according to the way we are guided to live.

What we know, however, is that right now, assembling the puzzle, managing the difficulties we are facing in the world today, will paralyze us unless we can muster some type of approach or strategy. Having a faith tradition, having an inherited treasure like Torah, can point us to the edge pieces of the puzzle and bring us, with confidence, into the murkiness of indistinguishable pieces. As Jews there are paths upwards and outwards if we allow our eyes to be opened to them. Helping find balance and order for ourselves before diving into the chaos is what the border and edge pieces of the puzzle and the *tzitzit* on our four cornered garments are about.

A time post-pandemic will come when the sun shines over the moon, where night becomes day, closed doors become open gates, and taxing relationships become the hands of which to grab hold. Then changing the world, not just managing it, will be possible.

Excerpt from Rabbi Victor's sermon on Rosh Hashanah

SCHEDULE OF TORAH READINGS

Saturday, November 7, 2020
Parsha Vayera
Genesis 19:1-20:18
Haftarah: II Kings 4:1-37

Saturday, November 14, 2020
Parsha Haye Sarah
Genesis 24:10-24:52
Haftarah: I Kings 1:1-31

Saturday, November 21, 2020
Parsha Toledot
Genesis 26:23-27:27
Haftarah: I Samuel 20:18-42

Saturday, November 28, 2020
Parsha Vayetze
Genesis 30:14-31:16
Haftarah: Hosea 12:13-14:10

Saturday, December 5, 2020
Parsha Vayishlah
Genesis 34:1-35:15
Haftarah: Obadiah 1:1-21

Saturday, December 12, 2020
Shabbat Hanukah
Parsha Vayeshev
Genesis 38:1-30
Maftir Numbers 7:18-23
Haftarah: Zechariah 2:14-4:7

Saturday, December 19, 2020
Parsha Miketz
Genesis 41:53-43:15
Haftarah: I Kings 3:15-4:1

Saturday, December 26, 2020
Parsha Vayigash
Genesis 45:28-46:27
Haftarah: Ezekiel 37:15-28

TIMES OF SHABBAT SERVICES

Fridays Evenings 8:00pm
[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Saturday Mornings 10:00am
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Thank you to the TBE Stream Team including Stewart Brenner, Bert Cohen, Eric Goldstone, Renee Weisman and John Weisman, for setting up our Livestreaming capabilities in time for the High Holiday services. Mazel Tov!



MORNING MINYAN

We hope you will consider
joining us for virtual minyan
Monday— Friday
Mornings at 8:00 a.m.

[Join Zoom Meeting](#)
Meeting ID: 833 993 5152

WE APOLOGIZE FOR ANY INADVERTENT ERRORS IN THE TBE 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.

November December

CANDLE LIGHTING TIMES



November	13	5:20
November	20	5:15
November	27	5:12
December	4	5:11
December	11	5:11
December	18	5:13
December	25	5:17

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Rabbi Erwin Zimet(z'l) 1946-1989

FROM TBE PRESIDENT DONNA GORDON

EXCERPTS FROM DONNA'S HIGH HOLIDAY ADDRESS



I know that our High Holiday virtual experiences cannot adequately replace the sense of community we feel when we join together in our beautiful sanctuary. It does not replace the smiles, the hugs, or the well wishes. There is no substitute for standing in front of the Aron Hakodesh, experiencing the reverence of seeing the Torah scrolls being taken out, kissing the Torah as it goes by or hearing the shofar blown in person. Many of you may be experiencing an enormous sense of loss and sadness. Now more than ever we need to be there for each other – we need to support our Temple Beth-El community.

This year we were challenged to create a Sacred Space, a chapel, wherever we were. While not ideal, let us be reminded of the struggles and suffering endured by the Jewish people throughout time. Chaskel Tydor was a prisoner in Auschwitz, where performing Jewish religious practices was punishable by death. One Rosh Hashanah, Chaskel, who was entrusted as a work dispatcher, found a way to have some of his fellow prisoners sent on a detail far enough away so they could safely pray. He would find out later that with great risk to themselves, they blew a shofar. They blew it, knowing they were risking their very lives doing so. This was both an act of defiance and an act of resolve. What moved me so profoundly in this story was that despite the unimaginable pain and suffering the prisoners experienced, they came together as a community to lift each other up, and to preserve our sacred traditions.

So what can we learn from this story? We should not dwell on the fact that we cannot gather in person to celebrate these High Holidays. Let us instead transform how we envision and perceive what it means to come together as a community so we too can continue to practice our sacred and valued traditions - traditions that have been passed down from generation to generation despite pogroms, concentration camps or Covid-19. The Jewish people continually demonstrate resilience and determination under the most dire of circumstances. We must ensure that we find ways to keep these traditions alive during this pandemic so that the next generation and those after will understand how our generation rose to this challenge and brought meaning and joy to this high holiday season.

This has not been a simple task. But thanks to the wonders of technology and the dedication of our staff and amazing volunteers, it has become possible. A group of dedicated volunteers purchased new equipment, installed cables and cameras, connected computers, and programmed and learned to utilize a new system, in order to bring all of us together. Each part of the services required careful planning and coordination. Services were rearranged. None of these decisions were made lightly or haphazardly. The goal has been to provide the best services possible given the restrictions created by the pandemic and our live streaming capabilities.

We are acutely aware that virtual services cannot adequately replace in-person services or provide that feeling of connectedness you experience when you see someone you might not have seen for some time. But we hope you understand that your safety is our priority and that this has been our primary goal in planning for these holidays and ongoing services and programs.

With your support, we have successfully offered many of our services and programs online - weekly Shabbat Services, daily minyan, B'nai Mitzvot celebrations, Education offerings, and we even conducted our Annual Meeting on a virtual platform. Until we are able to safely gather together again it seems that virtual services and programs in some form will be included in how we engage with each other. But rest assured, we continue to provide all the services we have always provided for our congregation. We continue to be here to celebrate, mourn, support, and uplift each other. "We are all in this together, just a bit further apart.

While it may seem that having virtual services and modified programs should reduce our operating cost, the reality is that we now have additional costs related to the technology and support needed to provide virtual services. In addition, while the building is not open for religious services, the cost to maintain the building has not been significantly reduced. Therefore, this year's High Holiday Appeal fundraiser is more important than ever,

particularly since we cannot fund raise in ways we have traditionally done in the past. We have to maintain our physical building so that we will have a gathering place (a mishkan) for ourselves and future generations.

Please continue to support Temple Beth-El through our High Holiday Appeal. Your donations will help underwrite new and meaningful ways to continue engaging the community throughout the pandemic. It will allow us to improve our technology which in turn will enhance the quality of virtual programs and services.

I am very excited to announce that this year, an anonymous, extremely dedicated and generous Temple Beth-El family has agreed to match the first \$5,000 in increased donor contributions to the Appeal 3-for-1. In other words, for every dollar you contribute beyond what you donated to last year's appeal, this especially generous family will triple the increase, up to \$15,000. While we are aware that this has been a challenging year financially for many, we are asking those who are able, to increase your gift so that we can benefit from this generous offer.

If you have not already sent in your donation, please do so as soon as possible. You can pay your pledge through our secure [website https://tbeny.org/donations/high-holidays-appeal/](https://tbeny.org/donations/high-holidays-appeal/), or call the TBE office at 845.454.0570. Additionally our Gift Card sales program and Amazon Smile are two other ways you can help. This year you can also sign up for Nexamp solar program through DCIC which will benefit us and give you a discount on your electricity bill.

Thank you all for your continued support. May this New Year be filled with goodness and health for you and your family. And may you be sealed for good in the Book of Life .



WE SHARE OUR FRIEND'S GRIEF

Our congregation mourns the loss of:

Donald Puretz, husband of Anne Botsford, TBE congregant

Betty Yudell, longtime TBE congregant

Paul Ratner, longtime TBE congregant

Naomi Anolick, longtime TBE congregant

David Schwartz, TBE Heritage member

Hella Lewin, mother of our member Roger (Cindy) Lewin

Erna Greene, sister of our member Sandra Schwartz

Mark Nelson, husband of Donna, past TBE congregant

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In honor of the Bar Mitzvah of Sue & Rich Levine's grandson

In honor of Josh Ritter's Bar Mitzvah

Mazel tov Ellen & Vic Stern on the birth of your 6th grandchild

Mazel tov Lilli Zimet on the Jewish Continuity award from Jewish Federation

Mazel tov Rebbecca & Bert Cohen on the Next Gen award from Federation

Wishing a speedy recovery to Paul Hagan

In memory of Peter Hanig

In memory of Bryna Burick

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In honor of Lilli Zimet's birthday

In loving memory of my wife, Rita Effron

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In memory of Sanford Horwitz

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In honor of Lexi Rohan's Bat Mitzvah

In honor of Blanche & Louis Bergman's new grandson

In honor of Joshua Ritter's Bar Mitzvah

Mazel tov, Debbie & Tom Erichson, on David & Kristen's wedding

In memory of Irving Stern

In memory of Jack Daniel Weisman

In memory of Bryna Burick

In memory of Carl O'Leary

In memory of Arthur Gordon

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In memory of Jack Daniel Weisman

Geoffrey Schwartz

In memory of Hella Lewin

Janette & Todd Ritter

In honor of our teachers

Donald & Ruth Klein

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In memory of Erna Greene

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In memory of my wife, Barbara Newman

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In honor of Lexi Rohan's Bat Mitzvah

In honor of Blanche & Louis Bergman's new grandson

In memory of Bryna Burick

Donna & Kevin Gallagher

In honor of Rabbi Victor, the Reyut Committee, & daily Minyonaires

In memory of my Mom, Bryna Burick

Grete & Marty Finkelstein

Mazel Tov Sharon & Howard Lynne on the wedding of
Devorah to Michael, and the engagement of Sam to Emma
In memory of Hella Lewin
In memory of Arthur Gordon

Barbara & Bernie Cohen

In honor of Lew Sims' retirement
In honor of Florence Baker's 100th birthday
In honor of Renee & John Weisman
Wishing a speedy recovery to Rabbi Miriam
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In honor of the marriage of our son, David, to Kristin
In honor of the birth of our granddaughter, Liv Josephine

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With appreciation to Rabbi Victor and the Zoominyaires

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In memory of my husband, Harry

Barry & Todd Stern

In loving memory of our parents, Ruth and Sam Stern

Jeanette Friedman

In memory of Arthur Gordon
In memory of Ted Baker

Sue & Rich Levine

In honor of my mother's, Florence Baker, 100th birthday

Nancy Levine

In memory of my husband, Will Levine
In memory of my mother, Rose Brown

Stephanie Dickstein & Family

In honor of Stanley Dickstein's 90th birthday

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In honor of Rabbi Victor, Rabbi Hyman, Cantor Devorah & the
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In honor of my many friends & family whom I cherish deeply
In memory of all those who have perished from Covid throughout the
world

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In memory of my father, Jules Shayo

Sherry & Eliot Hudes

In honor of Azzy Reckess' special birthday
In honor of Rita Sims' special birthday
Mazel tov Ellen & Vic Stern on the birth of your grandson, Sebastian
In memory of departed family members

Gila Reckess

Thank you for letting us join Shul School on occasion

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In loving memory of our dear parents, Morris & Gertrude Arfa, and
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In honor of Ellen & Vic Stern's new grandson, Sebastian Victor Stern
In memory of Arthur Gordon
In memory of Hella Lewin

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In honor of my wife's continued recovery from illness

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Mazel tov Ellen & Vic Stern on the birth of grandson, Sebastian
 Mazel tov Anita & Bob Morrison on your grandson's matriculation at Cornell
 Mazel tov Donna & Kevin Gallagher on Sean's marriage to Erin
 In honor of Florence Baker's 100th birthday
 In loving memory of my grandparents, Esther & Symcha Feldzamen
 In loving memory of Azzy's parents, Chana & David Reckess
 In loving memory of Hella Lewin
 In loving memory of Arthur Gordon
 In loving memory of Ida Tatelbaum

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 In honor of Rabbi Victor and Rabbi Miriam, in appreciation for the High Holiday services

Debra & Dana Finkelstein

In honor of our wonderful and loving parents, Martin and Grete Finkelstein, on their 55th wedding anniversary

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Thank you for your Zoom Shabbat

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Donna & Kevin Gallagher, on the marriage of Sean to Erin Blanchard

Anita & Bob Morrison, on grandson Seth's matriculation to Cornell University

Ellen & Victor Stern, on the birth of their grandson,
 Sebastian Victor Stern

Lilli Zimet, for being Jewish Federation's "Enduring Commitment to Jewish Continuity" Honoree

happy anniversary

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

Stephanie & Steven Wasser		October 1
Rochelle & Arthur Lichtman	69	October 2
Barbara & Andrew Spitz		October 2
Mildred & Howard Cohen	67	October 4
Andrea & Paul Hagan	25	October 8
Grete & Martin Finkelstein	55	October 9
Miriam & Eric Goldstone		October 9
Pamela & Howard Spilke		October 14
Jamie & Jason VanDoddick	20	October 14
Cecelia & Stanley Cole		October 19
Ann Davis & Robert McAulay		October 19
Patricia & Mark Solomon		October 20
Laura & Michael Sperling		October 21
Judith Kufert & Arie Neuirth		October 23
Sheila & Edward Silverman		October 24
Deborah & Steven Domber		October 25
Sharon & Bernardo Steinvurzel	53	October 29
Iris & Carlos Baez	51	October 31
Linda & Eric Perfecto		October 31
Frieda & Edward Gershuny	57	November 1
Elizabeth Efron & Joseph Kisch		November 7
Debbie & Thomas Erichson		November 8
Denise & Marc Eisner		November 10
Michelle & Lee Klein	35	November 10
Rebecca & Bert Cohen		November 11
Melinda & Erik Sims		November 22
Sheryl & Harry Linhardt		November 23
Cary & Paul Auerbach		November 24
Evy & Oscar Weiss	51	November 26
Carole & Barry Horowitz	57	December 1
Marilyn & Michael Schwartz	52	December 7
Donna & Kevin Gallagher		December 10
Geri & Maurice Bromberg	55	December 12
Roberta & Wallace Kahan	63	December 15
Reva & Michael Cowan	59	December 17
Elaine & Aaron Blum	55	December 18
Irene & Eric Brocks	50	December 19
Juanita & Gary Puchkoff		December 20
Louise & Herbert Howard	57	December 22
Deborah & Ari Katz		December 22
Nancy & Sanford Bernstein	59	December 24
Ellen & Lawrence Danziger	60	December 24
Janette & Todd Ritter		December 31



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Falling Back – Looking Ahead

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

As we prepare to turn back our clocks, we are moving ahead with planning for the rest of the fall semester. For everyone's health and safety, all Temple Beth-El educational programs will remain virtual through the end of December. We continue to monitor the New York Covid-19 progression, review recommendations of the governor's office and consult with the TBE Board.

Religious School for Grades Pre-K-6 will continue to meet on Sunday mornings. Our littlest students are happily singing, crafting and learning about Shabbat and Bible stories. Students and their families will also participate in bi-monthly Tot Shabbat services for Pre-K through grade 2. Students in grades 3-4 are studying Torah and the Jewish values associated with the holidays. Students in grades 5-6 are continuing their study of Israel by creating hands-on projects. Students in grades 3-6 and their families are also participating in Friday Family Services.

The Joint Tuesday Ivrit Program with Congregation Shir Chadash will continue to meet on Tuesdays. All the classes from grades 3-7 are making excellent progress in Hebrew, using in-class instruction, interactive games and homework practice.

Weekly Individual Zoom Tutoring and Small Group Zoom Intensives to reinforce our Ivrit (Hebrew) lessons has been a tremendous success. Parents, teachers and students all agree that the individualized attention is working well for everyone.

The Temple Beth-El B'nai Mitzvah Program will keep meeting on Tuesdays with Rabbi Miriam Hyman for prayer book Hebrew and on Shabbat, with Cantor Devorah Gartner. They are making good progress with their prayer leadership skills and are diving headfirst into learning to read Torah. The students attended both special holiday services and Lilly Gold's Zoom Bat Mitzvah (Mazel Tov, Lilly!).

Gesher Hebrew High School continues on Wednesday evenings. Art Class with Morah Frana Baruch is an ongoing favorite. In November, we welcome back Muriel Horowitz for a three-week storytelling workshop.

We are very excited about our plans for the **Virtual Community Hanukkah Celebration**. On December 13th, Congregation Shir Chadash, Congregation Schomre Israel, Temple Beth-El, Vassar Temple, PJ Library/PJ Our Way, and the Jewish Federation of Dutchess County will come together on Zoom for menorah lighting, latke making, dreidel playing, songs, storytelling, crafts, AND an improvisation workshop followed by a performance of *Milton The Menorah: A Hanukkah Adventure* by The Bible Players. We can't wait!

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Believe it or not, it's time to start thinking about ordering your 2021 Mah Jongg Cards. For the first time in about six years, the price has gone up, but by Only \$1. The good news is that we will receive \$2.50 for each card ordered to go to Dutchess County's Outreach Lunchbox Program. Please support this worthy cause and order your cards through us. It doesn't cost you any more money and we do a real mitzvah. Also, please consider asking your friends and family who may not get this notice. We have one former member who lives in Florida and collects at her complex. She consistently gets about 30 names which amounts to \$75 for the Lunchbox Program. The league mails the cards directly to you and even to Canada. This year, with your help, we received a check for \$390 for Lunchbox. Our goal for 2021 is to earn \$500 and with your help, we can do it!

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December Happenings

Hanukah Celebration with Temple Beth-El

Sunday December 6 at 3pm Holiday Drive-thru at TBE

See TBE Friends; pick up a Hanukah Gift Bag;

Hanukah gift basket Raffle, festive Hanukah music

Thursday, December 10

First Night of Hanukah Zoom at 5pm, light menorahs, Hanukah tunes

Raffle winner announced. Watch your email for details!



Community Shabbaton Zoom Saturday December 19

Meet Rabbi Bryan, Mann, Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life at Vassar College

Last spring the annual Community Shabbaton was cancelled due to COVID-19. The Community Shabbaton is about much more than the guest speaker; praying together and experiencing each other's Shabbat traditions are very rich aspects of this annual tradition. Therefore, in that spirit, while we continue to work out details on rescheduling our originally planned speaker, we will be holding both a December Shabbat morning, and a March Friday night Community Shabbat Service.

The Shabbat morning joint worship will take place on Saturday, December 19, when we are pleased to introduce Rabbi Bryan Mann, the new Rachlin Director of Jewish Student Life and Assistant Director of the Office of Religious and Spiritual Life and Contemplative Practices at Vassar College. Rabbi Mann will join the rabbis of Temple Beth-El, Congregation Shir Chadash, and Vassar Temple in opening the Shabbaton with a Torah study session at 9 a.m. At 10 a.m. our cantors and ritual director will enrich the service with a variety of musical traditions.

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